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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. S. Lamble, W.M., presided, and passed Bro. W. A. Pattison to the Second Degree. There was no other work to be performed besides the installation, and for this ceremony the W.M. vacated his seat in favour of Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P. and P.M., who installed Bro. John Green, S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the present year. The Board of Installed Masters to whom Bro. Green was presented comprised no less than 37 brethren who had filled or were now filling the chair. Among these the following brethren were present:—Dr. Hogg, P.G.D.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G.T. Middlesex; W. T. Howe, Prov. G.P. Middlesex; Thomas Wright, G.P.; C. P. Albert, A.G.P.; W. Ough; P.G.P.; W. Watson, P.G.S. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; R. W. Little, P.G.S.W. Middlesex, and the P.M. of the lodge. The W.M. invested Bros. Hales, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; H. G. Buss, P.M., Treasurer; J. B. Poole, P.M., Secretary; Pattenden, S.D.; Richards, J.D.; T. Maidwell, I.G.; Salmonese, D.C.; David Jacobs, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. Bro. Poole announced that it was the intention of the brethren to petition for a chapter in connection with this lodge. On the motion of Bro. Lamble, seconded by Bro. Hales, S.W., £5 was voted to the widow of a deceased brother. After this the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, about sixty being present. When the toasts were proposed, Dr. Hogg, P.G.D., responded for "The Visitors," and complimented the lodge on having so admirable a worker as Bro. John Coutts, P.G.D., who had installed the W.M. that evening. He assured the brethren that the Grand Officers took great interest in all that concerned the Craft, and concluded by commanding the working of Bro. Coutts to the attention and consideration of all the visitors. Bro. W. T. Howe was also called upon to respond, and in doing so he said, after thanking the lodge for its hospitality, that the W.M. was an old friend of his, and from what he knew of his Masonic abilities he was convinced the Egyptian Lodge would lose nothing of its former lustre. Bro. Lamble, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." and in acknowledgment the W.M. expressed his great pleasure at being placed in that proud position. It was on one of the installation days that he had himself been initiated, so that it was on the anniversary of that event that he had attained the crowning point of his ambition. He was "green" in the office, and consequently trusted that the brethren would bear with any of his defects. He hoped by next meeting to be more matured. A special toast was proposed for "The Installing Master, Bro. Coutts," to which that worthy brother responded, saying that all the brethren would join with him in regretting the loss of Bro. Savage, who was the regular Installing Master of the lodge. It could not be expected that he (Bro. Coutts) would be so well up to the ceremony as the late Bro. Savage, who had for thirty-three years performed it in the lodge, except on the occasion of Bro. Buss's installation; but he hoped that with a few repetitions he should be no less able an Installing Master than Bro. Savage. Bro. Coutts concluded by acknowledging the many kindnesses he had received at the hands of the brethren of the Egyptian Lodge. "The I.P.M." was the next toast, and Bro. Lamble was presented with a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Lamble, in thanking the brethren, remarked upon the great beauty of the jewel, as well as of the installation commemoration jewel, with both of which the lodge had presented him. Bro. Lamble, as Junior Past Master, replied for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Terry for "The Masonic Charities," in a very able speech, wherein he narrated what the Egyptian Lodge had done for the charities. He trusted that this year it would continue in its useful course, and be enabled for years and years to come to tell the rising generation what it had done, and how nobly it had always tried to do its duty. The S.W. and all the officers replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. The following report of the permanent Committee, which was appended to the summons, is highly interesting:—"The Committee beg to report that at a meeting of the Auditors, held at the Elephant Tavern, Kingsland, on Tuesday, the 18th January, the Treasurer's accounts for the past year (1875) for the General Lodge Account and for the Egyptian Lodge Benevolent Fund were examined, compared with the several vouchers, and found correct. They have appended hereto

a summary of the receipts and disbursements, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, in respect of the General Lodge Account, of £37 2s. 5d., which is liable to a grant of £10 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, voted in December last, and to a sum of £2 2s., voted at the same meeting to the widow of a brother, but not yet claimed. The arrears due to the lodge amount to £56 7s., and the committee recommend that some steps be taken to collect in this large amount of arrears, or that the brethren who do not pay after due notice should be erased from the list of members. The committee beg to recommend that the sum of five guineas be granted to provide the usual complimentary Past Master's jewel, to be presented to Bro. Samuel R. Lamble, who has so efficiently performed the duties of W.M. during the past year, which sum is included in the present account. The committee, in presenting the annual accounts for the first year since the alteration of the bye-laws and the establishment of the Egyptian Lodge Benevolent Fund, cannot but congratulate the lodge on the great success which has attended the new system, and enabled the committee to produce balance sheets showing such satisfactory results, but more particularly in respect to the Benevolent Fund, which, in the first year of its existence, has accumulated the large sum of £179 16s. 3d. without in any way distressing the General Lodge funds. This great success is, however, in a great measure, to be attributed to the very generous and spontaneous manner in which so many members of the lodge have made themselves Vice-Presidents of this fund, by a contribution of five guineas each, thus giving the fund an impetus which could not have been anticipated in so short a space of time. It is, however, hoped that the rules and regulations, which have been carefully arranged for its maintenance and support, are such as to insure its continued increase and permanent success, and to prove its active usefulness, and still further tend to advance the high character which the lodge has already attained by various donations from the permanent fund, which for some years was attached to this lodge, of over £360, thereby constituting the Master, for the time being, a Vice-Patron of two of our most excellent Masonic institutions and a Vice-President of the third."

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—Another numerously attended meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. A. Treadwell, W.M., presided. After the usual formalities had been observed, the W.M. resigned his emblem of power to Bro. G. Everett, I.P.M., who raised Bros. Jennings and Friend. The W.M. then resumed his authority and passed Bros. Gwynn, Cook, and Abrams. He afterwards initiated Messrs. J. P. Killingback, Moss, Jewell, and James Jennings into Freemasonry. Two motions of which notice had been given were withdrawn, but a motion of Bro. J. R. Foulger, P.M., "That the initiation fee be raised to ten guineas," was carried. The brethren then adjourned to banquet where the customary proceedings were observed. The toasts were given afterwards with considerable ability by the W.M., who paid the time-honoured compliments to the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers. He also replied in excellent terms to the toast of "The W.M." and gave "The Visitors," and "Initiates," in the heartiest style possible. One of the initiates in responding said that he, who had been hitherto of the outer world had often been struck with the great hold which Masonry seemed to have in the world, and the mysterious influence it possessed. He had that evening just had a glance at it; but though it was still to him enveloped in wonder, he hoped soon to see further into it, and to bear his part in making its influence felt. The W.M. gave "The Past Masters," about whom the W.M. was always expected to make an interesting speech. If he did not say what was kind, agreeable, and sociable of them, it would be said of him when he went out of the chair how stupid a Master he had been. Now, he could not say anything unkind of them. He had seen nineteen of them since he had been a member of the lodge, and they were all such good fellows, that it was really an honour to be permitted to touch the hem of their garments. They had done their work well, and they had augmented and increased the Domatic Lodge. If it had had bad Masters and bad officers it would not have been now in its good position. The Past Masters were able to do anything in Masonry, and consequently the lodge stood high in the ranks at Grand Lodge. Among the members of the Domatic Lodge were three Past Grand Officers. Bro. Adams, through the death of his daughter was unable to attend. Bro. Brett had been present, but had been obliged to leave. But Bro. Joseph Smith, the Treasurer, was present. It was a great honour to a lodge to have so many Past Grand Officers among its members; the fact stamped the lodge as being something more than a common lodge, and the brethren ought to be very proud of this position. The lodge had become very numerous, and it had even been suggested that they should take in no more initiates. He hoped, however, that this would never be the case in the Domatic Lodge; but that the outer world who wished to join it should be allowed to do so. He would call on the I.P.M., Bro. Everett, to respond to the toast. He had known that brother 25 years and more, and he never knew a Master of the Domatic Lodge who did his duty better, who was so well received, or who gave more satisfaction. All the brethren could testify that not only had he performed the Master's duties well, but he was a distinguished linguist, and his excellent chairmanship was unsurpassed in the history of Masonry. (Cheers.) Bro. George Everett replied. The W.M. had praised him very highly, and he felt in his new position of I.P.M. rather puzzled at what he should say. Having to reply for a large number of distinguished and old Past Masters was rather an arduous task for a young member of the body, and in replying he wished to do it with becoming modesty. Before he became a P.M. he looked forward to the honour with anticipations of pleasure. In his younger days in Freemasonry

he waited with pleasure for that toast coming round, because they always then heard something that was entertaining nice, and enjoyable. There were among the Past Master many distinguished brethren who were able speakers; but his predecessor so determinedly stuck to his privilege of calling on one brother to respond that the brethren during his year of office never had an opportunity of hearing any other voices. He hoped that this was the last time the brethren would be troubled with his voice on behalf of the Past Masters for some time to come. He had done his share of the work, and he did not care about speaking for those who had preceded him, although he was always happy to obey the W.M.'s commands. He hoped that in future the brethren would have an opportunity of hearing some of the other P.M.'s speak. Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., also replied, and told the brethren that since the last time they met Bro. Everett had become the Master of the Kennington Lodge. Now, he took great credit to the Domatic Lodge for having brought Bro. Everett up to the point of perfection, and he appealed to the lodge to say whether at Bro. Everett's installation he did not fairly astonish the brethren by the way in which he performed his duties. The drilling he had had in the Domatic chair had rubbed off all little imperfections, and turned him out a perfect Master. Therefore there was an advantage in going through the Domatic. They schooled him, taught him, and brought him up to the state in which he now was. It was a great thing to have presided well over so large a lodge as the Domatic; and when he brought the knowledge he had acquired in it to the presidency over another lodge he would be able to bring that lodge, if not in a good state before, to a condition in which none of its members need be other than proud of it. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Walford also responded, and referred particularly to the working of Bro. Treadwell, who he was pleased to see in the Master's chair, and who there could be no doubt would fill it with honour. The brethren had had a very good sample of what he could do, and his efforts would undoubtedly keep the lodge in its flourishing state. As to the P.M.'s they were always at the service of the brethren, and happy to assist the Master whenever called upon. To the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" Bros. Joseph Smith and Willing respectively replied. The W.M. gave a toast for "The Masonic Press," and in an able speech explained to the brethren what it did for Freemasonry, how it informed the brethren of everything that took place in Masonry, how much the institutions were indebted to it for the support they received, and what claims it had on the encouragement of the brethren. He advised the brethren to support it, and add to the large circulation it at present enjoyed. Bro. H. Massey ("Freemason") acknowledged the compliment briefly, and the Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated. The following brethren were among those present:—A. Treadwell, W.M.; J. Willing, S.W.; W. Palmer, J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P., Treasurer; (T. Williams, Secretary, absent through illness); I. Buscall, S.D.; G. Clarke, J.D.; E. White, I.G.; H. Spink, D.C.; P.M.'s Everett, I.P.M.; Foulger, Tims, Walford, and Brett, P.G.P. Visitors: Hollis, 167, P.M.; Rowe, 167, J.W.; Mendl, 101; Radmall, 95; Atkins, 511; Cruikshank, 144; Turner, 795; Beavis, 1168; White, 1205, W.M.; Harper, 1319; Walls, 1381, S.D.; Phillips, P.G.P., I.P.M. 1488; Graham, 1540.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—The installation meeting of this lodge, whose jewel bears the illustration of the fable of the "Bundle of Sticks," was held on the 8th inst., at the Gate of St. John of Jerusalem, Clerkenwell. There was a full attendance of the officers and brethren, and among the visitors were Bros. A. Bagshawe, P.M. 1235, and P.G.C. of Derbyshire; Good, J.W. 1288; Rev. Darby Read, Chaplain of the Urban; Coleman, 475; John Allen, W.M. 1297; Holt, 1260; Baldwin, W.M. 1423; Fairfax, 1540; Lewis, 87; Cole, P.M. 421; Trewton, P.M. 17; Fallett, P.M. 45; and Loverdo, 1196. The W.M., Bro. John White ("Freemason"), opened the lodge, assisted by his officers, Bros. Robert Griggs, W.M. elect, as S.W.; J. Hill, J.W.; Snare, S.D.; Halford, J.D.; Pearcey, as I.G. The minutes were unanimously confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for six gentleman as initiates, and one for Bro. Harty as a joining member—all unanimously elected—the W.M. proceeded to the last act of his year of office—installing his successor. Bro. Griggs was presented by Bro. P.M. Hillhouse, and having expressed his willingness to accept the office under the qualifications placed before him, the ceremony was proceeded with in regular form, and the Board of Installed Masters was composed of Bros. Bagshawe, Davies, Joseph Crump (Secretary), Winsland (Treasurer), Robards, and Hillhouse. The W.M. then installed his successor, Bro. Bagshawe acting as Chap. The work assigned to the different degrees was then regularly gone through; and the officers invested by the new W.M., each with an appropriate speech, were Bros. J. Hill, as S.W.; Snare, J.W.; Winsland, as Treas.; Crump (amid cheers), as Sec.; Halford, as S.D.; Pearcey, as J.D.; Todd, as I.G.; Flaws, as D.C.; and Hickman, as A.W.S. Bro. Harty kindly accepted the post of Organist. It was intended to invest Bro. James Terry as W.S., but the collar had to be kept over, as that energetic brother was engaged as Secretary for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in preparing for the festival of the next night, and could not be present until later. The addresses over, the new W.M. proceeded with his work, and initiated five gentlemen, the first his own brother, into the Order, and the work was done in a manner which proved to the brethren that the name of the lodge for good work would be fully sustained. Before the lodge closed the brethren voted a sum of money to make up the difference between that which Bro. White, the Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, hoped to obtain as private donations from the brethren, and the sum necessary to make the lodge a Vice-President of the institution, in token of

appreciation of their Bro. Terry's noble labours in all good causes. In appreciation of the I.P.M. having filled the office of Steward on the installation of the Prince of Wales, the lodge unanimously voted that the sum paid for the installation jewel should be refunded to Bro. While. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, upwards of seventy sitting down in the cramped space of the "banqueting hall." The dinner over, the W.M. gave the loyal toasts with excellent point, as he did the toasts of the Grand Officers. The I.P.M. then gave the toast of "The W.M." and said he was sure Bro. Griggs would fully justify the choice the brethren had made, and it was to be hoped that when the W.M. had reached the eminence in his profession of architect which he was likely to attain he would not regard among all the honours of life the position of W.M. of United Strength as the least worthy of remembrance. The W.M. had won his position solely by merit, for his industry in the offices of the lodge had won him the esteem of the brethren in past years, and their suffrages this. The toast having been acknowledged in a few graceful words, the toast of "The Initiates" was given and responded to. On the toast of "The Past Masters" being given the W.M. presented Bro. While with the handsome jewel of the lodge as its P.M., remarking that that was a token that as Master and I.P.M. he had worked the Three Degrees, and installed his successor to the satisfaction of the brethren. He also presented Bro. While with a collar and silver P.M. pendant, beautifully engraved, as a mark of appreciation of the brethren. The jewel bore the inscription: "Presented by the Lodge of United Strength, No. 228, to Bro. While, P.M., in appreciation of his abilities as its W.M. during the year 1875. February 8th, 1876." The silver pendant bore the same inscription, with the exception of the word "brethren" for lodge. The I.P.M. expressed his acknowledgment in all the words he could muster, and then Bro. Terry spoke at length upon the merits of the Past Masters generally. Bro. Harty presided at the pianoforte in the hours of ease, and at the organ during the time of work. From the organ he extracted a beautiful accompaniment to the work, though, truth to tell, the instrument has defects from use and misuse.

ST. CLEMENT'S DANES LODGE (No. 1351).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Head Hotel, Strand, on the 3rd inst., when, as usual, there was a good attendance of the brethren. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Steward, Bro. W. Hilton, P.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and raised Bros. Edwin Gaze and Alfred Hutton to the Sublime Degree. The working was quite up to the usual form of this lodge, and the following officers were in their positions:—Bros. E. J. Livett, S.W.; G. Wilson, J.W.; H. Porter, S.D.; J. Wigg, J.D.; J. Butler, I.G.; W. H. Perryman, D.C.; and E. Barnes, Org. After the working the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Bro. Cair, and amongst those present were Bro. Gardiner, W.M. of 780, and Bro. Sawyer, 957. Visitors; Bros. Hutton, 2; Duncan Harrison, Arthur Betts, Hepburn, Wiseman, J. Branham, William H. Hall, Gr. Little, Deighton, Thornley, Tedbury, Jessies, Hamilton, P.M.; Hale, P.M.; Gayes, 3; John Smith, and others. After the usual lodge, patriotic, and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the enjoyability of the evening was much enhanced by some excellent recitations and singing, in the former of which the newly-made Masters proved themselves efficient, and in the latter Bro. Smith's genial face and excellent vocalisation gave a fillip to the whole evening's entertainment.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1420).—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Bro. J. Hamilton Townend, W.M., in the chair. Bros. Shore, Lawson, and Ginder were raised; Bros. Royd, Roberts, Boote, Sampson White, and De Leliva passed, and Mr. Stephens was initiated. The brethren partook of slight refreshment in the course of the evening.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—The ordinary meeting of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge No. 1489, was held on the 4th inst. at the Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, which has a most convenient hall for the purpose. Bro. W. J. Murlis, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. Thos. Jessett, S.W.; J. Walford, J.W.; W. Stephens, I.P.M.; Treas.; W. Jones, P.M., Sec.; John High, J.D.; and H. Miller, G. Org., Middlesex, I.G. Bro. Gilchrist was Tyler. There was a capital attendance of brethren, both members of the lodge and visitors, among the latter of whom were Bros. Barfield, P.M.; Penn and Parkhouse, of the Zetland, and others from the Metropolitan and Royal Alfred Lodges. The W.M. having opened the lodge, and the preliminary business having been disposed of, four initiates were balloted for, and unanimously approved of. None of them however were present; and the brethren proceeded with the raisings. Two brethren were in attendance for this degree, and as the I.P.M., Bro. W. Stephens, had initiated them during his year of office, the W.M. requested him to perform the third ceremony. This he did, and as there was no other business before the lodge, the whole ceremony of raising was gone through. The traditional history and explanation of the degree were given in full, also the lengthened explanation of the points of fellowship, so seldom narrated but yet so necessary to be fully understood by every candidate submitted to this Sublime Degree. When the ceremony was concluded the W.M. again took the chair, and finished the business of the day. Bro. Hastings Miller was appointed Steward to the festival of the Institution for Girls in May, on which occasion the lodge will therefore again be represented. A vote of condolence with the widow of a deceased brother was passed, after which lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to one of their famous banquets. The W.M. presided with his usual ability and geniality, and

proposed the customary toasts. Speaking of "The Visitors," he hoped always to be honoured by the attendance of as large and influential a body of those brethren as were then before him. Bro. Barfield responded, and congratulated the members of the lodge, not only on its working, and the hearty welcome it had given the visitors, but also on the great attention it had paid to the Masonic Institutions, and the large amounts which its members had subscribed for the benefit of the aged and the young of both sexes.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—On Thursday, Feb. 3rd, was held the 143rd anniversary of this ancient lodge, when all other business was suspended, giving way for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened at quarter to four by Bro. Clark, W.M., assisted by the following as officers:—Bros. Major Preston, I.P.M.; Brown, S.W.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M., acting as J.W.; Ashley, Treas.; Falkner, Sec.; C. Wilkinson, S.D.; Braham, J.D.; Denham, I.G.; Gummer and Hunt, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. Bro. Ashley, P.M., acted as D.C. till the arrival of the proper officer, Bro. Wilton, P.M. There were also present the following Past Masters of 41:—White, Maggs, Capt. Floyd, Cooper, Moutrie, Mann, Mitchell, R. Cook; and the following brethren:—Major Bousfield, M.P.; Cater, Radway, Jacob Smith, Bladwell, E. Wilkinson. The following W.M.'s and P.M.'s attended as visitors:—Sparrow, 906; Trevor, 944; Bombay; G. C. Cooke, 379; Genl. Doherty, 906; Keene, 906; Little, 335; Martin, 53; Dr. Tunstall, 53; Col. Ford, 53; Scott, 906; and Bros. Howes, Dill, Duddifield, Pinkett, Dingle, Freeman, all members of 906; and Salter, 53; Bush, 379. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It having been announced that V.W. Bro. Else, D.P.G.M., was in attendance and demanded admission, a deputation was sent out with the D.C., and he was duly escorted to his seat at the right of the W.M. with the customary salute. A ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation at the next meeting, which proved unanimous in their favour. The D.P.G.M. then took the chair and opened the lodge in the Second Degree. P.M.'s Mann and Moutrie presented Bro. Brown for installation, and after the usual preliminaries and obligation of W.M. elect, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The brethren below the chair were dismissed, and a large board of more than twenty P.M.'s was constituted, in whose presence Bro. F. J. Brown was duly installed in the chair of K.S. Of the remainder of the ceremony after the admission of the brethren it is sufficient to say that every part was well and duly performed according to ancient custom. The lodge was resumed in the Second and afterwards in the First Degree. The following were appointed and invested as officers:—Clark, I.P.M.; F. Wilkinson, S.W.; Falkner, J.W.; Ashley, P.M.; Treas.; C. Wilkinson, Sec.; Wilton, P.M., D.C.; Braham, S.D.; Denham, J.D.; Gummer, I.G.; Hunt and Radway, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the D.P.G.M. for his valuable aid as Installing Master; to Bro. Clark for his services as W.M. during the past year; and to the W.M.'s of the other Bath lodges, and the brethren who accompanied them, for the sanction of their presence on the occasion, a suitable response being made in each case. The lodge was closed at quarter to six, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the annual banquet, the arrangements of which were in every way satisfactory, including those for good vocal and instrumental performances between the toasts, which were well carried out by Bros. Falkner, Cater, Braham, and, though last, not least, Pyne, the Organist at the Abbey. It is right to add that Bro. Major Bousfield, M.P., proposed the toast of "Success to the Masonic Charities," on which he spoke at some length, and proved his earnestness in the cause by presenting £5 towards their support in the name of the lodge. He also suggested that a collection should be made round the table with the same object, which was carried out.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Wednesday, January 26th, at 7 p.m. Mr. Moses Mills and Mr. J. B. Howard were candidates. The ballot being favourable to Mr. Howard, he was admitted in ancient form. Bro. J. Wood, P.M., D.C., then proceeded (by request of the W.M., Bro. D. Reid) to initiate the candidate in the E.A. Degree. The charge was given by the W.M., and the lodge was closed at 9 p.m. The initiation of Mr. Mills was allowed to stand over till the regular meeting of the lodge, which took place the following evening, January 27th, and was opened at 5 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. D. Reid. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, together with the minutes of the emergency meeting of the previous evening. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for Messrs. J. Bradshaw, H. Wilson, and A. Swallow, each proposed by the W.M. The report of the committee of enquiry and the result of the ballot being unanimous in each case, the W.M. initiated Messrs. Bradshaw and Wilson. Bro. Wood, P.M., D.C., by command of the W.M., then received into Masonry Mr. Albert Swallow. The initiation of Mr. Moses Mills then followed, which was ably rendered by Bro. W. H. Kershaw, I.P.M. The initiations occupied a considerable portion of the evening, and were aided by the musical abilities of Bro. J. Crompton, J.W. Chorlton Lodge, 1387, who kindly occupied the position of Organist for the evening. Bro. John Wood, P.M., D.C., was proposed by Bro. W. H. Kershaw, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Garlick, P.M., to represent the Imperial George Lodge with respect to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. The proposition received an unanimous support. The Masonic element, charity, was then exercised, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired from labour to refreshment. Owing to the excessive amount of labour, and the Middleton Lodge being one that without exception closes early, the social meal had to be somewhat hastily partaken

of; after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The Great Architect of the Universe, the Author and Finisher of our course, in His wisdom, has seen fit to remove from this earthly tenement of clay one whose health had always been thought of in our Masonic toasts. Death had sent up higher our late and true Masonic brother, W. R. Callender, Esq., M.P., V.W. D.P.G.M.E.L.; it was therefore the wish of the W.M. that one and all should recall in silence "The Memory" of our deceased P.G. Officer, which request was carried out with a marked and deserving solemnity, a solemnity that brought time's avenger uppermost in each heart. "The Health of the Initiates" was then proposed by the W.M., who spoke of each in suitable terms; owing to shortness of time, their response was allowed to remain over till the next meeting. To the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. Studd, P.M., 375, and Johnson, D.C. 993, replied, expressing their admiration and delight in the way in which Bro. D. Reid had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time, it being a good earnest for the future. The Tyler's toast was then given and enthusiastically received; the city brethren returning to Manchester by the 10 p.m. train.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Stramongate, on the 27th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Talbot, P.P.G.W. Immediately after Bro. Lieut.-Col. Whitwell, R.W.D.P.G.M., entered the lodge, and was saluted according to ancient custom. Bro. Whitwell proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to the relatives of the late Bro. Savage, P.G.D. of England, and that the same be entered on the minutes. The chair of K.S. was then assumed by Bro. Henry Rauthmell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., when the retiring Master, Bro. Talbot, presented the W.M. elect, Bro. F. C. Grayson, for the benefit of installation. Bro. Grayson was installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, the ceremony of installation being most ably and impressively performed by W. Bro. Henry Rauthmell in a faultless manner, which elicited the warm approval of the brethren, the addresses to the W.M. and officers being very impressively given by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Talbot. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—I.P.M., J. Talbot; S.W., R. J. Nelson; J.W., W. Cranston; Chap., T. Edge Wright; Treas., W. Doubleday, Sec., George J. McKay; S.D., W. H. Akerigg; J.D., F. J. Thorner; I.G., R. B. Hunter. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served by Mr. and Mrs. Barrow, the arrangements of which were excellently carried out by the Stewards, and to which over fifty sat down. The W.M. presided, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in particularly felicitous and graceful terms, one toast, which is worthy of the lodge and the brethren, being that of "The Masonic Charities," which was proposed by Bro. G. J. McKay, Hon. Secretary, who urged upon all the brethren to subscribe liberally to the fund which the I.P.M., Bro. Talbot, was collecting to make the lodge a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, one brother alone having contributed the very handsome sum of £52 10s, and another brother ten guineas. Our worthy Bro. Talbot found he had a sum considerably over one hundred guineas to be devoted to the purchase of votes in the charities. The Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a close, when the brethren separated at nine p.m. The musical arrangements were eminently carried out by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Godfrey, S.W. 1074.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 1st inst. The W.M., Bro. W. R. Denne, presided, supported by Bros. J. Wilson, P.M., Treas., acting S.W.; Hume, J.W.; Carter, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; W. S. Nicholes, I.G.; Strange, P.M., P.P.G.D.; D. C. Dixon, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Reid, P.M.; Cousins, Crowhurst, Legg, Ferry, &c. Visitors: Bros. Tolley, P.M. 771, P.G.D.; Chorley, S.W. 865; Targett, 170 and 1037; Whittaker, 73, I.C.; Beer, 1100, Emulation, Bombay; Green, 951, Perseverance, Bombay; Johnson, 771; Ashby, 771; Tyler, 771. The W.M. passed to the degree of F.C. Bros. Day, Waterson, and Blizzard, in a most creditable manner. The W.M. in the name of the lodge presented to Bro. Strange, P.M., P.P.G.D., the complete Regalia of Provincial Grand Deacon in appreciation of the services rendered to the lodge as Sec., extending over some years, an office the worthy brother has just vacated. A candidate for joining having been proposed, the lodge was after some routine business, closed in due form.

LANCASTER.—Fortitude Lodge (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening at the Athenaeum, Bro. T. Atkinson, the W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of members. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was afterwards raised, when Bro. Stanton was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. Aldous passed to that of a Fellow Craftsman, the working being ably gone through by the recently installed W.M. After the transaction of some formal business, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony. The Lancaster Lodges (three) subscribed twenty-five guineas in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and this amount was further enhanced by private donations from individual members. The contributions were presented at the festival on Wednesday by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B.E., who is a Steward of the Benevolent Institution.

ANTIGUA.—St. John's Lodge (No. 402) celebrated the anniversary of their patron saint on Monday with more than ordinary eclat. Although the streets were very wet, and the condition of things overhead was such as to compel foot-passengers to have occasional recourse to umbrellas, the brethren assembled early in the forenoon at the lodge rooms in Church-street, and at eleven o'clock

marched in procession to the Cathedral, where their Chaplain, Bro. Archdeacon Read, preached to them an excellent discourse from Psalm xcvi., former clause of the 9th verse. At the close of the service a collection was taken up as usual for charitable purposes, and the brethren reforming in procession returned to lodge. Luncheon, which was served in an outer apartment, being over, the brethren re-assembled in open lodge for the purpose of installing the Master-elect. The retiring Master, Bro. David Robinson, first delivered a brief address, expressive of his gratitude to the brethren for the support which they had uniformly extended to him during the two years that he had been in office, after which the Master elect, Bro. Thomas Buckley, was presented by Bro. James A. H. Hill, and installed with all the ancient and impressive ceremonies of the Order. The new W.M. in a few earnest words bespoke the support of the brethren, and then appointed the following officers (of course with the exception of himself and the Treasurer, who were elected by the lodge, for the year 1876):— Bros. Thomas Buckley, W.M.; James Rocke, S.W.; S. C. Edgehill, J.W.; Archdeacon Read, M.A., Chaplain; J. T. Thibou, Treas.; S. L. Athill, Sec.; C. M. Goodwin, Recorder; J. D. West, S.D.; W. B. Pilkington, J.D.; John C. Este, Dir. of Cer.; Robert Potter, I.G.; C. M. Madgwick and J. Hodge Hill, Stewards; Michael O'Brien, Tyler. After the appointment of the officers the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren separated until evening. At half-past eight o'clock the brethren re-assembled to partake of a banquet. Covers were laid for sixty; but owing to the inclemency of the weather, which had been on the increase with occasional lulls since early afternoon, not more than thirty-two sat down to supper. The arrangements reflected great credit upon the Stewards, Bros. Halliday, Athill, and Nibbs, to whose zeal the banquet chiefly owed its origination, and who laboured with unflagging energy to ensure its success. The room was handsomely decorated with flags and evergreens, and overhead hung elegant chandeliers which not only cast all over the apartment a brilliant radiance like that of the noonday sun, but lighted up the streets and the faces of the passers by in the immediate vicinity of the building. Immediately over the centre table there was also suspended a large placard in letters of gold, setting forth that the banquet was given in honour of Bro. David Robinson, I.P.M. After the cloth was withdrawn the toasting commenced. The speeches, which were, for the most part, comparatively brief and epigrammatic, were well received. The utmost good feeling and cordiality prevailed throughout, and by half-past eleven o'clock the last adieu had been said, and all save the Stewards and their assistants had retired.

WOOLWICH.—**Nelson Lodge (No. 700).**—The popularity of the above lodge and its W.M. was fully evinced on Wednesday, 19th ultimo, the occasion being the usual monthly meeting and the half-yearly banquet. The M.H. in William-street, where the meeting was held, was densely crowded (there being above 120 brethren present), and presented a most gratifying sight, the various jewels in possession of and worn by the various brethren showing that the brethren of this locality not only muster a great number in the higher ranks of Masonic art, but work hard in charitable causes. The ceremonies of passing and initiation were worked in the usual manner, Bro. G. Mitchell receiving the benefit of the former, and Messrs. Bryson and Virgo the latter. On the termination of the regular proceedings a magnificent harmonium was presented to the W.M. for use of the lodge, this splendid instrument having been given by a number of the members. The W.M. took occasion to speak of the great kindness of Bro. Chas. W. Hotson, to whom the whole of the credit of conducting the proceedings in connection with the purchase of this instrument was due. Bro. Cook, of 913, was elected an honorary member, and appointed Organist to the lodge. This brother performed most ably during the ceremonies, which was most justly appreciated by the brethren present. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the new Masonic hall, Plumstead, lately erected by Bro. B. Plaisted, where a splendidly served banquet awaited them. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Ward, occupied the chair, and amongst a long list of visitors were Bros. Sprent, R.A., and P.G.S.B. Essex; C. Andrews, P. Prov. G.P. for Kent, and P.M. 77; J. Smith, P. Prov. G.P. Kent, and P.M. 829, 913; C. Coupland, P.G.S. Kent, and P.M. 913; C. Phillips, R.A., and P.M. 13 and 1536; E. Denton, 706, 13, 913; J. McDougall, P.M. 913; J. H. Edley, P.M. 913; R. Croisdale, 706; F. G. Pownall, W.M. 1536; A. Penfold, W.M. 913; Santi, W.M. 706; T. Hastings, S.W. 829; W. Weston, S.W. 1536; H. J. Butter, J.W. 913; G. Spinks, J.W. 1536; W. Murphy, Treas. 1536; A. Jessup, Treas. 913; H. Mason, W.S. 913; Joseph McCaffery, D.C. 1536; Cook, D.C. 913; E. J. De Salis, 1331; J. Donnelly, 706; E. Nugent, 706; F. Sales, 706 and 913; J.W. S. Reid and W. Bladen, 209; J. Scally, 413; R. Hill, 1536; H. Carlin, 1536; W. B. Lloyd, 913; G. Kennedy, 1536; E. Palmer, 913; R. Stone, 299; C. Jolly, 913. The Past Masters and officers supporting the W.M. were P.M.'s Richey, I.P.M.; Rowland, Crawford, Dawson, Goddard, Bowles, Graham, Norman, Hotson; Officers, Butt, S.W.; Waters, J.W.; Dawson, P.M. and Treas.; Henderson, P.M. and Sec.; Woodley, S.D.; Warren, J.D.; Wilkins, I.G.; E. Hotson, D.C. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and duly honoured, Bro. P.M. Richey rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." In doing so he alluded to the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he had carried out his duties and certainly fulfilled his promise of keeping up the prestige of the lodge. In reply, the W.M. thanked them for their hearty response to the toast, and would ever recollect the manner in which he had been met that evening. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. stated that it was gratifying to see so many distinguished members of the Craft amongst them, and a happy omen indeed for the popularity of the lodge. He

coupled with the toast the name of Bros. P.M. Coupland and W.M. Pownall, both of whom, in very able speeches, alluded to the duties of Masons, their relations to each other, and the great good that could be done by assisting in the works of charity. Both brethren were most attentively listened to, and highly applauded when they resumed their seats. Bro. Richey responded on behalf of the Past Masters, and was supplemented by Bro. P.M. Rowland, who, being rather humorously inclined, kept the brethren in constant roars of laughter. The next toast was that of "The Officers of the Lodge." It met with a most hearty reception, and was briefly but ably replied to by Bro. Thos. Butt, S.W. This meeting will long be remembered by the brethren who attended it, not only as the largest gathering ever known at Woolwich, but also as one which brought together many who had been parted throughout the world for years, and enabled them once more to relate the pleasing incidents of bygone days.

WOOLWICH.—**Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 706).**—This lodge held its monthly meeting at the F.H., Woolwich, on Friday evening, Feb. 4th. Present: Bros. Santi, W.M.; Tapp, S.W.; Gamble, J.W.; Croisdale, P.M.; and other officers. Also present Bros. P.M. Clark, D.M.; Denton, Dr. Pope, Mutch, Donnelly, Nugent, and several others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Cook, Coulson, Ward, W.M. Nelson Lodge, Woolwich; and Young, S.W. Camden Lodge, 704, London. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Nugent was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony having been most ably rehearsed by the W.M. The brethren adjourned to Bro. De Gray's, the Freemasons Hotel, where an excellent supper was served, and a most agreeable evening passed, Bro. Gamble, as J.W., ably assisting his superior officers in their endeavours to please all.

PLUMSTEAD.—**Pattison Lodge (No. 913).**—This lodge held its monthly meeting at the Lord Raglan, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., the W.M., Bro. A. Penfold, in the chair, supported by the following officers:—Bros. J. McDougall, I.P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M., and P.G.P. for Kent; W. Tongue, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. for Kent; T. Smith, P.M., and P.P.G.P. for Kent; T. W. Knight, P.M. of 1107; W. T. Vincent, S.W.; H. W. Butter, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec.; J. D. Hayes, S.D.; W. B. Lloyd, J.D.; J. Chapman, I.G.; R. Lester, Tyler; and R. G. Cook, D.C. Among the visitors were J. Cowell, P.M. 147; J. Lightfoot, P.M. 147; F. Pownall, W.M. 1536, and S.W. 13; R. Croisdale, P.M. 706; J. Rowland, P.M. 700; T. W. Butt, S.W. 700; J. Waters, J.W. 700; S.W. Gibson, 341; E. Tappenden, 700 and 781; F. A. Wallis, 901; G. Smith, 1536; C. Beard, 700; E. W. Fisher, 700; W. Topp, 819; W. Harwood, 1107; and G. Tedder, 1107. The minutes and accounts having been duly read and passed, Messrs. T. J. Anderson, T. Read, and S. Long were initiated, and Bro. A. Wallis passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being worked by the W.M. After the proposal of one candidate and five joining members for admission, and an additional ten guineas to the regular yearly ten provided for in the bye-laws for both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, had been voted for Bro. P.M. Coupland's list, he being Steward for the Boys' charity this year, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned for refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and the brethren responded heartily. His own health, proposed by the I.P.M., was drank most enthusiastically. On that of "The Visitors" being proposed, Bro. Pownall, W.M. of the United Military Lodge, with whose name the toast was coupled, thanked the W.M. for the kind expressions with which his name was coupled. The truly Masonic feeling displayed by the W.M. of the Pattison Lodge, and, in fact, the W. Master and brethren of all the lodges, during his late long and painful illness, he should never forget, and if he had not taken an earlier opportunity of visiting that lodge, and thanking them for it, it was because he was unable to do so, and not because he was unwilling. The hospitality of the Pattison Lodge was proverbial, and the manner in which the work was done made the visiting of it a real pleasure. He then spoke of the monument about to be erected to commemorate the Masonic labours of our late lamented brother, J. Gaden, for which upwards of £150 had been subscribed by the lodges, chapters, and brethren of the district, and said the work of the committee would soon be at an end, and he and they trusted that their efforts would give satisfaction to all. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour paid him, and resumed his seat amid applause. The Initiates were, of course, toasted, and Bro. Long made a very pleasing reply. The Past M.'s toast was replied to by Bros. McDougall and Coupland. The W.M. paid a well-merited tribute to the good working of "The Officers of the Lodge," and spoke of the pleasure it gave him, and, he felt sure, the whole of the lodge, to see Bro. Hayes among them again after a long and dangerous illness. Bros. Vincent and Hayes replied, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures of the evening. We had almost forgotten to mention that an earnest appeal was made by Bro. Harwood on behalf of Bro. G. Tedder, once so well known in the musical world as competitor to Sims Reeves, but who through total deafness, is incapable of following his profession, and whose grand annual concert takes place at Erith in the course of next month. A number of tickets were taken by the brethren after the appeal.

LANCASTER.—**Rowley Lodge (No. 105).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Room at the Athenaeum, on Monday, the 7th inst. Bro. H. Longman, the W.M., occupied the Master's chair, and there was a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren present. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer in the First Degree, when a gift of £5 5s. was unanimously voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The lodge was then raised, and Bro. Hudspeth was passed to the Second Degree, the working being efficiently performed by the W.M. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.

S.B. of England, in a very able manner described the Second Tracing Board, at the conclusion of which a cordial vote of thanks was passed to him. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

DERBY.—**Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).**—The tenth annual festival of this lodge, and the installation of the W.M., took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at six o'clock p.m., and the following brethren were present:— Bros. T. Bobart, W.M. and Installing Officer; S. Pipes, S.W. and W.M. elect.; W. Heathcote, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., Treas.; J. Worsnop, P.M., Sec.; T. Hills, S.D.; T. Gadsby, J.D.; G. Pipes, M. of C.; J. Heathcote, I.G.; T. Slinn, Tyler; T. Mainprize, F. Iliffe, I.P.M.; J. M. Moore, P.M.; T. Roe, jun., P.M.; G. Butterly, J.W. Shepherd, J. H. Biggs, W. B. Hextall; T. H. Hepworth, S. Steele, E. Taylor, J. O. Manton, M. Hill, J. Parkins, jun., J. Griggs, J. Smith, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. Visitors: Bros. Rev. C. E. Mayo, P.G.C. Herts, 869; W. Jones, P.M. 460, W. 1520, P.G. S. of W. Staff.; T. Hall, W.M. H. Marsden, P.M. 253; J. C. Merry, W.M. 731; W. H. Burton, S.W.; W. Cooper, Sec.; R. Bennett, W. Knight, T. Merry, Wright, all of 731; T. H. Warner, P.M. 802; T. C. Wigg, P.M. 1024. The minutes of last meeting being confirmed, Bro. S. Pipes, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. M. H. Bobart and J. Worsnop, P.M.'s. Bro. S. Pipes was duly installed by the W.M., Bro. Henry T. Bobart, who appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. T. Robart, I.P.M.; W. Heathcote, S.W.; T. Gadsby, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, Treas.; G. Pipes, Sec.; T. Hill, S.D.; J. Heathcote, J.D.; J. H. Biggs, I.G.; F. Iliffe and J. Worsnop, Stewards; T. Slinn, Tyler. The addresses to the officers and brethren were delivered by Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, the brethren adjourned to the ban-

BUXTON.—**Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann (No. 1235).**—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann celebrated their anniversary at Court House, Buxton, when there was a large attendance of the members of the lodge, and visiting brethren from neighbouring lodges. There were present Bros. W. Smith, W.M.; E. C. Milligan, S.W.; E. J. Sykes, J.W.; W. Boughey, Treas.; J. H. Lawson, S.D.; P. Le Gros, J.D.; C. Adams, M.C.; G. Marsden, O.; J. Whalley, Sup. of Wks.; W. Goodwin, I.G.; G. Goodwin and C. Gwinnett, Stewards; Augustus A. Bagshawe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.C.; F. Turner, P.P.S.G.D.; R. R. Duke, P.M., P.P.D.C.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Bragg, P.M. 74, and P.Z. 74, P.P.G.S.D. Warwick; Bros. J. C. Hyde, C. Wilkinson, J. Mortin, G. F. Barnard, W. C. Moore, W. Shawe, J. Heathcote. Visitors: Bros. J. Barber, Callender, 1052; C. C. W. Ferguson, S.W. 654; J. Barrowby, P.M. Peveril of the Peak, 654, P.P.G.R. Derby; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. Affability 317; W. H. Hopkins, P.M. Yarborough 633, P.G.D.C. E. Lanc.; G. Smedley, Yarborough 663; J. Nall, Duke of Athol P.M. 210, P.P.G.S.; J. T. Wright, P.M. 654; P. Bramwell, S.W. 654; S. W. Ready, P.M. 654; P. Bramwell, P.M. 654, J. King, Anchor and Hope 37; E. Cunningham, Thistle, Glasgow 275. At eleven o'clock the R.A. Chapter was held. Present: Comps. F. Turner, Z.; Augustus A. Bagshawe, H.; J. Taylor, J.; R. R. Duke, P.Z.; P. Le Gros, Scribe E.; E. J. Sykes, Scribe N.; E. C. Milligan, P.S.; W. Smith, First A.S.; J. H. Lawson, Second A.S. The Installing Principals were J. Hall, P.G.P.S. E. Lanc.; W. H. Hopkins, Derby 1035, P.Z.; and J. H. Sillitoe, Affability 317, Z. The visitors were Comps. W. Milligan, Justice 253; J. Barrowby, J. 322, Hope; J. T. Wright, Hope 322; P. Bramwell, Hope 322. The interesting ceremonies were very ably and impressively performed. Comps. A. A. Bagshawe and J. Taylor, were installed as 1st and 2nd Principals; and the following officers were invested: P. Le Gros, E.; W. Smith, J.; E. C. Milligan, P.S.; E. J. Sykes N.; and J. H. Lawson, A.S. At one p.m. the Phoenix Lodge was opened, and Bros. Hopkins, Sillitoe, and W. Milligan, duly installed Bro. E. C. Milligan as W.M. for the following year, and the following appointments were afterwards made by the W.M.:—Bros. E. J. Sykes, S.W.; A. A. Bagshawe, Chap.; J. H. Lawson, J.W.; W. D. Sutton, Treas.; C. Adams, Sec.; P. Le Gros, S.D.; W. Boughey, J.D.; G. Marden, Org.; C. Wilkinson, I.G.; A. Pyle, Tyler; W. Shawe, S.B.; G. Goodwin and C. Gwinnett, Stewards; and A. Barnett, M.C. After the business was concluded the lodge was closed in due form, and the companions of the Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann, and the brethren, adjourned to the Hall Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared. The tables were beautifully decorated, and were specially adorned with numerous choice flowers, ferns, &c., from the conservatories of Chatsworth—including profuse displays of acacia, arums, cyclamens, camellias, orchids, &c.—kindly given by Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. There were more present than were expected, so the tables were a little crowded, but this was better than a beggarly array of empty seats, and contributed much to the whole proceedings going off with spirit and éclat. The dinner was served under the supervision of Bro. J. H. Lawson. When "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. William Smith," was proposed by the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, his important and constant services to the lodge, both before his elevation to the chair and since, and the long distances he had frequently travelled in order to fulfil his duties, were mentioned as they deserved to be; he was presented with a very elegant Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services, from the brethren of the lodge. It may be added that it was the most numerously attended anniversary since the establishment of the lodge.

ROSS (New Zealand).—**Totara Lodge (No. 1241).**—Freemasons, like all other rational beings, have their seasons of rejoicing, and these generally occur when a change of officers is made. Such an event took place at the Exchange Hotel, on Wednesday, November the 3rd,

1875, when the officers of Totara Lodge were installed for the ensuing twelve months. The delegates from the District Grand Lodge were the W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar, and Bros. Hudson, Hill, and Hyams. The ceremony was performed by District Grand Master Bro. Lazar, assisted by D.G.S.W. Bro. Hudson, who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Groves Duff; S.W., Bro. Louis Guerin; J.W., Bro. F. W. Morgan; S.D., Bro. John M'Gaffin; J.D., Bro. W. Emmerson; Secretary, Bro. Peter Johnston; Treasurer, Bro. Camille Malfray; I.G., Bro. Frank Brady; and Tyler, Bro. J. Joseph. The impressive manner in which the proceedings were conducted it is impossible to describe. W.D.G.M. Bro. Lazar displayed a touching earnestness in the wise counsels he gave to the several officers relative to the performance of their respective duties. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at half-past 11 o'clock, and about midnight the brethren sat down to a well appointed banquet as ever was laid in Ross. Bro. Duff occupied the chair, with Bro. Lazar in the place of honour on his right, while Bro. Guerin occupied the vice-chair. Ample justice having been done to the supper, hilarity and mirth became the order of the night. The following toasts were proposed, and duly honoured: "The Queen and Craft," "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland," "The District Grand Master, Bro. Lazar," "The W.M. of the Totara Lodge," "The Officers and Past Masters of the Totara Lodge," "Sister Lodges," and "Poor and Distressed Masons." Songs were given by Bros. Frew, Hill, Curle, Morgan, Johnston, and last, though not least by Bro. Lazar, who convulsed the room with the Tyler's song, The Queen's Anthem was then sung, and the festivities terminated about 2 a.m. It would be unfair to close our remarks without paying tribute to the comely hostess of the Exchange Hotel, Mrs. Miller, for the really excellent banquet she provided, which reflected the utmost credit upon her as a caterer. W.D.G.M. Bro. Lazar and Bros. Hudson, Hill, and Hyams, left for Hokitika on Thursday forenoon, with, we hope, pleasant recollections of their visit to Ross.

WATERLOO.—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1380).—The brethren of this lodge, of which Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, was the first W.M., and is still a member, assembled at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, a few miles from Liverpool, on Monday, the 7th inst., for the purpose of celebrating their annual installation festival. There was a good and influential attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. T. Bark, W.M., supported afterwards by Bros. J. Cobham, P.M.; Dr. C. Swaby Smith, S.W.; Rev. T. W. Richardson, J.W.; R. Brown, W.M. 241, Treasurer; E. Ford, jun., Secretary; Dr. W. S. Limerick, S.D.; G. Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C., P.M., D.C.; J. B. Roose, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members of the Skelmersdale present were Bros. F. W. Bennett, R. H. Exton, F. E. Smith, L. Warner, P. W. Hickson, J. Mawdsley, P.P.G. Reg.; J. A. Greenleaves, J. Brown, G. O. Marsden, T. Balshaw, H. Davis, B. W. Birney, F. A. Fry, J. Thompson, J. Evans, P.M. 220; W. Barker, and others. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. P. E. S. Smith, 474 (S.C.); Rev. D. Swinny, 859; J. W. Carey, 1289; A. Ballard, 241; W. Paton, 203; G. Hutchins, S.W. 241; F. L. Bolton, W.M. 1289; and P. Denny, 330 (N.Y.). After the minutes had been confirmed and a joining member balloted for, Bro. T. G. Bark proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Dr. C. Swaby Smith, into the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed in a highly satisfactory manner by Bro. Bark, who also gave the charges to the following officers who were appointed with the greatest impressiveness:—Bro. T. C. Bark, I.P.M.; the Rev. T. W. Richardson, S.W.; E. Ford, jun., J.W.; R. Brown, W.M. 241, Treasurer; Dr. W. S. Limerick, Secretary; R. H. Exton, S.D.; R. W. Barnes, J.D.; J. B. Roose, Organist; J. Brown, I.G.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., D.C.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The balance sheet, read by Bro. Brown, Treasurer, showed that the funds of the lodge were in a most satisfactory condition. At the conclusion of the business an excellent banquet was served under the presidency of Bro. Dr. C. Swaby Smith, W.M. The catering of Bro. G. Chapman, 823, who was assisted by Bro. Eve, 667, gave universal satisfaction. The W.M. gave "The Queen" and "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, first W.M. of the Lodge." In giving the latter toast, the W.M. said they were all proud of the position which Lord Skelmersdale occupied in Masonry, and very proud indeed of the honour of being named after him. Bro. J. Mawdsley, P.P.G. Registrar, responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," and Bro. R. Brown, Hon. Sec. to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, acknowledged the toast of "The West Lancashire Masonic Charitable Institutions," sketching at some length the rise, progress, present position, and prospects of the charity which he represented. "The W.M." was given by Bro. T. G. Bark, I.P.M.; and in giving "The Installing Master," (Bro. T. G. Bark), the W.M. took occasion to present him with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable services and admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair. "The Officers" and "The Visitors" were amongst the other toasts. Several excellent songs were given during the evening by Bros. Hutchins, Broadbridge, and others.

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1519).—The members of this lodge met on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Albion Hotel. Present: Bros. E. Heywood, W.M.; J. Tennant, S.W.; L. Wilkinson, J.W.; W. C. Hamer, Sec.; R. H. Catterall, J.D.; J. Sharples and T. Hargraves, Stwds.; A. Heywood,

I.P.M.; T. Tyack, J. T. Horne, J. Calverley, J. T. Hall, J. T. Moore, J. Wareing. Visiting brethren: Bros. D. Tunks, P.M. 1145; D. Ormerod, S.D. 1145; R. Rushton, 1145; Gosling, 1145. The lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. E. Heywood, the minutes of the meeting held on January 3rd, the festival of St. John the Evangelist, were read and confirmed. During the evening Bros. Wareing and J. T. Moore were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and Bro. J. Calverley was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, the ceremonies being rendered by the W.M. in a commendable manner. The solemnity of the ceremony for the Third Degree was greatly enhanced by the appearance of the lodge, which had been placed in mourning as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. Romaine Callender. The accounts were presented and passed, and Bros. Sharples and Catterall were appointed Auditors for the ensuing twelve months. The brethren adjourned to refreshment. The accustomed toasts were proposed and suitably responded to. The assembled brethren drank to "The Memory of the late R.W. D. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. Romaine Callender, deceased," in solemn silence. Bro. L. Wilkinson, J.W., alluded in graceful terms to the irreparable loss which the Craft has sustained by the death of Bro. Callender, who, by his devotion to duty, whether as a politician, a citizen, or a distinguished member of the Craft, had left a pattern worthy the imitation of every Mason. "The Visiting Brethren" having been proposed by Bro. Tennant, and responded to by Bro. Tunks, the brethren separated.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—At the last monthly meeting of this lodge held on Friday, the 11th inst., at Bro. B. Plaisted's new Masonic Hall, Plumstead, nearly a hundred of the brethren of the lodge and visitors assembled to support the W.M., Bro. F. G. Pownall, and to enjoy the excellent working for which he and his officers are distinguished. Besides the W.M., the officers present were Bros. R. Croisdale, I.P.M. and P.M. of 706; Captain Phillips, R.A. and P.M. 13; W. Weston, S.W.; G. Spinks, J.W.; Cooper, Sec.; W. Murphy, Treas.; H. G. Picken, S.D.; H. Shaw, J.D.; J. McCaffery, Steward; Lapham, I.G.; and J. Lackland, O.G. The visitors were Bros. T. R. Mellisham, P.M. 946 and P.P.G.S.B. for Middlesex; T. Ward, P.M. 700; G. B. Davies, P.M. 13; C. Hosgood, P.M. 192; T. B. Butt, S.W. 700; T. Hutton, J.D. 13; Hayes, S.D. 913; C. Cook, Org. 700; O. Hutton, 13; A. M. Pinkey, 1424; D. C. Capon, 913; J. Coombes, 182; C. Morris, 133; C. Scully, 1076; A. Clease, 13; A. Archer, 13; T. Hosgood, 13; C. Jolly, 913; and others. The lodge having been opened, with solemn prayer, the minutes and accounts were passed and Bro. A. Brooks, Quarter-Master Serjeant, A.S.C., was affiliated to the lodge. Bros. J. W. Young, and C. Webb were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony having to be repeated on account of the late arrival of one of the candidates. Bro. C. Cook kindly acted as Organist, and by his valuable assistance the ceremony was rendered doubly impressive. Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. spoke of the claim he was about to make on their charity on behalf of a poor widow whose husband had been over two years a good hard working Mason in this district, who, although, thanks to the kindness of Bro. Ward, the W.M. of the Nelson Lodge and others she had received valuable assistance from the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, yet was thoroughly incapacitated both by age and illness from supporting herself. He had been successful in obtaining for her a candidature for the Masonic Institution, and he asked them kindly to give him their proxies on her behalf. Bro. Mellisham immediately placed his votes at the disposal of the W.M., as did Bro. Hayes, and both received the thanks of the W.M. for their sympathy and assistance. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Mellisham strongly urged upon the brethren present the advisability of forming a sort of Benevolent Fund, whereby each member who paid in but one shilling per week for four years, would be entitled to a life governorship for one of the charities. He spoke highly of the excellent work done in the lodge, and gave the brethren all a general invitation, either to the Strawberry Hill, or the Etonian, should they at any time be travelling that way. Bro. Hosgood fully endorsed every word that had fallen from the previous speaker, and recited a few stirring lines, composed by himself on the occasion of the last festival. He was greatly applauded both for the sentiment and delivery of the poem. Bro. Hayes as well returned thanks in excellent terms. Of course the Masters and officers were well and worthily toasted, and after the Tyler's toast, the whole of the brethren joined in the "National Anthem," and then separated in brotherly love and charity.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, there being a good attendance of both brethren and visitors. The business before the lodge was the raising of Bros. Plume and Carter. Bro. J. Ives was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Geller, Secretary. The former brother replied feelingly for the great trust reposed in him, and earnestly hoped to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. It was then unanimously carried, that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. B. B. Brayshaw, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the lodge and to mark their sense of his earnest endeavours for its prosperity during his term of office. Bro. Brayshaw returned thanks in a few choice sentences. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The other officers present were Bros. W. Steele, J.W.; J. Silver, S.D.; A. Manning, I.G.; B. Turner, Assist. Sec.; Steadman, P.M., and Tyler; and last though not least H.

Sisley, P.M. and Sec., and P.M. 1372, and P.S.W. 700. The installation of the new Master takes place on the first Tuesday in March.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, February 5th, at the new premises, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. C. J. Kent, W.M. The minutes of last regular and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Crompton, Smith, Hebden, Lorking, and Swain, and proved favourable in each case. Messrs. Smith, Hebden, Lorking, and Swain were then initiated into Ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Kent, W.M., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of the East Lancashire Benevolent and Educational Institution. A letter having been read from Bro. Pearson tendering his resignation, it was accepted with the universal regret of the brethren. There was one proposition for initiation at next meeting.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Wed., the 9th inst. There were present at the opening of the lodge Bros. W. Wiggington, P.M. 902, 1298, P. Prov. G.D.C. of Worcestershire, P.G.S. of Middlesex, &c., &c., W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Birchill, P.M. 795, &c., acting J.W.; Taylor, J.D.; Court, sen., Sec.; Walls, acting I.G.; Rogers, W.S.; Palmer, S.; Sugg, Assist. Org.; D'Orsey, Assist. Chap. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bros. W. C. Palmer and E. T. Barrett to the Third Degree. The whole of the impressive and solemn ceremony was most ably carried out by the W.M. Bro. Sugg, the A.O., also rendered certain portions of the ritual very effective by his instrumental accompaniments. Three notices of motion respecting the increasing of the initiation and the joining fees and the annual subscription having fallen to the ground in consequence of the absence of the mover, Bro. Saunders, the S.W., gave notice of motion that at the next meeting the advisability of raising the annual subscription only should be fully considered. Bros. Sugg and Palmer then proposed the names of two gentlemen for initiation next meeting. Bros. King, Dobid; and Sanders, 1293, were the only visitors.

LEICESTER.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1560).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., but unfortunately from various causes, several of the officers were unavoidably absent. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. Toller, jun., I.P.M., as W.M., and he was supported by Bros. B. Smith, P.G. Treas., as I.P.M.; W. T. Rowlett, S.W. 523, as S.W.; T. Worthington, W.M. 50, as J.W.; C. Stretton, P.M. 279, Treas.; Rev. W. Langley, P.M. 50, 1130, Secretary; R. Tayler, Sec. 523, as S.D.; J. F. Rolleston, J.D.; E. Mason, S.W. 1391, as Dir. of Cer.; J. A. Wykes, J.W. 523, as Org.; W. E. Buck, I.G.; J. T. Thorp, W.M. 523; and other visitors and members were present. Bros. A. H. Burgess and R. S. Toller were raised to the Third Degree by the acting W.M., the traditional history being given by Bro. Thorp. A grant of £5 from the charity fund was voted to Bro. Stretton's list for the Benevolent Institution. The acting W.M. expressed the thanks of the lodge to the visitors for their efficient assistance, and announced that all the absent officers had given timely notice of their inability to be present. The lodge was closed in due form and in harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1507).—On Friday, the 4th inst., the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, met at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville Road, for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. At the invitation of this Lodge of Instruction the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction which meets at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, attended to do the work. Bros. Stacey was W.M.; Mander, S.W.; James Willing, J.W.; W. H. Lee, S.D.; Abell, J.D.; J. Lee, I.G.; Briggs, P.M.; and W. M. Stiles, Secretary. Fifty other brethren were present. The following was the working:—

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section, Bro. Webb, I.G. 1381.
- 2nd " " Squirrell, S.D. 206.
- 3rd " " Read, J.D. 1572.
- 4th " " Farwig, I.G. 180.
- 5th " " Whitaker, S.W. 1572.
- 6th " " Mander, P.M. 1201.
- 7th " ditto

SECOND LECTURE.

- 1st Section, Bro. Abell, 55.
- 2nd " " J. Lee, I.G. 1541.
- 3rd " " Whitaker, S.W. 1572.
- 4th " " Stacey, P.M. 280.
- 5th " " W. H. Lee, P.M. 1524.

THIRD LECTURE.

- 1st Section, Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M. 1524.
- 2nd " " Farwig, I.G. 180.
- 3rd " " Briggs, P.M. 157.

The whole of the working was excellent, and a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously given to the brethren. Bros. Stacey and Mander were elected honorary members.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Capper Lodge of Instruction (No. 1372).—The annual banquet of this lodge took place on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. T. Day, in the chair, the W.M. elect of the Henley Lodge filling the vice-chair. In reply to the toast of the evening, Bro. C. Cook, 13, the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge, gave a glowing account of its rise, and progress, and claimed for it a position second to none in the district. Bro. J. Henderson, P.M. and Treas. 13, and P.M. 1372, Sec. 700 and of 913, the Preceptor of the lodge, and whose hard work in Masonry is well-

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known, and appreciated far and near, had an ovation, and in reply spoke hopefully of the good work done in the lodge among the young aspirants to its highest honours. He saw around him brethren in position in the Order, who had, he felt proud to say, learned their work in that lodge, and under his guidance; they were a credit to it, and he hoped to see many more rise from its ranks to the position that one of their number, Bro. J. Ives, had recently been so worthily exalted to. He concluded a brilliant speech by thanking them heartily for their kind reception of his name.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (No. 1356).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., at Northhill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, when Bro. J. Bell, W.M., was inducted Preceptor for the ensuing year. The brethren subsequently dined together, Bro. T. Horne occupying the chair of W.M., Bro. T. Nickson, that of S.W., and Bro. J. W. Williams, that of J.W. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Bell, W.M., Preceptor; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M., P. Preceptor; T. Evans, P.M., Past Preceptor; J. Jones, Sec.; W. G. Veale, Org.; Woolrich, and others.

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KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—The annual meeting of the members of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Kendal, on the 27th ult., Comps. T. Wilson, M.E.Z.; H. Rauthmell, H.; Rev. Canon Ware, J.; J. Bintley, S.E.; J. Talbot, S.N.; R. J. Nelson, P.S.; and others. Visitor, J. Baker, P.Z. 241. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Baker, P.Z., exalted Bro. J. Banks, of Union Lodge, 129, in his well-known and impressive manner. Comp. Baker then proceeded to instal Comp. H. Rauthmell in the M.E.Z. chair, Comp. Gawith, P.Z., as H., Comp. Bintley, as J., and the other offices were filled as follows:—S.E., Comp. J. Talbot; S.N., Comp. R. J. Nelson; P.S., Comp. G. J. McKay. Comp. T. Wilson presented a handsome Bible for the use of the chapter, which was closed in due form at 3 p.m.

ESSEX.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The regular convocation of the Priory Chapter was held on the 9th inst. at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, Essex. The officers present were the Rev. S. R. Wiggram, M.E.Z.; E. S. Phillips, H.; H. Wood, 186, acting as J.; S. Weston, Treas.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, S.N.; J. A. Wardell, P.S.; J. Willing, jun., First Assist. S.; T. W. Gower, Second Assist. S.; and Comps. Judd, Jillings, Pissey, Hemmann, and Frost. The following companions were unanimously elected to office for the ensuing year:—Comps. E. C. Phillips, Z.; Lucking, H.; Wardell, J.; J. Willing, jun., P.S.; Johnstone, S.E.; Pissey, S.N.; and Weston, Treas. Comp. Willing appointed Comps. Gower and the Rev. H. J. Hatch, First and Second Assist. S. respectively. Comp. Mountain was elected Janitor, after which Comp. Hemmann and Pissey were chosen Auditors. A sum of three guineas was voted for a P.Z.'s jewel to the retiring M.E.Z. for his efficient services during his year of office. Comp. Wiggram having acknowledged the vote, another vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Wood, 186, for acting as H. that evening, the H. being absent at the annual festival of the Benevolent Institution. The annual convocation of the Priory Chapter was fixed for Wednesday, 10th May, at 2 p.m., banquet at 5, and the companions then closed the chapter, and adjourned to refreshment.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Chapter (No. 1293).—This chapter was founded at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 11th day of November, 1873, Comp. Colonel Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. G. Superintendent of Middlesex, being the first M.E.Z.; Comp. R. Wentworth Little, then the Prov. Grand Secretary, now P.G.S.W., the first H.; and Comp. Frederick Davison, P. Prov. S.G.W., the first J.; Comp. H. C. Levander, P. Prov. S.G.D. of Wilts, and P.Z. 76 and 720, the S.E.; and Comp. H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer of Middlesex, the Treasurer. After a very prosperous year, during which many distinguished brethren were exalted, the chapter assembled at the Mitre on Saturday, the 9th of January, 1875, to celebrate the completion of its first year, when Comp. Little was installed as the Z., Comp. Davison as J., and Comp. David R. Still, P.M. of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, as J. Another year of great success attended the chapter. On Saturday, the 8th of January, 1876, the completion of the second year was celebrated by the companions at the Mitre Hotel, on which occasion Bro. John Musgrave Levick, of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, and Bro. Herbert W. Ruff, of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, and the duties of Principal Sojourner were most efficiently carried out by Comp. F. Keily. The installation of the three Principals was then proceeded with, the ceremonies being most admirably performed by Comp. Little, ably assisted by Comp. John Boyd, P.Z. Comp. Davison was installed as Z., Comp. Still, as H., and Comp. Henry Phythian, P.M. of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, as J.; the other officers elected and invested being Comps. H. C. Levander, P.Z., S.E.; F. Keily, S.N.; D. W. Pearse, P.S.; T. Massa, 1st A.S.; W. Maple, 2nd A.S.; H. G. Buss, Treas. The meeting was honoured by several distinguished visitors, amongst whom were Comps. J. Wilkinson, 1248; C. Arkell, 192; and H. Ehnhus, P.Z. 1056. On motions duly made, it was resolved unanimously that P.Z. jewels should be presented to Comps. Colone Burdett, the first M.E.Z., and R. Wentworth Little, the second M.E.Z. of the chapter. After labour the companions returned to refreshment, and when the cloth was removed the usual R.A. toasts were given and responded to. The enjoyments of the evening were considerably enhanced by the musical abilities of Comps. J. Wilkinson and A. Moore.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

TRURO.—Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter.—The annual assembly of this new and flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, New Public Rooms, Truro, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at 2 p.m., Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart, M.P.S., 32°, the M.W.S. in the chair. There were also present William James Hughan, 35°, P.M.W.S.; Rev. George Ross, 18°, High Prelate; Colonel J. W. Peard, 18°, 1st General; Nicholas James West, 18°, 2nd General; Charles Truscott, 30°, Recorder; Edward Dixon Anderton, 18°, Grand Marshal; and other members. The Ill. Bro. Richard Rodda, P.M.W.S. Huyshe Chapter, Plymouth, was present as a visitor, and Bro. George Brown, of the Shakespeare Chapter, Warwick. Sir Frederick M. Williams conferred the degree on Bro. Smith, of St. Austell, presided until resigning the chair to Ill. Bro. Rodda, who had kindly attended as Installing Sovereign, and most efficiently conducted that ceremony, to the great delight of all the members, and especially to the satisfaction of the new M.W.S. of the chapter, Colonel John Whitehead Peard. The thanks of the chapter were voted to E. and P. Bro. Rodda for his valuable services, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and our illustrious brother was invited to attend all the meetings of the chapter hereafter, as their honoured guest. The M.W.S. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart, M.P., 32°, P.M.W.S.; Rev. George Ross, M.A., H.P.; Nicholas J. West, 1st G.; Edward Dixon Anderton, 2nd G.; Frederick William Dabb, Treas.; Charles Truscott, 30°, Grand Marshal and Recorder; John Farran Penrose, 30°, R.; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., H.; Edward Trewbody Carlyon, C. of G.; William Luke, D. of C.; J. T. Taylor, C.; J. T. Rowe, A.; John Hocking, jun., O.; Dr. William Mason, 2nd H.; and William Rooks, S. The banquet was provided at Bro. Bray's, Red Lion Hotel, at 5 p.m., and was a very fine entertainment. The various toasts were well honoured, and several interesting speeches were delivered respecting the origin and the character of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," by Bros. Hughan and Rodda. Your correspondent had intended to have taken down these addresses, but quite forgot so to do, because of paying such attention to the speakers. Nothing could exceed the warm reception vouchsafed to the Installing S., Richard Rodda, P.M.W.S., and as usual the members were most enthusiastic in their admiration for Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart, M.P., 32°, when his health was proposed by Colonel Peard. The worthy baronet has not been absent a single meeting since the chapter was founded, and in his speech took occasion to commend the beautiful ceremonies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite to the careful attention and practice of the members. A more pleasant and happy meeting has never been held in Truro, since when the chapter was honoured at its inauguration with the presence of the Secretary, General Major Shadwell H. Clerke, whose absence this time was much regretted.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CHINA.

The District Grand Lodge of China recently held its annual meeting and festival at the Masonic Hall, Zetland street, Hong Kong. The lodge met at three o'clock in the afternoon, when there was a large attendance of the brethren of the Order. Following the ancient attended Divine service at St. John's Cathedral in a body. The procession, which was under the direction of Bro. J. M. Emanuel, D.C., who acted as Dir. of Cer., assisted by Bro. Wilberforce Wilson and Bro. R. Lyall, was formed just behind the Masonic Hall shortly after three o'clock.

The brethren were all attired in evening dress with white gloves, those belonging to either service appearing in proper uniform. No regalia except that appertaining to the District Grand Lodge and its subordinate bodies was worn. Members of lodges appeared in their aprons, officers of lodges in aprons and collars, and members and officers of District Grand Lodge in D.G. Lodge regalia. The jewels worn appertained to the first three degrees of Masonry and the Order of the Royal Arch. The procession proceeded to the Cathedral by the road leading along the back of St. Paul's Cathedral and round by the Government offices, and there was a large number of spectators along the route. On arriving at the door of the Cathedral the column halted, opened ranks, and faced inwards, and the Deputy District Grand Master and his staff passed up the line and entered the building. The remainder of the procession then doubled in from the rear and followed. The nave was reserved for Masons. His Excellency the Governor, Miss Kennedy, and Captain O'Callaghan occupied seats in the chancel, as also did Sir John and Lady Smale, and a number of ladies and gentlemen. The cathedral otherwise was well filled with the general public.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Grand Chaplain preached the sermon from 1 Chronicles xxix, 9—"Then the people rejoiced for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord; and David the King also rejoiced with great joy."

The banquet took place in the Masonic Hall in the evening. The toasts of "Mystic," "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Grand Master, and the United Grand Lodge of England," were proposed from the chair, and duly responded to. Bro. Kingsmill proposed, "The Deputy District Grand Master and the District Grand Lodge of China," which was responded to by the Deputy District Grand Master. Bro. Blakeman gave "The Lodges of the District," which was suitably acknowledged. Bro. Dennis proposed "The District Grand Chaplain," who responded. "The Wives, Sisters, and Daughters of Masons" was given by Bro. Baynes, and acknowledged by Bro. Eitel. The Tyler's toast, the last upon the list, was proposed by the D.G. Tyler. Songs and glee were interspersed with the toasts, and the company did not separate till a late hour.

MASONIC BALL IN BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

The fourth annual Masonic ball took place on Jany. 27th, 1876, in the Town Hall. It was held, as usual, under the auspices of the local Craft lodges, and the management was undertaken by a joint committee as follows:—Bros. Bagot, P.M. 1021; McKnight, S.D.; R. S. White, Wheddon, C. P. Richards, Bland, J. C. Hunter, W.M. 1225; Morgan, junior, S.S.; E. Ludlam, Kershaw, J. Bell, Stables, Haslam, W.M. 1021; Hartson, J.W. 1021; W. Gradwell, junior, Bennett, junior, Coulthurst, Pickavance, T. Roberts, Hon. Sec. 1225; Morgan, S.W.; Nalder, S.D.: Klyne, M.C. The ball was in aid of the Masonic charities, and was under the distinguished patronage of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the R.W.D.G. Master and P.G. Master for West Lancashire; the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the R.W.P.G. Master for Derbyshire; the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G. Master for West Lancashire; Sir J. Ramsden, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S.W.; His Worship the Mayor of Barrow, H. W. Schneider, Esq., P.M. 995, P.P.G.J.W.; W. C. Dealey, Esq., P.M. 1021; H. Cook, Esq., P.M. 119 and 1021, P.P.G.R.; Aymer Ainslie, Esq., P.M. 995; and the officers and brethren of the neighbouring lodges, and of the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 995. The committee wisely determined this year not to expend a great sum of money in decorating the hall, as in former years this item consumed a great portion of the funds realised; but although no attempt was made to make an elaborate display of decoration the committee succeeded at a moderate outlay in producing a fine effect, and the hall when opened for dancing presented a very pretty sight. At the head of the room, surmounted with trophies of flags, was a splendid portrait of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, which was recently presented to the Hindpool Lodge, 1021, by the Worshipful Master, Bro. K. T. Taylor. There were also the shields of Lord Cardigan, the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., and Sir James Ramsden, while at the foot of the hall were to be seen the shields of the Mayor and ex-Mayor of Barrow. The buffet occupied the whole of a large platform, which extended to the end of the private boxes. Bros. Bagot and Roberts acted as Secretaries, and their duties were performed with credit to themselves. Bros. W. Gradwell, jun., and H. J. Klyne officiated as Masters of Ceremonies, while the Stewards were Bros. Wheddon, Richards, Ludlam, Nalder, and E. Morgan. The music was supplied by Norwood's celebrated string band from Preston, and they gave every satisfaction. Dancing commenced soon after nine o'clock, and the appearance of the gentlemen, wearing the insignia of their rank and office in Masonry, and of the ladies, who, without a single exception, were gorgeously attired, was a scene on which the eye loved to linger. The ball was a great success, and certainly it proved to be one of the best ever held in the town.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

On December 27th the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held its eighty-ninth annual communication in the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets. Bro. Alfred R. Potter, Grand Master, presided. The proceedings were of a very interesting character to the Craft, and were marked by usual harmony and fraternal courtesy.

It was stated that official notice had been received of the constitution of Grand Lodges in the territory of Wyoming and in Indian territory, and in the provinces of Manitoba and Prince Edward's Island.

Grand Master Potter, in retiring from office, delivered an appropriate address, showing that the Grand Lodge is in a most prosperous condition, and in communication with some eighty similar grand bodies, among them the new United Grand Lodge, Three Globes, of the German Empire.

The following officers, elected December 1st, were duly installed to serve for the year:—Grand Master, R. Clark; D.G.M., J. M. Porter; S.G.W., M. Nisbet; J.G.W., S. B. Dick; Grand Treasurer, F. R. Patton; Grand Secretary, J. Thomson.

G.M. Clark delivered a brief address, in which he alluded to the arrangements for the reception of the thousands of brethren from abroad who will visit the city next year.

A letter was read from William J. Hughan, the antiquary, of Truro, England, showing that Philadelphia was the "Mother city of Freemasonry on this continent," a lodge having been warranted and constituted here by Provincial Deputy Grand Master Daniel Cox, under a patent from the Grand Lodge of England, in 1730, and known and recognised in the registry of London as The Hoop, in Water-street, No. 79. Heretofore Boston has claimed the honour of having the first Masonic Lodge—that constituted by Provincial Grand Master Henry Price in 1733.

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J. L.—In answer to J. L., in England the W.M. solely appoints the officers, except Treasurer and Tyler. We do not know what the rule in Scotland is.

The following stand over:

Letters from J. P. P., Lyttleton, New Zealand; A Past Master; Oration by Bro. P. Rintoul; J. M. S. D. in our next; Lodge of Peace, Meltham, No. 149; Royal Brunswick Lodge, Sheffield, No. 296 (too late for this week—in our next); Granite Lodge, No. 1328; City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563; Elliot Lodge, No. 1567; Lodge of Joppa, No. 188; Lodge Concord, No. 757; Lodge of Honour, No. 379; Stonehouse Chapter, Sincerity, No. 189; Temple Lodge of Mark Masters 173; Dyke's Conclave, No. 36; Masonic Ball at Huddersfield.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

LANGLEY, wife of the Rev. William, M.A., Curate of St. Matthew's, at Leicester, Feb. 3, of a son.

PLUNKET, wife of the Hon. Arthur C. C., at Government House, Derry, Feb. 12, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

NELSON—COATES.—Nov. 30, at St. Paul's, Auckland, New Zealand, the Rev. G. M. Nelson, Incumbent of St. Paul's, to Georgiana Sophia, second daughter of the late James Coates, Esq., Montego Bay, Jamaica.

DEATHS.

LANGLEY.—Feb. 12, at Leicester, aged 37, Anne Catharine, dearly-loved and loving wife of the Rev. W. Langley, M.A., Curate of St. Matthew's, Leicester.

DOHERTY.—Feb. 7, at Vernon House, Weston Park, Bath, Anne Eliza, wife of Lieutenant-General H. E. Doherty, C.B., daughter of the late Sir W. Onslow, Bart.

POSTLETHWAITE.—Feb. 10, at Ulverston, Wm. Postlethwaite, Esq., banker, aged 86.

COLERIDGE.—Feb. 11, at Heaths Court, Ottery St. Mary, the Right Hon. Sir John Taylor Coleridge, aged 85.

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OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER IN INDIA.

In the "Times" of Saturday, the 12th, the telegraphic message appeared of date Feb. 11th from Calcutta—that the Serapis and Osborne has left that place for Bombay, in order to be in readiness for the embarkation of the Prince of Wales on his return to England. A hearty welcome awaits him from all classes here. The last account is as follows, from Shafia Khana, Feb. 16th, in the "Times" of 17th:—"The Prince of Wales, who is now on a shooting tour in Kumaon and the Nepaul Terai, camped last night at Nuggla Kumaon. The Royal party are

advancing by easy stages towards Nepaul, striking camp daily. There has been fair sport in deer and other game, but only one tiger has been seen. Yesterday his Royal Highness shot a fine bear, and Lord Aylesford another. All the party are in excellent health." We call attention to our Grand Master's kindness to his brethren in India, mentioned in another page.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We congratulate our Order, the Managing Committee, and not the least, Bro. Terry, on the remarkable result of the anniversary and gathering for 1876 of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The sum total is a very large one, unprecedented in the annals of the Institution itself, and one that does all credit to the efforts of the Stewards, and the great and charitable impulses of our friendly and benevolent brotherhood. West Lancashire with its £1500 is a striking commentary in itself on the active charity of our good brethren in Liverpool especially, and on the popularity of our distinguished Deputy Grand Master! For this is the first Masonic charitable "Grand Assembly" of this year of grace and light, and if Bros. Little and Binckes are equally successful, which from Bro. Binckes' symbolical action at the festival we are inclined to augur and to hope, we shall have given to Masonic charity this year the interest at three per cent. of probably over a million of money. We therefore, trust that this first great gathering of 1876 is but the omen of and prelude to equal, nay, greater results to be obtained as the months roll on, and the Girls' and Boys' Schools each in turn appeal to a sympathetic and true-hearted brotherhood. And yet, despite a not unnatural and reasonable "paean" of success we feel bound to "improve the occasion," and point out to our readers one or two truths and considerations alike pressing and important. Despite so much that has been done, is doing, and will be done in this year for Masonic charity, much remains to be done. Many lodges subscribe widely, many districts do grandly, many individuals make most genuine and striking efforts, but yet a large number of our lodges do nothing at all! We have before said, that in our opinion no lodge has really done its duty by the charities or to Masonic Benevolence, until it is a Vice-President if possible—at any rate a Life Governor, of the four Masonic Charities. Were we founding a new lodge to-day we should say "Make your first great rule the practice of your own Masonic principles, and make everything else subordinate to them. Curtail all unavoidable expenses, restrict your banquets, be content to work, so to say, on 'short commons,' until you are in a position to declare that your lodge, as representing your little brotherhood, was in possession of ten votes in perpetuity for each of the charities." If some think this too high a standard of Lodge Charity to inculcate or arrive at, let them remember that we are laying down first principles. We admit that it is impossible to form a rule applicable to all lodges, inasmuch as the position of the metropolitan lodges, and provincial lodges widely differs in one respect. In London the banquets are paid for out of the lodge subscriptions, in the provinces as a rule they are not. Hence the subscriptions in London represent the maximum, so to say, in the provinces the minimum, and London lodges, with some notable exceptions, deal with larger sums annually than the provincial lodges. But still we think much more may be done by the lodges on a general system than is done, and we therefore feel bound, as a "Masonic Mentor," to call the attention of our good brethren to the subject. We think that each lodge ought to have its Benevolent Fund created by special donations, and that from this grants should be made to the charities and individual brethren. And, throwing out respectfully these hints for the consideration of the Craft, we beg to close, as we commenced this article, with congratulations to all concerned for the signal success of the Festival of the 12th, and with earnest hope for an equal satisfactory return from the Girls' School and Boys' School anniversary gatherings.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

The East has always a charm for every thinking person. It lies still before us in its mystic grandeur, shrouded like Isis of old in all but impenetrable wonder and awe, silent and weird in its glamour and desolation like the stately and majestic Sphinx. It is still a land of marvels and strange contrasts, of moving memories and captivating realities. We wander in its crowded cities, or move amidst its isolated ruins, spell-bound, fascinated, awe struck! The genius of the land still seems to enthrall us and surround us at every step we take, at every sight we pause, with a magic and subduing influence. Go where we will our minds perforce recur to those oriental tales which delighted us so much in happier years. In Cairo especially, the memories of the "Arabian Nights" still cling to us, and though perhaps we do not find "cream tarts with or without pepper," we can still see a veiled lady on a shopping excursion, we still can realize the existence of those lively personages who crowd the pleasant pages of that delightful book, we still see the scar on Amine's cheek, and listen to the sagacious but somewhat volatile Zobeide, and admire the silent, and discreet, and listening Sultan. How unlike modern husbands! Smith of to-day says to Robinson of to-day, "Fine weather, old boy. My wife has lost her voice, and can't talk. Just suits me, old fellow." Painful contrast! "But revenons a nos moutons." And the East has ever, too, a lasting interest for Freemasons, for Freemasonry came from the East, remember. In saying this we do not forget the great principles of cause and effect, of origin and development, of historical accuracy, of archaeological truth. Freemasonry is no doubt lineally and directly from the Operative Guilds, but the guilds had through Roman, through Etrurian, through Hebrew, through Grecian, through Phoenician Confraternities, after all, we believe, a purely Eastern origin. And if that ancestry of ours be in the remote ages of the past, it is still our ancestry, and one of which we may all be proud. Egypt especially has historic claims for us, is perhaps for us the "missing link," inasmuch as there can be no doubt but that a portion at any rate of the Egyptian initiatory system was grafted at a very early period into the "secreta receptio" of the building sodalities. Masons' marks can still be seen on the interior walls of the Pyramids, identical with those in use elsewhere, and with those in use in much later epochs. We have, then, as Freemasons, a deep and abiding interest in all that relates to the East, and not the least to Egypt. Without entering upon political disquisitions, or discussing affairs of state, always forbidden to Freemasons, we may we think be permitted to rejoice that by a wise and enlightened decision the Government of our country has acquired national rights and vested interests in that remarkable undertaking, the Suez Canal. Independently of the absolute necessity of preserving at any cost our highway to India, and of maintaining our prestige in the Mediterranean, we think that all that tends to bring nations closer to each other under the guarantees of law, of order, of civilization, of good government, constitutes a fresh pledge for the preservation of the peace of the world, and is therefore a true blessing to humanity. In, therefore, the interests of brotherly goodwill and cosmopolitan unity, we hail this, in our humble opinion, judicious step of Her Majesty's constitutional advisers, and we trust, as we believe, that it will tend more and more to the welfare of Egypt, the extension of commerce, to the benign and elevating influences of civilizing progress and general intercourse. We think that M. Lesseps has deserved well of all who, looking beyond the somewhat narrow limits of local prejudices and even national interests, can regard with approval the onward march of that great army of the human race, on whose banners are inscribed the pleasant words, Toleration, Improvement, Goodwill; "whose victories are ever victories of peaceful enthusiasm, whose successes are ever successes of humanitarian sympathy and fraternal concord." We therefore, not as politicians but as Freemasons, rejoice in the acquisition by this country of active interests in that most important and striking enterprise, the Suez Canal.

MASONIC PUFFERY.

It has been said that we live in an age of "puffing," and that the "*To Kalon*" of the day is to advertise. Well in business we think that advertising is so to say the guarantee of success, inasmuch, as by the common law of the world, if you can only persuade people to take you at your own valuation, or to believe in what you have to say, to offer, or to sell, you are fully sure to succeed! Hence advertising, though no doubt in its enlarged use a specialité of our own days, is after all, but a development of the world's normal theories of progress and success. And no one can object to business advertisements, quâ business advertisements, they constitute in fact part of the capital and paraphernalia of trade! Harmless puffs of this or that commodity, prosaic or poetic recommendations of this or that "superior article," are in themselves not only allowable but useful, as many no doubt are led to discover wants of which they were not previously sensible, and to make purchases of what is so indispensable, whether for use or ornament. So that necessities become luxuries and luxuries become necessities, and all this is for the good of trade! As Mr. Weller observed of old, even the undertakers must live! But puffing and advertising degenerate into a nuisance, whenever they are used for personal pretensions, or for individual notoriety. Here it is, that as far as advertising is concerned, the legitimate, becomes illegitimate, and the reasonable ridiculous! The obtrusion of individual excellencies, however great, and the unseasonable reminder of special enterprises may be made not only a nuisance, but an impertinence! There are times and seasons for all things here, and we are all influenced every now and then perhaps more than at other times by the awakened memory of the merits of persons and things. But when without rhyme or reason such claims and reminders are thrust upon our notice, "nolentes volentes," they are apt to miss their mark, and we are ourselves certain to resent the intrusion. They then become, as we ventured before to think, a bore, and even a discourtesy. There are moments when we wish to be free, even from the thraldrom of business, the cares of the office, the tricks of trade, and the commonplace routine of the counting house, the shop, the warehouse. Puffery may, as we pointed out, be quite legitimate within certain limits, but Masonic puffery is to be seriously deprecated! If our neighbours will not believe in us, without soft and sedative puffs, we fear that we are likely not to be believed in at all! Let us therefore try to keep out of Masonic personality and individuality, the art of puffery, praise made easy, and commendation rendered ludicrous. Though there is nothing so easy as to blame, remember there is equally nothing so facile as to praise, and overpraise, puffery of any kind, Masonic puffery "surtout," are sure in the long run to leave us stranded like disconsolate whales high and dry on the great shore of Masonic ridicule and profane contempt.

INCREASE OF ANNUITANTS.

We are very happy in being permitted to announce that ten additional widows will be placed on the Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We feel sure this will be good news to many, and will be deeply appreciated by the Craft at large. Might we venture to suggest to the committee and Bro. Terry, the zealous and hard working Secretary, (whose salary we were glad to see had been very properly augmented) that the time has come, when the men's annuities should be raised to £45, and the women's to £32 annually? This would be equally, we are sure, hailed by the Order as a step in the right direction.

KENNING'S CYCLOPÆDIA.

In the specimen page printed last week, for "Free born" read "Free men." The specimen page will shortly be reprinted for the information of the brethren, as finally corrected and revised.

WIPE YOUR FEET.—The best Cocoa Nut Mats and Matting are made by Treloir and Sons, 69, Ludgate-hill.

THE WILSON MS.

I am happy to state that this MS., whose whereabouts has long been sought for, is now proved to be extant.

It is alluded to by Hutchinson and Preston, and is said by the latter in his famous "Manifesto" to be of the reign of Henry VIII.

It was then said to be in the hands of Mr. Wilson, of Broomhead, near Sheffield, Yorkshire.

But as it appeared on due enquiry that the Wilson Charter or MS. was sold to the well-known collector of MS., Sir Thomas Phillips some years back, it became necessary to find out what was their subsequent fate.

They still exist in the possession of his son-in-law.

The MS. is described as "an old MS. on vellum, a book by itself." There is also in the same collection an Italian MS., which is in all probability the original of some books printed at Venice, on Masonry, about 1780 or 1784.

I hope before long to obtain a transcript of the MS., which will be a great addition to our archaeological evidences, and to ascertain its exact date.

A. F. A. Woodrow.

Original Correspondence.

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

WELCOME OF OUR GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

When our Grand Master returns, could there not be a Masonic welcome of him? Why should not our Annual Grand Festival be made special, and held, say at the Alexandra Palace?

If the authorities at the Grand Lodge would take the matter up, we might have I do not hesitate to say, one of the noblest gatherings this country has ever seen, and one in which our entire Craft would gladly take part.

I am so bold as to add, that I would admit our fair sisters.

It is just possible that the charming and august wife of our Grand Master would deign to be present.

Here is an idea—is it good for anything? Can it be worked out?—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD-ENGLISH MASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be glad to know if any project is on foot to give our Royal Grand Master a Masonic welcome on his return to this country.

I beg to suggest a grand Masonic ball, and that the proceeds over and above expenses be divided between the Masonic Charities.

Should the idea meet with the views of the Craft, I shall be glad to contribute my mite towards preliminary expenses.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

E. J. WALFORD.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As it may gratify the brethren in England to hear that His Royal Highness our Grand Master is not forgetting the Craft in the far East on his journey up country from Calcutta, he called here at Bankipore, the civil station of Patna, the capital of Bihar, and held a Grand Durbar, where he received some of the oldest and most noted of our Indian dependencies. Lodge True Brothers, No. 1210, of Dinapore (the military station seven miles distant), headed by their Master in full regalia, were the first to receive him at the entrance to the ceremony. He was highly pleased, but before the presentations were over we had somewhat more reason to be gratified. Our Grand Master had not forgotten us, for in front of the whole assembly he called for the Freemasons, who were marshalled in double file right up the centre of the platform by the W.M., and severally presented by name as Brother A., B., &c. We were most graciously received. It was a great honour to us personally, and a credit to the Craft generally.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

M. V. MINN, W.M.,
Lodge True Brothers, 1210,
Dinapore.

Bankipore, Jan. 11th, 1876.

MASTER MASON'S JEWELS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

I am glad that a Master Mason has again opened the question of jewels for Master Masons, as I cannot find the slightest authority for such, but (with all deference to your editorial dictum) a distinct prohibition, a prohibition so marked that I should certainly protest against their being worn in a lodge in which I presided. I trust that these repeated letters will call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the question, so that the matter may be definitely settled.—I am, yours fraternally,

ONE WHO OCCUPIES THE CHAIR
OF K.S. FOR THE FOURTH TIME.

[We should like to try the question with the W.M. before the Board of General Purposes. The "onus probandi" rests upon him to prove that the five pointed star, worn by Master Masons is "inconsistent" with any of the degrees recognised by the Grand Lodge.—Ed.]

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OE THE ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 231.

This distinguished lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., on an occasion of more than ordinary interest, it being not only appointed for the installation of the Worshipful Master, but for the celebration of the centenary of the foundation of the lodge. Among the large number of brethren present were:—Bros. G. A. Ibbetson, W.M.; Harry Weston I.P.M.; J. H. Paul, W.M. elect; Richards, P.M.; J. Messent, P.M. and Treasurer; Curtis, P.M.; Webster, P.M.; Robbins, P.M.; Brider, P.M.; Harding, P.M.; Potter, P.M.; Benjamin West, P.M.; Gregson, S.W.; Mitchell, J.W.; Henry Cutler, Honorary Secretary; E. R. Cutler, S.D.; C. J. Edwards, J.D.; Calkin Lewis, I.G.; Graham, W. J. Hollebone, C. D. Hoblyn, W. T. T. Hall, H. Hughes Hallett, F. Hollebone, Miller, Baily, H. B. Mason, Stamford, Bryan, Sherwood, J. L. White, A. Blumenthal, Tussaud, F. S. Hoblyn. Visitors: Sir Wyndham Knatchbull, M.P., No. 144; George Lambert, P.M.; J. E. Remond, D. Betts, P.M.; Dr. Richardson, P.M.; R. Glover, P.M.; G. Bubb, P.M.; Hyde Pullen, J. Heaton, B. H. van Tromp, C. D. Mackenzie, Croucio, P.M.; Dr. Greatorex, P.M.; Dr. J. Moore, P.M.; M. G. Quibhampton, Herbert Adams, P.M.; A. Henson, F. Webb, J. Crews, J. Courbeton, Dr. Ramsey, of Inverness; E. B. Webb, J. W. Goldsboro, W. Chubb, P.M.; Thos. Quibhampton, J. W. Watts, W. Dyott Burnaby, Capt. F. C. Hughes Hallett, Chas. Addicott, W. H. Gulliford, J. P. Pennefather, Chas. Dickens, P.M.; Sir W. W. Drake, Bart., H. W. Davis, F. Chifferiel, J. K. Stead, F. W. B. Natusch, P.M.; Hollingsworth, R. Risdon, P.M.; J. Morgan, P.M.; Prov. G.R. Hants.; G. E. Douglas, J. M. De Vrus, R.N.; P. G. Parkhurst, A. M. Walls, P.M.; W. G. Almond, G. McRae, Alfred Smeel, F.R.S.; Col. Honeywood, C. C. Stevens, W. Jackson, F. Brewer.

The W. Bro. John Messent having taken the chair, installed Bro. J. H. Paul, P.M., as Worshipful Master, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, numbering twenty-four brethren.

The following brethren, all of whom are Past Masters, were invested by the W.M. as the officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. Ibbetson, I.P.M.; Alfred Richards, as S.W.; C. J. Curtis, J.W.; John Messent, Treas.; Henry Cutler, Hon. Sec.; W. S. Webster, S.D.; John Robbins, J.D.; Henry Brider, I.G.; Charles Harding, D. of C.; Western, Assist. D. of C.; Longstaff, Tyler.

After the investment of officers, Bro. Messent, in a very impressive manner, delivered the customary addresses to the Master, Wardens and brethren, after which a procession, formed by the following officers of the Grand Lodge of England, preceded by Stewards, entered the lodge-room, the brethren rising to receive them, and Bro. W. Ganz, P.G.O., playing a grand march during the procession and until the brethren were again seated.

The following Grand Officers were also present:—Rt. Hon. Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. for Bristol; Lieut.-General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. for Surrey; Colonel Arthur Cole, C.B., P.G.M. for Surrey; Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W.; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; John B. Monckton, President of Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; John A. Rueker, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., and P.D.P.G.M. for Middlesex; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; N. Bradford, P.A.G.D.C.; Conrad Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, G.P.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; Peter de Lande Long, V.P. of Board General Purposes; Clavius Hansard, P.G.S.; Major Shadwell Clerke, P.P.G.S. for North Devon; Dr. Rhys Williams, P.G.S.; F. J. Corder, P.G.S.

The W.M. having handed the gavel to Bro. the Earl of Limerick, who gracefully returned the same, called upon the Secretary to read the letters he had received from those brethren who were prevented from joining the lodge, and Bro. Cutler, Hon. Sec., read letters from several distinguished brethren.

The Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Charles Harding, P.M., by command of the W.M., read from a list the names and titles of those present, and bade the visitors hearty welcome to the lodge.

The warrant of the Grand Lodge, authorizing the members of the lodge to wear a commemorative jewel, was read by the Secretary.

The W.M. then called on Bro. John Messent, P.M., to read his paper on the history of St. Andrew's Lodge from its formation to the present time. This was listened to with great interest by the brethren, and Bro. Messent was warmly greeted at its conclusion.

From this paper (which, by the wish of the lodge, we understand will be printed) we have been kindly permitted by Bro. Messent to extract the following account of the migrations, &c., of the lodge since its foundation:—

"Founded in 1776, its first meetings were held at the Coach and Horses, Queen Anne-street (the number of the lodge at that time being 490).

"The original warrant having been lost or destroyed, a warrant of confirmation was obtained on the first of June, 1829, under which the lodge now acts. The first Master was one Bro. William Shepherd; the S.W. Bro. James Hamilton; and the J.W., Bro. James Wilson. Bro. Shepherd was re-elected Master in 1777 and 1781, was succeeded by Bro. Peter Lacon; the number of the lodge was now changed to 396. In 1788, the Master was one Bro. Charles Stewart."

"For some time prior to the year 1805 the meetings were held at the Black Dog, St. James's; after which the lodge was removed to St. James's Tavern, Great Marylebone-street. In 1806, Joseph Grimaldi was initiated in the lodge; from 1807, the lodge was held successively at the Wheatsheaf, in the Strand; The Freemasons' Tavern; the White Lion, Oxford-street; King's Head, Cumberland-street; Union Tavern, New Bridge-street; Three Tuns,

Fetter-lane; Cannon Coffee House, Cockspur-street; Betty's Coffee House, Strand; Piazza Hotel, Covent Garden; and from 1847, again at the Freemasons' Tavern."

The R.W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick expressed the happiness he felt in being present, and the pleasure with which he had listened to Bro. Messent's paper, and concluded by wishing the lodge God speed for the future.

"Hearty Good Wishes" having been expressed by the brethren, on behalf of their respective provinces and lodges, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of 112, sat down to an elegant banquet (*à La Russe*) prepared under the direction of Bro. Fratcatelli, the able chef of the Freemasons' Tavern.

On the removal of the cloth, Grace from the Laud Spirituali was sung by Mesdames Sinclair and Belval, and Bros. George Perren and F. Penna, accompanied by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., on the pianoforte. In proposing "The Health of the Queen" the W.M. said it did not require any eloquence on his part to insure a most cordial reception of the toast, one always warmly received by Masons; it was well-known that three out of her four sons were Masons, and it was only to be regretted she could not be one herself. In order therefore to receive this toast with Masonic honours, it is necessary to couple the name of Her Majesty with the Craft. Brethren, I give you "The Queen and the Craft."

After the National Anthem, in which the brethren joined, had been sung.

The W.M. said: The next toast is that of our "Most Worshipful Grand Master." I call on you to greet this toast with all cordiality and fervour, not only because the Prince of Wales is our Masonic Sovereign, but also on account of the personal regard and affection in which every Freemason holds his Royal Highness. He is, as we all know, now in India, where, whenever he has an opportunity of acting in his capacity of Grand Master, he is always present. Every one here wishes him a prosperous journey, and I ask you to drink his health, wishing him a safe return to his native land.

National song, "God save the Prince of Wales," composed by Bro. W. Ganz, P.G.O., and sung by Bro. George Perren.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master," and said: We all know how popular he is amongst us, and how, in spite of his onerous duties as one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State, he still makes time to fulfil thoroughly the duties of Prov. Grand Master.

Glee, "In this hour of softened splendour."

W.M.: Brethren, the last toasts have been in some respects toasts of ceremony, though I am sure we have drank them with all our hearts, but the toast I now propose is not only one of ceremony, but one that refers to brethren with whom many of us are more or less acquainted. The toast of "The Health of the Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England." There are here present this evening many Grand Officers, who without exception are daily doing good service to Masonry, have done much in time past, and quite ready and willing to do much more again. Time will not allow me to-night to mention the especial manner in which many of the Grand Officers here are deserving of our thanks, but I am sure you will agree with me they merit our warmest approbation and our most cordial greeting. In connection with this toast I especially mention the name of Bro. the Earl of Limerick, whom I am pleased to see at my right hand to-night, and I call on his lordship to acknowledge the toast.

The R.W. Bro. Earl of Limerick replied,

Worshipful Master and brethren—I must say I never felt myself to be on any occasion more than I do on the present one in the wrong place. When I see our Grand Secretary's smiling face, and when I see the two officers here who contributed so much to the success of the installation of His Royal Highness, I must say I am not the person who ought to return thanks on this occasion; there are many who would do it in words I am incapable of making use of, still I can say I feel deeply your kindness in proposing this toast, and I am only interpreting the feelings of the Grand Officers when I thank you for your kindness in asking us to the magnificent hospitality of St. Andrew's Lodge; it will never be forgotten by any now here, and will be regretted by those who have not been here. I express the wish that this lodge may go on and prosper "till time shall be no more."

R. W. Bro. Lieut.-General Brownrigg, C.B.: Experience has taught me that old age in Masonry has its privileges as well as its penalties; it rarely happens to the lot of a visitor to have the privilege of proposing a toast. The toast is "The Health of the Worshipful Master, and success to the Lodge of St. Andrew." It would be an impertinence in me if I ventured to speak of the Worshipful Master; unfortunately for acquaintance with him is slight, but he is well known to many of the visitors of this lodge from the fact of his being installed Master of this lodge for the second time; my toast is made much more difficult, but I think we all must have been delighted at the opportunity given us to attend this meeting; as Masons we are all charmed to see how the Craft flourishes, and after the lapse of a hundred years to find this old lodge flourishing. Here are the great grandchildren of the old members of this old lodge; nothing could be more interesting than such a celebration as this, and extremely interesting was the traditional history which the Brother Treasurer read to us this evening. After all this, what does it go to prove? It proves the excellence of our Craft, and how we hang together, and I hope, Worshipful Master and brethren, should time last so long, that in 1976 your descendants, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, will be here to celebrate a second centenary. We drink to "The Health

of the Worshipful Master and to the prosperity of the St. Andrew's Lodge," and, as we find in the song written for this occasion,

Be bright its future history,
So let the goblet flow,
We'll drink the toast our fathers drank
One hundred years ago.

The W.M. replied: I feel embarrassed in returning thanks for the very great compliment the brethren of the St. Andrew's Lodge have paid me by placing me in this position. It is very many years since I first joined this lodge, and the brethren have always given me the greatest consideration. I have reached the culminating point of my ambition to-night in being installed for the second time its Master. This lodge is very near and dear to me, and I feel the compliments paid it by General Brownrigg are not undeserved. I trust it will for many, very many years, continue to go on and flourish, and be equal to any in the Craft. I am very proud to see so many distinguished visitors around this table, and grateful to them for joining so cordially with you in this toast. I will not now detain you longer than to say, once more, brethren, I thank you.

Solo pianoforte "Fantasia," Bro. Wilhelm Ganz.

W.M.: The celebration of the centenary of our lodge has been the means of introducing to us many visitors, and I doubt if any one of my predecessors in the chair of this lodge has seen so goodly and so illustrious an array of guests as we are honoured with this evening. I am glad they are too numerous to be separately named, and I will not attempt to recite their titles and dignities, but I call upon you to drink their health most heartily. I am very pleased to see them, and I trust they will all understand that through me the St. Andrew's Lodge bids them a hearty welcome, that through me the St. Andrew's Lodge thanks them for their presence and co-operation on this great day for the lodge, and that we one and all sincerely hope they will carry away with them agreeable reminiscences of St. Andrew's Lodge. I call on Bro. Col. Lowry Cole to return thanks.

Bro. Col. Lowry Cole, C.B.: I can only say I am not the person who should return thanks for the visitors; there are those here who stand higher in your affections in every way. I have enjoyed myself as much as anybody, by the kind way in which we have been received. I speak for men of almost every profession, and almost every country, and I cannot possibly know what every man thinks, but on the common ground attached to our Craft. We have been asked here, and cannot but be grateful for it in every sense. Our creature comforts have been attended to on every side, and, what is a great deal more, we have had a warm-hearted welcome, making the invitation doubly valuable. On this point I know every one will join with me. I am only sorry we are not likely to see another centenary, otherwise we should be delighted to look forward to it, but we must remember that we shall then be realising the great truth in our debt to the Great Architect of the Universe. I thank you, Worshipful Master, for the way in which you have spoken of the visitors.

Song, "By the Sad Sea Waves" (Benedict), Madame Belval, who, on being recalled, sang "She Wore a Wreath of Roses."

W. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C.: After the delightful strains of the vocalist it is difficult to bring you back from the young lady with the "wreaths on her brow;" at the same time, as one of the guests you have honoured to-night, I feel I should not discharge the duties which your hospitality has imposed on me if I did not ask you to drink the health of a body of brethren who might be included in two distinct toasts, for all the officers of the lodge are Past Masters also. I ask you to drink "The Health of the Past Masters." The Past Masters of all lodges constitute the strength of the lodge, it is they who hand down the traditions of the lodge, it is to them that the members look for encouragement and support in the duties of their respective lodges. Past Master Messent, in that able paper which we listened to with so much interest (I think), stated that in the year 1803 or 4, their lodge was possessed of only eight or nine members. We who are visitors here to-night know how flourishing is the state of the lodge now: the present occasion, however, is like the flowering of the aloe, which only blooms once in a hundred years, and although we cannot hope, like the sanguine youth who was tempted to wish to be present on the second centenary, we trust (whatever may be Masons at that period) the St. Andrew's Lodge will be going on prosperously. In asking you to recognise the services of the Past Masters I shall carry with me your best wishes, although they are now in subordinate offices in the lodge. I shall call upon you, Bro. Richards, the Senior Warden, to respond to this toast.

W. Bro. Richards.—Brethren of the Grand Lodge, Worshipful Master, and Brethren: I assure you I experience great difficulty in responding to this toast after the eloquent speech of my old friend, Bro. Philbrick. It is not the first time that he and I have met, nor is it the first time I have had the pleasure of listening to his eloquence. I return thanks for "The Past Masters"—they have done their duty in presenting the petition to the Grand Master, and one of them read the excellent paper we heard this evening; every Past Master has stepped forward so that this day might pass off with that éclat which all were anxious it should do. The thanks of this lodge are also specially due to the late officers for the brotherly manner in which they have so kindly given up their immediate promotion by vacating their positions for the present year. From Bro. Messent's paper we find that the name of the first Master of this lodge was Shepherd. He must have been a good shepherd to have watched over it for one hundred years, and I am sure that my old friend and Worshipful Master who now presides over the lodge, and with whom I have been closely associated in many ways for a long time past, will prove to be an equally faithful guardian of the interests and welfare of the St. Andrew's Lodge. I can only say I thank you on behalf of the Past Masters, and can assure you

that, as regards the wish that has been expressed to be present at the second centenary, if it be in the power of the Past Masters, they give you the invitation.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," including in the toast the names of Bros. Messent, Cutler, and Hardling.

W. Bro. Messent: I have much pleasure in responding to the toast you have kindly given, and beg to assure the Grand Officers and visitors that if they have had any cause to be pleased, the officers of the lodge themselves have double cause to be so, and to highly appreciate their position. For the honour and credit of the lodge and of those who are its members, I feel exceedingly pleased they have appreciated the small part I have taken to-night. I am glad to find that two of my brother officers will also respond, and their labours will be more appreciated than mine. (No, no). I feel great pleasure in being here to-night and in witnessing the success which has attended this meeting. Bros. Cutler and Hardling having also spoken in reply, the Tyler's toast was called for, and thus terminated the proceedings of the centenary festival of St. Andrew's Lodge.

Scotland.

TROON.—Navigation Lodge (No. 86) celebrated their 114th anniversary on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., in their lodge-room. Large delegations were present from several lodges, as well as a large turn out of the Troon brethren. Very able addresses were given by Bro. Stevenson, of the St. Andrew's, Irvine; Bro. Main, of St. Matthew's, Dreghorn; and by the W.M. Navigation, Troon. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given. The evening was enlivened by the singing of songs by some of the brethren, and by excellent music discoursed by Andrew's quadrille band.

PAISLEY.—Lodge St. Mirrins (No. 129).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their Masonic Hall, Paisley, on Monday evening, the 7th inst. Bro. A. McLeod, I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. H. S. Edmunds, through indisposition, occupied the chair; Bros. W. Gemmell, S.W., and G. Fisher, J.W. There were also present Bros. T. Bustard, D.M.; P. Blair, Treas.; A. Macpherson, Sec.; Rev. W. F. Mills, Chaplain; R. McLeod, S.D.; H. Hutton, J.D.; W. Ferguson ("Freemason"); and a number of visiting brethren. The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. It was unanimously agreed to that the motion for raising the initiation fees be delayed until next meeting, when it was hoped the R.W.M. would be present. The lodge was then assumed on the Second Degree, when Bros. G. Smith, A. Watson, and R. Barbour were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. W. Gemmell, S.W. Mr. J. Mitchell was afterwards admitted, and initiated into the Entered Apprentice Degree by Bro. G. Fisher, J.W. Both degrees were very ably gone through, assisted by the Rev. Bro. W. F. Mills, Chaplain. There being no other business of importance, the lodge was closed in due form.

RUTHERGLEN.—Lodge Royal Arch (No. 116).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in the Council Hall, Rutherglen, Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M., in the chair; Bros. J. Cullen, S.W., and F. Price, J.W. The other office-bearers were present, and a large number of members and visiting brethren. On the lodge having been opened, Bros. S. J. D. Cornwall, 73rd Reg., and J. Bell were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and Bros. J. Bruce, J. Bell, and M. Paul were raised to the degree of Master Mason. The ceremony of passing and raising was performed by Bro. Ferguson in his usual able manner.

POLLOKSHAWS.—Lodge Royal Arch (No. 153).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Pollokshaws, on Friday evening, the 11th inst. Bro. J. Peters, W.M., in the chair; Bro. J. Black, S.W., and Bro. T. Hart, J.W. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Paton, D.M.; J. E. Peters, S.M.; D. H. Band, Sec.; W. McG. Adams, Dir. of Music; J. McCrae, T. Tommie, J. Forrest, J. Dalgish, A. White, D. Peebles, W. McDonald, 275; and W. Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"). The lodge was opened and the Secretary read minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. The yearly statement was read, which showed the lodge to be in a very prosperous condition, and more especially considering that over £40 had been expended last year in altering the hall, and the purchasing of a harmonium which cost about £20. The committee appointed at last meeting to make arrangements for holding the annual festival reported that it was to be held in Maxwell's Arms, on Friday, the 3rd March. Mr. N. Thomas was then admitted, and initiated into the Entered Apprentice Degree by Bro. J. Peters, W.M.

PLANTATION.—A meeting of brethren favourable to the formation of a Masonic Lodge in Plantation, Glasgow, was held in the Choral Hall, Lambhill-street, on Tuesday evening, 1st inst., Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543, in the chair. The following brethren were elected office-bearers: Bros. T. Stobo, W.M.; A. Gow, S.M.; D. Peacock, S.W.; A. Henry, J.W.; J. Taylor, Treas.; and Allan, Sec. It may be mentioned that the petition was duly forwarded to Grand Secretary, and that the charter was granted by Grand Lodge on Monday, the 7th inst. Arrangements are being made to hold the first meeting.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Scotia (No. 178).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the M.H., 170, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., Bro. J. Singleton, W.M., in the chair; Bros. P. Hepburn, S.W.; and A. Mercer, J.W. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Matheson, P.M.; W. Higgins, D.M.; J. Logan, S.M.; H. Killin, Sec.; W. McDonald, S.D.; W. Hart, J.D.; J. Hamilton, S.S.; R. Mitchell, P.M. 332; J. Morgan, W.M. 219; Brown, S.D. 219; J. Law, I.P.M. 570; W. Ferguson ("Freemason"); and a large number of others. On the lodge being opened and the minutes of last meet-

ing read and confirmed, a motion was made and unanimously agreed to, that, in consequence of the Kilwinning M.H. being taken for other purposes, we remove to the Star Lodge Room, Trongate, on and after May 1st. Four applications were then read for admission into the Order, and the same being favourably received, were admitted, and received the Entered Apprentice Degree at the hands of Bro. J. Matheson, P.M., viz.: Messrs. W. McDonald, J. May Elliott, W. Donaldson, and D. Gillies. Thereafter a brother was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. George (No. 333).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Bro. A. Thomson, W.M., presiding, ably supported by Bros. J. Forsyth, S.W.; R. Anderson, J.W.; J. McFarlane, D.M.; J. Findlay, S.M.; A. Dunn, Treas.; A. McIntyre, Sec.; J. Clark, Chap.; Adam Boyd, S.D.; T. Hill, J.D.; and A. Wright, I.G. The Secretary read minutes of last regular meeting, which were approved of. A subscription was then raised on behalf of the Fraser Testimonial. Messrs. R. A. Grandison, J. Findlay, and J. Robertson were initiated into the First Degree by Bro. J. Findlay, S.M. Bros. J. K. Adams, J. Cormack, and R. Hunter were passed to the Second Degree, which was again ably gone through by Bro. Findlay, S.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, 2nd inst., Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M., in the chair; Bros. A. B. Ferguson, S.W., and John Harley, J.W. Present: Bros. D. Buchanan, D.M.; R. S. McLean, Secretary; Daniel Leitch, S.D.; James Harley, J.D.; Colin McKenzie, Jeweller; John Fraser, P.M. 87; David Reid, I.P.M. 465; Peter Brownlie, J.W. 32; George B. Davidson, S.W. 465; William Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"); A. R. Wilson, Chaplain 27; Daniel Cameron, 180 (Oban); and a large number of other visiting brethren and members of the lodge. Messrs. T. Stark, Writer, and W. McIlwraith, architect, were admitted and received the Entered Apprentice Degree at the hands of Bro. D. Reid, I.P.M. No. 465, in a very able and accurate manner. The annual festival of the lodge is to take place on the 8th March, in Bro. Thornton's Restaurant, Argyle-street. The next business before the meeting was installing into office the office-bearers elected at last meeting. On account of Bro. Shaw's resignation as W.M. the ceremony was ably gone through by Bro. A. A. Smith, P.M., assisted by Bro. John Fraser, P.M. No. 87. The following were installed:—Bros. A. B. Ferguson, S.W., as W.M.; J. Harley, J.W., as S.W.; Colin McKenzie, Jeweller, as J.W.; and J. Reid to the office of Jeweller. The lodge was then called to refreshment and put under the care of Bro. McKenzie, J.W., and after a most enjoyable evening was closed.

SPRINGBURN.—Lodge Kenmuir (No. 570).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in their M.H., Springburn, on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., Bro. R. Aikman, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. J. Law, I.P.M.; J. Rennie, D.M.; G. Dalglash, S.M.; J. Mark, S.W.; W. Reid, J.W.; J. Sharp, Treas.; D. Russell, Sec.; J. Millar, J.D.; and others. Among the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. J. Morgan, W.M. 219; W. B. Stewart, 219; G. W. Wheeler, 73; Reddie Currie, 73; R. Gardner, 178; J. Allan, D.M. 28; J. Wilson, 384; W. Ferguson ("Freemason"); and a large number of others. The Secretary read minutes of last meeting, which were approved of. Bro. W. Reid, J.W., presented the lodge with a very handsome sword, and the W.M. moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Reid, which was heartily responded to. Mr. J. McCallum was initiated by Bro. Aikman, W.M., into the First Degree, and Bro. W. Buchanan was raised by Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543. The bye-laws, as drawn up by the committee appointed for that purpose, were read for the first time, after which the lodge was closed.

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FITZROY LODGE, No. 569, BALL.

The Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, which is attached to the Hon. Artillery Company, gave their first ball, on Wednesday evening, at the Armoury House, Finsbury. Although the Hon. Artillery Company have for several years given a similar entertainment, the lodge has not, and when it was proposed by W. H. Hamilton to the brethren towards the close of 1875, it was first doubted whether it would be a success, and a few members raised their voices against it. They, however, soon adopted the views of the proposer and numerous other brethren, and heartily co-operated with them in arranging details and contributing to the success of all the arrangements. With such harmony it was impossible that anything but success could attend the event, and the result will no doubt encourage the brethren to repeat in future years an experiment which afforded the greatest satisfaction to over 200 ladies and gentlemen.

The brethren who formed the committee were Bros. H. J. Adams, P.M. of the lodge; Quarter-Master Brighton, J. C. Daniel, M.A., P.M. of the lodge; J. Dyer, Captain Eglese, P.M. and Sec. of the lodge; H. Hamilton, Captain R. Heldham, P.M. of the lodge; Lieutenant Holt, G. S. Potter, Griffiths Smith, P.M. of the lodge; Ensign Spicer, S.W. of the lodge; and Ensign Stohwasser.

The Stewards were Bros. W. J. Ansell, II. C. Barker, W. Birdseye, G. Blundell, Major C. J. Burgess, R. C. Cumberland, L. J. Drew, A. D. Everingham, R. B. Fastedge, Surgeon-Major P. Gowland, P.M.; F. Graves, W.M.; Captain J. M. Garrard, J. Glaskin, T. A. Henderson, W. H. Honey, P.M.; Captain W. C. Jay, W. Jolliffe, G. W. Lay, J. W. Long, P.M.; A. R. Louch, W. H. Main, P. Matthews, P.M. and Treas.; H. Merceron, W. Perrin, J. C. Sanderson, J. Smith, P. Watson, P.M.; K. G. Webster, Serjeant I. J. H. Wilkins, T. Wilson, P.M.; Serjeant G. F. Wilson, W. J. Worthington, J. Hutchinson. Bro. F. J. Stohwasser, was Hon. Sec.

The company began to assemble shortly after eight o'clock, when the carriages drove into the grounds up to the main entrance of the Armoury House, at which a brilliant star double fronted, was displayed, one face looking towards Finsbury, and the other towards Bunhill-row. On entering, visitors found "cannon to right of them, cannon to left of them," with trophies of arms between every two guns; and a liberal supply of beautiful evergreens. Over head were a number of flags and banners, which added a considerable appearance of gaiety to the scene. Before passing the fine old staircase which will accommodate five men abreast, every lady was presented by Sergeant-Major Andrews, who took tickets with a programme.

The lodge-room, which is on the same floor as the ball-room, was cleared of furniture, so that all the company had a good opportunity of inspecting the old pictures and engravings which adorn the walls, and are so very interesting not only as works of art, but as historical reminders. The ball-room presented a very pleasant appearance. It had been laid with a handsome light-coloured pattern flooring, and was lighted by five handsome gaseliers. The room had been artistically arranged by the armourers from the Tower of London, who certainly had performed their task in a most masterly manner. At one end of the room stood that fine figure in full armour, which is considered the most perfect suit of armour in the kingdom, while the lance he bore, from its enormous length, was the surprise of all who viewed it. Every compartment between the windows, which look out on to the exercise ground, was filled with trophies of ancient arms and regimental flags of ancient date, many of which hung in tatters. The effect produced by these was much increased by the show of old armour belonging to the Honourable Artillery Company, which has been recently hanged on the walls. Flags and other military surroundings, including arms, were also placed on the opposite wall; and at the orchestra end of the room the orchestra was erected so as to extend right across. It was draped, and adorned with shields, the centre one having upon it the words "Fitzroy Lodge, 569," the shield on the left bearing the motto, "Loyalty and Fidelity," and that on the right, "Brotherhood and Benevolence." The band of the regiment furnished the music, and was conducted by Bro. Signor Tamplini, the master of the band.

On the northern wall, between the two paintings, one of the late Prince Consort, and the other of the Prince of Wales, Captain General of the corps, was the beautiful Milton shield, which represents passages in "Paradise Lost," and around the medallion representing those passages exhibits the names of the winners of His Royal Highness's annual prize of £20, since the year 1864. This handsome shield, which was manufactured by Messrs. Elkington, was presented to the corps by Bro. H. Hamilton, and is an object well deserving careful attention.

The usual appearance of a ball-room, with the magnificent and elegant dresses of the ladies is so well known, that if this had been an ordinary ball, it would have been unnecessary to give a full description of it; but being held in anything but an ordinary building, and the gentlemen being in full military costume, the details we give may be interesting. All the members of the lodge, and all the members of the Hon. Artillery Company, who are not members of the lodge, attended in uniform, as did also those visitors who belonged to other regiments. The scarlet uniform, and the blue uniform, therefore, one of which was to be found by the side of every lady, added, however elegantly the lady might be dressed, very much to the impressive effect created by herself, and whatever charms she possessed were heightened by the costume of her partner. The programmes before mentioned, were of themselves a testimony to the good taste of the Stewards and committee, their outside colours being that of the Artillery Company, scarlet and gold; and the inside being blue and white, the colours of Freemasonry. The programme consisted of twenty-four dances divided into two parts of twelve each: quadrille, waltz, galop, Lancers, Waltz, quadrille, galop, Caledonians, waltz, quadrille, Schottische and galop, formed the first part; while the second was composed of waltz, quadrille, galop, Caledonian, waltz, galop, quadrille, waltz, Lancers, quadrille, waltz and galop. The music to which these were danced was, Princess of Trebisende, Alberta, Neck and Neck, Varsity, Soldaten Lieder, Girofle-Girofia, Always Jolly, New, Corps Tanze, La Vie Parisienne, Fashionable Fantasia, Manolo, Fille de Madam Angot, Princes Maria, Scotch, Young Gentlemen, Now Here Now There, Blue Beard, New Vienna, Original, La Reine de Saba, Blue Danube, Up and Off. Between the two parts, which was about half-past twelve o'clock, the company adjourned to supper, which was provided by Mr. W. Day, of Southampton Row, Holborn, whose experience in these matters is very great, and who for more than thirty years has supplied the refreshments of the Hon. Artillery Company's annual ball. More than 200 ladies and gentlemen sat down, but the arrangements were so excellent that there was no crowding, and no lack of refreshments. The supper was in fact splendidly supplied. A portion of the drill shed was enclosed within canvas walls elegantly decorated. Across one end was the principal table where Bro. Graves, W.M., sat, and four tables were ranged at right angles with it. Over the Master's table were the words "Honourable Artillery Company," and Peace and Prosperity to the Fitzroy Lodge." On the wall on the right were the words "All Honour to Her Majesty the Queen, Patroness of the Craft;" and on the opposite wall, "All Honour to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." Flowers and fruit were elegantly disposed on the tables, and the room was brilliantly lighted by candelabra and gas. After a hearty meal, in which there was great enjoyment and much fun, the W.M. gave the loyal toasts and the toasts of "The Ladies" and "Visitors," which having been replied to by Sir E. Lee and Bro. Stohwasser, the company returned to the ball room and kept the amuse-

ments going till a late hour. The greatest praise is due to all concerned in the arrangements, which attained their end of making every one happy and comfortable.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice President; and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice President. There were also present Bros. R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; C. A. Cotterbrune, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, A.G.P.; Thos. Wright, G.P.; W. T. Howe, S. Poynter, H. Bartlett, C. F. Hogard, W. Koch, T. J. Sabine, Peter Matthews, F. Binckes, J. Bingemann, W. M. Levy, J. Thomas, B. H. Swallow, J. M. Stedwell, M. S. Larkham, H. Marsh, R. Marsh, H. Massey, ("Freemason"), Samuel May, W. H. Lee, Geo. Bolton, Clarence Harcourt, J. Wilcock, Dr. Moore, Geo. Everett, W. H. Myers, W. H. Stevens, W. J. Murlis, W. Mann, R. Wentworth Little, and W. Dodd.

Bro. John Hervey, G.S., also attended, and was assisted by Bros. H. G. Buss and A. A. Pendlebury. Bro. C. B. Payne was at his post as G.Tyler.

The Board of Masters was first held, when the paper of business for next meeting of Grand Lodge was settled. The grants of last Board, which required confirmation, amounting to £130, were then confirmed; and the brethren proceeded with the consideration of the new cases, of which there were no less than twenty-eight. The majority of them were of the most distressing and heartrending character, and their number, as well as the distress they exhibited, confirmed the assertion we have often given expression to, that the boasted large and rapid increase of the Order must throw on the whole Craft duties and responsibilities to which its great success has in the moment of prosperity caused them to shut their eyes.

Month by month are the grants made by the Board increased, till at last the brethren have begun to say, Where will it end, and where are the funds ultimately to come from? Fortunately these funds are now large, and at present the Board is able to be liberal. They were not less liberal than usual on Wednesday evening, when, happily for the recipients of their bounty, the amount of distress, and not the services in Masonry, was the measure of liberality. £700 were voted; and this amount was composed of three sums of £75 each, two £50, two £40, one £25, five £20, four £15, and eleven £10.

The lodge was then closed, the brethren having sat four hours.

Masonic and General Twings.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE, No. 1589.—The consecration of this lodge took place on Friday. A full report will be given in our next.

Bro. Sir Cordy Burrows, (Prov. G.M.M., Sussex) presided over the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Brighton and Hove Provident Dispensary, which was held on Thursday last, at the Town Hall. A very encouraging and satisfactory report was presented, showing that the operations of the medical charity have been considerably extended during the year.

THE LONDON TAVERN.—The freehold (containing an area of 6,500 feet) has been disposed of by Messrs. Farbrother and Co. to the directors of the Royal Bank of Scotland for £80,000.

"The Canadian Masonic News" for February contains a portrait of R.W. Bro. James O'Halloran, Q.C., D.G.M. Grand Lodge of Quebec.

We understand that the Original or Premier Conclave of England and the General Grand Conclave of the Red Cross Order will meet at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday, the 8th March, upon which occasion the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., has signified his intention to be present.

The Duke of Edinburgh has kindly consented to devote the next concert of the Royal Albert Hall Orchestral Society to the benefit of the London Hospital. The concert will be on March 4th, a day fixed by His Royal Highness in order to allow of his being personally present.

We are glad to be able to state that there is no foundation for the rumour to which a Dublin newspaper has given currency that His Grace the Duke of Abercorn (M.W.G.M., Ireland), is about to resign the Lord Lieutenantcy of Ireland.

An emergency meeting of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, will be held at the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, at 7 o'clock.

The Abbey Lodge, No. 1592, will be consecrated this day (Saturday) at the Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.

KENNING'S CYCLOPÆDIA OF FREEMASONRY.—The price of this work to original subscribers is 7s. 6d., the list remaining open until June 1st. After that date the price will be 10s. 6d. Orders may be sent addressed to the publisher of this paper.

Bro. Dr. Vincent Ambler has been elected an Honorary Secretary of the Hospital Saturday Fund.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold will be installed as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire on Wednesday next. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

THE ROSICRUCIAN AND MASONIC RECORD.—This quarterly magazine which has been for nearly eight years, the organ of the Rosicrucian Society, will henceforth be published with the view of enlisting the support of those brethren of the Masonic Fraternity, who are associated with the Christian and Philosophical Degrees. The field of general Masonic literature being already well occupied, the "Rosiocrucian and Masonic Record," will be devoted mainly to the examination and elucidation of Freemasonry in its more aesthetic relation with symbolism, science, and thought. Facts and occurrences of an interesting character will, however, be duly noticed, and meetings of Rosicrucians and Philosophical Masons regularly recorded. Several brethren of literary attainments have promised cordial co-operation, and the magazine will continue to be edited by Bros. R. Wentworth Little, and William Robert Woodman, M.D. The publisher is prepared to enlarge the magazine to 48 pages, for the price of one shilling, the numbers to be published in January, April, July, and October.

Bro. C. Horsley presided at an "At Home" of the Urban Club last week.

On Thursday last the comedy of "Our Boys" reached its 350th representation at Bro. Thorne and James's pretty Theatre the Vandeville.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, February 25, 1876.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 179, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road.
Sinai Chapter, London Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
" 58, Felicity, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 871, Royal Oak, High-st., Deptford (Emergency).
" 901, City of London.
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up, James-st., Camden To.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 239, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, 1, Caiomile-st., Bishopsgate.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
Percy, Grapes Tav., Little Windmill-st., W.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

LONGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.
" 29, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 538, Vane, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 766, William Preston, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qrtrs., Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
Burcott Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 26, 1876.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Lodge 721, Independence, M.R., Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Athenaeum, Lancaster.

Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, 22, Everton-rd., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.

Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Liverpool.

" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.

Chap. 1052, Callender, P.H., Rusholme.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.

Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.

Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale.

Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, February, 26, 1876.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

St. Mungo Encampment, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 543, St. John's, M. H., Dalmuir.

" 556, Clydesdale, M.H., Rose-st. S.S., Glasgow.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-st., Glasgow.

" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st., Glsgw.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 505, Burns, St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Hurlford.

" 510, Maryhill, M. H., Maryhill.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 187, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.

" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart Hall, Dalry.

" 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.

" 570, Springburn, M. H., Springburn.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Buildings, Govan.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 51, London Kilwinning, Black Bull, Newmilns.

" 118, St. Bride, M.H., Douglas.

" 125, St. James, Masonic Arms, Newton, Ayr.

" 153, Royal Arch, M.H., Polockshaws.

" 236, Wilsontown St. John, Forth Inn, Carnworth.

" 347, St. John, M.H., Rutherglen.

Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.

Provincial R.A. Chap., 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 26, 1876.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, F.M.H., George-st.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

" 151, Defensive Band, Alexandria H., Cockburn-st.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

" 112, St. John, Royal Hot., Musselburgh.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

" 392, Caledonian, F. M. H., George-st.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

" 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-st., Leith.

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