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NOTABLE ROSICRUCIAN WORKS.

BY WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, IX°.

(Continued from page 239, vol. 2.)

I am again indebted to my friend Capt. F. G. Irwin, of Bristol, for the perusal of another work, interesting to Rosicrucians, as it is by Thomas Vaughan, *alias* "Eugenius Philalethes." The title is "Lumen de Lumine, or a new Magical Light discovered and communicated to the World," London: 1651, (pp. 101, 32 mo.) Time will not allow me to quote all I should like from the scarce little book, but the following, entitled "A Letter from the Brothers of R.C., concerning the Invisible Magical Mountaine, and the Treasure therein contained," ought at least to be reproduced in THE FREEMASON. Strange titles, and still stranger customs, seem to have been in favour with the early Rosicrucians, especially as they served to veil the character of their teaching from the world, and thus the initiated only participated in their esoteric mysteries and discoveries. The letter is written both in Latin and English, and no doubt Captain Irwin would spare the volume to the Editor of this paper, in order that its contents may become known. Thomas Vaughan says of the Letter of the Brothers R.C., that "They have described unto us the Mount of God, the mysticall philosophicall Horeb; which is nothing else but the highest and purest part of the earth. For the superior secret portion of this element is *Holy Ground*, and Aristotle tells his *Peripatetics Locus quo Excelsior eo Durnoir*. It is the seed-plot of the eternall nature, the immediat vessell and recipient of Heaven, where all minerals and vegetables have their *Roots*, and by which the animal monarchie is maintained. The Philosophicall Black *Saturn* mortifies and coagulates the invisible Mercury of the stars, and on the contrary the Mercury kills and dissolves the Saturn, and out of the corruption of *both* the central and circumferential suns generat a new body. Hence the Philosophers describing their stone, tells us it is *Lapis niger vilis*, and *foetus, dicitur origo mundi et oritur sicut Germinantia*. As for the epistle of the Fraternal, I shall, for satisfaction of the ordinary reader, put it into English. I know some doctors will think it no advantage, but then they confess their ignorance. I can assure them, the subject is nowhere so clearly discovered, and for the first abstruse preperation there is no private author hath mentioned it, but here we have it entirely, and withall most faithfully, described. I confesse, indeed, that

instruction wears a mask; it speaks in tropes, but very plaine and pervious."

Another work by the same writer, is called "The Second Wash, or The Moore Scour'd once more," London: 1651, (pp. 188, 32 mo.) The whole that we know of, are as follows:—

- "Anima Magica Abscondita," A.D. 1650.
- "The Fame and Confession," A.D. 1650.
- "Magica Adama, or the Ancient Magic from Adam."
- "Aula Lucis, or The House of Light," A.D. 1651-2.
- "Discourse of the Waters of the East," A.D. 1655.
- "Lumen de Lumine," A.D. 1651.
- "The Second Wash," A.D. 1651.

Thomas Vaughan, who wrote under the assumed name of *Eugenius Philalethes*, was a noted alchymist, and was quite an enthusiastic supporter of the Rosicrucian Society in the middle of the seventeenth century. We are unable to say who he was. Any positive information as to his history will be much esteemed by the writer, should any of his readers be aware of such.

John Heydon, an attorney of London, devoted much of his spare time to the study of alchymical and Rosicrucian philosophy, so also did Robert Fludd, *M.D.*, Jacob Böhmen, Peter Mormuss, and Branda Borri.

As we intend ere long to compile a list of Rosicrucian works published during the seventeenth century, as also works bordering on that subject, we shall feel greatly obliged if brethren would send us the titles of works in their possession, or which they have perused, as also any notes taken of their character. To suppose that the early Rosicrucians were the absurd impostors their enemies declare, would require more credulity than we would credit their most determined opponents of the present day with, and therefore it would be superfluous to endeavour to answer many of the puerile objections made by their contemporary writers. Dr. Mackay, in "Popular Delusions," states that no lover of poetry can wish that such a sect of philosophers had never existed, although he is very far from being a favourable reviewer of their history, and the works now extant *pro* and *con* sufficiently exhibit the tendency of Rosicrucianism to clear their members from the false imputations of witchcraft, irreligion and immorality.

LINES

Written on hearing of the intended retirement of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of Freemasons, the EARL OF ZETLAND, K. T.

BY BRO. A. C. SWAIN.

Thou art leaving the office thou long hast adorn'd,
And thy loss to the Craft will be generally mourn'd;
Tho' the life we so value is spared to us yet,
Thy retirement will cause universal regret.

For every true-hearted Freemason hath known,
That during the years thou hast sat on the throne,
Our Order hath flourished, and Heaven hath blest
Thine efforts to succour the poor and distressed.

The Charities, Brother, we point to with pride,
Whose fame, fast increasing, extends far and wide;
Our Homes for the Aged, our Boys and Girls' School,
Have prosper'd beneath thy beneficent rule.

'Tis true thy successor is greatly esteemed,
That the light of benevolence also hath beamed
In the efforts with which he has aided thine own,
In the spirit of kindness his actions have shown.

Yet still we look back with a sigh to the past,
As we pray that thy life will for many years last;
And when thou art summon'd to mansions above,
May we meet thee again in God's haven of love.

The New Vade Mecum (invented and manufactured by Charles H. Vincent, optician, of 23, Windsor-street, Liverpool) consists of a telescope well adapted for tourists, &c., to which is added an excellent microscope of great power and first-class definition, quite equal to others sold at ten times the price. Wonderful as it may seem, the price of this ingenious combination is only 3s. 6d., and Mr. Vincent sends it (carriage free) anywhere, with printed directions, upon receipt of post-office order or stamps to the amount of 3s. 10d.—[Advt.]

THE BADGE OF FREEMASONRY AND THE GOLDEN FLEECE.

BY BRO. CHALMERS I. PATON, P.M. No. 392, ETC., ETC.

The badge of Freemasonry is the Lamb's Skin, or white leather apron. The apron is worn by operatives to preserve their garments from stain. We use it for a nobler purpose. By the whiteness of its colour, and the innocence of the animal from which it is obtained (for the lamb in all ages has been deemed the emblem of innocence), we are admonished to preserve that blameless purity of life and conduct which will alone enable us hereafter to present ourselves to the Master of the Universe unstained with sin, and unsullied with vice. The lamb's skin is presented to every newly-made brother as the badge of our Order, and is the emblem of innocence and the bond of brotherhood. It is more ancient than the Golden Fleece, or any other order that can be conferred on earth. Emperors, kings, popes, and potentates have not thought it beneath their dignity to put aside the crown and tiara, doff the trappings of state, and lay down the sceptre and the sword, and, putting on this simple badge, join in the celebration of our mysteries. Members of the Craft are never to put on that badge if at variance with any brother who may be in the lodge. You must first attempt to reconcile your differences, but if you find that impossible, you must retire, that the assembly of the brethren be not disturbed by your unseemly strife. Freemasons are ever expected to wear the badge worthily, for it would be a disgrace ever to cast a stain upon its purity.

"It is more ancient than the Golden Fleece," is a word familiar at the investiture to all intrants. Many have enquired as to what is the history or legend of the Golden Fleece; having, after a long time, gathered it together, I now proceed to explain.

The Golden Fleece occupies a prominent place in foreign tradition, concerning the legendary and mythical pre-historic period of Greece, and was a favourite subject of the Grecian poets and dramatists. It was, according to the most ordinary form of the legend, the fleece of the ram Chrysonallus, the recovery of which was the object of the Argonautic expedition. The legend seems, or professes, to relate, to a period about a generation before the Trojan war. Homer refers to it, and it is related by Hesiod and many other of the most ancient Greek authors. It is not wonderful that their accounts differ widely and irreconcilably from each other. According to the ordinary form of the legend in which it is related by Apollodorus, Jason was commanded by his uncle Pelias, King or Chief of Tholeus, in Thessaly, to fetch from Colchis the Golden Fleece, which was suspended on an oak and guarded by a sleepless dragon. He therefore caused Argus, the son of Phixus, to build a ship of fifty oars, and gathered together the choicest heroes of Greece to partake in this adventure. Their first landing-place was Sennois, where they stayed two years, because the women, in consequence of the wrath of Venus, had slain all the men excepting Thoas. Their subsequent voyagings and adventures are related by Apollodorus in the same minute and particular manner, but so contradictory are the accounts of different authors that it has been pronounced impossible to say whether the expedition sailed north, south, east or west. Of course, it is vain to conjecture as to any reality covered by such a myth, although it probably derives its origin from some really adventurous enterprises. Hercules and Polyphemus are represented by Apollodorus as taking part in the expedition, but they wandered too far inland when it touched at the shores of Mysia, in pursuit of the lost Hylas, and were left behind. The adventures of the Argonauts with those winged monsters, the harpies, are very particularly narrated; and how, by the advice of the blind seer, Phineus, whom they delivered from the harpies, they were enabled to steer through the Symphlegades and to escape their wondrous dangers. Phineus advised the Argonauts to let loose a dove when they approached

the rocks, and to judge by its fortune what they might themselves expect. It escaped with the loss of its tail, and the Argonauts daring to attempt the passage, escaped in like manner with the loss only of some ornaments of the stern of their vessel. After visiting several other countries they arrived at the mouth of the river Phasis in Colchis. Here the king, Ætis, promised to give up the Golden Fleece to Jason, on condition of his yoking to a plough the two fire-breathing bulls with brazen hoofs, and sowing the dragons' teeth left by Cadmus in Thessis. Jason fulfilled these conditions by help of the sorceress Nedeia, the daughter of Æetes, who had fallen passionately in love with him. He was assisted by her in other still more wonderful exploits. He obtained from her, under promise of marriage, a charm against fire and steel, and was thus enabled to destroy all the warriors who sprang up where the dragons' teeth were sown. Æetes, meanwhile, thought to burn the ship Argo, and put the crew to death; but Jason, warned by Nedeia, anticipated this design, and hastening into the grove, stupified the dragon sentinel by a charm which Nedeia had prepared, seized the Golden Fleece, and embarked by night in his ship with his mistress and her brother Absyetus. Æetes pursued the Argo, but Nedeia cut her brother Absyetus in pieces and flung them overboard, Jason stayed to pick them up, and thus the Argo escaped. This horrible part of the story is not told by all the narrators. The Argo reached the mouth of the river Eridanus, but was driven on the Absyrtian islands by a storm caused by Jupiter, who was angry on account of the murder of Absyetus. The mast of the Argo, which had been cut in the sacred grove of Dodona, now delivered an oracle that Jupiter would not be appeased unless the Argonauts sailed towards Ansonia and were purified through the agency of Circe. This they did; then they passed by the Sirens, from whose dangerous charms they were preserved by Orpheus singing to them. Yet one of their number, Butes, swam off to the sea-maidens and perished. They passed through Scylla and Charybdis by the help of Thetis, and at length landed on the island of Corcyra, where Antonius ruled. On leaving Corcyra they encountered a storm at night, but were saved by Apollo, who, in flashes of lightning, revealed to them the haven of Anaple, where they raised an altar to him. At Cuate, their landing was opposed by the giant Talus, who was slain by Nedeia. The Argonauts subsequently touched at Ægina and Tolans in safety. Jason dedicated the ship Argo to Neptune at the Isthmus of Corinth.

A celebrated order of knighthood of Austria and Spain is the Order of the Golden Fleece. It was founded by Philip III., Duke of Burgundy and the Netherlands, at Bruges, on the 10th January, 1428, on the occasion of his marriage with Isabella, daughter of John the I., King of Portugal. The reasons which induced him to choose the name he did for the order, and to cause insignia to be devised for it in correspondence with the name, are not certainly known, but it may be supposed that he was mindful of the classical studies of his youth, and that he meant the Golden Fleece, viewed in connection with the ancient legend concerning it, to be a symbol of enterprise and courage. The notion to be presently noticed bears out this opinion. Yet it has been suggested that he probably also bethought himself of the importance of the woollen manufacture as the great industry of the Low Countries, and chose a name and device having some imaginable reference to it. The order was instituted for the protection of the church. Duke Philip made himself first Grand Master of the Order, appointing that office also to be held by his successors, Dukes of Burgundy. The number of knights was at first limited to twenty-four, but was afterwards increased. The Burgundian territories having been inherited through the heiress of the last Duke by her son, the Emperor Charles V., he held the office of Grand Master of this order. On his death this dignity, remained in possession of the Spanish branch of the family; but at the close of the Spanish war of succession, the Emperor, Charles VI., laid claim to it, in virtue of his possession of

the Low Countries, and taking with him the archives of the order, celebrated a new inauguration of it with great magnificence at Vienna, in 1713. Philip V. of Spain contested the claim of the German Emperor, and the dispute about this much-prized dignity was long continued and often renewed, till at last it was amicably settled by the recognition of the order in both countries, and on this footing it still remains, the Emperor of Austria being Grand Master in his own dominions, and the King of Spain, when there is a King of Spain, Grand Master of the order in that kingdom. In Austria, the Emperor may now create any number of Knights of the Golden Fleece from the old nobility, but in the case of a Protestant the Pope's consent is required. In Spain, the honour is restricted to princes, grandees, and "personages of peculiar merit." "The insignia of the order are a Golden Fleece hanging from a gold and blue enamelled flintstone, emitting flames, and borne it its turn by a ray of fire;" on the enamelled obverse is inscribed *Pretium laborum non vile*, signifying "No mean reward of labours." The decoration was originally suspended from a chain of alternate fire-stones and rays, for which Charles V. allowed a red ribbon to be substituted, and the chain is now worn only by the Grand Master. The Spanish decoration differs slightly from the Austrian; the costume consists of a long robe of deep red velvet, lined with white taffetas, and a long mantle of purple velvet, lined with white satin and richly trimmed with embroidery, containing firestones and steels emitting flames and sparks; on the hem, which is of white satin, is embroidered in gold *Je Fay empiris*, signifying "I have assayed it." There is also a cap of purple velvet, embroidered in gold, and the shoes and stockings are red.

LEAVES FROM MY LIBRARY.

BY MARMADUKE MAKEPEACE.

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There remains yet another geometrical emblem to be explained, which is the diagram of the 47th Proposition of the First Book of Euclid, by the assistance of which we prove that the square of the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle—that is, the side opposite the right angle—is equal to the sum of the squares of the sides which contain the right angle. For this discovery we are likewise indebted to the great Master of the Pythagorean school, who is said to have offered a hecatomb, or sacrifice, of a hundred oxen, to express his joy and gratitude to heaven on account of this discovery. And, indeed, well might he estimate its value so highly, when we reflect that upon this principle depends the solution of the great principles in the mathematical, mechanical, and philosophical knowledge, and that it is the true key to the doctrine of the proportions and powers of all quantities—arithmetical, geometrical, and algebraical. By it, we may prove any multiple of a given square, as we have only to construct an isosceles right-angled triangle, of which one of the sides including the right angle shall be equal to the side of such square. And in the same manner it may be applied to form squares and other figures of duplicate ratios to others which are given. Accordingly, he was accustomed to distinguish this proposition by the appellation EUREKA, which signifies "I have found it!" thereby denoting the superior importance of this over all other discoveries. As, therefore, the letter G denotes to us the science of symbolic geometry, and the Pythagorean Tetractys the mysterious powers of numbers, so is this symbol the representation of all mechanical and physical science.

But whilst each of these symbols reciprocally serves to illustrate the rest, there is one sense in which they yield to the decided pre-eminence of the great central emblem whose sacred initial character, surrounded by a blaze of eternal glory, recalls our minds from the work to the Architect—from the science to its mystery.

This brings us to the moral advantages to be derived from Geometry.

Geometry is the first and noblest of sciences, and the basis on which the superstructure of Freemasonry is erected. The contemplation of this science, in a moral and comprehensive view, fills the mind with rapture. To the true Geometrician the regions of matter with which he is surrounded afford ample scope for his admiration, while they open a sublime field for his enquiry and disquisition. Every blade of grass which covers the field, every flower which blows, and every insect which wings its way in the bounds of expanded space, proves the existence of a first cause, and yields pleasure to

the intelligent mind. The symmetry, beauty, and order displayed in the various parts of animate and inanimate creation are pleasing and delightful themes, and naturally lead to the Source whence the whole is derived. When we bring within the focus of the eye the variegated carpet of the terrestrial creation, and survey the progress of the vegetative system, our admiration is justly excited. Every plant which grows, every flower that displays its beauties or breathes its sweets, affords instruction and delight. When we extend our view to the animal creation and contemplate the varied clothing of every species, we are equally struck with astonishment; and when we trace the lines of geometry, drawn by the Divine pencil, in the beautiful plumage of the feathered tribe, how exalted is our conception of the heavenly work! The admirable structure of plants and animals, and the infinite number of fibres and vessels which run through the whole, with the apt disposition of one part to another, are perpetual subjects of study to the true geometrician, who, while he adverts to all the changes which all undergo in their progress to maturity, is lost in rapture and veneration of the Great Cause which produced the whole and governs the system. When he descends into the bowels of the earth and explores the kingdom of ores, minerals and fossils, he finds the same instances of Divine wisdom and goodness displayed in their formation and structure—every gem and pebble proclaims the handiwork of an Almighty Creator. When he surveys the watery element and directs his attention to the wonders of the deep, with all the inhabitants of the mighty ocean, he perceives emblems of the same supreme intelligence. The scales of the largest whale, as well as the pencilled shell of the most diminutive fish, equally yield a theme for his contemplation on which he fondly dwells, while the symmetry of their formation, and the delicacy of tints, evince to his discerning eye the wisdom of the Divine Artist. When he exalts his view to the more noble and elevated parts of nature and surveys the celestial orbs, how much greater is his astonishment! If, on the principles of geometry and true philosophy, he contemplates the sun, the moon, the stars—the whole conclave of heaven—his pride is humbled, and he is lost in awful admiration. The immense magnitude of those bodies, the regularity and rapidity of their motions and the vast extent of space through which they move are equally inconceivable, and, so far as they exceed human comprehension, baffle his most daring ambition till, lost in the immensity of the theme, he sinks into his primitive insignificance.

By Geometry, then, we curiously trace Nature through her various windings to her most concealed recesses. By it we discover the power, the wisdom, and the goodness of the Grand Artificer of the Universe, and view with delight the proportions which connect this vast machine. By it we calculate how the planets move in their different orbits, and demonstrate their various revolutions. By it we account for the return of the seasons, and the variety of scenes which each season displays to the discerning eye. Numberless worlds are around us, all framed by the same Divine Artist, which roll through the vast expanse and are all conducted by the same unerring law.

A survey of nature and the observation of her beautiful proportions, first determined man to imitate the divine plan and study symmetry and order. This gave rise to societies, and birth to every useful art. The architect began to design, and the plans which he laid down, improved by experience and time, produced works which have been the admiration of every age.

To Him, the great Geometrician of the Universe, the Father of Light and Life, the Fountain of Eternal Wisdom, let us humbly dedicate our labours, imploring Him to bless and prosper the work of our hands to His own glory and the good of mankind and the salvation of our immortal souls.

(To be continued.)

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Reports of Masonic Meetings.

THE CRAFT.

METROPOLITAN.

Grand Steward's Lodge.—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Norman, W.M., when Bro. Joseph Stohwasser, P.M. of No. 8; the British Lodge, and Past President of the Board of Grand Stewards, was unanimously elected as a joining member. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of installing his successor. The lodge was afterwards opened in the third degree, after which a board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. Edward J. Page, the W.M.-elect, was duly installed in ancient form, into the chair of K.S., whereupon he invested the late W.M., Bro. Norman, as his immediate P.M. After the usual ceremonies, and on the lodge being reduced to the first degree, the W.M. appointed his officers, viz: Bros. R. M. Smith, S.W.; Jabez Tepper, J.W.; Wm. Watson, Sec.; Frederick Binckes, S.D.; J. T. Swanston, J.D.; and Charles H. Waters, I.G. Bro. Richard Spencer (having been at the previous lodge unanimously re-elected,) was invested as Treas.; and Bro. Hoare as Tyler. Bro. Norman was congratulated by the lodge for the ability and talent manifested by him in performing the ceremony of installing his successor. There were no resignations on the commencement of the new year, and the lodge now consists of thirty-one members. The lodge being duly closed the brethren present (with five visitors), in all twenty-three, adjourned to the tavern, and partook of the bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness, and spent a happy evening with much good feeling and harmony.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—This influential lodge held its usual meeting on the 17th inst., at Radley's, when the W.M., in his efficient style, conferred the honor of M.M. on Bro. B. Barnett; after which the S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Peartree, Treasurer; and Bro. Vesper, P.M. 180, Tyler. There was also an election for members of the committee of the excellent charity fund of the lodge, after which the brethren adjourned to as good a banquet as the most fastidious could require, supplied, and well attended to, by Bro. Hart, his very courteous nephew (also a brother) and their assistants.

Israel Lodge, No. 205.—This numerous and influential lodge met on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at Radley's, when Bro. Chamberlain, the W.M., in his masterly style initiated Messrs. Morse, Buckland, Fowler, and Bryan; Bro. Stanton Jones, P.M., then in most superior style installed Bro. Michael J. Emanuel, who appointed as his officers, Bros. H. M. Harris, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; A. N. Cohen, P.M., Sec.; Saqui, P.M., Organist; Van Durbosch, S.D.; Hogard, J.D.; and N. Emanuel, I.G.; after which the newly installed Master ably initiated his brother-in-law, Mr. Sidney Jacobs. The brethren then adjourned to one of Bro. J. Hart's splendid banquets, ably served by his nephew and numerous assistants. The number of brethren present amounted to 78, and amongst the numerous visitors we particularly noticed Bros. J. Holbrook, W.M. (185); B. W. Aaron, W.M. (188); Politzes, W.M. (1017); S. L. Miers (154), E. P. Albert, P.M. and Sec. (188); Chubb (577), M. Jacobs (194), and Vowles (742). A most agreeable evening concluded by an earnest appeal from the indefatigable Sec., the W. Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., to the members on behalf of the charity fund of the lodge, which was liberally responded to by numerous new subscribers. We must add that the musical arrangements were excellent, as in fact was everything else, lodge working, banquet, wines, and songs.

Nelson Lodge, No. 700.—This excellent working lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, William-street Woolwich, on Wednesday, 19th inst., under the very able direction of its W. Master, Bro. E. Bowles, supported by the whole of his officers. The lodge being opened in the first degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. M. Hodder, of St. Paul's Churchyard, and Serjt. W. A. Weston, R.A., for initiation, which proved unanimous in each of their favor, and being in attendance, were duly received into Freemasonry. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Ward being a candidate for the third degree, received further instruction and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Ward was admitted, and duly raised to the sublime degree of a M. Mason. The lodge was closed down in each degree, when Colour-Serjeant J. Wilnot, and Serjeant J. Gladwin, of H.M. 94th Regiment, were proposed as candidates for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Morton's the Red Lion Tavern, where they spent a very happy evening and parted in perfect harmony.

Pannure Lodge, No. 715.—This lodge met on Saturday evening, 15th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City. Present: Bros. T. H. Weedon, W.M.; W. Kibble, S.W.; J. H. Townend, J.W.; W. Bennett, S.D.; W. J. Crossfield, J.D.; H. Birdseye, I.G.; Henry Muggerridge, P.M.; S. G. Myers, P.M., and Treas.; R. Clarke, P.M.; J. Paddle, P.M.; C. R. Vines, P.M.; C. H. Fielder, P.M.; T. B. Yeoman, C. Wychie, J. Jonas, W. Birdseye, W. E. Stower, J. Gale, C. F. Smith, J. L. Jones, &c. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. George Wyatt, which was unanimous in his favour, and he being in attendance was

duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of installing Bro. William Kibble, W.M. for the ensuing year, was performed by Bro. Henry Muggerridge in his most impressive manner. The lodge was then closed to the first degree, when the W.M. appointed the following brethren officers of the lodge, viz:—Bros. J. H. Townend, S.W.; W. Bennett, J.W.; S. G. Myers, Treasurer; Henry Muggerridge, Secretary; W. J. Crossfield, S.D.; Henry Birdseye, J.D.; J. Jonas, I.G.; Smith, Tyler. The W.M. said he commenced his year of office by having two very pleasing duties to perform; the first was to present to Bro. J. H. Weedon, the I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel as a mark of the kind feeling the brethren entertained towards him for the manner in which he conducted the lodge during his year of office.—Bro. Weedon thanked the brethren very much for their kindness, and hoped he might have health and strength to come amongst them for many years.—The W.M. again rose, and said the second duty he had to perform was, if possible, more pleasing than the first, that was to present to their esteemed Bro. S. G. Myers, P.M. and Treasurer, a silver tea-pot, in recognition of his services as Treasurer of the lodge for many years.—Bro. Myers said he could assure the W.M. and brethren, he was very much pleased with the handsome present they had made him; he took a very great interest in the Pannure Lodge, and anything he could do to promote the prosperity of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren he would always be happy to do. He thanked the brethren for their kind and valuable expression of approval of his efforts.—There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet served in Bro. Spencer's usual style of excellence. Amongst the visitors we noticed the following brethren, Bros. Joshua Nunn, G.S.B.; G. A. Taylor, P.M., 22; S. Muggerridge (192), Steib (Gihon 49), Dyer (186), Laxton (504), Allen (196), Webber (J.W. 1232), Crouch (12), Rock, Fisher, Wakley, Seward, &c.

New Concord Lodge, No. 513.—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, on Friday, Jan. 21st, at 5 o'clock. Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.M., 813, W.M. 1237, and P.G.D. Middlesex, acting for Bro. J. Hart, W.M., who was prevented from attending by family affliction. Bros. Bartlett, S.W.; Atkins, J.W.; Main, P.M., and Hon. Sec.; Salisbury, S.D.; McDavitt, J.D.: Absell, I.G.; and Lloyd, T. The following brethren were also present A. Hill, Gabb, Hofbauer, Webster, Townsend, Faucuey, Phillips, Brüstlin, Chant, Crabb, Cheshier, Whaley, Deiny, and Revill. Visitors, Bro. Rogers, 1003, Cusworth, 94, Bromley, 220. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Gallant for initiation, and Bro. Beningsfield for joining, and both were unanimously elected. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Gabb and Hofbauer being candidates for the third degree, answered the usual questions, and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and they were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Phillips answered and retired, and the lodge being resumed to the second, was passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and Mr. Gallant was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form after which the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. Gabb, Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.M., presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the initiate, Bro. Gallant, who in a very neat speech thanked the brethren for admitting him into the Order. On behalf of the visitors, Bros. Bromley and Cusworth expressed their great satisfaction at the treat they had received by the very admirable manner in which the whole of the three degrees had been worked, and Bro. Cusworth also expressed his desire to become a joining member, if the brethren would receive him. Bro. Main proposed Bro. Wilson's health, who thanked his officers for their assistance, and expressed his regret at the circumstances that precluded the W.M. from attending. Bros. Bartlett, Atkins, and Main replied and a very happy and comfortable evening, enlivened by songs, &c., was passed. Bro. McDavitt, O., assisted materially by his skilful performances on the piano.

Cuppyr Lodge, No. 1076.—The regular monthly meeting of this very numerous and efficient lodge was held at the Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks, on Thursday, 13th inst. Bro. H. G. Sisley, W.M., supported by Bros. Yaskell, S.W.; Pinecombe, J.W.; G. Park, Treas.; J. Henderson, P.M., and Sec.; Ashdown, S.D.; Brown, J.D.; and Brayshaw, I.G.; with P.M. West, as I.P.M. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Jones, Harnes, and Stokes, candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous in each of their favor, and Messrs. Jones and Harnes being in attendance, were with Mr. Harrison, ballotted for at the last lodge meeting, duly received into the first degree of Freemasonry. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Crabtree being a candidate for the third degree, received further instruction and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Crabtree was admitted, and duly raised to the sublime degree of a M. Mason. The lodge was closed down to the first degree, when the ballot was also taken for Bro. Adamson, of the Scientific Lodge, 849, as a joining member, which proved in his favour. The case of a distressed brother was then brought before the lodge, and three guineas was voted for his present wants. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment and parted in harmony.

PROVINCIAL.

CHATHAM.—*Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184.*—On Wednesday, the 12th instant, the annual meeting of the brethren took place at the lodge-room, in Middle-street, Brompton, when there was a large gathering from the various parts of Kent, to do honour to the installation of the W.M., Bro. J. Redman. The lodge-room has been fitted up and embellished in excellent style, showing a great display of taste. The walls are decorated with panelling, on which stand out in bold relief a number of Grecian figures, with emblems of the seasons, &c. The floor cloth is of a Mosaic pavement pattern, with tessellated border, whilst the gas fittings and furniture of the Lodge, are of a rich appearance, reflecting the greatest credit on Bro. W. Turtle, and the brethren generally. The lodge having been opened, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony was most efficiently conducted by Bro. Turtle. The following constituted the Board of Installed Masters, sixteen in number:—Bros. Mackney, W.M., 299, P.G.S.; Warne, P.M., 20, P.P.G.A.S.; Wyld, 1050, W.M., P.G.S.D.; Ashdown, P.M., 1050, P.P.G.P.; Nash, P.M., 278, Gibraltar, and W.M., 1174; Webb, W.M., 503; Darley, P.M., 158, Sheerness; S. Trowse, P.M.; Seabrooke, Bufield, P.M., 20; H. Kappey, P.M., 20, P.G.S.D.; Richardson P.M., 184; Allen, P.M., 914, Jamaica; Bates, P.M., 914. After the Installation, the Master Masons, F. Crafts, and Apprentices were admitted, and the usual honours given. Bro. W. M. Redman then invested the officers of the Lodge as follows:—Bros. Cole, S.W.; Murphy, J.W.; Higgins, S.D.; Thorn, J.D.; Thornton, I.G.; Drago, T. Bro. Turtle delivered the address to the admiration of all. The brethren about 60 in number, then retired to a banquet provided by Bro. Wraith, at the Golden Lion, after which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.—Bro. Redman, W.M., in the course of his address on the toast to the Prince of Wales, congratulated the Craft generally on the accession of His Royal Highness, expressing the hope that it would not only add to the prestige of Masonry, but advance the interests of our excellent charities, and looked forward to the future of Masonry as one of great promise. (The toast was met with Kentish fire). The most honourable mention was also made of the Earl of Zetland, and Earl de Grey and Ripon, as his expected successor. Coming nearer home, he, in reference to Lord Honesdale, the P.G.M., spoke of his lordship's urbanity, and deep interest in the prosperity of Masonry in the county, ever ready to promote its welfare and maintain its high character. (His lordship's health was drank with enthusiasm).—Bro. Dobson, D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Mackney, P.G. Steward. In proposing the health, particularly of Bro. Dobson, with pride and confidence, he knew it would elicit the most enthusiastic reception; reminding them that Bro. Dobson, the second Masonic head of the Province, had evinced the utmost zeal for the welfare of the Craft in the province. Courtesy and kindness has distinguished him, and it may be said by all coming into contact with him that he possesses a generous sentiment, admired by the humblest brother. The charities are the special objects of his interest, showing that Masonry is not based merely on mystery, but upon those great and immortal principles of love and active benevolence, whose bright and glorious stream will flow on through time and eternity. The vast amount of time he devotes to Masonic purposes, and his promptings to others to give practical proof of Masonic sympathy, must confer a blessing on the present generation and on our children's children, by ameliorating the woe, and elevating the social and moral condition of the orphan and the helpless one. (Loud cheers).—Bro. Mackney, in a short address, appealed for subscriptions to the charities.—The Past Masters being proposed, was particularly responded to by Bro. Strowse, the oldest brother present, and for whom great respect is entertained.—Bro. Turtle proposed the "W.M.," in an effective speech, in which he extolled him for his love of Masonry.—Bro. Redman responded in a suitable speech.—To the health of the visitors, Bro. Darley's name was coupled, with those of Bro. Nash, Bro. Warne, and others.—Bro. Darley, P.M., of 158, Sheerness, expressed his delight at meeting the brethren, and to see that, to their honour, they had carried out that which he had advocated for years. He prophesied increased success to the lodge in consequence, which he had seen result from similar arrangements elsewhere, and whilst he felt an interest in this lodge, he felt a general interest in the prosperity of the Craft, and believed that by the course pursued generally of Masons' lodges being removed from hotels, it would raise their prestige, and the better enable them to assist the funds of their excellent charities. He held Freemasonry as part of his religion, and a great part; and that which would improve its moral standing would most enhance its success, and he hoped the day would come when a Mason's Lodge, would be looked upon as sacred as any other sanctuary where God was worshipped. He had been in communication with the Secretary of the Grand Orient of France, and was glad to see that whilst the Pope was anathematising Freemasons, they, under the auspices of the Emperor, were determined to stick to their colours; 232 lodges had already sent their opinions to the Grand Orient on the Ecumenical Council, and which would be collected in one volume. No doubt, true to their obligation, the brethren will prove to the world their love of Freemasonry and their capability of defending their own rights. He expected shortly again to hear from the other side of the Channel, and perhaps at some future day he would have an opportunity of laying before them some account of the progress of Masonry in France.—Bros. Warne and Nash, also responded in appropriate speeches. At this stage several brethren had to leave by train, and the greater part left. The host, Bro. Wraith, provided excellently, and the brethren spent a very pleasant evening enlivened by music and singing.

TEIGNMOUTH.—*Benevolent Lodge, No. 303.*—The

annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, January 3rd. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. M. Bartlett, W.M., assisted by Bros. Capt. Walrond, I.P.M. and P.P.J.G.W.; Dr. Hopkins, acting as S.W. till the arrival of Bro. Burden; Hallett, J.W.; Coles, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Tomes, I.G. Amongst those present during the meeting were Bros. Ward, P.M.; Bentley, Saunders, Burton, and others; and as visitors, Bros. Way, W.M., 39; H. Bartlett, 716, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Heath, P.M., 710; Westley, 768, Hong-Kong; Johns, 131, P.P.G. Reg. for Cornwall. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. J. S. Short and H. Terry were then introduced, properly prepared, and separately initiated into the Order by the W.M. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Hopkins took the chair. The retiring W.M. presented Bro. Burden as the W.M.-elect, and after the preliminary proceedings, Bro. Burden was constitutionally placed in the chair of K.S. He appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—H. M. Bartlett, I.P.M.; Hallett, S.W.; Coles, J.W.; Taylor, S.D.; Bentley, J.D.; Tomes, Sec.; Whidburn, Treas.; Morris, I.G.; Burton and Cotton, Stewards; Hagerty, Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel to partake of the banquet, under the presidency of the Installing Master, owing to the indisposition of the W.M.

HEBDEN BRIDGE, WEST YORKSHIRE.—*Prince Frederick Lodge, No. 307.*—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the White Horse Hotel, on Monday, the 17th inst. The W.M., Bro. F. Whitaker, opened the lodge at 6 p.m., after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and some communications considered. The W.M. then requested Bro. W. Cooke, P.M. 448, (who had attended for the purpose of installing the W.M.-elect,) to take the chair. Bro. Austin Roberts, S.W., having answered the usual questions, and the brethren below the chair withdrawn, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Roberts duly placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren then returned, and the new W.M. subsequently invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. Sutcliffe, S.W.; R. Worsick, J.W.; S. Crabtree, P.M., Treas.; F. Whitaker, P.M., Sec.; T. Whitaker, S.D.; R. Whitaker, J.D.; D. Heap, P.M., I.G.; and J. Dewhurst, Tyler. The usual salutation having been accorded to the W.M., the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where most excellent provision had been made by the worthy host, Bro. W. Jackson, a very old P.M. of the lodge. The usual formal toasts having been given, the health of the new W.M. was proposed by Bro. F. Whitaker, the I.P.M., who stated that, by his rising, he had no doubt the brethren anticipated the toast he was about to propose. It was the health of their esteemed W.M., who now occupied the chair in which he (Bro. Whitaker) had had the honour of presiding over them for the past twelve months. He could only say that the brethren of the lodge had every confidence that Bro. Roberts would conduct the business brought before him during the ensuing year with satisfaction to them all; and when, at the close of his term of office, he vacated the chair to his successor, none of them would have cause to regret the selection they had recently made. Bro. Whitaker concluded by calling upon them to drink the toast in a bumper.—Bro. Roberts, after cordially thanking the brethren for selecting him to occupy the chair of K.S., expressed his desire to have a fortnightly instruction meeting, that the officers and younger members might have opportunities given them of becoming efficient in the various ceremonies of the mystic art.—Bro. Sutcliffe, S.W., (who has recently returned from a tour in Palestine), in responding to the toast of "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," expressed the pleasure he had derived in meeting with "Brother Masons" in his travels, and even in cases where he could not converse with them in their own language he had received great kindness, assistance and instruction at their hands. He also stated his intention of supporting the W.M. in the fortnightly instruction meeting. Several other toasts followed, "The Visitors" being responded to by Bros. Bates, P.M.; Cooke, P.M.; Normanton, P.M., P.P.G.D., Milligan, and Hayes, all of No. 448, the only visitors present. The "National Anthem" brought an exceedingly pleasant evening to a close.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—*Cambrian Lodge, No. 364.*—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when an unusually large number of members and visitors were present to pay their respects to the newly-elected Master, Bro. Clement Sankey Gardner. Besides the visitors, there were the following members of the Cambrian Lodge: Bros. Rowland Thomas, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W.; P. H. Rowland, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec.; W. M. Reis, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; W. Whittington, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec.; Howel Cuthbertson, P.M., Prov. G.J.D.; Dr. Thomas, Prov. G. Steward; E. Pole, J.W.; Henry Green, I.G., &c. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Howel Cuthbertson, P.M., Prov. J.G.D., and met with the highest appreciation from the brethren present. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. P. H. Rowland, I.P.M.; E. Pole, S.W.; Dr. Thomas, J.W.; W. M. Reis, P.M., P.G.R. Treas.; Henry Green, Sec.; J. B. Davies, S.D.; J. G. Davis, J.D.; H. Williams, J.G.; Chubb, Steward; John Smith, Tyler. The banquet was provided at the Castle Hotel, by Bro. Hancock, whose name alone is a guarantee for its excellence. The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens and banners representing the various lodges and chapters of the province; there were also a number of shields bearing the quarterings of Grand Lodge, and other Masonic devices. After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured, Bro. James Hewson sang "The Masonic National Anthem." Then followed, "The health of Bro. the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family," "M. W. G. M., the Earl of Zetland," "Deputy G. Master, the Earl de Grey

and Ripon," and "The Prov. Grand Master." "The health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. E. J. Morris," whose absence was much regretted, was then given. "The Prov. Grand Officers," was responded to by Bro. D. Williams, with his usual heartiness. "The Masters of the neighbouring lodges" was responded to by Bros. Nettell, Daniel, and Ware; the latter related an incident mentioned to him by an eminent London brother, of his having met in Neath a number of the members of the Cambrian Lodge, whose kindness and courtesy to him, and brotherly bearing to each other, made such an impression on his mind, that he sought the privileges of the Craft immediately on his return home, and is now one of those who sit in high places.—The health of "The Installing Master, Bro. Cuthbertson," followed.—The toast of the evening was proposed by Bro. Cuthbertson amidst loud and prolonged enthusiasm.—Bro. C. S. Gardner, W.M., responded with much feeling; he pointed out the advantages arising out of the friendly intercourse of neighbouring lodges, which it is his intention to carry out as far as possible during his year of office. He looked forward to a prosperous year, with the helpers he had on all sides, and aided by efficient and zealous officers. While admitting that his expectations might possibly appear too sanguine, Bro. Gardner contended that it was far better to be so, than to be too indifferent. He concluded by urging the Masters of the neighbouring lodges to join with him in cementing good feeling and fraternal intercourse as far as possible in the province, for if they could not see anything worthy of imitation in the working at Neath, they might detect blunders (which is sometimes equally as profitable) and endeavour to guard against them. The toasts of "The Past Masters of the Lodges," "The Officers," and others having been duly honoured, the brethren separated at an early hour.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523.*—At the last regular monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 20th inst., there was a good attendance of members and of visitors from the sister lodges. The W.M., Bro. Toller, presided, and the newly-appointed P.G.M., Bro. W. Kelly, who is the senior P.M. of the lodge, was also present. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of a lodge of emergency, having been read and confirmed, the Rev. William Targett Fry, M.A., was called upon to respond to the usual questions, after which he was passed to the second degree. Bro. J. F. Smith was then examined in that degree, and a Master Mason's Lodge having been opened, he was raised to that sublime degree. The ceremony was very impressively performed by the W.M., and the solemnity of the proceedings was greatly enhanced by the Masonic chants, conducted by their original arranger, Bro. Charles Johnson, P.M., Organist. The lodge having been lowered to the first degree, and a candidate for Masonry having been proposed, and some other business transacted, the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and spent an hour or two very pleasantly.

STOKESLEY.—*Cleveland Lodge, No. 543.*—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening last week, at the Golden Lion Hotel. Bros. Stephen Hunter, W.M.; George Markham Tweddle, F.A.S.N.A., Copenhagen, as S.W.; George Tweddell, jun., J.W.; and J. H. Handyside, Sec. The lodge being opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the preceding lodge confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers, investing them with their respective jewels (save the two Wardens, who were absent), viz: Bros. Henry Fawcett, R.A. (re-appointed), S.W.; George Hodgson, J.W.; J. H. Handyside, Sec.; A. A. Boyle, M.C.P., S.D.; Richardson, J.D.; Rev. Spenser Cubitt, I.G. The lodge elected Bro. Watson, Treas.; and re-elected Bro. William Harrison, Tyler. The Thursday nearest the full moon in February was fixed for the annual banquet, and there being no more business, the W.M. gave the explanation of the first tracing board in a very creditable manner. The lodge was then closed, and the meeting declared adjourned to the Monday nearest the full moon in the following month.

CIRENCESTER.—*Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592.*—The annual festival of this lodge was held on the 18th inst. Bro. R. Elliott was installed the W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation was performed by Bro. G. F. Newmarch, D.P.G.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers, Bros. James Trinder, S.W.; W. H. James, J.W.; Wrightson, Sec.; S. T. Tanner, S.D.; W. A. Baily, J.D.; J. C. Hill, I.G.

NEWPORT.—*Ica Lodge, No. 683.*—The installation of Bro. Robert James Chambers, as W.M. of this lodge, took place at the Masonic Hall, Newport, Bro. J. Middleton, P.S.W. and P.M., 683 and 1098 (Mon.), and P.G. Sec., Lincolnshire, being the Installing Master. The lodge was opened by Bro. Thomas Williams, P.M., acting as W.M., in the absence of Bro. W. J. Bussell, who has removed from Newport to Waterford. There was a full attendance of the brethren, including a goodly number of the members of P.G.L., who may be said to have assembled in force to do honour to the occasion. The entire ceremony of installation was most ably performed, after which the following appointments were made by the W.M.:—Bros. T. Williams, I.P.M.; Wm. Parfitt, S.W.; J. B. Skeates, J.W.; Rev. S. Fox, Chaplain; Henry Mullock, Treasurer; Jno. Middleton, Secretary; James Cheese, S.D.; Lewis Rogers, J.D.; Henry J. Groves, Organist; T. J. Jones, I.G.; W. McFee, Tyler; William Watkins, Steward.

CHACEWATER.—*Boscawen Lodge, No. 699.*—The installation festival of this lodge was celebrated on the 11th inst. There was a good attendance of members as well as several visitors, including Bros. W. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Solomon, P.P.G.S.W.; and Bell, P.M., of the Phoenix; Mackenzie, of the Fortitude; J. Tregay, P.M., P.G.S.; J. George, Sec.; and R. Heath, J.D., of the Druids; Courtney, of St. Andrew's,

Tywardreath; J. Hensley, Amity Lodge, California; &c. The installation of the W.M.-elect, Bro. S. Mitchell, was conducted very efficiently by Bro. J. Niness, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., who was ably assisted by Bros. W. P. Hugoe, P.M.; J. Hall, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Paull, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. Bray, P.M.; and S. G. Moyle, P.M. The W.M. selected the following as his officers:—Bros. T. Tonkin, S.W.; J. Climas, J.W.; the Rev. G. L. Church, Chaplain; J. Niness, Treasurer; J. Paull, Secretary; P. Oates, Assistant-Secretary; C. Rapson, S.D.; J. A. Moyle, I.D.; J. Chegwidder, D.C.; O. Matthews, Organist; J. Holman, I.G.; N. Paull and W. Joll, Stewards; W. Lean, Tyler.

SOUTHEND.—*The Priory Lodge, No. 1000.*—The annual meeting of this young but flourishing lodge, for the installation of Bro. Benjamin Notley, the W.M.-elect and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year, took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, Southend. The ceremony of installation was rendered in a solemn and imposing manner by Worshipful Bro. Wm. Pissey, P.M., No. 160, and P.J.G.W. of Essex. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Chas. Eltham, S.W.; John Wardell, J.W.; Rev. J. C. Herbert, Chaplain; F. Wood, P.M. 1000, and P.P.S.G.W. (re-elected), Treasurer; W. S. Cox, I.P.M. 1000, and Prov. G.S.B., Secretary; J. R. Hemman, S.D.; A. Lucking, J.D.; E. E. Phillips, D.C.; H. Barton, O.; G. J. Glascock, I.G.; E. Parsons (re-elected), Tyler. The lodge being closed, about thirty of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Mrs. Cantor of the Middleton Hotel. The following Past Masters and visitors were present: W. Bro. F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G. S.W.; Harris, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rowley, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; W. S. Cox, I.P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; the Rev. J. C. Herbert, P.P.G. Chaplain, Worcestershire; J. Brazier, P.M. (160); F. Wiseman, P.M. (160); John Allen, W.M. (160), P.P.G.S.B.; William Pissey, P.M. (160), Prov. J.G.W.; Burgess, P.M. (160), P.P.G.J.D. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some excellent songs were given during the evening, by Bros. Barton, Phillips, Abbott, F. Wiseman, Brazier, Rowley, &c. Bro. H. Barton, professor of music, presided at the pianoforte, accompanying the vocalists. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and agreeable evening to a close.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—*Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007.*—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., which was attended by the newly-appointed P.G. Master, Bro. Kelly, who presided during the first year of the lodge's existence, as the *locum tenens* of its W.M., the late universally-beloved and revered P.G.M., the Earl Howe. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Wilson, in the first and second degrees, when the chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Kelly, and Bros. W. Greives, Palmer, jun., and A. G. Chamberlin having passed the necessary examination, he proceeded to confer upon them the sublime degree of Master Mason. The lodge was closed down to the first degree, and the R.W.P.G.M. (nominate) having received the thanks of the W.M. and brethren for his kindness in attending on the occasion, the brethren adjourned to refreshment; among those present were, Bros. W. G. Palmer, sen., P.M.; Deane, as S.W.; Capp, J.W.; Goodes, Sec.; Burrows, S.D.; Pratt, J.D.; Dougherty, I.G.; and others.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—*Hartington Lodge, No. 1021.*—On Monday, 10th January, the members of this lodge assembled for the purpose of installing Bro. Henry Cook, P.M., and P.P.G.S. of W. The ceremony was most admirably and impressively performed by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, and P.G.J. Deacon of Cumberland and Westmorland, assisted by Bros. Gibson, P.M. 119, and P.P.G.S.W.; and Spittal, P.M. 872, & P.P.G.S. of W. Suitable addresses were given to the following officers, who were invested:—Bros. Cox, as S.W.; Johnson, J.W.; Jos. Fisher, Treasurer; Bagot, Secretary; Thos. Kendall, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; Thos. Ormandy, I.G.; Lewis, Organist; Gradwell, Steward; Haslam, D.C.; and Gabbott, Tyler. The banquet which followed was of the most *recherche* description, reflecting great credit on the host, Bro. Brownrigg. The newly-installed Master presided, and was supported by Bros. Kenworthy, Gibson, Spittal (installing officers), Barber (P.M. 995), Case (W.M. 995), and Cornfield (W.M. 1225). The following toasts were given in succession and received due honours:—"The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales," "The M.W. the Grand Master," "The R.W. the D.G.M. and Officers of the Grand Lodge," "The R.W.P.G.M. Sir T. G. F. Hesketh, Bart., M.P.," "The D. Prov. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale and rest of the Prov. Grand Officers of West Lancashire." In proposing the health of the newly-installed Master, Bro. Gibson passed a high eulogium on that brother's zeal for the welfare and spread of Masonry, and congratulated the lodge upon having so talented a brother to occupy the chair.—Bro. Cook expressed his gratitude to the brethren for having chosen him to preside over them, and his wish to make the working of the lodge a model for imitation. He also gave some excellent advice to the brethren, and spoke of the advantage and beauty of Masonry.—The health of the installing-officer was proposed by the W.M., who rendered a warm tribute of approbation to that brother for his services, and was sure the knowledge displayed, the careful and correct practice which they had witnessed would call a hearty vote of thanks from all present (given with Masonic honours).—Bro. Kenworthy in reply said he could not express his gratitude for the kind manner the W.M. had alluded to their past friendship, and to the brethren for the heartiness they had received his name; the pleasure he had derived from the installation that day was enhanced by his having never known a more deserving officer or one more zealous and expert.—Other toasts followed, including, "The newly-installed Officers," responded to by Bros. Cox, S. Wand, and Bagot, Sec.;

"Past Masters and Wardens of Hartington Lodge;" "Masters and Wardens of neighbouring lodges," responded to by Bros. Barber, P.M. 995, and Cornfield, W.M. 1225. Of course, "The Ladies" were not forgotten, as

"No mortal can more

The Ladies adore

Than a Free and Accepted Mason."

The last toast, "Speedy relief to all poor and distressed Masons," was given by the W.M.; Harmony, "the chief strength and support of all societies," was kept up in speech and song till high twelve, when the brethren separated, each and every one delighted with the proceedings of the day.

TREDEGAR.—*St. George's Lodge, No. 1098.*—The installation of Bro. J. Lewis, S.W., as W.M. took place in the Masonic Lodge, Tredegar, on the 13th instant. The impressive ceremony was ably performed by Bro. John Middleton, P.G.S.W. of Monmouthshire, P.G. Sec. Lincolnshire, P.M. 683 and 1098; and the following officers were appointed and invested with their insignia of office:—Bros. B. S. Fisher as I.P.M., J. Phillips as S.W., W. Davies as J.W., D. Hughes as Treasurer, E. Horlick as Secretary, J. J. Morgan as S.D., W. Campbell as J.D., E. Swidenbank as I.G., H. Fowler, Superintendent of Works; G. A. Brown as M.C., E. Griffiths, Organist; C. Peaty and J. Green, Stewards; J. Dunlevy, Tyler. The banquet was held at the Castle Hotel. Among the guests were the under-mentioned:—Bros. Lewis W.M.; Middleton, the Installing Master, P.G.S.W., &c., &c.; S. G. Homfray, P.G.J.W. Mon., P.M. 1098; B. S. Fisher, P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; Robert Bond, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M. 683 and 1098; G. Fothergill, 471, P.G. St.; Fred. Ware, W.M. Bute Lodge; W. Davies, J.W.; E. Swidenbank, I.G.; E. Horlick, Sec.; D. Hughes, Treasurer; J. Morgan, J.D.; H. Fowler, Superintendent of Works; C. Peaty, Steward; J. Brock, E. Thomas, W. Dobbs, R. Spencer, T. Spencer, W. Green, R. Jackson, R. Jones, E. Phillips, J. Griffiths, and J. Dunlevy, Tyler.

NEWTON ABBOT.—*Devon Lodge, No. 1138.*—The members of this lodge assembled on Tuesday last week, at their Masonic Hall, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. William Samble into the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge being opened and formal business disposed of, Bro. Samble, the W.M.-elect, was duly installed in the chair as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months, in a very efficient and impressive manner, by Bro. F. D. Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Bros. Yates, P.M., P.P.G.S., and P.P.J.W.; H. G. Beachey, W.M., for past year, and Bro. Hopkins. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. H. G. Beachey, I.P.M.; J. Haydon, S.W.; G. Stockman, J.W.; the Rev. S. S. Johns, Chaplain; H. G. Beachey, Treasurer; Bickford Prowse, Secretary; John Chudleigh, S.D.; E. Samble, J.D.; A. Christoe, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—*Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199.*—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th instant. Bro. A. W. Stiff, W.M., was supported by Bros. J. Hurd, S.W.; W. Partridge, J.W.; W. Hunt, Prov. G. Chaplain; P.M. J. R. Bramble; W. Long, Treasurer; L. H. Ricketts, Sec., and many other members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Mr. F. W. Irwin was successfully balloted for and initiated. Bro. W. Partridge was balloted for and duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. W. Long, as Treasurer; and Bro. C. Banwell as Tyler. Bro. Partridge will be installed W.M. on February 14th. This little lodge has very promising prospects; several new members have recently joined, and several more are waiting to be proposed.

SCARBOROUGH.—*Denison Lodge, No. 1248.*—This select and flourishing lodge held its regular meeting in the Lodge Room, Grand Hotel, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when the following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. J. O. Surtees, P.G.R., W.M.; S. H. Armitage, S.W.; W. F. Rooke, J.P., P.J.P.G.W., as J.W.; J. E. Green, S.D.; H. W. Garnett, J.D.; J. Dormer, Sec.; J. Sloman, P.P.G.O., Org.; H. C. Martin, P.M., I.G.; J. Verity, Tyler; J. M. Crosby, G. Taylor, G. H. Walshaw, J. Fisher, P.M.; W. H. Smyth, P.M., D.P.G.M. (Lincoln), C. B. Brearey, V. Stewart, J. Knight, J. Kitchen, F. Foster, J. S. Cook, and R. H. Peacock, W.M.-elect, 200. The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m. The minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Foster was passed to the second degree. The election of the W.M. and Treasurer then took place, when Bro. S. H. Armitage, (M.D.), the S.W., was elected W.M., and we feel certain from his Masonic attainments and great zeal for Masonry, that he will be the right man in the right place. Bro. Kitchen was elected Treasurer, and Bros. C. B. Brearey and A. Fricour (the esteemed manager of this celebrated hotel), were appointed Stewards for the annual banquet, which will take place at the installation, on the second Thursday in February. Bro. J. O. Surtees, the W.M., returned thanks to his officers for their regular attendance and general efficiency during the past year, and to the brethren for the kind support and many favours received from them during his year of office. Bro. W. F. Rooke, P.M., &c., proposed in very high terms a vote of thanks to the W.M., which was seconded in similar language by the S.W. and W.M.-elect. On being put to the vote, it was carried unanimously with every demonstration of applause, and we hope in our next report to be able to show that some substantial mark of esteem has been presented to this efficient and very zealous Mason, on his retiring from the high office of W.M. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren spent a very agreeable and fraternal hour at the refreshment board.

LIVERPOOL.—*Neptune Lodge, No. 1264.*—A regular lodge meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, on Jan. 7th. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Joseph Healing, and the minutes of the last regular lodge were

read and confirmed. Bro. E. Johnson, of Lodge No. 249, was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then closed down to the first degree, when the W.M. rose and said: Brethren, I have now a most pleasing duty to perform, and for the information of the visiting brethren, I may say that the brethren of this lodge have subscribed a sum of money for the purchase of a Past Master's Jewel, to be presented to our I.P.M., Bro. Hugh Williams, for whom myself and brethren entertain the most profound respect; and I am sure that he has and deserves the respect of all who know him, and the more we know of him the more we know to respect. I have been acquainted with Bro. Williams for many years, and during that time he has most worthily advanced in my estimation. The W.M. then took the jewel in his hand, and read the following inscription: "To Bro. Hugh Williams, P.M., this jewel is respectfully presented by the brethren of the Neptune Lodge, 1264, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in testimony of their warm regard towards him as a man and a Mason. Liverpool, January 7th, 1870." The W.M. then placed it on the breast of Bro. Williams, and said: Bro. Williams, may you live long in health and strength, and with pleasure wear it, for it is a token of our kind feeling towards you as an honourable brother of the Craft, and especially of this lodge. The brethren feel highly gratified by your acceptance of this humble tribute to your moral and social worth, and for the most kindly feeling you always entertain towards them. Although your profession does not admit of you being with us at all our meetings, you are kindly alluded to in the toast to our seafaring brethren. May you long wear this jewel near your heart, and may you enjoy all the blessings that this world can afford, and happiness in the world to come.—Bro. Williams, in returning thanks, said: W. Master, Officers and Brethren, I cannot express in adequate terms my sincere thanks for your kindness on the present occasion, when I see the outpouring of respect and brotherly love towards me, and especially this evening in the handsome jewel you have now presented to me. It produces emotions in me that prevent my doing full justice to the expression of my feelings. I feel proud in knowing I have your respect and brotherly love in the bond of friendship, in unity, peace, and concord, and may the day be far off when a Freemason should feel otherwise. Brethren, it is, as it should be amongst us, our brotherly love is mutual, and I can say that during the time I have known you, I have not heard an unkind word nor seen an unkind action among you; how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Even when I am far away on the deep waters, and my lodge-night comes, my mind is with you. I join with you in our common supplication to the G.A.O.T.U. I fancy I can see your well-known faces, some newly-initiated brother being taught the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth; I can see you rejoice with him, I hear your closing benediction, and then your loyal toasts and joyous songs; yea, and nearly feel your parting grip. Such feelings as these draw us nearer and nearer together in brotherly love; we feel each other's joys, we share each other's sorrow, we sympathise with and assist each other in the day of affliction, and in the hour of trial we fail not. When that parting hour arrives to me, I hope I may be in the bosom of my family, surrounded by my brethren, and though my lips may cease to move, I shall leave this love offering as an heirloom to my children. It was presented to me in a spirit of love, and in handing it to them at that parting moment will be indicative of the amount of love that I bear for my family, and then may the scene of this evening float across my fading vision, and placing my trust in God I may depart in peace. Brethren, you will forgive me; my feelings have led me on into this strain of thought, and now I must forbear. I must again thank you all for this valuable present. I shall wear it near my heart, that repository of love for my brethren. When I am on shore I make it an especial duty to be with you on our lodge nights, and when I am at sea I am with you in spirit and join with you in the cup, and pledge myself to you and my seafaring brethren, some of whom are then with you and many are not, but are, like me, ploughing the deep sea, wending their way in the dark hour of the night, while the wind whistles aloft, no sound of voice save the plaintive cry of some wild sea bird, yet we go on our way rejoicing, for we are on a mission of love. Though the storm may break over us, we have confidence; we place our trust in our great Creator, for it is He who gives, and it is He who taketh away. May peace and happiness reign amongst you, and secure to this lodge the welfare and success that it deserves. If you follow the sound advice of your W.M., Bro. Healing, whose working in the lodge is only equalled by his zeal for its prosperity, you cannot go far astray, and I am sure that by the attention, knowledge, and persevering efforts of his officers you have gained a position rarely gained by so young a lodge, but which you so well deserve. In conclusion, brethren, accept my most heartfelt and sincere thanks, and may God be with you.—The W.M., Bro. Healing, then rose and said: Brethren, I have now another pleasing duty to perform. It has been my desire since this lodge was formed, and in consequence of the great honour you have conferred on me in electing me as your first W.M., to make some suitable acknowledgment of your kindness in reposing that great trust in me. It is but six months since this lodge was consecrated, and I may say that we have progressed wonderfully. We now number about forty members; true we have not initiated very many, but I am glad to say that those we have initiated are of good moral and social standing. I hope we shall retain that standard of excellence, and not initiate any but what are of good character. Reverting to the subject most pressing on my mind, I beg of you to accept from me this present, consisting of a volume of the Sacred Laws, which every true Mason holds in veneration and respect. It is the unerring standard of truth and justice, piety and virtue, and may it always remain so in our Order. It is one of our three lights,

the square and compass accompanying it, are the other two, which every Mason is taught how to apply to their morals, and may the G.A.O.T.U. help us to appreciate in their fullness the inestimable truths taught therein, and may our children, and children's children for ages yet to come, yea until the great millennium itself, take this inspired volume as their beacon guide through life, and love it as we do, and win their way to those immortal mansions where the blessed are at rest, where the Great Supreme reigns for ever, and from whom all goodness emanates. Brethren, be pleased to accept these three great Masonic lights as the humble offering of your W. Master.—Bro. Pemberton, S.W., then rose and said: W. Master, in the name of myself and the brethren of this lodge, I have great pleasure in saying that we gratefully and joyfully accept your most valuable and handsome present, and may the great truths contained in that best of all books find a true and sacred repository in our hearts; fit us as true brethren in this world, and prepare us for the world to come.—Bro. Richardson, J.W., having spoken in similar terms, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Healing, not only for his present kindness, but for the general interest he takes in the welfare of the lodge, the motion having been seconded by Bro. A. Davis, J.D., was most unanimously carried.—Bro. Williams, I.P.M., then read the following inscription (a most splendid specimen of ornamental calligraphy by a youth, the son of Bro. A. Davies, J.D., of this lodge; a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the youth for his ingenuity and labour) in the Bible: "Presented, on the seventh day of January, A.L. 5870, A.D. 1870, by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Healing, P.M., 249, to the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, consecrated on the eleventh day of June, A.L. 5859, A.D. 1869." The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and a splendid repast was heartily partaken of and seemed to give entire satisfaction. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and songs were given. Among the visitors were Bro. Meacock, P.M., 477; Bro. Hill, W.M., 1276; Bro. Fozzard, P.M., 1035; Bro. Astors, I.G., 1276; and many brethren of foreign lodges. The speeches were good and brilliant, and added very much to the enjoyment of the brethren assembled. The brethren were then called from refreshment to labour, when two candidates, and one joining brother were proposed. Nothing more appearing for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in due and solemn form, and the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

SITTINGBOURNE.—*Lodge of St. Michael, No. 1273.*—On Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., a gathering of brethren of the youthful lodge of St. Michael took place, for the purpose of raising three brethren to the third degree. It was matter of regret that there were but few of the lodge present on the occasion, and had it not been for the attendance of several of Adam's Lodge (Sheerness), the ceremony could not have been proceeded with. It is to be hoped that the St. Michael's will on all future occasions assemble in stronger numbers, so that it may not be said that a want of interest in the grand principles enunciated by the Craft has already taken possession of them. The ceremony under notice was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. J. S. Keddell, P.P.G.S.W.; the other brethren of Adam's Lodge, present, being Bro. Isaac Townsend, P.P.G.R.; Bro. J. G. Green, P.P.J.D.; Bros. Bagshaw, Fabian, and J. T. Nixon. A banquet, provided in Bro. Owen's usually excellent style, followed.

ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A very influential meeting of Royal Arch Masons of this province was held at Portsmouth, on Monday, the 24th inst. The Prov. G. Supt. (M.E. Comp. W. W. Beach, M.P.) presided, and delivered a most admirable address to the assembled companions on the many excellencies of the Order, and their duties as R. A. Masons. The minutes of the last Grand Chapter having been read and confirmed, the M.E.C. Frost was re-elected Treasurer unanimously, and the Prov. G. Sup. proceeded to invest the following officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—M.E. Comps. Deacon (394), H.; Colonel Mehan (257), I.; W. Hickman (130), S.E.; W. A. Wolfe, (342), S.N.; W. Furber (130), P.S.; W. Edmonds and G. Phillips (394), A.S.; M. E. Frost, Treasurer; P. Keane (394), R.; J. E. Le Feuvre (130), Sword Bearer; Craven, Standard Bearer; Lemon (130), D.C.; Biggs (394) and Dawkins (130), Janitors. A vote of condolence with the family of the late P.G. Supt. was proposed and carried unanimously, expressing the deep sympathy of the companions assembled on the loss of the late P.G. Supt. Admiral Sir L. Curtis, Bart., and their estimation of his services to Masonry for so many years. After the transaction of the other business of the province, the companions retired to a very sumptuous banquet at the Masonic Hall, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and most heartily responded to.

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

LIVERPOOL.—*Jacques de Molay Encampment.*—A convocation of the order was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on the 21st inst. The Jacques de Molay Encampment was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by Sir Knight Thomas Berry, Eminent Commander, Provincial 1st Grand Captain, and Grand 3rd Standard Bearer. There was a numerous attendance of Knights, and after the elections of Sir Knight Young-husband as E.C., and Sir Knight Alpass as Treasurer, for the ensuing year, the encampment was closed and the Knights adjourned to a banquet at the Adelphi Hotel, where they partook of the bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness.

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WHITE.—On 22nd inst., at Sheffield, Bro. William White, 31, P.P.G.D.C. of West Yorkshire, &c., &c.

"MASONIC HISTORIANS," by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN.—The concluding article on Bro. J. G. Findel, is unavoidably postponed until the first number in February, owing to the numerous engagements of the author.

Several other valuable communications stand over till next week.

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A NEW MASONIC PROVINCE.

THE successful inauguration of a new Masonic Province in England, and especially one which comprises the lodges of the metropolitan county, is an event which cannot be viewed with indifference by the Craft at large, while we are satisfied that its formation is regarded with peculiar interest and gratification by the brethren more immediately concerned. The history of Freemasonry in Middlesex—apart from the London district—does not, we are well aware, extend back to the dark ages, and the new province cannot boast of a long roll of

worthies connected with the Craft. However, this is to be accounted for by the fact that a century ago there were few hamlets in Middlesex capable of supporting a lodge, or of sufficient importance to tempt city men to encounter the dangers of the road when footpads infested every lane, and highwaymen held high revel on every heath. A journey to Hounslow in those days was usually prefaced by the not enlivening process of making one's will, as encounters with the bold "minions of the moon" were not always bloodless, the chivalry of Claud Duval's successors being somewhat of a questionable character, and dancing minuets by moonlight with fair maidens having somehow gone out of fashion. Fancy an announcement in the *Morning Chronicle* of the period reading thus, "On Monday last, Mr. Wellbeloved, Master of a Freemasons' Lodge at High Valley, when riding home in company with Mr. Dolittle from the lodge, was attacked on Lonely Heath by three masked highwaymen, whose watchword evidently was not Masonic, as they hailed the two travellers in the usual jargon of those bold villains, 'Your money or your life,' at the same time presenting their pistols at the heads of Mr. Wellbeloved and Mr. Dolittle. We regret to add that the thieves succeeded in carrying off a handsome silver punch-bowl, just presented to Mr. Wellbeloved by his friends, and also despoiled the unfortunate gentlemen of their outer garments, even to their shoe-buckles, and up to the present time the miscreants have evaded capture." This is a sample of the records which abounded in the "good old times, when George III. was King," and the rarity of lodges in rural Middlesex is thus explained. However, in 1785, the celebrated Bro. Thomas Duncerley, of Hampton Court Palace, broke the Masonic ice in Middlesex by establishing the Lodge of Harmony, now No. 255, at Hampton Court, where it continued until removed to Richmond in 1828. This lodge has ever held the highest character in the Craft, and apart from the mere social standing of its members, it can point to such names on its roll as the Rev. S. Hemming, D.D., renowned in connection with the Masonic Union of 1813; the talented Henry O'Brien, author of the "Round Towers of Ireland;" and the brave General, Sir Joseph Thackwell, of Indian warlike fame. Most appropriately, the first Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex has been selected from the members of this lodge, in the person of Col. Francis Burdett. The next assemblage of "brethren met to expatiate on the mysteries of the Craft," was held at Uxbridge in 1796; this lodge had previously existed in London for many years, and was called "St. James." The lodge flourished for a brief period, yet during that time many of the leading gentry in the neighbourhood became members, and from its proximity to Hounslow—then a greater military station than it is now—many men of the sword likewise joined the Order, and doubtless afterwards assisted in disseminating its principles in

other spheres of action. There was one remarkable feature about this Uxbridge lodge which deserves to be borne in remembrance—the brethren actually held a lodge of instruction regularly at the Green Dragon, then a noted hostelry on the outskirts of the town, and which still exists, though shorn to some extent of its pristine lustre, like the ancient Crown Tavern in the same town, where the famous abortive treaty between Charles I. and his victorious Parliament was negotiated. Lodges of Instruction in 1780 or 1790! what a suggestive subject for contemplation. Did the Preceptor smoke a long clay pipe, and evolve from spiral wreaths of mist his ideas of Masonic precepts, and his interpretations of Masonic duty? Did he indulge in potations long and deep, interspersing the edifying performance with profound allusions to the wisdom of King Solomon, or the might of King Hiram? or did he eschew all these things, and go in for Freemasonry pure and "undiluted"? Haply, these queries cannot now be resolved; the impenetrable silence of the grave covers the past, but we are inclined to believe that some of the objectionable practices of the present day in English Lodges of Instruction are derived from that not very remote era when roysterers ruled the roast in every grade of society, and when even prelates were more renowned for the exquisite flavour of their port and claret, than for the soundness or orthodoxy of their divinity. This, however, is not a characteristic of the nineteenth century, and we may congratulate ourselves upon the fact, although, as above intimated, there is still room for improvement in the conduct of our Masonic seminaries. From the Green Dragon at Uxbridge, where "St. James" was held in veneration, to the King's Arms Inn at the same place, we must now journey in pursuit of Middlesex Masonry. "St. James" retired in favour of the "Royal Union," so named in honour of the late princely dukes of Kent and Sussex, under whose auspices the two Grand Lodges of England were happily united. The "Royal Union, No. 382" is now the oldest lodge in the Metropolitan province, and with the exception of the "Salisbury" Lodge, No. 434, first formed at Waltham Cross, and soon afterwards removed to Enfield, "382" enjoyed the distinction of being the only lodge in Middlesex for a dozen years. Nine years ago, when the brethren first agitated the question of the establishment of a Grand Lodge for the province, there were but three lodges, and the Grand Master very naturally doubted the propriety of granting their request. Since then, six new lodges have been added, and under peculiarly auspicious auguries the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was inaugurated on Saturday last by a Mason no less distinguished than Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, who, upon this occasion, as upon many previous ones, evinced his thorough mastery of every point which can render Masonic ceremonies effective and sublime. The assem-

blage was in every respect worthy of the event; about one hundred brethren, including several eminent as leaders of the Craft, participated in the august solemnities, and tendered their homage and congratulations to Colonel Burdett, as the first Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex. Of that popular and respected brother's qualifications for his new office it would be fulsome to speak; the reputation he has acquired as a good Mason amongst our brethren in Ireland is a sufficient guarantee for his efficiency as a provincial ruler of the Craft, and we are satisfied that under his guidance the Province of Middlesex will develop itself into a most important stronghold of Freemasonry. We are certain that the Charities will be more thoroughly aided, because the brethren will realise their position in relation to other provinces, and emulate the glorious example which has been set in this and other respects by Lancashire and Yorkshire.

We, therefore, heartily welcome the "New Province of Middlesex" into the great family of English Masonic Provinces. We desire to record our appreciation of an event which tends to consolidate and cement the Craft; and from the success which has attended the inaugural ceremonial at Teddington, we anticipate, without reserve, a brilliant and happy future for the newly-constituted Provincial Grand Lodge.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. "RUSTICUS" AND "ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST."

I am pleased to find in the person of Bro. Rusticus, one of the Freemasons who recollects his "O.B." and the example of our Patron Saint. It is true, a brother in the Grand Lodge of Scotland said that "the teachings of St. John the Baptist were not worth a fig" and he was not interfered with by any then present. The brother who brought forward a complaint against an office-bearer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a crime similar to that for which St. John was decapitated, although Grand Lodge passed a motion against him, was afterwards entertained at a banquet by the Freemasons representing upwards of thirty lodges throughout Scotland, and in open lodge. This brother still continues to visit lodges in all parts of Scotland and Grand Lodge are aware of it, and many of its members are so ashamed of their conduct, that the Grand Lodge are contented to take no notice. CIPES.

BRO. "RUSTICUS" AND "MASONIC PROCEDURE IN TRIALS OR COMPLAINTS."

No Freemason can be expelled, suspended, excluded, reprimanded, or censured, without a complaint being served upon him, stating clearly and distinctly the nature of offence, and being tried in the way and manner provided for by all Grand Lodges throughout the world who recognise justice as one of the cardinal virtues of Freemasonry. I shall send to THE FREEMASON a form of the procedure which ought to be observed at all Masonic trials, and if inserted, Bro. Rusticus will thereby have an answer to his letter. CIPES.

I should be glad if Bro. Roberts, P.P.G.P., E.L., would give to the brethren more explanation of the ceremonies at the Lodge of Harmony, 298, at Rochdale, as reported in your last issue.

What is meant by a Convocation of I.P.M.? and what is meant by Bros. Kersdon, P.M.; and Davis, P.M., receiving the benefit of investment as I.P.M.'s? A MASONIC ENQUIRER.

INAUGURATION of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of MIDDLESEX,

AND

CONSECRATION OF THE BURDETT LODGE No. 1293.

A most important meeting in connection with Freemasonry was held at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, on Saturday, the 22nd instant, for the double purpose of consecrating a new Lodge and subsequently inaugurating the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. The peculiar circumstances under which the Burdett Lodge has been formed, having for its first W.M. the highly-respected brother whose name it bears, that brother himself the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and recently appointed to the important position of Provincial Grand Master for the county in which the lodge is to be held, invested the proceedings of the day with an unusual amount of interest. The high appreciation of the new appointment, and of the importance of the Burdett Lodge, was made manifest by the large attendance of brethren on this occasion. Our space will not admit of a full return of all present, and our readers will, therefore, be pleased to accept the following list as a tolerably near approach to the perfect muster-roll of brethren. Of the founders of the Burdett Lodge were present: Bros. Colonel Francis Burdett, the W.M.-designate; George Kenning, S.W.-designate; Robert Kenyon, J.W.-designate; R. W. Little, P.M.; W. H. Hubbard, P.M.; Major H. W. Palmer; H. G. Buss, P.M.; F. Walters, P.M.; F. Binckes, P.M., &c., &c. The members of other lodges of the Province and visitors to both the Burdett Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge, comprised, amongst many others, the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.S.D., Grand Secretary; Thos. Fenn, P. Asst. G.D.C.; Bros. James Brett, A.G.P.; F. Davison, P.P.G.R. Hereford; E. Benham, P.P.S.W. Wilts; F. Adlard, P.P.A.D.C. Essex; Rev. D. Shaboc, P. G. Chaplain, Suffolk; W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B. Surrey; H. E. C. Finch, P.G. Registrar Herts; Raynham W. Stewart, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; W. Coombes, P.M. and Secretary, 382; C. E. Woodward, Treasurer, 382; H. C. Finch, P.M. and Secretary, 708; J. J. Wilson, P.M. and W.M., 1237; T. Morris, P.M., 865; James Stevens, P.M. and S.W., 1216; James Glaisher, Z.R.S., P.M., 33; A. B. Day, P.M., 865; E. Clark, P.M., 1194; J. G. Marsh, P.M., 28, 1194; J. Hester, P.M., 788; J. D. McDougall, P.M., 788; A. Avery, P.M., 1194; W. M. Bywater, P.M., 19; R. D. Odell, P.M., 3; Rev. F. Champion de Crespigny; W. Smeed, P.M., 946; A. A. Richards, P.M., 865; G. T. Noyce, W.M. 975; W. Luce, P.M., 142; J. H. H. Douglas, P.M., 79; Smith, W.M., 890; W. Batty, P.M., W.M., 181; W. Platt, P.M. 23; W. Ough, G.P., P.M. 1273; C. B. Payne, P.M., 27; T. Wescombe, P.M., 905; J. H. Doughney, P.M., 79; W. M. Cameron, P.M., 201; R. Boncey, P.M. 79; C. Murton, P.M. 7; C. Tye, 1237; H. Allman, J.W. 1194; G. King, S.W. 1238; H. Parker, 435; R. J. Elsam, 201; Magnus Ohren, 33; J. Bitten, 73; Angelo Lewis; W. Coward, 905; Theodore Distin, 175; W. Walters; Edwards, 144; A. Frickenhaus, 862; H. W. Williams, 193; J. H. Edwards, 8; Joseph Taylor, 18; W. B. Heath, P.S.G.W. Herts, 504; &c., &c.

A Lodge was formed at half-past one precisely, the V.W. Brother John Hervey presiding, which having been opened in the three degrees, the presiding officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and expressed his sincere hope that the lodge about to be consecrated might, in every respect, prove worthy of the Craft, and be of great advantage to Freemasonry in the Province to which it would be attached. The petition and warrant having been read, the founders of the new lodge were placed before the presiding officer, and the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, was constituted according to ancient form. Bro. James Brett, A.G.P., acting as J.W., then delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the institution; and the anthem "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is to dwell together in unity!" having been sung, the presiding officer, assisted by the Wardens, *pro tem.*, and the Rev. F. C. de Crespigny, as chaplain, solemnly conse-

crated the lodge, the whole of the beautiful and impressive ceremony being carried out in most effective detail, after which the lodge was dedicated with the usual accompaniments of prayer and praise. A more perfect and finished consecration ceremony few brethren can have witnessed, and the expressions of satisfaction evinced by all present bore testimony to the skill and ability of the Grand Secretary.

The lodge having been resumed to the second degree, Bro. R. Wentworth Little presented the worthy and honourable Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Provincial Grand Master (nominate) of Middlesex, to receive, at the hands of the Grand Secretary, the benefit of installation as W.M. of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293. This ceremony was also most admirably performed, and the newly-installed Master received from the brethren the most cordial congratulations and hearty good wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. The W.M. then proceeded to install his officers in the following order, viz. :— Bros. George Kenning, S.W.; Robert Kenyon, J.W.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Henry Hubbard, P.M., Secretary; Major H. W. Palmer, S.D.; D. R. Still, J.D.; H. G. Buss, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; M. Edwards, Inner Guard; and John Gilbert, Tyler. After the dispatch of some necessary business relating to the conduct of the new lodge, numerous propositions of joining members and initiates were made by the W.M., S.W., and Treasurer respectively, and the lodge having been resumed to the first degree, the W.M. resigned his chair to the Grand Secretary and retired.

Having requested Grand Officers to act as Wardens,

The V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, then declared the brethren present as constituting a Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. R. Wentworth Little in due form announced that the R.W. Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett was in attendance for the purpose of being duly installed as a Provincial Grand Master, and was requested to procure and read the charter or warrant for the Grand Lodge of Middlesex, and also the patent authorising Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett to govern the same, which being done, the Grand Secretary deputed the Acting Wardens and Stewards to attend on the R.W.P.G.M., and conduct him to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The entry of Colonel Burdett was the signal for repeated bursts of acclamation, and the distinguished brother was profoundly touched by the warmth and sincerity of his reception. Having taken the obligation of Provincial Grand Master, the Grand Secretary invested Colonel Burdett with the insignia of his exalted office, and conducted him to the throne, from whence the R.W.P.G.M. addressed the brethren in terms of grateful appreciation of their cordial welcome. Having returned thanks to the Grand Secretary, and obtained an unanimous vote of the members of the Burdett Lodge to the election of Bro. Hervey as an honorary member of that lodge, the R.W.P.G.M. proceeded to invest his Grand Officers in the following order, viz. :—

Frederic Davison, (P.M. 10), 708, Senior Grand Warden.

John M. Stedwell, P.M., 788 and 946, Junior Grand Warden.

Rev. Frederick Champion de Crespigny, 708, Grand Chaplain.

Henry Gustavus Buss, (P.M. 27), 1293, Grand Treasurer.

George Cordwell, P.M., 788, Grand Registrar.

Robert Wentworth Little, (P.M. 975), 1194 and 1293, Grand Secretary.

Albert B. Day, *M.D.*, P.M., 865, Senior Grand Deacon.

John Josiah Wilson, W.M., 1237, Junior Grand Deacon.

Edward Clark, P.M., 1194, Grand Supt. of Works.

John Trickett, *C.E.*, W.M., 1194, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

James Green, W.M., 788, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

William Coombes, P.M., 382, Grand Sword Bearer.

Thomas R. McIlwham, W.M., 946, Grand Organist.

William Smeed, P.M., 946, Grand Pursuivant.

John George Marsh, P.M. 28, 1194, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

John Gilbert, Grand Tyler.
Antonio John Codner, 382,
Arthur A. Richards, P.G.S., 865,
Thomas Cubitt, 1194,
Alfred Avery, 1194,
Joseph Taylor, 1238,
George Kenning, S.W., 1293,

Grand
Stewards.

The proposed bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then read and approved, and the business of Inauguration having been completed the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren dispersed for a short interval preparatory to the

BANQUET,

which was well attended, as seventy brethren sat down to table. The musical arrangements, both during lodge ceremonials and at the banquet, were under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, assisted by Bros. Theodore Distin and Coward, and gave great satisfaction.

The cloth having been cleared and grace sung,

The R.W.P.G.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with all Masonic honours, the National Anthem being sung in solos and chorus.

The R.W.P.G.M. next proposed "The health of the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland," remarking upon the length of years during which our chief had served Freemasonry, and which had duly earned for him that honourable and dignified retirement he now sought.

The R.W.P.G.M. proposed "The health of Bro. H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master," and after a few brief remarks, expressive of the pleasure felt by himself and the Craft generally in the association of H.R.H.'s name with the Order, added "The health of the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl de Grey and Ripon, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. THOS. FENN, P.A.G.D.C., on behalf of the officers of Grand Lodge, and venturing to include also amongst them the Royal Brother first named, assured the R.W.P.G.M. and the brethren, of the satisfaction which it had given Grand Lodge to grant the patent for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, and to himself and the brethren who had accompanied him for the purpose of assisting in the propitious business of the day. He sincerely hoped, and ventured to predict, that the new Provincial Grand Lodge would be one of the brightest ornaments in the Craft.

The V.W. Bro. JOHN HERVEY, Grand Secretary, proposed "The health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex, Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett," referring to the labours of the day as something unique in Freemasonry. He knew of no brother who could parallel the experience of the occasion which had called them together. A new lodge had been consecrated bearing the name of its founder, who became at once its first Master and the head of the province in which the lodge is situated. It was a proud day for the worthy brother who had now become the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex; and a proud day for him who had been so pleasantly engaged in the performance of the necessary ceremonies. He felt sure that the distinguished brother whose health he now proposed was in every way well calculated to preserve the dignity of the Craft, and to carry out the important work attached to his exalted office. He was glad that the M.W.G.M. had constituted Middlesex into a province, as the several lodges in that county were now acknowledged, and placed under the control of a brother so well-known and respected, and of whom he might sincerely say, that he has been and is a good man and Mason. (Hear, hear.) Whatever position Colonel Burdett might have been placed in, he would have reflected credit upon the Order, but probably in none could he so especially render the Craft service as in that of Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. He was eminently the right man in the right place, and no better reason could be given or advanced for his calling upon the brethren to respond heartily to the toast he now proposed.

The response was given with great enthusiasm and long-continued acclamation.

Song, by Bro. Distin, "A Soldier to-night is our Guest."

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, whose rising was greeted with renewed cheers, expressed the difficulty he felt in finding sufficiently adequate terms wherewith to return thanks for the kind manner in which he had been spoken of by the Grand Secretary, and the enthusiastic welcome accorded to him by the brethren. He had served Masonry for many years, but could scarcely have hoped to receive such an acknowledgment as that which placed him in the position he now enjoyed. He had received much support from the brethren generally, and he now hoped that such support might not only be continued, but as far as the business of the province was concerned, might even be increased. Unless so supported, and he had no apprehension to the contrary, all his endeavours

on behalf of the province would be as nothing, but he felt sure that the standard raised to-day would be rallied around by all interested in maintaining its proud position. He knew the responsibility he had undertaken, but with the assistance of his chosen officers, he felt sure that his exertions would be crowned by success. From this moment Middlesex would appear not only as a province in Freemasonry, but also as a bright star in the horizon of the noble Order. It was a proud day for him, as the Provincial Grand Master, to see so many tried and true friends around him. The province was an important one, and everything should be done to maintain its importance. He should especially look to the fostering of the Charities of the Order, and should ask for support at the forthcoming festivals of the several institutions. In conclusion, he most heartily thanked the Grand Secretary, his Provincial Grand Officers, and the brethren for their attention to his remarks and the cordial reception of his name.

The R.W.P.G.M. then called upon Bro. Stevens for a song of his (Bro. Stevens') composition, "What better theme than Masonry?" which gave much satisfaction, the brethren joining in the chorus with good effect.

The R.W.P.G.M. next proposed "The health of the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary," thanking him for the services he had that day rendered both to the Provincial Grand Lodge and to the Burdett Lodge, services which he was sure the brethren would not easily forget, and which he must be permitted to add were most efficiently rendered. (Drank with high honours.)

Song, Bro. Coward, "Sweet Mary of the Vale."

The V.W. Bro. JOHN HERVEY, Grand Secretary, replied, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred, and considering that what services he had endeavoured to render had been amply repaid by his election to the position of an honorary member of the Burdett Lodge, and the cordial acknowledgement which the brethren had otherwise made. What he had performed was a labour of love, as well as one of duty, and he should retire from amongst them at the conclusion of the day's proceedings with the pleasurable consciousness of having spent much time with both enjoyment to himself and profit to Freemasonry.

The R.W.P.G.M. proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Wardens, to which Bro. DAVISON, S.G.W., replied in appropriate terms.

The R.W.P.G.M. proposed the "Health of the Chaplains, Bros. the Rev. F. C. de Crespigny and the Rev. D. Shaboe," and each of these brethren returned thanks.

Piano solo, by Bro. Parker.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proposed "The health of Bro. R. W. Little, P.G. Sec.," who had so mainly contributed to the success of the business of the day, and upon whom he passed a high eulogium in respect of his Masonic ability and social qualities. The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. LITTLE, in very felicitous language, responded to the compliment.

The R.W.P.G.M. proposed "The Visitors," and referring again to the charities, many ardent supporters of which he recognised amongst them, mentioned the name of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School.

Bro. BINCKES in reply stated that really he was a member of the Burdett Lodge, but probably might be considered a visitor to the Provincial Grand Lodge; he would therefore accept the position in which the R.W.P.G.M. had placed him, and thanked the brethren for the heartiness with which the toast had been drunk. He would take the opportunity to "improve the occasion," by venturing a modest appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, and had the confidence to ask the support of the R.W.P.G.M. at the ensuing festival, as well as that of the newly-appointed officers.

(It is almost needless to add, that Bro. Binckes, as usual, "improved the occasion" to good effect, as within a short time after he had sat down he rose again to announce that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and several other brethren would take no small share in securing the success of the festival to be presided over by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in March next).

"The Stewards," "Officers of the Lodge, 1293," and the Tyler's toast were amongst the remaining toasts of the evening, after which and partaking of coffee in the ante-room, the brethren sought the train for London and separated highly pleased with the whole of the proceedings connected with the Inauguration of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.—A grateful father is desirous of sending by mail, free of charge to all who wish it, a copy of the prescription by which his daughter was restored to perfect health from confirmed Consumption, after having been given up by her physicians and despaired of by her father, a well-known physician, who has now discontinued practice. Sent to any person free.—Address O. P. Brown, Secretary, 2, King-street, Covent-garden, London.—[Advt.]

MASONIC BALL AT NEWBURY,

The Ball held at the Mansion House, on Friday, passed off with the greatest amount of eclat. Although the first of its kind held in Newbury, the ball presented all the appearance of an old-established meeting, being attended by numerous residents of the town and neighbourhood, as well as many who came from distant parts of the county. Both in point of numbers, the completeness of arrangement, and the unmixed enjoyment of the company, the ball of Friday night cannot be regarded less than a great success, and presenting a model for future Masonic gatherings of a like nature.

The accomplishment of results so indispensable to enjoyment at such a gathering was mainly due to the untiring zeal with which the committee had previously worked, aided by their energetic secretary, Mr. G. Cosburn. The whole length of the Mansion House was appropriated for the purposes of the dance; and the room was brilliantly lighted and decorated with a taste and appreciation of the requirements of a Masonic gathering which was highly creditable to Mr. G. Boyer, whose identification with the Craft no doubt enabled him the better to carry out his task. Many who were present confessed that they had never seen the "old room" look better, and we admit, for uniqueness and effect, never having seen the ornamentation equalled. Festoons of evergreens and flowers looped with blue, silver, and white rosettes and streamers, were carried all round the room below the cornice, pendant from which hung Masonic blue bannerets lined with silver, and bearing emblems and mottoes of the Craft. On the blinds of each window were medallions, in blue, purple, vermilion, gold, &c., with emblems of the several degrees of advanced Freemasonry, surrounded by wreaths of evergreens, and immediately in front of these were elegant candelabra, each holding eight wax lights, which thoroughly illuminated the emblems. Between the windows were consol glasses in elegant frames, and in every available space on the walls mirrors were fixed, which reflected the brilliancy of the decorations and the graceful forms and varied costume of those who engaged in the Terpsichorean revel, as they swayed to the dulcet sounds of the music of the band, whose scarlet uniforms and stalwart forms, as they occupied a raised dais wreathed with flowers at the upper end of the room, in no small degree enhanced the charming effect. At the sides of the room were raised platforms covered with green baize and supporting seats with crimson cushions. The landing at the top of the stairs was converted into a refreshment saloon, and the Council Chamber laid for supper. The police-station when renovated, formed an agreeable reception room for gentlemen; and altogether the arrangements were as convenient as could well be.

The company began to arrive soon after nine, and dancing commenced at half-past. By the time the whole of the visitors had arrived there were over 120 present, and as the ladies and gentlemen were fairly proportioned the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced. The band of the 1st Life Guards, under the direction of Bro. Edwards, performed a choice selection of dance music in capital style, while the dancers footed it merrily to the inspiring strains.

About twelve a brief intermission occurred for supper, after which the impulse was—

"On with the dance, let joy be unconfined;"

and in unwearied pleasure the intervening hours sped on with fugitive swiftness, till six o'clock brought with it the end of the programme; and even then gallant Masons, and fair dancers too, with ardent Terpsichorean instincts, apparently believing in the idea that it was impossible to have too much of a good thing, proposed that the programme should be gone through again, but this was deferred, in the toast which was drunk before separating, "To our next merry meeting." Previous to the programme, however, being completed, Bro. Cave ascended the platform devoted to the band, and, in the name of the company, expressed their thanks to the W.M. for his attendance, and for the very efficient and satisfactory way in which the ball had been conducted. Bro. Bland replied, and a vote of thanks was subsequently presented to the M.C.'s, for whom Bro. Bance returned thanks. The several speakers were loudly cheered; and when allusion was made to a recurrence of a Masonic ball in the course of two or three years, an enthusiastic visitor exclaimed, "Let us have another next week!" There was undoubtedly a feeling amongst the numerous party that the Masonic body should give another ball next year.

The following were noticed among the company present on Friday evening:—The Mayor of Newbury (Bro. R. A. Ryott), Miss F. Ryott, Bro. Bland, W.M., 574, P.P.G.J.W., and Miss Bland; Bro. W. H. Cave, P.M., W.M.-elect, P.G. Reg.; and Mrs. Cave, Bros. Silas Palmer, M.D., Bro. H. Bursey, Bro. F. G. Hall, P.M. (Treasurer); and Mrs. Hall, Bro. G. Boyer, P.M., P.G.S.; Mrs. and Miss

M. Boyer, Bro. W. W. King, P.M., S.W., P.P.G.S.D.; Miss E. and Miss A. King, Bros. Barron Fielder, and Durrant (Maidenhead), Mrs. and Miss Durrant, Mr. Frank Durrant, Mrs. A. Roake, Miss Wise, Miss Mason, and Mr. Hobbs; Bro. J. Bance, Miss Brooks, and Miss E. J. Brooks, Bro. M. Wheeler, (Wantage), and Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Gillies, Bro. A. Burns, J.W.; Miss Seward, Bro. C. Wheeler, J.D.; Miss Batchelder, Bro. R. Ravenor and Miss Ravenor, Bro. Newton, Miss Harding, Bro. J. K. May, Bro. Johnston and party, Bro. G. J. Cosburn, (Secretary), Miss Insell, Bro. B. Salisbury, Mr. Alderman Wilson, Mr. W., Mr. B., and Miss Wilson, Mr. Wilson (Hunt's Green), Mr. W. Hickman, Miss Hickman, Miss Adey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bance, Mr. J. Beck, Mrs. Judd, Mr. Bond, Miss Ham (Reading), Mr. Biddis, jun., Misses Biddis, Mr. R. C. Ryott, Miss Unwin, Mr. Scard, Mr. Webster, Mr. Gambrill, Mr. A. Berry, Mr. J. Parker, Miss Parker, Mr. H. Creed, Mr. Caldicot, Miss Dubberley (Reading), Miss Machin, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isaac, Mr. Roby, Mr. H. S. Hanington, Mr. A. Boyer, Miss Gilbert, Mr. W. Balding, Miss Cooper, Miss S. Balding, Mr. Thomson, M.A., W.T., and Misses Thomson, Misses Stacey, Miss Batthews, Mr. Poulton, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Wintle, Miss Fidler, Mr. C. Jackson, Mr. E. Austen, Miss and Miss E. Austen, Mr. F. E. Frampton, Mr. J. White, Miss and Miss E. Leonard, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Myers, Mr. H. Lucas, Mr. Rickards, Misses Long, Mr. G. Davy, Mr. Norrinton, &c.

The M.C.'s, whose efficiency was a theme of "agreeable comment" were Bros. B. Fielder and J. Bance.—*Newbury Weekly News*, Jan. 20.

Original Correspondence.

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(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I would be glad to hear your opinion on the following query:—

Is it legal for an Honorary Member of a lodge under the Scotch Constitution to be elected to the chair of Right Worshipful Master, and be installed therein? Also, to vote on all questions concerning the lodge, he still continuing his Honorary membership? as many of the brethren think he should be a subscribing member to the lodge. I believe, by the Constitution of Grand Lodge of Scotland it is illegal; but it appears that a by-law of the lodge in question allows it. But doubts are entertained that such a by-law was ever approved by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Your opinion would be a great service to Masonry in general, and one of your journals giving it would be thankfully received by the lodges holden in Mauritius under the other Constitutions.

Your fraternally,
MASTER MASON.
Port Louis, Maritius, Dec. 17th, 1869.
[Reply next week.—ED. F.]

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—In answer to "Rusticus," I beg to inform him that no brother can be suspended or expelled, without having been served with a summons showing forth the charges made against him, so that he may be prepared to refute them. Vide, Trans., &c., of Grand Lodge of Scotland, chap. xi., sec. 7, 8, and 9, cap. xv., sec. 11.; Constitutions Grand Lodge of England, pages 20 sec. 8, 25, sec. 17 and 68, sec. 21; Simons' Masonic Jurisprudence, cap. vii.; Penal Code, sec. 2.

But some of the Grand Lodges arrogate to themselves the power of breaking their laws at pleasure. The laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland says (cap. xi., sec. 13), "When a motion shall have been regularly made and seconded, it shall not be competent for the Grand Master, or other Brother officiating in the chair, to refuse to put the same to the vote; and if any doubt shall arise as to the interpretation of a law, the power of deciding the same shall be vested, not in the chair, but in the meeting."

Now, I have before me at present, a motion tabled at the August meeting, 1869, duly proposed and seconded in conformity with Grand L. Laws; said motion was also received by the Grand Master and read by him; no objections made. The meeting of November arrives, no such motion is placed on the circular, neither is there notice sent to the brother who proposed it, that it was incompetent or withdrawn; but on inquiry at head quarters the following communication was received, "that a declaration or resolution came to by Grand Lodge in August, was not, and could not be tabled at the meeting in May, seeing that the necessity for passing it had not then arisen. It was not a new law or alteration of an old one, requiring three month's notice, but simply a declaration that the matter in question had been decided or adjudicated

by Grand Lodge, and was at an end." This was received in answer to a letter, not inquiring if the above declaration had been tabled in May.

There is no law in Grand Lodge empowering them to quash any motion after its being tabled and received by Grand Lodge. The proposer of the motion would not be allowed to ask the question at Grand Lodge, of what had become of his motion, and I believe, for the first time the large majority learned that a declaration or resolution could be put to the vote and passed on the same night.

Let any brother read the law before-quoted, and then the resolution or declaration, and explain the anomaly. It seems to me no one can say of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that their laws are like the Medes and Persians; the sooner a revision takes place the better.

As stated in No. 44 of THE FREEMASON, page 17, we have occasion to envy the Lodge St. John, Melrose, who are free from the arbitrary despotism of the Grand Lodge, where misrule predominates. Either in Lodges or Governments, it is the sacred right of members or peoples to raise their voice against it.

Yours truly and fraternally,
MONTRA.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR,—I observed in a short report in the *Globe*, of the laying the foundation stone at Rotherham, that the M.W., the Earl de Grey and Ripon, stated he was glad H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was going to take the chair at the next festival of the Boys' School, and he hoped ALL the brethren would come up and support His Royal Highness on that occasion; and as I have since heard it is not settled where the festival will be holden, may I suggest to the Governors of the Institution that the Agricultural Hall at Islington be engaged, as that is the largest building in London, the hall at the Tavern being far too small to dine one-fiftieth part of the Masons in England at the present time; or may not the reporter have mistaken his lordship, who, perhaps, meant to say he hoped all the brethren would be present by their sympathy and their offerings, and that the stewards who represent them will be proud and thankful to say, that they—in the name of the Freemasons of England—have brought up enough to clear the institution from all liabilities, that the school may be put in the same position as the sister charities, which is the hearty wish of

A SUBSCRIBER.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Would you or any of your numerous correspondents inform me under what charter the Board of Installed Past Masters works the degree? It is only conferred, as I understand, on the Master-elect. I have searched the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, and can find no mention of the degree, the number required for a Board or Lodge, or any regulations for conducting the same.

Yours fraternally,
MONTRA.

[Reply next week.—ED. F.]

MASONIC TOBACCO-BOX.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am rather interested in the letter of Bro. Horace Swete, and, if possible, I should like to know something more of the history of his old tobacco-box before believing that the emblems he describes were depicted upon it in "1670." At present, from his description, I should infer that whatever the age of the box may be, the age of the engraving is nearer 1770 than "1670." However, if Bro. Swete will give his full address in your next issue, I shall communicate with him privately, and if we can bring out anything definite, well and good, only I trust that having mentioned the subject, he will meet me frankly and openly.

I am, yours fraternally,
LEO.

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall esteem it a favour if brethren in possession of records of Royal Arch meetings, before A.D. 1760, or of works before that date, would inform me of their character. Also if they know where any are to be seen, or have perused such and would kindly intimate to me their nature. I should also feel much indebted, as such assistance will be of much aid to me in writing the early history of Royal Arch Masonry.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Truro, Cornwall, Jan. 22, 1870.

THE FORMS FOR GRAND LODGE.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR,—I would suggest that more space be allowed in the country return of contributing mem-

bers, to fill in properly what is required. We are requested to put the name and number of previous lodge for a joining member, and there is scarcely room for the number only. Altogether the form is cramped, and as extra expense need not be incurred by extending the sheet, it would be an advantage to all parties.

A PAST SECRETARY (1199).

OCCULT SCIENCE.

BY FRATER WILLIAM CARPENTER, VI^o,
Author of "Scientia Biblica," "Calendarium Palestinae,"
Editor of "Calmet's Dictionary of the Bible," &c., &c.

The works of Eliphaz Levi on Magique—"Dogme et Rituel de la Haute Magie," "Histoire de la Magie," and "Clef des Grands Mystères,"—are, I believe, very little known, even among the members of our mystic and secret orders, notwithstanding that they contain a vast amount of curious learning, more or less connected with the arcana which the members of such orders are under an obligation to study, realize, and adapt. As far as I am in a condition to speak of these works, I should say that they comprise the result of a most laborious course of study, including the works of ancient and modern writers on the recondite sciences, and throw considerable light on the mysteries and rituals of both Oriental and Occidental religions and philosophies. They form a complete course on the science of the ancient magi, each work being complete in itself; but for the perfect understanding of any one of them, the careful study of the other two is indispensable.

The ternary division of the work is taken from the science itself; as Levi's discovery of the great mysteries of the science rests entirely on the signification that the ancient hierophants attached to numbers. With them, *three* was the generative number, and in the teaching of every doctrine they considered—first its theory, next its results, and then its adaptation to all possible uses. Thus are dogmas formed, whether philosophical or religious. Thus the dogmatic synthesis of Christianity, the heir of the magi, presents to our faith three persons in one God, and three mysteries in universal religion. In this, Levi follows the plan of the Cabala; that is, of the pure tradition of occultism. The "*Dogme et Rituel*" are each divided into twenty-two chapters, marked by the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. At the head of each chapter is placed the letter which relates to it, with the Latin words which, according to the best authors, indicate its hieroglyphic signification. Thus at the head of the first chapter, is

I A
Le recipienduire,
Disciplina,
Ensoph,
Keter.

In Cabalistic theology this signifies that the letter *Aleph*, whose equivalent in Latin and in French (as also in English) is A, and its numeral value 1, denotes the aspirant—*man* called to initiation, the *cunning man* (the juggler). It denotes also, the dogmatic *syllapsis* (disciplina), *being* in its general and first conception (Ensoph); and the idea of divinity is expressed by *Keter* (the crown). The chapter is the development of the title, and the title contains hieroglyphically all the chapter. The entire book is composed according to this combination.

The "*Historie de la Magie*," which, according to the theory given in the "*Dogme*" and the "*Rituel*," relates and explains the realizations of this science, through all time, is constructed according to the septenary number—the number, that is, of the creative week and the Divine realization.

The "*Clef des Grands Mystères*" is built on the number *four*, which is that of the enigmatical form of the sphinx, and of elementary manifestations. It is also the number of the square and of strength, and in this book the author undertakes to establish truth on immovable basis—to perfectly explain the enigma of the sphinx, and to give the key to those things that have been hidden from the beginning of time, and which the learned *Postil* dared to give in one of his most abstruse works only in a most enigmatical

manner, and without any satisfactory explanation. The "*Historie de la Magie*" explains what is affirmed in the "*Dogme*" and the "*Rituel*," and the "*Clef des Grand Mystères*" completes and explains the history of magic; so that the attentive reader will lack nothing necessary to the revelation of the secrets of the Cabala of the Hebrews, and the high magic, whether of Zoroaster or of Hermes.

It may be well to note, that the term *magic* is not, in these or other works on the occult sciences, used in the limited sense in which it is now usually employed; that is, to denote the art of sorcery, enchantment, &c., but in a more comprehensive sense, including the apprehension and appropriation of all the recondite truths or mysteries of *being*. There is a false magic and a true magic; a low magic and a high magic. The former uses knowledge and power for diabolical purposes; the latter, for wise and holy purposes. "*Magie*," says Levi, "unites in one science all that philosophy can have of the certain, and that religion can have of the infallible and the eternal. It perfectly and incontestably reconciles those two terms, which at first sight appear so opposed—faith and reason, science and belief, authority and liberty. It gives to the human mind an instrument of philosophic and religious certitude as exact as mathematics, and demonstrates the infallibility of mathematics itself. The Cabalistic doctrine, which is the dogma of high magic, is contained in the Sepheah Jezirah, the Sohar, and the Talmud."

"*Magie*," he elsewhere says, "was the science of Abraham and of Orpheus, of Confucius and of Zoroaster. They were the dogmas of magic that were graven on the tables of stone, by Enoch and by Trismegistus. Moses purified them, and brought them to light; but he veiled them anew when he made them the exclusive heritage of the people of Israel, and the inviolable secret of her priests. The mysteries of Eleusis and of Thebes preserved amidst the nations some of the early perverted symbols, the mysterious key of which was lost among the instruments of an ever-increasing superstition. Jerusalem, the murderer of her prophets, and so many times *prostituted to the false gods* of the Syrians and Babylonians, in her turn lost the holy word, when a Saviour, announced to the magi by the sacred star of initiation, came, and rent the worn-out veil of the old temple, to give to the church a new set of legends and symbols, which hide from the profane, and preserve to the elect the same truths."

Such is a feeble outline of these learned and comprehensive volumes; and as there is in them much of deep interest to Rosicrucians, I hope to draw attention to them by occasional translations.

THE subscription list of the National Education League has received another addition of £1000 by Mr. J. H. Nettlefold, of Birmingham. There are now seventeen subscribers of £1000 each, and twelve of £500 each.

THE TEETH.—At a late sitting of the *Société Médicale au Panthéon*, Dr. Quantin read a paper on dental hygienics among the Arabs. Their teeth are always remarkably white, a circumstance which the author attributes to the almost exclusive use of coucoussou as an article of food, and of coffee without sugar as a beverage, besides water. But this is not all; the Arabs rinse their mouths several times at the beginning of each of their four daily ablutions, and thereby any small alimentary particle that may have stuck between the teeth is carried away. They also chew, about once a week, a bit of bark, called *soual*, and which seems to be akin to the walnut-tree; the bark must not however be chewed till it is reduced to the consistency of a pulp, but, when softened by the saliva, it is taken out, the teeth are rubbed with it, and then wiped with the burnous which is white.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The anniversary festival of this most excellent institution was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch Bart., M.P., the Prov. Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, and was one of the most successful meetings, both in regard to numbers present and the amount of subscriptions to the charity, which has yet been held.

Amongst those who assisted on this occasion, we noticed the V.W. Bros. Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, G. Chaplain; B. Head, P.G.D.; J. R. White, P.G.D.; G. W. K. Potter, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.; W. A. J. Powell, P.G.D., and D.P.G.M. Bristol; Rev. W. Bramwell Smith, P.P.G. Chaplain, Warwickshire; Dr. Selve, P.P.G.D. Surrey; E. T. Inskip, P.G.D. Somerset; W. Bigg, P.P.G.W. Berks and Bucks; R. W. Stewart, P.P.G.D. Essex; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward (Secretary Boys' School); Wm. Farnfield, P. Asst. G. Sec. (Secretary to the institution); W. Smith, C.E., P.G. Steward; R. Spencer, P.G. Steward; S. May, W.M. 23, &c.; Rev. Sir John Hayes, P.P.G. Chap.; J. J. Cornwall, G. Steward, W.M. 14; R. R. Nelson, P.G. Sec., and P.D.G.M. West York; E. Trendall, P.P. G.D. Berks and Bucks; J. Taylor, P.G. Steward Middlesex; T. Cubitt, P.G. Steward Middlesex; R. Wentworth Little, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treasurer Middlesex; James Stevens, P.M., and S.W. 1216; A. J. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; W. Dodd, S.W. 1194; C. F. Morgan, 101; J. Barnes, P.M., 933; G. Bolton, P.M., 169; J. W. Barrett, P.M., 169; B. P. Todd, P.M., Treas. 27; G. W. Dix, 920, F. McCulloch, 27, J. Coutts, P.M., 27; T. Harrison, 27; C. Greenwood, P.G. Sec. Surrey; J. C. Meymott, Tattersall, P.M. 13; Mills, P.M., 163; J. Burton, P.M., 9; H. Carey, P.M., 780; Rev. J. H. Inkes, P.P.G.C. Herefordshire; Joseph Meredith (of Canada), W. Watson, P.M.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.M., 435; J. A. Farnfield, P.M., 256; J. T. Moss, P.M., 169; H. J. Lewis, P.M., 907; James Terry, P.M., 228, P.G.S.B., Herts; E. J. Page, P.M., 23; E. P. Albert, P.M., 188; S. Rosenthal, P.M.; A. J. Codner, P.M., 45, P.G.S. Middlesex; Geo. Perrin, P.M., 9; &c., the number present being about two hundred and fifty.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, and a choice programme of music was efficiently performed by the following talented artistes, viz.: Mdle. Enequist, Madame Deck-Servani, Madame Harriette Lee, Miss Alice Fairman, and Bros. George Perren, Deck, Caravoglia, and Romano.

The cloth having been cleared, grace was sung by the choir, and

The R.W. the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen and the Craft" (which toast was drunk with the usual Masonic honours). The R.W. the Chairman next proposed "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, President of the Institution;" and remarked that it could not be otherwise than to the regret of the Craft generally that probably this would be the last occasion the brethren might have at similar festival meetings of drinking that toast in acknowledgement of his rule over Freemasonry. The brethren were about to lose a good friend and excellent chief, and their only consolation rested in the fact that his proposed successor would certainly prove as efficient a substitute as he had hitherto been his deputy. (This toast was received with great enthusiasm.)

Song, "The Nightingale's Trill" (W. Ganz), Madlle. Enequist.

The R.W. the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Most Worshipful Past Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, and Present and Past Grand Officers," observing that the connection of his Royal Highness with Masonry would ever be a gratification to the Craft generally, and that, as it was really the intention of the present Grand Master to retire, the acceptance of that office by the Deputy Grand Master, who had so well discharged all his official duties hitherto, would also be of advantage to the Craft, and satisfy the brethren that the Order would not lose its present position under the direction of so able a brother. He would, on this occasion, couple with the toast the name of the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Chaplain.

The V.W. Bro. MARTYN, in a brief but effective speech returned thanks.

Song, "Tom Bowling," Bro. Perren.

The R.W. the CHAIRMAN, proposed "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons;" and entered into a history of its progress and present position, regretting that he could not speak so cheerfully as he could wish in regard to the support

afforded to it, as compared with that given to other institutions. Yet he had abundant hopes that a better state of things was about to commence; for the good it had been the means of doing was, he believed, becoming more generally known, and it only required the brethren to be assured of its beneficial working to ensure their attention to it, and the liberal support which would surely follow. Having stated the receipts and expenditure of the institution for a series of years past, and mentioned that at the last festival the sum of £2,260 was the total of the collection, the chairman commended the charity to the best consideration of all present, and hoped their reception of the toast would be both hearty and sincere.

The brethren responded with fevour, and the subscription list having been gathered, the chairman announced the result to be a collection of £3,266, with six returns yet to be made. The announcement was received with cheers.

The V.W. Bro. TOMKINS, Grand Treasurer, proposed the health of "The Chairman," who, he said, had many claims on the gratitude of Masons, and had added one more by the great aid he had given to this Festival, and by his generous interest in the Institution. His earnest appeal to the brethren had been well and cordially received, and the result was of a most gratifying character to those who had the management of the charity. (The toast was drunk with acclamation.)

The R.W. the CHAIRMAN briefly replied.

Song, "Since Yesterday," (W. Ganz), Miss Alice Fairman.

The toasts of "The other Masonic Charities," replied to by Bro. Binckes, (Secretary of the Boys' School), in a very telling speech; "The Ladies," replied to by Bro. Joseph Smith, and "The Stewards," for whom Bro. Fenn replied, brought the business part of the Festival to a close.

The brethren, with the numerous ladies present, then adjourned to the large hall, where the whole of the remainder of a full programme of music was ably performed to the delight of the entire company.

There can be no doubt of the success which has attended this Festival, and much credit is due to the worthy Secretary of the Institution, Bro. W. Farnfield, for the management of the proceedings throughout. The institution is equally deserving of the general support of the Craft, as either of the other charities, and it is to be hoped that this is but the commencement of a series of successful festivals which may result in placing the institution on a fit and proper footing of equality with both Boys' and Girls' Schools.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

The quarterly meeting of this Fraternity was held at Haxell's Hotel, West Strand, in consequence of the rooms at Freemasons' Tavern having through some error been let for the evening. The P.M.G., Fra. R. Wentworth Little, S.M., presided in the unavoidable absence of the M.G. Fra. W. J. Hughan, of Truro, whose apology for non-attendance was received with great regret by the Fraters present.

The M.C. was duly formed by the P.O., assisted by Fras. W. H. Hubbard, D.M.G.; J. Brett, Primus, Dr. W. R. Woodman, S.G.; W. F. N. Quilty, W. Hambly, G. Kenning, W. A. Tharp, W. Bird, W. Carpenter, J. R. Foulger, T. Cubitt, W. Ferguson, G. Butler, J. Coutts, D. R. Still, and others of whose names we possess no memorandum. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Morton Edwards and Bro. George Ranson, C.E., were admitted to the grade of Z.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Fras. Hubbard, M.G.; Brett, D.M.G.; Buss, T.G.; Dr. Woodman, S.G.; Thompson, Rawley, Dr. Harrison, Quilty, Levander, Hambly and Weaver, Ancients; when Fras. Hubbard and Brett were inducted into their respective chairs by the S.M. with appropriate addresses, and amid the acclamations of the assembled Fraters.

The M.G. then appointed his officers:—W. Carpenter, Precentor; Rev. W. B. Church, C. of N.; E. Stanton Jones, Organist; Angelo J. Lewis, M.A., T.B.; W. Bird, H.; W. Ferguson, G. of T.; G. Kenning, M.; D. R. Still, Asst. Sec.; J. Gilbert, Acolyte.

It was resolved that the annual banquet be held at the April meeting in future, and a committee consisting of six Fraters was appointed to carry out the details. The Right Worthy Fra. Col. Burdett, was elected chairman for the banquet by the unanimous vote of the M.C.

The dignity of Honorary Membership was then conferred upon Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, and Capt. Francis G. Irwin, Prov. J.G. Warden for Somersetshire. The closing solemnities of the Order were then duly observed, and the Fraters separated at an early hour.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending February 5, 1870.

MONDAY, JAN. 31.

- Lodge 79, "Pythagorean," Ship Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- " 181, "Universal," Freemasons' Hall.
- " 831, "British Oak," Bank of Friendship Tavern, Bancroft-place, Mile-end.
- K.T. Encampment, "Faith and Fidelity," Freemasons' Tavern.
- Kent Mark Masters' Lodge of Instruction, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand, at 7.30; Bro. C. Swan, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

TUESDAY, FEB. 1.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
- Lodge 7, "Rl. York Perseverance," Freemasons' Hall.
- " 9, "Albion," ditto.
- " 92, "Old Dundee," London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 101, "Temple," Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 172, "Old Concord," Freemasons' Hall.
- " 217, "Stability," Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 705, "St. James's," Market Tavern, New Westons-street, Bermondsey.
- " 1257, "Grosvenor," Victoria Station, Pimlico.
- " 1259, "Duke of Edinburgh," New Globe Hotel, Bow-road.
- " 1261, "Golden Rule," Great Western Hotel, Bayswater.
- Chap. 145, "Prudent Brethren," Freemasons' Hall.
- " 169, "Temperance," White Swan, Deptford.
- " 507, "United Pilgrims," Horns Tav., Kennington.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, George Hotel, Aldermanbury, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction (382), Hotel de Cologne, 60 and 61, Haymarket, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor, 382
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753) Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Prestonian Club of Instruction (for M.M.'s only), Lyceum Tavern, Strand.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Lodge 10, "Westminster & Keystone," Freemasons' Hall
- " 511, "Zetland," Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 1216, "Macdonald," Head Quarters First Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-rd., Camberwell.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), Bull & Gate, Kentish Town-road, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction (193), Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, The Grapes Tavern, Duke-street, Manchester-square, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8; Bro. C. H. Pedler, Preceptor.
- Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, FEB. 3.

- Lodge 27, "Egyptian," Anderton's, Fleet-street.
- " 45, "Strong Man," Freemasons' Hall.
- " 136, "Good Report," Radley's Hotel, Blackfriars.
- " 192, "Lion and Lamb," City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 227, "Tonic," Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 231, "St. Andrew's," Freemasons' Hall.
- " 538, "La Tolerance," di.to.
- " 554, "Yarborough," Green Dragon, Stepney.
- " 822, "Victoria Rifles," Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1155, "Excelsior," Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
- " 1178, "Perfect Ashlar," Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey-road.
- Chap. 2, "St. James's," Freemasons' Hall.
- " 9, "Moriah," Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 733, "Westbourne," New Inn, Edgware-road.
- " 742, "Crystal Palace," Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Club of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, 42, Bath-street, City-road.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

FRIDAY, FEB. 4.

- Lodge 700, "Florence Nightingale," Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
- " 890, "Hornsey," Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 1275, "Star," Marquis of Granby, New-cross-road.
- Chap. 8, "British," Freemasons' Hall.
- " 259, "Prince of Wales," Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
- Mark Masters' Lodge, "Thistle," Freemasons' Tavern.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Pier Htl., Chelsea.
- Stability Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, at 6.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, George Hotel, Aldermanbury, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Htl., Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Pulsford, Preceptor
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

SATURDAY, FEB. 5.

- General Committee of the Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- Lodge 142, "St. Thomas'," Radley's, Blackfriars.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1278), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7.

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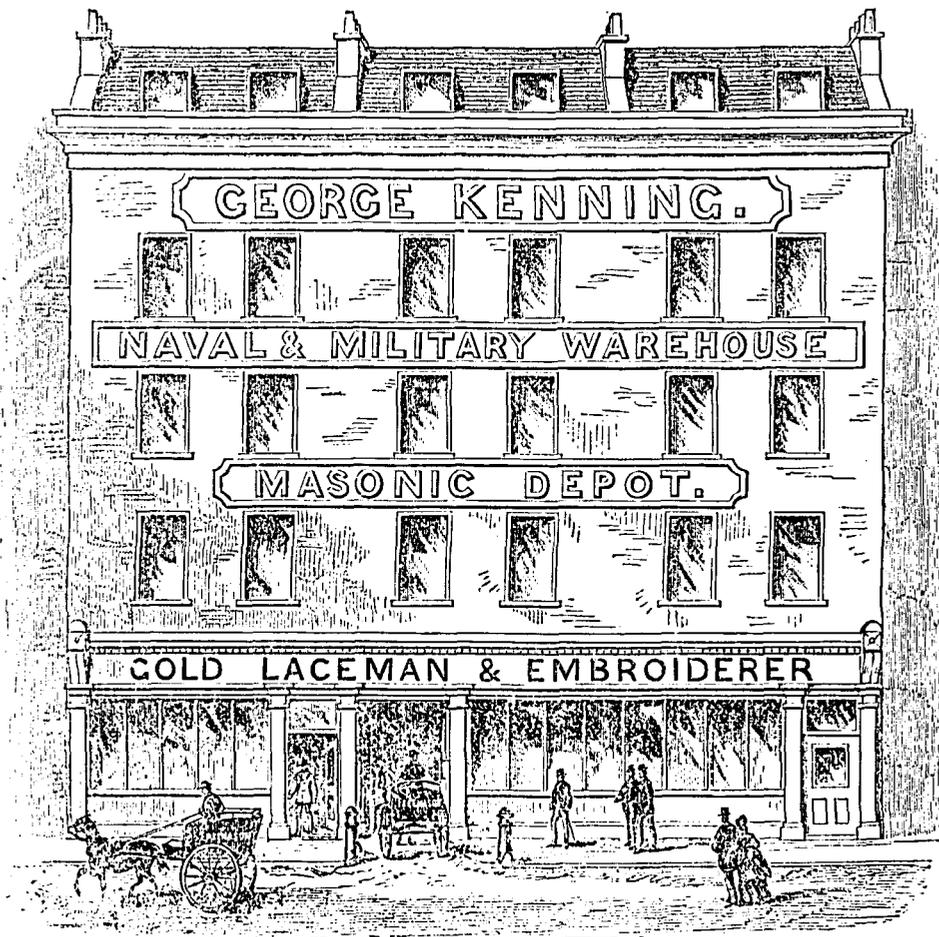
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