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THE RITE OF MEMPHIS IN EGYPT.

By ILL. BRO. JOHN YARKER, 33°—96°—90°.

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THE following is the Text of the Treaty concluded between the Ancient and Accepted Rite in Egypt and the Antient and Primitive Rite of Memphis :—

A.G.D.S.A.D.M.

GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

Sup. Cons. of P.G. Conservators, ad vitam, of the Masonic Order of Memphis, through Egypt and its dependencies.

Treaty of Union between the Pt. Gr. Hierophant, G. Master of the Grand Orient of Egypt, F.S.A. Zola, and the Illustrious F. Domenico Sciarrone, 33° Gr. Com. *ad vitam* of the Supreme Council of the 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Animated with a lively desire to co-operate for the consolidation of the Grand Egyptian Orient for reducing to one all those Masonic elements which could contribute to its lustre and progress, the Ill. F.F. undersigned agrees as follows :—

Article 1.—The Ill. F.D. Sciarrone makes full and complete union with the Sup. Coun. Gr. Or. of Egypt, and engages now and for ever to work as much as he can, and by dint of all the Masonic powers and prerogatives with which he is invested, to the consolidation and prosperity of the Gr. Or. of Egypt, as well as to the development of each of the Bodies which depend upon it, and to the moral advancement of the F.F. which belong to it.

Article 2.—The Pt. F.S.A. Zola, as Grand Hierophant Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Egypt, and in virtue of the unlimited powers conferred upon him by the Sup. Coun., and confirmed by the constituent (assembly), accepts willingly the co-operation of the Pt. F. Sciarrone, and uniting himself to him in a complete fusion nominates him his second Grand

Master Adjunct and President of the Supreme Coun. of the 33° for the Session of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Article 3.—The P.P., F.F., S.A. Zola and D. Sciarrone take the most solemn O.B. before God, G.A.D.U., in their quality, titles, and powers to unite themselves now and for ever, and to work earnestly for the consolidation and perfecting of the Masonic Pyramid of the G.O. of Egypt, to which both in- violably belong.

Of the present Treaty of Union, written by the Grand Secretary of the Order and witnessed by him and the Grand Secretary Adjunct, as well as accepted by the contracting parties, three copies have been made, one for the Archives of the Order, two for the contracting parties.

Given, read and approved the day I. of the 6th month of the year V., 4,000,875, corresponding to the 1st of August, 1875, E.V.

Seen, read, and approved. The Grand Master Grand Hierophant of the Grand Orient of Egypt. S.A. Zola, 33°.

The Grand Master of the Sanctuary, 1st Grand Master Adjunct of the Grand Or.

DE BAUREGARD, 33°, 96°,

The Grand Commander, *ad vitam*.
Sciarrone Domenico, 33°.

The Grand Secretary,
F.F. Oddi, 33°, 95°.

The Grand Secretary Adjunct,
Raffaele Scarrozza, 33°, 95°.

Seen and Registered,
The Grand Keeper of the Seals,
Rand. Dilberoglué, 33°, 95°.

Translated by J. E. Greenhill, 30°, 90°.

The Marquis de Bauregard, 33°, 97°, Grand Hierophant of the Rite in Africa, by succession from the Ill. Bro. Jacques Et. Marconis, 33°, 97°, in



speaking of Egypt as the Cradle of the Great Work of the Freemasons, says further,—“The Dervishes are Masons and that from the heart, they resemble Masonry in the most veritable manner. It is necessary therefore to return to the Africans the deposit which has been transmitted from their ancestors, and of which we have ravished them. That ancient cradle of the arts and sciences should be restored to its primitive splendour, of which history in its passage is the witness. The Masons professing the Rite of Memphis, which alone has preserved the antique traditions, have received in the Valley of the Nile the sovereign power of that Masonic Order, the instruction and necessary rituals to commence labour in all its dependencies. This Masonic power was organised in 1864 in this Valley with all the perfection possible, and created lodges under that obedience.” The Marquis then goes on to inform the Egyptian Brethren that in 1862 the Grand Orient of France had recognised the three symbolical degrees of the Rite of Memphis with their Chapters of Rose Croix.

We give here a list of the various Grand Lodges which have supported the Primitive Rite:—

1.—The Grand Lodge of New York, founded in 1781, a Supreme Council of Sov. Gd. Com. 33° of the A. and A. S. Rite seated in New York,—this Sup. Council gives equally to the 89° of the Masonic Rite of Memphis.

2.—The Grand Lodge Messina of the Orient of the Valley of Augusta, dating from 1785, possesses a Chapter of the Rite of Memphis.

3.—The Grand Lodge of the American Union of the Valley of New York, professing the Rite of the A. F. and A. Masons of England; its Grand Master, Illustrious Brother Barnel, 95°. This power possesses a Grand Consistory of Prince of Truth, 65° of the Rite of Memphis.

4.—The Grand Lodge of “Perfect Initiates of Egypt,” of the Valley of Corfu, founded in 1817, possesses the Scotch A. and A. Rite, and the Rite of Memphis.

5.—The Grand Lodge of “Sages of Heliopolis,” of the Orient of Brussels, founded in 1838; it possesses a Chapter, an Areopagus, and a Council of the 90°.

6.—“The Pupils of Themis,” of the Orient of Anversa, possesses a Supreme Council of the Rite of Memphis.

7.—The Grand Lodge of “Benevolence,” of the Orient of Liege, founded in 1849, practises the Rite of Memphis.

8.—The Chapter of St. John of Scotland, Royal Order of Scotland, Heredom Rosy Cross, uses three triangles, one within the other. This symbol indicates the three Egyptian Truths, and the Trinity of the Persians.

9.—The “Philosophical” Lodge at Madrid (Spain) of the Rite of Memphis in 1830; its Grand Master is the Illustrious Brother Martinez.

10.—The Grand Lodge of the “Disciples of Hermes,” constituted in the Valley of London in 1850, professes the Rite of Memphis.

11.—The Grand Lodge of the “Disciples of Menes” of the Orient of Smyrna, founded in 1851.

12.—The Grand Council of the 90°, founded at New York, in June, 1854; its Grand Master the Illustrious Brother Harry Seymour.

13.—The representative Supreme Council of Memphis was constituted in the Valley of New York, 15th August, 1854; its Grand Master the Illustrious Brother McLellan.

14.—The Grand Chapter of the Sublime Commanders of the Temple, 35° of Memphis, established in the Valley of New York, 3rd January, 1859, by the Illustrious Brother Mitchell.

15.—The Grand Lodge of the “Gymnosophistes,” constituted in the Valley of Turin (Italy), in 1859; this Grand Lodge possesses a Council of the 90°.

GR. ORIENTE OF EGYPT.

A. *Dignitarii de Tempio Mistico.*

- 1°. Il. Gr. Jerofante Depositario Sacro delli tradizioni
- 2°. Il. Sub. Mago Gran Cancelliere.
- 3°. Il. Sub. Mago Capo della Sezione Scientifica.
- 4°. Il. Sub. Mago Interprete delle Tradizione.
- 5°. Il. Sub. Mago Conservatore dei Riti.
- 6°. Il. Sub. Mago della Sezione Mistica.
- 7°. Il. Sub. Mago Gd. Imp. Gen. dei Catechisti.

B. *Dignitarii del Santario di Memfi.*

- 1°. Il. Gr. Maestro Capo del Governo dell Ordine.
- 2°. Il. Patriarca Sub. (odos) Oratore.
- 3°. Il. Patriarca Sub. (Bdda) Segretario.
- 4°. Il. Patriarca Sub. (Zacoris) Tesoriere.
- 5°. Il. Patriarca Sub. Legislatore.
- 6°. Il. Patriarca Sub. Guarda Sigilli.
- 7°. Il. Patriarca Sub. Imp. Regolatore Generale.

C. *Sov. Gr. Con. Gen. Amministratore dell'ordine dei, 94°.*

D. *Gr. Collegio dei Sub. Catechisti dell'ordine, 93°.*

E. *Il. Sup. Tribunale dei Gd. Difensori dell'ordine, 92°.*

F. *Grande Arcopago dei Gd. Ispettori dell'ordine, 91°.*

1878.

For signal services rendered to Egyptian Masonry the following Illustrious Brethren were affiliated with the Philosophical and Primitive Rite of Memphis, on the proposition of the Patriarch Grand Conservator, and by the decision of the Grand Hierophant:—

- David Kay Fyfe, of Honolulu, 90°.
 Rufino Pasquale, Torrejon, of Madrid, 95°.
 Com. G. Nicotera, of Rome, 95°.
 Tessari Macedonio, Levorno, 95°.
 A. E. Zamburoglu, Oriente of Tanta, 95°.
 Cav. N. Sinimberghi, Rome, 95°.
 Prof. L. Pellegrini, Palermo, 95°.
 R. Borg, England, 95°.
 Adv. L. Zaia, W.M. Lodge, Concordia, 95°.
 Sebastiano Garzia Bordo, Barcelona, 90°.
 Dr. D. Economopulo, Cairo, 95°.

Extracted from Memfi Risorta.

JOHN YARKER, 33°—96° 90°.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL OF IRELAND.—The most conspicuous liberality has been manifested by the members of the Order in Ireland, who have subscribed nearly £12,000 towards this great undertaking, and the new school, which will have accommodation for seventy pupils, is fast approaching completion. It has been erected in one of the most healthy and beautiful suburbs of the city, in its own grounds of nine acres, and will have both mountain and sea views. To aid the funds for the furnishing of the building it is intended to hold a grand Masonic Bazaar and Fancy Fair in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, in Easter week, 1882, and special stalls for the contributions from English, Colonial, and Foreign Lodges will be reserved.

ORIGIN OF MASONRY.

Masonry has no Bible to relate, supernaturally, its origin. It is a human institution, with only such history as such institutions have; and being in a certain sense a secret institution, its secret history is naturally especially liable to obscurity, or absolute loss. In the olden times there were no Craft publications, no newspapers of any kind, to stereotype Craft or other history.

Secular history owes its preservation to the State papers of the times; but where are Masonry's papers—the lodge minute books, and the original communications submitted to the lodges? Irrecoverably lost, we fear. The Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1, of Scotland, owns the oldest minutes known to be in existence, and these are dated 1599, and imply the existence of prior minutes. The thread of the narrative of lodge life is broken off abruptly, and all that has gone before is lost. Parts prior to that possibly, but not probably, may be found. Paper is perishable, and brethren would rather destroy lodge minutes than imperil them, so as to expose them to public observation. We have historic proof of this in the unwise destruction of Masonic manuscripts in the early part of the eighteenth century, soon after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England by the four old lodges of London and a few other brethren in the year 1717. What brethren did then they would do, and doubtless did, centuries before, when less enlightened.

In the age in which we live, an age when a part, at least, of the Proceedings of all Grand Lodges are regularly printed in book form; when Grand Lodge Constitutions are in like manner printed; when Masonic newspapers and magazines are patronised by the most intelligent Freemasons, we cannot, without considerable reflection, comprehend the position of Masonic affairs in the remote past. Then, the only place where Masonry, in itself, and in all of its relations, could be learned, was in the lodge. There was no external, no exoteric Masonry. All the learning of the Craft was esoteric. And this, let us remark, opens to us the secret of the slim attendance at lodge meetings to-day. Brethren now, after initiation, can learn considerable Masonry outside of the lodge, that is can supplement the radical knowledge gained within, by the cultivation of the branches which air themselves, as it were, in the outer world. It is too late to prohibit the publicity of all Masonic knowledge. It may be that there has been unwisdom in the revelation of some of it—perhaps Constitutions should not be printed, nor Grand Master's addresses, nor Grand Lodge proceedings, nor Reports on Correspondence, so as to be made attainable by readers generally. But these have been done, and so far as we can see will always be done. It would seemingly be as easy for the sun to move backwards, that is for the earth to revolve contrariwise, as for the Craft to go back to pre-1717 methods. For better or worse, Freemasonry is modernised in its methods. One result of this is, its history of to-day, as far as we can see, will never be lost; and, for the reverse reason, its history of centuries ago will never be recovered.

We said that there were differences, be it understood, among the friends of the Craft concerning its age and origin. Some trace it to the English Operative Masons' Guilds of the middle ages, others to the German Steinmetzen of the same period, others to the analogies derivable from the Gothic Courts and Scandinavian usages, still others to Byzantine artists, or the Charlemagne school of architects, or stonecutters in the time of Diocletian, or the Dionysiac artificers, or the Grecian or Egyptian mysteries, or the great Solomonic trio of Temple builders, or (and here we reach near to the apparent beginning of sublunary affairs) the Cainite builders of cities, after the Edenic dispersion! Lovers of novelties may nominate any one of these alleged origins for the Craft, but no man knows, or can certainly know, in these times, its truth. The genesis of Masonry is absolutely unknown. It is certain that it is not modern, but it cannot be proved how ancient it is. It is sufficiently ancient to satisfy us, or any one else justly proud of a noble lineage. It is in truth, as well as in name, ancient, and that is not an empty phrase which describes our brotherhood as the ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.—*Keystone.*

SCOTLAND.

THE Installation Meeting of the Lodge "St. Andrew," No. 524 (S.C.), was held within the Lodge-room, East Kilbride, on Saturday, 19th ult. The Lodge was opened by Bro. John King, R.W.M., after stating the purport of the business, requested Bro. Thomas M. Campbell, 33°, to take the chair, and install the office-bearers elect, which he did in his usual lucid style. The office-bearers for the ensuing year are:—Bros. John Walker, 31°, R.W.M.; John King, I.P.M.; Hugh Colligan, D.M.; James Winning, 30°, S.M.; Andrew Simpson, S.W.; John Livingston, J.W.; Robert Pollock, Treasurer; Robert Jarvie, Secretary; George Buchanan, Bible Bearer; John Craig, S.D.; George Orr, J.D.; Alexander Purdie, S.S.; James Hannah, J.S.; John Sweeney, I.G.; James Frame, Tyler. The chair was then resumed by the I.P.M., when Bros. T. M. Campbell, John McInnes, 31°, I.P.M., 408; Wm. Clinton, R.W.M., 408, retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened in the adjoining room, when Bro. J. Walker received that degree at the hands of Bro. Campbell, and on re-entering the Lodge he was placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted from the E.W. and S. with Masonic honours. The usual charge having been read, Bro. Campbell exhorted the Brethren, and impressed on each office-bearer their respective duties to the Lodge. The following deputations were present from "Mother Kilwinning," No. 0:—Bros. T. M. Campbell and J. Shirra, 30°; "Glasgow Kilwinning," No. 4, J. Macnair, 30°, and J. Quinn; "St. John," Woodhall, No. 305, J. Paterson; "Clyde," No. 408, Clinton, Hart, McInnes, Hill, and Williamson; "St. John," Busby, No. 458, R. McGregor; "Blantyre Kilwinning," No. 557, A. Campbell, J. Mann, A. G. Millar, and A. Maxwell; "Livingston Stonefield," Blantyre, No. 599, A. Brown. The Lodge being placed under the care of the J.W., the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair. As a number of the Brethren had to leave by train, the toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. King, I.P.M., and responded to by Bro. Clinton, who, in a neat speech, proposed the prosperity of the Lodge "St. Andrew," and their new Master, Bro. Walker, who replied in a few well-pointed remarks, at same time thanking the Brethren for the honour they had conferred on him and for their kind feelings towards the Lodge, and stated that nothing would fail on his part to render the success of the coming year to surpass all its predecessors. The evening was spent in song and sentiment, and the S.W. having resumed the gavel in the W. the Lodge was closed in due form, the Brethren having enjoyed a very happy and instructive meeting.

THE Monthly Meeting of the "St. Andrew's" Royal Arch Chapter, No. 69, was held on Tuesday the 8th ult., within the Chapter Rooms, 30, Hope-street. The Chapter was opened on the Mark Degree by Companion John McInnes, M.E.P.Z.; John Serras, M.E.P.H.; S.W. J. Macnair, M.E.P.J.; J.W. Office-bearers and Brethren. Bros. James Smith, M.M. Lodge "Clyde," No. 408, and James Thomson, M.M., "St. John's," No. 347, received the Degrees of Mark and Excellent Master, M.E.P.Z. Daniel Gilchrist, Caldonian of Unity Chapter, officiating in the Excellent Degree. A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was afterwards opened, when the before-mentioned Brethren were exalted to that Degree by S. M. Campbell, P.P.Z., assisted by J. Duthie, M.E.P.Z., "Cathedral," No. 67; D. Gilchrist, Z. of No. 73, acting First Sojourner. The Degrees were admirably rendered throughout. The Chapter was closed in due form.

At a meeting of representatives from several Masonic Bodies of Washington, D.C., of which the late Bro. President Garfield was a member, held on October 24th, in the library room of the Masonic Temple, Bro. E. L. Stevens was elected Chairman, and Bro. Mathew Trimble, Secretary, when the following resolution was adopted:—"That there be erected in the city of Washington an industrial home for the orphan children of Master Masons, to be known as the Garfield Masonic Memorial Institute, where the orphan children of Master Masons of the United States may be provided with a home and education or other such benevolent purpose as the Board of Directors may deem proper and expedient. That for legally carrying the above-named object into effect, an association shall be incorporated, to be known as the Garfield Memorial Association, under the general incorporation act of the district.

Notices to Correspondents.

ARRANGEMENTS are in progress to transfer the publishing office of the *Kneph* as soon after the 1st of January, 1882, as possible, to Paternoster-row, E.C., where communications for the Editor may be addressed and advertisements will be received.

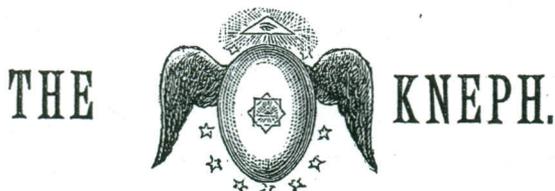
THE meeting of the *Kneph* Committee will be held at the office of the Grand Treasurer General, No. 98, Houndsditch, on the second Tuesday in every month, at 7.30 punctually.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—We shall feel much obliged if Brethren writing for numbers or copies of publications will remit the value in stamps or post order, otherwise we have to keep open accounts for a few pence, which entails much unnecessary labour.

THE January number of *Kneph* will contain a full list of the Grand Offices, with the Mystic Temples, Consistories, Councils, Senates, and Chapters of the Rite, their respective officers, and time and place of meeting for the year. Secretaries are therefore requested to be particular in revising the proofs, which will be forwarded to them in duplicate by the middle of this month, and to return the same without delay.

FORMS for the return of members are supplied to each body gratuitously on application. Declaration forms in Books of 100, 4s. each. Forms of petition for Dispensation or Warrant for a Chapter, Senate, or Council, under the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry (where no such bodies exist). The above, and all information requisite, will be supplied by the Grand Secretary-General of the Rite, 91, Clarence-road, Clapton.

THE postal rate for *Kneph* is $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per 3 copies for inland and 1d. per 3 copies for foreign and colonial. American Brethren will therefore please reckon their subscription for single copies, 2s.; two copies, 3s. 6d.; three copies, 5s. per annum.



LONDON, DECEMBER 1, 1881.

TO OUR READERS.

WITH this number we conclude the first year of the publication of *Kneph*, and in tendering our hearty thanks to those brethren as well of the Craft degrees as of the Antient and Primitive Rite, who have encouraged and supported our enterprise, we desire to offer a few remarks concerning our past achievements and our future projects.

When the publication of *Kneph* was first contemplated it was designed as a medium of communication between the Sov. Sanc. and the various bodies and non-affiliated members of the Rite, as a means of conveying both intelligence and instruction, and in no way to interfere with the functions so ably performed by the older Masonic Journals.

Many communications, however, from time to time received from esteemed Craft brethren induced the managers of *Kneph* to relax this rule so far as to admit reports of Craft, Royal Arch and Mark meetings, and eventually to publish a condensed report of the principal Masonic gatherings of the month. This arrangement, however satisfactory to our readers—and we gather from the increased subscription list that it is so—puts us to the necessity of considering whether we can continue to devote so much space to matters extraneous to the Antient and Primitive Rite, and which the *Kneph* was designed especially to serve, without making some provision to meet the growing demands on our columns, which our present modest limits do not afford. After discussing the matter fully with brethren whose opinion we greatly respect, we have determined that, as the arrangement of matter seems generally acceptable to our readers at large, it would be unwise as well as unfair to alter it, but the difficulty still remains of a too limited space. We can only increase our space by an increase of cost, and as our readers are aware, there is not at present any margin of profit which we can devote to this object. For the present then we are constrained to remain as we are, but if our brethren will kindly exert themselves to increase the circulation, we propose as early in the new year as possible to add another sheet of equal size, part of which will be devoted to advertisements and part to the extension of our columns, thus presenting our readers with an improved journal without increase of cost to them or loss to the Sov. Sanc., and here we ask the fraternal co-operation of Lodge and Chapter Secretaries, to whom we shall be happy to send gratuitously on application packets of Specimen Copies, in order that they may be circulated amongst the bodies with which our correspondents may be connected.

In conclusion we may remind our subscribers that their subscriptions for the year ensuing will be gladly received, and the sooner they can let us know what number of copies they can take, the sooner we shall be enabled to perfect our arrangements for an enlarged issue.

Again we thank our friends for the valued assistance they have given us in establishing this journal, as well as for the many kindly wishes for its success which we continually receive, and we trust that each and all may enjoy in the coming festive season a full share of the material blessings of health and prosperity; and so we take our leave.

WE hear that Lord Mayor Ellis is the Worshipful Master Elect of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, of which, it will be remembered, ex-Lord Mayor Sir F. W. Truscott was W.M. during two consecutive years.

Reports of Masonic Bodies.

ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

THE adjourned monthly meeting of the "Sphinx," Rose Croix Chapter No. 8, S.S., and No. 1 for Scotland, was held within the Chapter Rooms, 30, Hope-street, Glasgow, this 31st day of the E. Month Pharmathi, or 31st October. The Chapter was opened on the 11° by the M.W., S. Robertson, 32°, John McInnes, 31°, Knt., S.W.; John Walker, 30°, Knt. (acting) J.W.; John McWilliam, 30°, Knt., Treasurer; David Chalmers, 30°, Knt., Secretary; Robert Headrick, 30°, Knt., Conductor; J. McNair, 30°, Knt., Captain of Guard; T. M. Campbell, 33°, P.M.W.; and Knts. Wm. Carruthers, 30°; David Muir, 30°; James Winning, 30°, and others. Letters of apology for absence were read from Sir Knts. W. F. Shaw, 32°; Dr. J. C. Maddever, 30°; and W. L. Shaw, 30°. A pleasant night of instruction was enjoyed by the Sir Knts., the lecture being delivered by the M.W. in his usual lucid manner. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to that for the purpose of facilitating the progress of the Chapter, the payment of fees be assimilated, viz., by the payment of two gumeas candidates receive the degrees up to the Rose Croix, and on payment of the balance of fee they shall be advanced to 30°—90°. The Chapter was closed in A. and P. form.

LONDON, ROSE OF SHARON SENATE, K.H. (No. 6).—The half-yearly meeting of this body took place at the Moorgate, Finsbury, on Thursday, Nov. 10. The principal business on the agenda was the election and enthronement of the S.G.C. for the ensuing year. The Senate was opened on the 20° by R. Ill. Sir Knt. James Hill, 33°, P.S.G.C., G.S.G., assisted by R. Ill. Sir Knt. J. H. Southwood, 33°, Gd. Trea. Gen., R. Ill. Sir Knt. Hy. Meyer, 33°, Gd. Mr. Cer., Ill. Sir Kts. Hy. Stephens, 31°, S.K.I., and Thomas Sims, 30°, Kt. Capt. Gd. The preliminary business having been transacted, ballot was taken for the seven principal officers, the following being chosen unanimously:—Ill. Sir Knt. Henry Stephens, 31°, S.G.C.; R. Ill. Sir Knt. I. H. Southwood, 33°, S.K.I.; Ill. Sir Knt. E. Harrison, 31°, J.K.I.; R. Ill. Sir Knt. Hy. Meyer, Knt. of E.; Ill. Sir Knt. W. J. Meek, 31°, Knt. of Finance; R. Ill. Sir Knt. Jas. Hill, 33°, Knt. Recorder; Ill. Sir Knt. J. E. Greenhill, 30°, Knt. of Introduction; Ill. Sir Knt. Thos. Sims, 30°, Knt. Marshal. The elections concluded, the S.G.C., in the chair, proceeded with the ceremony of enthronement of the S.G.C. elect, Ill. Sir Knt. Hy. Stephens, who was presented for that purpose by R. Ill. Sir Knts. J. H. Southwood and Hy. Meyer, and duly O.B. and enthroned in the Orient as Sub. Gd. Commr., and so saluted by the Ill. Sir Knts. present. The newly enthroned S.G.C. having installed the officers elect, the remaining business on the agenda was disposed of, and the Ill. Sir Knts. supped together.

CRAFT MASONRY.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th Oct., Bro. T. Morrison, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the several ceremonies of raising, passing, and initiation were duly carried out by the W.M. Bro. Heaphy having been presented by the I.P.M., he was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. by the W.M.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The installation meeting of this celebrated dramatic and musical lodge was held on Monday evening, the 7th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Charles Wellard, W.M. After the formal business had been performed, it was announced that Bro. Tinney, P.M., resigned the office of Secretary of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, on account of his going to reside in Paris. The installation of Worshipful Master then proceeded, and Bro. James Weaver, P.M., presented to Bro. C. Wellard, W.M., Bro. William Meyer Lutz, S.W. and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. Bro. Wellard thereupon formally installed Bro. Lutz, who was heartily congratulated on his attaining the distinguished position of W.M. of the lodge of Asaph. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. Maclean,

S.W.; Delevanti, J.W.; Chas. Coote, Treas.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; Charles Tinney, S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; W. Kent, I.G.; H. G. Tinney, D.C.; Jenkinson, Org.; L. B. Woolridge (Lestocq), and W. H. Smith, Stewards; and Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Wellard then delivered the addresses. Bro. Harry Cox apologised for the absence of Bros. J. Taylor, J. Carter, E. Terry, P.M., and J. Beveridge. The W.M. announced that Bro. Edward Swanborough, P.M., would take the office of Steward for this lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the 22nd February, 1882.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The first meeting since the installation of Bro. A. Rosenthal as W.M. of this lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on Wednesday, 16th ulto. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. Sudlow, of Lodge 18, and Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, was unanimously elected a joining member, several members expressing their satisfaction that Bro. Sudlow, whose services at the lodge of instruction were so much appreciated, had become also affiliated to the mother lodge. The W.M., in concurring with the views expressed, mentioned that Bro. Sudlow had consented to act as Secretary, and he purposed investing him with that collar at the next meeting. Bro. T. C. Royle, of Zetland Lodge, 511, was also proposed as a joining member. Bro. Plant was then raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. Gilbert Bartholomew was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony in both instances being very ably performed by the W.M.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of the above popular lodge took place on Thursday, the 10th, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, and was well attended by the brethren of the lodge and visitors from the other metropolitan and provincial lodges adjacent; the latter more especially being attracted by the fame of its working, and the cordial and hearty greeting at all times extended to visitors by the Masters, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge generally. The lodge was opened at about 4 p.m., the W.M., Bro. Taplay, in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been passed, and a very satisfactory balance-sheet rendered, the W.M. proceeded to the business of the lodge. There was to have been a passing, but Bro. R. Smith, the *passer*, not being in attendance, that portion of the business had to be deferred to a more convenient season. Bro. Bryan, P.M., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. James T. K. Job, to the W.M., for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was at once proceeded with. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. James Mitchell, S.W.; W. Dorton, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Pitt, Sec.; W. Nevin, S.D.; A. Mason, J.D.; R. Brown, I.G.; Harrison, D.C.; Watkins and T. S. Green, Stwds.; M. Shirwin, Org.; and W. Page, P.M., Tyler. The charges were then given, and a ceremony that was not only a most meritorious performance, but most eloquently rendered in detail, was brought to a conclusion amid universal applause and approbation.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., on the 9th ulto. Bro. J. Magrath, W.M., opened the lodge promptly. The usual formalities having been duly complied with, Mr. James Oxley was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Conrad Hansmann was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason; this ceremony, as well as the first, being ably and very impressively rendered. Bro. Veal, I.P.M., brought forward a motion to increase the annual members' subscription. After a long and searching discussion the proposition was not adopted.

ARUNDEL, HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE (No. 56).—At the regular monthly meeting of the above Lodge, held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 17th ult., Bro. T. Francis, P.M.S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

BIRKENHEAD.—On Thursday evening, the 18th ult., there was a large and influential gathering of the Members of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, at their Lodge-room, the Masonic Chambers, situated in Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. D. Fraser, as a token of the regard in which he is held by them, and as a recognition of the services he has rendered to the Craft in Cheshire for many years.

PORTSMOUTH, UNITED BROTHERS LODGE (No. 1069).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 14th ult., at the Castle Hotel, Southsea, when the W.M. was installed. There was a very large attendance both of members and visitors. Bro. Albert Wendover having been installed, appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros Gieve, I.P.M.; Atkins, S.W.; E. Mumby, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Good, Chap.; Rastrick, Treas.; Cook, Sec.; De Rheims, S.D.; Duprez, J.D.; German, I.G.; Groves, D.C.; Monk and Lobb, Stewards; and Exell, Tyler. Bro. Gieve presented to the Lodge a painting in oil of Bro. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

MANCHESTER, LODGE OF AFFABILITY (No. 317).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 3rd ult., Bro. W. Nicholl, W.M. The Lodge was opened at 6.15, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.G.D. of C., then assumed the chair of K.S., by permission of Bro. W. Nicholl, W.M., and passed Bro. Walter Wood to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Bladon also delivered the S.E. Corner Stone Address, and presented and explained the working tools to the candidate. On the conclusion of the ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting Brother, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.15. A Soirée and Ball was afterwards held in the Banquet Room.

ROYAL ARCH.

CONSECRATION OF THE CABLE CHAPTER (No. 1704).—This chapter, which is attached to the Anchor Lodge, was consecrated on Wednesday, the 2nd ult., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., by Comp. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer, assisted by Comp. Henry Birdseye, P.Z. 22 and 192, as Director of Ceremonies; Comp. Frederick Newton, M.E.Z. 5, as H.; and Comp. Edward Spooner, P.Z. 22, as J. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Richard Webb, of Domestic Chapter, No. 177, who presided at the harmonium. After the consecration, Comp. Henry Muggeridge installed the Principals as follows:—Comps. John Bagot Scriven, M.E.Z.; James Knight, H.; and William Lambert Manley, J. Comp. Richard William Muggeridge was inducted as Scribe E.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 3rd ult., Comp. W. J. Ferguson, M.E.Z. The minutes of the previous convocation were confirmed, and the installation of the Principals was proceeded with, Comp. James Terry, P.Z., who consecrated the chapter, officiating as Installing Officer. Comps. W. M. Stiles, C. W. Hudson, and H. Stiles were respectively installed in the chairs of Z, H., and J. After the companions had been re-admitted, the appointment and investiture of officers took place. Comp. J. Willing, jun., was re-installed as Treas.; Comp. T. J. Hyland was invested S.E.; Comps. W. Cook, S.N.; W. Side, P.S.; T. C. Edmonds, 1st Asst. S.; Augustus Holt, 2nd Asst. S.; J. G. Humphreys, D.C.; J. W. Sillis, W.S.; and G. H. Deller, Asst. S. The report of the Audit Committee was received and ordered to be printed. Four brethren were balloted for and approved, and two of them were exalted, the very interesting ceremony being worked most efficiently by the newly-installed Principals. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Ferguson, whose discharge of his duties as M.E.Z. last year were eulogised with the most cordial approval of the companions by his successor in the principal chair. Comp. Ferguson replied.

HAVANT, CARNARVON CHAPTER (No. 804).—The quarterly communication of the above Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 15th ult. The only business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and was as follows:—C. Francis as Z, H. M. Green, P.Z., as H.; W. Dart, E., as J.; J. A. Elveston, P.S., as E.; J. J. Field, N., re-elected; J. N. Hillman, P.Z., as P.Sj., and re-elected Treasurer; W. Blackmore, Janitor.

MARK MASONRY.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 139).—This lodge held a regular meeting on Monday, the 7th ult., at Bro. George Lilley's, the Balham Hotel, Balham, W. Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surey, W.M. The lodge having been opened in due form at half-past five o'clock, and the minutes of the installation meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three very worthy candidates for advancement, viz., Bros. C. J. Hill, 1707; Charles F. Hains, 1679; and H. Clamp Stuart, 1632, which proved unanimous in each case, and Bro. Hill and Hains being in attendance the ceremony of advancement to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason was proceeded with, and carried out in a very impressive and able manner by Bro. Baldwin, the W.M., his officers rendering very efficient aid therein, especially W. Bro. Poore, in undertaking, with his usual kindness, the important duties of S.D., and Bro. Dunkeley those of organist. After some ordinary business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. A Royal Ark Lodge was then opened, with Bros. T. Poore, P.C.N., acting as W.C.N.; Mitchell, J.; Baldwin, W.C.N. 234, acting S.; Pulman, P.C.N., Scribe; G. Lilley, Treas.; Hawkins and Whitaker, acting as Deacons; Basnett, D.C.; together with all the above-named brethren. The lodge having been opened, Bros. Hains and Hill were elevated to this quaint and interesting Degree in the usual well-known perfect and faultless style of Bro. Poore, the acting W.C.N., the officers performing their respective duties very creditably. The enthronement of Bro. E. Mitchell as W.C.N. for the ensuing year then took place, Bro. Poore acting as Enthroning Master, when the ceremony was gone through in his most brilliant style, and the W.C.N. invested his officers.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 284).—The second regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Wednesday, 9th inst. During the short time since its consecration in July last the members have worked with such energy and spirit that it bids fair to be one of the first Mark lodges of the kingdom. The officers, &c., present were Bros. W. J. Meek, W.M.; J. V. Clements, S.W.; E. G. Lewis, J. W.; Major Dunbar, M.O.; J. D. Birkin, S.O.; A. G. Fidler, J.O.; W. Farquharson, Secretary; A. B. Little, Treasurer; Verry, I.G.; Greenhill, Organist; Oddy, and others. Bro. J. Stevens, P.G.J.O. Grand Lodge, and honorary member of 284, was also in attendance, and visitors from other Mark lodges were present. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of advancing Bros. J. G. Garrod, W.M. 754; W. Dance, P.M. 754; and F. W. S. Wheelhouse, 1237. The ceremony of advancing the candidates was done in such a masterly manner as to draw forth from the visitors and all present "that they never saw the working done in such an admirable manner."

The High Cross Mark Lodge of Instruction meets at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on the first Wednesday in every month, at 7 p.m. All Mark Masters are invited to attend.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday week, Bro. Smout, W.M., in the chair. The attendance of brethren was very large, there being over one hundred present. Mr. John Henry Smith was initiated, and Bro. Phillips was raised to the Third Degree. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Smout. Bro. Wm Stephens, P.M. 1489, afterwards installed Bro. the Rev. C. Darby Reade, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing, the ceremony being performed most impressively. The following brethren were invested as officers for the year:—Bros. S. Smout, I.P.M.; S. Smout, jun., S.W.; F. Frye, J.W.; George Penn, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Secretary; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., Chaplain; J. Bartle, S.D.; Woodmason, J.D.; W. W. Buckland, I.G.; F. Delevanti, Organist; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Wood, Assistant D.C.; F. Crabb, Wine Steward; R. Whitaker, Asst. Wine Steward; and Scholefield, Tyler. After Bro. Stephens had delivered the address the report of the Auditors, Bros. Henry Hart and Henry Taylor, was read and received. The balance sheet showed the satisfactory result of the year's work of £41 8s 8d. in the hands of the Treasurer.

MOUNT EDGCOMBE LODGE (No. 1446).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 12th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. J. Limebeer, through serious illness, the chair was occupied by Bro. T. Cull, I.P.M., who after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, passed Bro. F. George to the Degree of F.C. in a masterly manner. It may be mentioned that all the offices were taken by brethren who had not before occupied their various positions, and that everything worked most smoothly.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This prosperous lodge met on the 1st ult., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, Bro. Speedy W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Bailey was raised, Bros. Davis and Herbert were passed, and Messrs. G. Coles and H. F. Foale were initiated, the latter ceremony, by permission of the W.M., being performed by Bro. Everett, P.M. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Bros. W. Palmer, late of 177, and Bro. H. E. Price, 1744, as joining members, and it proved to be unanimous in their favour.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 12th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended by officers, members and visitors. Bro. Charles Taylor, W.M., presided. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Paul Johannes, who was a candidate for admission to the lodge, and it proved unanimous in favour of his admission. Bro. Gwynn, initiated at the last lodge meeting, was passed to the Second Degree. A telegram having been received from Bro. Benn, who was initiated at the last meeting, stating that his absence from London prevented him from attending on this occasion, the initiation of Mr. Metz was proceeded with. Both the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. and the officers in a most efficient manner. Two cases of a sad reverse of fortune were then brought under the notice of the lodge, and to one the sum of ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund, the other being deferred until the next meeting for further consideration. The W. Master announced his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next, when he hoped the brethren would support him with liberal contributions.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173).—The regular November meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 12th ult., Bro. John Andrews, W.M. There was a long list of work before the lodge, all of which was admirably done. Bro. Edwin Bending having been elected Organist of the lodge on the motion of Bro. Blythe, P.M., seconded by Bro. Aller, P.M., the W.M. invested him with the collar and jewel of his office, and Bro. Bending accompanied the ceremonies of initiation and raising on the harmonium to the complete satisfaction of the brethren. Messrs. Neve, Robert Hart, W. Thomas Rawlins, and W. Lester Langley were initiated into Freemasonry. Afterwards the W.M. impressively raised Bro. John Rogers to the Third Degree, and both the candidate and the W.M. are to be congratulated on the manner in which they went through the ceremony. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Davie, the Secretary, read a letter from Bro. J. Burford, resigning his office as Secretary of the lodge, but at the same time hoping to continue his membership. On the motion of Bro. Blyth, P.M., seconded by Bro. Finch, P.M., the resignation was accepted with extreme regret, and the Secretary was directed to write to Bro. Burford to this effect.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE (No. 1765).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd ult., at Trinity College, Mandeville-place. Bro. J. A. Hammond, W.M., presided. The W.M. first raised Bro. Carl Magnus Brander, F.C., No. 1563, to the Third Degree, and at the conclusion of this ceremony, in a perfect and unflinching style, installed Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The presentation being made by Bro. Farwig, P.M. 180, the brethren appointed to office were:—Bros. J. A. Hammond, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. V. W. Hunt, S.W.; Stelman, J.W.; Gabriel, Treas.; J. A. Hammond, Sec.; J. Hoare, S.D.; B. Turner, J.D.; G. Hammond, I.G.; B. Lane, Org.; F. Carr, D.C.; S. Hoare, W.S., and Harrison, Tyler.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—There was a numerously attended meeting of the members of this lodge, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, 15th ult., under the presidency of Bro. William Fredk. Rogers, W. Master. Lodge was opened in form shortly after five o'clock, when the ballot was taken for Messrs. John Byard, Alfred Thomas Eyers, Edmund Sayers, and Thomas Wilson Miller, candidates for admission into the Craft. The voting in each case was unanimous, and the candidates being in attendance were duly initiated by the W.M., who acquitted himself in a manner that afforded the utmost satisfaction and edification to all present. By fiat of the W.M., Mr. George William Osborne was then admitted, and Bro. Henry James Sibley, J.D. 453, accepted as a joining member. The whole of the working was perfectly rendered by the W.M., assisted by his officers.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—The installation meeting of this lodge was celebrated on the 8th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Shortly after five o'clock lodge was opened by Bro. J. F. Van Raalte, W.M., and his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were submitted by Bro. L. Stean, P.M., Sec., and confirmed. Bros. Jules Blondel and Alfred Sprules were then raised to the Sublime Degree in an impressive and masterly manner. Bro. William Pitt, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. L. Stean, P.M., and inducted into the chair of K.S. On the return of the brethren, the new Worshipful Master was saluted in ancient form in the several Degrees, Bro. Mather, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Herts, acting as D.C., and then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. G. Redding, S.W.; J. Field, J.W.; T. W. Jones, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); L. Stean, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); G. Edwards, S.D.; A. G. Winsor, J.D.; G. F. Goodenough, I.G.; R. Prime, D.C.; W. T. Yates, Steward; and Marsh, Tyler.

CLARENDON LODGE (No. 1769).—The annual installation meeting of this young but prosperous lodge, which is just commencing the fourth year of its existence, took place on Tuesday evening, the 8th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a large attendance, especially of visitors. The brethren assembled shortly after five o'clock, and at half-past lodge was opened in accordance with the time-honoured formalities, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Grove, who was supported by his officers. Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Charles Thompson was presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and installed into the chair by Bro. Charles Cooper, P.M., who performed the ceremony in a most creditable manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W. Master was proclaimed, saluted and greeted with the usual honours, and he then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bro. Thomas Grove, I.P.M.; T. W. Mayes, S.W.; John Soper, J.W.; John Stanley, P.M. Treas.; George Croxton, S.D.; J. C. Thomas, J.D.; J. B. Linscott, D.C.; E. Abercrombie, I.G.; C. Thomas, Tyler.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel on Thursday, the 3rd ult. There were present:—Bros. S. T. Lucas, W.M.; J. G. Chillingworth, S.W.; J. Lorkin, P.M., J.W.; W. T. Rickwood, I.P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; H. Legge, P.M.; Thos. Cohu, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M. Hon. Sec.; and several other brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Fowler was passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was then taken for Mr. W. Hamblin, which proved unanimous, and that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Smith, for many years Tyler to the lodge, having resigned through ill-health, it was unanimously resolved that, in consideration of his long and faithful services to the lodge, he be paid an annuity of three guineas.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—The first meeting of the brethren of the above lodge after the installation of Bro. H. S. Syer as W.M., in July last, took place on the 9th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich. The W.M. was in the chair. The only business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. Sandford, and this was performed by the W.M. in good form. After the cause of charity had been advocated in one or two cases, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments.

RYPTIC MASONRY.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).—An excellent gathering of this prosperous Council took place on Oct. 26th, at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square. Among those in attendance were: Bros. T. C. Walls, R.I.G.M., Deputy Master; T. Poore, P.C. of W., &c.; F. Davison, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; A. Williams, C. of C.; Rev. A. W. Hall, Chap.; T. Cubit and T. E. Anderson, Marshals; George Lambert, H. Lovegrove, James Moon, H. Venn, R. Loveland Loveland, and E. Storr. The minutes of the previous Convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. C. F. Goodenough, N. J. F. Basset, W. Barkley, T. O. Harding, Dr. Livingstone, and C. H. Driver were duly admitted and received into the Degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super-Excellent Master, the ceremonies being performed by the D.M., assisted by Bros. Poore, Dewar, and Williams. Several communications having been read from absent Brethren, and several matters discussed, the Council was closed.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.—The Installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., as M.W. Past Grand Master, will take place at the winter half-yearly Communication, which will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday, the 6th of December, 1881, at 5 p.m.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will meet under Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., in the Royal Pavilion, on Monday, December 12th, at Seven p.m., to welcome all Brethren (Master Masons) attending the Health Congress. Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Brighton (Prov. G.S.), will issue tickets, which include admission to the opening of the Domestic and Scientific Exhibition.

Reviews.

RECEIVED.—The *Trinunghiul*, November.—*Philites*, or the Solution of the Great Pyramid.

Notes on the History of Freemasonry, by Bro. Sutherland.—The author, who is a very distinguished member of the medical profession, has for some time paid much attention to Masonic literature, and his little collection of "notes" is very interesting in itself, is very carefully compiled, and deserves the patronage of all who think that there is, after all, really something in Freemasonry beyond and above an æsthetic "menu," or the agreeable association of the Knife and Fork Degree.

At a recent meeting of the Society of Biblical Archæology, of which our Bro. W. H. Rylands is Secretary, this interesting communication was made to it: "Mr. Pinches, during a recent visit to Paris, copied in the Louvre a little clay tablet found in Cappadocia, which is written in a peculiar kind of cuneiform character, and in an unknown language. The ideographs, however, contained in the text enabled him to discover that it related to the gift of certain silver articles to the Sun-god. He then recollected having seen in the British Museum a similar tablet in the same style of writing, which had also been brought from Cappadocia. An examination of the latter on his return to England showed that, as regards both the forms of the cuneiform characters and the nature of the language, it closely resembled the tablet in the Louvre. Besides these two Cappadocian inscriptions, a third, also in cuneiform characters, was communicated to the society by Mr. Sayce, who had copied it last spring at Smyrna on a small griffin's head carved out of red stone which had been brought from Cappadocia, and had probably once served to ornament a staff or sceptre. The importance of the new discovery need not be pointed out. It gives us grounds for believing that a clay library similar to those of Assyria and Babylonia exists somewhere in Cappadocia; while the decipherment of the Cappadocian language will probably lead on to that of the Hittite inscriptions."

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