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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN (No. 145), assembled for their regular meeting on the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Officers present, Bros. E. H. Thicllay, W.M.; G. Purkess, I.P.M.; Moul, S.W.; Haslett, J.W.; John Boyd, P.M., Treas.; G. S. States, P.M.; Sec.; J. Hughes, S.D.; Leggott, J.D.; Lewis, I.G.; Lyster, D.C. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Albert Mears was duly and most ably initiated by the W.M., and Bros. Curtis, Rees, Hill, Sims, and Deares, were raised to the Third Degree. Two candidates for initiation were proposed in open lodge. The honorary membership was presented to Bro. Herbert Dicketts, P.M. G.S. Lodge, for valuable services rendered. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minute-book, was voted to Bro. John Wills, F.R.H.S., for supplying the rare exotic flowers with which the banqueting tables were decorated at the late centenary festival. A charity jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. G. Purkess, for having served two Stewardships of the Masonic Institutions on behalf of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren. There were several visitors present—Bro. Baldwin, P.M. Era Lodge and others. The members present were Bros. Thomas Bull, P.M.; Mamby, A. S. Chinnery, Wood, and others.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, at Gurney's Hotel, Little Britain. Bro. H. D'Arcy, the W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and there was a fair attendance of brethren. The visitors present were Bros. F. Buckland, P.M. Israel, and W. G. Kent, 1297. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. D. Porlage, the Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Mr. J. Morris and Mr. Thomas Wallis were initiated. Bros. Mosley and Roche were raised to the degree of M.M.'s. At the conclusion of the ordinary business a letter was read from Bro. Stephen Carey, resigning not only his position in the lodge but also his membership, the reason being that he had been confined to his room for a considerable time, and had been positively forbidden by his physician being out after night-fall, and he would for some time be unable to attend to lodge duties. Bro. Carey being one of the most esteemed and efficient members of the lodge, many of the brethren expressed their deep regret that he should have been compelled to send in his resignation, and as Bro. Salisbury, P.M., who kindly acted as S.W., expressed it, Bro. Carey would be a great loss to the lodge, and the brethren would be most reluctant to lose so valuable a member. The question of accepting Bro. Carey's resignation might stand over to a future meeting in the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe might restore him to health and enable him again to take part in his Masonic duties. The W.M. and brethren concurring, the question was deferred.

THE BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The installation festival of this lodge, which is named after the venerable engineer whose Wardenship of London's fortress was the last of the many services he rendered to the state he loved so well, was held on last Monday, the 28th, under the brightest and happiest circumstances, for it is a bright and happy circumstance when the outgoing Master, completes his circle of duties by installing his successor, and it is another when that successor shows that he has a full knowledge of his work. Bro. R. N. Field, the W.M., took the chair precisely at the hour fixed for the opening, Bro. Brooks, the W.M. elect, occupying the S.W. chair and Bro. Jeffrey that of J.W. The important minutes being confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. George Shepherd, and the result being favourable that gentleman was in due form initiated by Bro. Field in an able manner. After this Bro. Brooks was duly presented, and the ceremony of installation was commenced according to the Emulation ritual, as taught by the late Bro. John Thomas, and the W.M. elect having pledged himself to the requirements of the Order and of the lodge, was, in a Board of Installed Masters, duly installed according to ancient form. When the lodge was again opened and the proclamations duly made in the three degrees, the new W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, making at each appointment and investiture a neat little speech, Bro. Colonel Wigginton, W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge, acting as Director of Ceremonies and presenting each officer. Bros. Jeffrey was appointed S.W.; Byng, as J.W.; S. Poynter, who had again been unanimously elected as Treasurer, was most warmly received when invested. Bro. F. J. C. Taylor was appointed Secretary, Bro. Pocock, as S.D., Bro. S. D. Young, as J.D., Bro. Haig, as I.G. When this interesting part of the ceremony was over Bro

Field gave the customary addresses with much point and with excellent elocution, adding thereby greatly to the effect. In the course of the other business which followed before the closing, on the motion of Bro. Rogers, P.M., the sum of ten guineas was placed on the list of Bro. Field, who goes up as Steward for the Boys' School Festival, and Bro. Field was also presented with a handsome address, engrossed and richly framed, expressing the kind sentiments of brethren towards the I.P.M. for his two years' work as W.M., and they added a handsome bar to his P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Field warmly thanked the brethren, not only for these testimonies of their esteem, but for the honour of electing him their Steward at the Installation of the Prince of Wales, and adding to that honour the presentation of the Stewards' jewel. The lodge then, out of its charity fund, exercised the "distinguished virtue" on behalf of a brother who had met with a great misfortune in the loss of his right arm, and notice of a motion was given that the sum of £10 should be voted for the purchase of Bro. Harty's grand steel engraving of His Royal Highness's Installation at Albert Hall. The lodge then closed, and the brethren banqueted in the Pillar Hall, no fewer than twenty-five visitors being present, with a very large muster of the brethren. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Field, Wigginton, Poynter, Rogers, Taylor, Harvey, Levander, P.G.S.D. of Wiltshire; Bridge, P.G.O. of Kent, and P.M. of the Royal Navy; Headon, I.P.M. of The Great City Lodge; Larham, W.M. of the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge; While, I.P.M. of United Strength ("Freemason"); Dwarber, W.M. of St. Dunstan's Lodge; George Dawson, of the Belgrave Lodge; Blythe, of the New Concord; and others. After the banquet the W.M. gave the loyal toasts and of "The Grand Officers," and these having been honoured, Bro. Field gave "The Health of the W.M.," saying that he was sure that the brethren would receive it with all cordiality, for they all knew the patience and industry with which their W.M. had worked his way through the different offices until he had reached his present proud position. They were sure, too, that he would worthily fill his high station, and carry out the duties annexed thereto in a manner worthy of the traditions of the lodge for good work. The toast having been honoured in every way, the W.M. thanked the brethren warmly both for their suffrages and for the cordiality of the reception accorded to him—promising them that nothing should be wanting on his part to ensure their happiness. He then proceeded to propose the toast of "The I.P.M.," who, he said, had worthily carried out the duties as W.M. for two years, and had given the lodge the great advantages of his talents and Masonic knowledge. Bro. Field, in response, again thanked the brethren, and took occasion to refer again to the honours the lodge had bestowed upon him, saying that he should ever feel gratified for those handsome presents, which he should ever wear with the deepest feelings of pride. He reminded them of the happy and cheerful face, now missing, of the late Bro. John Thomas, by whose instruction, he said, he had profited, and whose mantle, he considered, had fallen upon the shoulders of Bro. Larham. The speaker in feeling terms referred to the absence of P.M. Henry Smith, an absence caused by a deep domestic affliction. "The Health of the Initiate," was then toasted, and the newly made brother returned thanks in suitable terms. The "Visitors" were then toasted, and the W.M. in reading out the list of visitors present, incidentally paid a "compliment" to the "flourishing style" of signatures by calling at one name "Bro. Somebody." To this toast Bros. Levander, Bridge and Dwarber responded, and all expressed the satisfaction with which they had witnessed the principles and work of the Craft so worthily carried out, as by the Burgoyne. The "Past Master's" toast was responded to by Bro. Harvey, and Bro. Poynter, whose services to the lodge were warmly acknowledged, made an excellent speech in pointing out the principles which should guide the brethren in exercising the ballot. The other officers also spoke, and the Tylers' toast closed a pleasant evening. The banquet was served in Anderson's best style.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The members of this lodge met for the first time under the presidency of their new W.M., Bro. Lancaster, on Thursday, 17th February. The W.M. was supported by I.P.M., Bro. Frobes; S.W., Bro. Christie; J.W., Bro. Jupp; Sec., P.M., Bro. Staton; S.D., Bro. West; J.D., Bro. Robinson; and I.G., Bro. Arkell, and numerous brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having received assent, the W.M. raised Bros. Cleghorn, Nicholls, and Smith, and passed Bros. Cane, Jackson, and Kempton. Ballot was then taken for Mr. George Buszard, which proving satisfactory he was duly initiated in a manner that speaks well for the brethren having chosen such a representative for the chair of K.S. The W.M. having risen in the usual manner, one candidate was proposed for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in ancient form.

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 1475).—The second installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 17th ult. The minutes of the previous regular meeting of the lodge and those of a lodge of emergency were read. The S.W., Bro. Walter Charles Canton, was presented to Bro. J. T. Dalby, the retiring W.M., as the brother who had been selected to preside over the lodge during the ensuing year, and Bro. Dalby only expressed the sentiments of every member of the lodge when he expressed himself "heartily rejoiced at the selection made." The customary ceremony was then gone through by Bro. Dalby, whose rendering of the installation was perfect, both as regards ritual and elocution, and at the completion of the charges he received his just reward in the unanimous plaudits of the large assemblage of brethren. Having been duly installed Bro. Canton proceeded to invest his officers, who it may be stated were appointed in rotation, viz., Bros. Duck, S.W.; Stephens, J.W.; Harvey, S.D.; Jackson, J.D. The only

appointment vacant, that of I.G., was conferred upon Bro. Murley, and those of Treasurer and Secretary continue to be held by Bro. Warren, P.M., and Bro. Gompertz, P.M., whose services on behalf of the lodge have not failed to obtain the recognition they have well deserved. The ceremonies of installation and investiture were presided over by Bro. D. Rose, P.M., who holds the office of D.C. in this as well as in several other lodges. The newly-installed W.M. commenced the duties of his exalted position by initiating Messrs. Dalley, Messum, and Smithers. He delivered the ritual in a manner which proved that he intends to sustain the high reputation which the Peckham Lodge has gained for the excellence of its working. The brethren proceeded to the discussion of an excellent banquet. The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and Bro. Dalby, the I.P.M., was presented with a ten-guinea Past Master's jewel as a token of the brethren's recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge during his year of office. The oratory was enlivened by vocal displays on the part of several brethren, whose efforts were, however, restrained to some extent by the absence of a piano, a defect which will doubtless be remedied at future meetings of the lodge. In conclusion it may be remarked that the Peckham Lodge, which has just commenced the third year of its existence, has thus far shown remarkable prosperity. It numbers on its books sixty subscribing, and two honorary members, no less than twenty gentlemen having been initiated during the past twelve months. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Allan C. Wylie, W.M. 869; S. H. Wagstaff, P.M. 1216; Henry W. Gompertz, S.D. 1364; Dann, P.M. 72; Moore, P.M. 73; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M. 265; G. Edmonds, P.M. 975; Smith, W.M. 1172; Reynolds, 169; James Garner, S.D. 975; J. Drew, J.D. 1261; and others.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on February 24th, at the Asheton Arms, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. D. Reid. The five candidates for F.C. honours were duly passed in the following order:—Bro. J. B. Howard, by Bro. J. Garlick, P.M.; Bros. J. Bradshaw and H. Wilson, by the W.M.; Bro. A. Swallow, by Bro. Harvey Heywood, P.M. and Treas.; and Bro. Moses Mills, by Bro. W. H. Kershaw, I.P.M. This arrangement was admirable, and from the effective way each ceremony was rendered it proved that good old 78 possessed retentive Past Masters. The portrait of H.R.H. the Grand Master, which was presented to the lodge at its annual festival in December at the banqueting board, was now formally received as lodge property. Bro. W. H. Kershaw, I.P.M., asked the brethren to accept the portrait of H.R.H., the noble Ruler of the Craft; the brethren who presented it to the lodge were indeed proud to do so; all who had subscribed to that portrait had been spectators of a grand ceremony, the like of which in all probability would never again be witnessed by any brother present. The portrait would be a memento of that memorable day when our Grand Master was installed in the Albert Hall; those brethren who were not present at that magnificent ceremony could gaze upon that portrait, and at all times think of those watchwords which resounded through the Hall, "Loyalty and Charity." He therefore asked, on behalf of the brethren who had signed their names in the margin of the portrait, that the lodge would accept this token as a souvenir of the auspicious occasion to which it related. Bro. H. Heywood, P.M. and Treas., in accepting the handsome gift on behalf of the lodge, remarked that he considered it a pleasing way of showing love to the Imperial George Lodge. A lodge of unbroken records approaching a century and a half would be able to show, in 1876, a record respecting one of the greatest events in Masonry, when the future King of England accepted the office of Grand Master. Those brethren who were present at that memorable event had signalized the same by a handsome addition to the lodge, and he suggested that the gift and the names of the donors be recorded in the minute book of the lodge. Bro. W. Percival, J.W., seconded the proposition. In addition to the above presentation Bro. Clark, S.S., on behalf of the Stewards and junior members, presented the lodge with a handsome gilt frame, set in polished oak, lined with Utrecht velvet, this to adorn the lodge's valuable charter. The S.S. begged the acceptance of the same by the lodge, as a sincere token of regard on their behalf to their mother lodge, and as a sequel to the munificent gift of the P.M.'s and officers already mentioned. He hoped that their example would be followed by other brethren in similar tokens of respect. The W.M. replied that he was much pleased to receive such a useful and yet ornamental present from the Stewards and junior members of the lodge, and begged to propose that the best thanks be accorded to them for the beautiful adornment they had added to the warrant of their lodge. Bro. John Wood, P.M., D.C., seconded the proposition, and also made reference to the inscription appearing in the margin of the Royal portrait, which is as follows:—"This portrait of H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., was presented to the Imperial George Lodge, No. 78, by the following officers and brethren, as a memento of their being present to represent the lodge at the installation of H.R.H. in the Royal Albert Hall, London, April 28th, 1875:—W. H. Kershaw, W.M.; David Reid, S.W.; George Bradbury, J.W.; Samuel H. Cheetham, I.P.M.; Jno. Wood, P.M., D.C.; Jno. Garlick, P.M.; Jno. Dyson, P.M.; Geo. Dann, M.M." Bro. Wood, P.M., D.C., said the brethren had not inscribed their names for the purpose of setting forth their deeds to the present members of the lodge; but that was done as a record for those that come after. Should the Imperial George Lodge be in existence in another century and a half that portrait would remind the members of a grand event that took place in the days of their forefathers; the signatures would also point out those privileged to be present at that event; they would also testify

That they were men that could write. The latter happy thought of our humorous brother met with great approval. Bros. W. Jones, of 99,3, and G. H. Darwin, of 163, were respectively proposed as joining members by Bros. Wood, P.M., D.C., and H. Wilson. The W.M. intimated that there were two candidates for Masonry, but the great increase of labour necessitated an emergency meeting, which would be held in the middle of the ensuing month, of which due notice would be given. Progress was also reported with regard to the correspondence with Grand Lodge relating to the dispensation for the "centenary jewel;" the proposed "Library and Masonic Literature" scheme was also alluded to, after which the charity box passed round and received a most handsome acknowledgment. The lodge having been closed, refreshment was at once proceeded with, the evening being far advanced. Customary and loyal toasts having been given, the toast of the evening, that of "The Newly passed Brethren," was moved by the W.M., and most enthusiastically joined in by the brethren present. The newly-passed brethren individually responded to "The good wishes and God speeds" in happy and most suitable terms. Especial attention was then drawn by the W.M. to the honour the lodge had accorded to it by the distinguished visitors of the evening, especially the chief representatives of the Wilton, Tudor, and Friendship Lodges. He wished also to note the visit of the Rev. Bro. H. B. Jones, W.M. elect of the Charlton Lodge, 1387, and his officers designate. The P.G.L. of East Lancashire was ably represented by Bro. Parker, P.P.G.T., who acknowledged the compliment and good wishes to the P.L. in a felicitous manner. Other visitors having responded, the brethren separated in the usual Masonic manner.

MAZAGON.—Lodge Concord (No. 757).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 15th January, 1876. Present: Wor. Bros. W. C. Rowe, W.M.; W. G. Henderson, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; A. Edgington, P.M., D.S.G.W.; Tyrrell Leith, P.M., Honorary member; J. N. Dady, P.M.; Bros. F. Burdett, as S.W.; A. W. Seabrook, J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas.; O. Tomlinson, Secretary; J. Spiers, S.D.; W. G. Davie, J.D.; J. Luke, D.C.; J. E. Tyers, Org.; J. F. Grew, Steward; L. Thomas, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members: Bros. H. Watson, A. J. Miller, W. Fearn, W. E. Craddock, J. Armstrong, T. W. Brown-nutt, J. D. Longden, F. Lean, J. Anderson, W. Hobbs, W. W. Wilson, J. A. Da Gama, J. May, J. H. Burrett, J. W. Watson, F. S. Llewellyn, J. Weddle, C. J. Hall, J. Middleton, G. F. Cardwell, and others. Visitors: Wor. Bros. W. H. Hussey, P.M. 944, E.C., D.G.S.; H. W. Barrow, P.M. 944, E.C.; A. McKenzie, P.M. 944, E.C.; T. Counsell, W.M. 1100, E.C.; Dinsha Doralejee Maistry, P.M. 1189, E.C.; W. G. Rowell, Grand Sec., S.C.; Bros. W. Catrall, 1100 E.C. J. S. Madden, 944 E.C.; P.M. Jeejeebhoy, 1189, E.C.; C. Tudball, 944 E.C.; T. Thompson, late 1100, E.C.; C. Parker, 1100, E.C.; S. W. Cooper, 1189, E.C.; D. M. Jeejeebhoy, 1189, E.C.; W. Helens, P. Wales, 959, E.C.; E. Graves, 321, S.C.; Nusservanjee Burjorjee, 1189; J. P. Hoare, 90, S.C.; W. Martin, 1100, E.C.; J. Wynn, late 944, E.C.; H. Thorpe, 1000, E.C.; J. Lumsdaine, 549, E.C.; A. H. Axford, 351, S.C.; J. E. Laford, 1100, E.C.; R. Delanny, 746, E.C.; R. P. Brunton, 746, E.C.; J. Claridge, 944, E.C.; R. W. Burton, 1100, E.C.; J. O. Weeks, 944, E.C.; J. C. Laford, 1100, E.C.; W. Smith, 1100, E.C.; and others. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the emergency meeting of 4th January, 1876, were also read and confirmed. The minutes of the last meeting of the permanent committee were read and adopted. Letter from the widow of a deceased brother, acknowledging the receipt of £10, was then read. Letter enclosing money order for Rs. 10 on account of Bro. Prescott's arrears of dues, was then read. A circular from the "Masonic Record" of Western India was then read, and Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe then rose and strongly recommended the brethren to subscribe to the same, and that he considered this Masonic journal ought to be supported by all the brethren that had the means to do so, and that it was easy for those that could not manage to take it individually to join two or three together, so that they might know what was going on in other lodges besides those they could visit, and that, although he had been called to account himself for a slight irregularity that had occurred of late in one of the lodges of which he was a member, (and which he had fully explained), he thought that it was the only way to keep us well up to our work; were it not for a journal of this kind such matters might be passed over and unnoticed. Hence he hoped they would give their support as far as they personally could, and he was sure that the Secretary would record any of their names, and forward the same to the proper quarter. The Tyler then reported the presence of the District Grand Master and his officers. The District Grand Master and his officers were duly admitted. The District Grand Master then asked if any member of the lodge had any complaints to make against the W.M. or members, and there being no response, he said it gave him great pleasure to find the lodge working so harmoniously together, after which he returned the hiram to the W.M. W. Bro. W. C. Rowe, W.M., then rose and said: Rt. Wor. Sir, Wor. Sirs, and brethren, as you are aware, we have met here this evening to install the W.M. elect of this Lodge Concord, but before I proceed with this work I think, in justice to myself and the lodge over which I have had the honour to rule for the past twelve months, I ought to give an account of my stewardship during the year. Well, brethren, I must say we have not wasted our time during the past year, for we have had twelve regular and three emer-

gency meetings, eight initiations, seven passings, seven raisings, six lectures on the different tracing boards, and one address on the solicitation and selection of candidates for Freemasonry. During the year we have given Rs. 520 in charity, and our receipts have been Rs. 418, so you may observe, brethren, that we have given Rs. 102 more from this fund than our receipts have been during the year. We had a balance in hand on the 31st December, 1875, of Rs. 706 in the General Fund, and Rs. 540 in our Charity Fund, making a total of Rs. 1246, being an increase in our funds of Rs. 180 with the corresponding month last year, so I think we may congratulate ourselves on our steady success during the past year. We have also made a few little additions to our property during the past year in the way of a wardrobe fitted to suit our kit, also a bookcase for keeping the past records of our lodge, so that they be handy for reference at any time your permanent committee may need or require any information of what has been done in past years. We have also a respectable store cupboard, and have made many other little improvements, and I think we may say we have made some progress during the year. There is also another very important thing that we have started, and that is a charity box, and it was intended to send the contents to our Masonic Benevolent Institutions at home at the end of every year—I mean the Boys' and Girls' School, also the Institution for Aged Freemasons in England—although this has only been commenced during the last three or four months. We have now got Rs. 29.120 up to the end of the year, and as a commencement of this good work I shall have great pleasure in putting the remainder required to take up a life governorship in one of these excellent institutions, which I hope may be followed up year after year, so that we may let them know at home that, although we are far away, they are not forgotten. With this short account of my stewardship, brethren, I shall now proceed to install our W.M. elect, Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson. Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson was duly installed as the W.M. of Lodge Concord, No. 757, E.C., for the ensuing year. The following officers were then invested:—Bros. O. Tomlinson, S.W.; J. Spiers, J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas.; W. Fearn, Sec.; W. G. Davie, S.D.; H. Watson, I.D.; S. Thomas, D.C.; J. Luke, Stwd.; J. E. Tyers, S.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson, W.M., then rose and said: Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Officers, and members of Grand Lodge, members of Lodge Concord, and visitors generally,—It has been the custom amongst some newly-installed Masters to offer to the members of this lodge some reasons why he has appointed such and such brethren to such an office. Now, in a small lodge this may not be a very difficult matter, but in a lodge of the dimensions of Concord it would be a very difficult matter to do so, especially as we have so many good and true Masons who are all capable of working almost any office in the lodge, and all I intend to say in the matter is that I have not used my own judgment entirely, but have taken your P.M.'s and P.W.'s into my confidence, and the list of officers placed before you this evening is the result, and I entertain no fear for the future success of Concord whilst I have such an able and willing band of pioneers with me. Now, brethren, I have on a previous occasion informed you that I was not at all desirous of being W.M. again, but do not think for a moment that I do not fully appreciate the high honour you have done me by unanimously electing me for the second time as Master of this our very popular lodge; but what I mean is this, that I am very sorry, and very much regret that one of your Past Wardens did not come forward and stand for this high and important position in Masonry. However, brethren, as this has not been done, and I am installed W.M. for this year, I can only say that I will, as I have already promised, do the best I can for the interests of the lodge, and as I am an old member amongst you, and well known to you all, I think there is no necessity for me to attempt a speech to you, and before resuming my seat I would wish that the thanks of this lodge be presented to the R.W.D.G.M., the Hon. James Gibbs, for his kindness in attending on this occasion, and as we all know that this R.W. brother's time is very fully taken up by his officers in the council of this presidency, we the more readily and heartily tender those thanks to him, for we all are very glad to see his welcome face amongst us at any time, but more especially at these annual gatherings, when we meet many old friends who attend to lend their presence to his imposing ceremony, and I would add that he thanks of this lodge be also given to the District Grand Lodge and those visitors of both Constitutions who have favoured us with their company, and in conclusion I thank the members of Lodge Concord for their unanimous approval of me as their W.M., as it affords me the pleasure of knowing that my previous efforts in the Eastern chair are not forgotten, and trusting that each brother will work with the grand object in view of lessening human misery and vice, then shall we have a year of prosperity in Lodge Concord, and I shall be able to hand this Hiram to my successor with a good conscience that we have one and all done our duty to the Craft in general and Lodge Concord in particular. Brethren, there is one thing more I wish to say, and that is, it is usual at this time of the year to think of the charitable institutions in Bombay; I therefore propose we give Rs. 50 each to the Scottish Orphanage, the Byculla Schools, and the Indo-British Institutions. Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe, in seconding the motion, proposed that Rs. 100 should also be voted for the Bombay Masonic General Charity Fund. Wor. Bro. G. R. Henderson agreed to amend his original proposition, and it was then resolved that Rs. 100 be presented to the Bombay Masonic General Charity Fund, Rs. 50 to the Scottish Orphanage, Rs. 50 to the Byculla Schools, and Rs. 50 to the Indo-British Institution. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe, the following six brethren were elected, in accordance with Act XII., members of the Permanent Committee:

—Bros. H. Watson, J. Luke, J. May, W. E. Craddock, J. Middleton, and W. G. Davie. Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe then delivered over to the W.M. the stock list of the lodge, and at the conclusion of this portion of the business the W.M. tendered the thanks of the lodge to the R.W. the D.G.M. and the officers of the Grand Lodge for their attendance. R.W. the Hon. Bro. J. Gibbs in acknowledging the compliment said: Wor. Sir, in thanking you for the vote which has just been passed I can only say we are always very glad to visit the lodges in Bombay once at least in every year. I have had great pleasure in attending Lodge Concord on former occasions, as I have also had this evening, and I hope that the end of the year will shew as satisfactory a state of things in the lodge as at present. I should add that I received a note from my deputy, Wor. Bro. Balfour, stating that owing to his having to attend to the installation meeting of Lodge Rising Star he was prevented from coming here, and therefore begged that I would tender his apologies to you, which I now do. The W.M. then said: Brethren, I have great pleasure in rising to propose that a Past Master's jewel and clothing be voted to Wor. Bro. Rowe, who has worked so well and so ably for the lodge during the past year. I am only sorry that our arrangements were not completed in time to allow of the presentation being made this evening, for from the estimation in which this worthy brother is held we felt sure that the present proposition would be unanimously agreed to, and that we were justified in ordering out the jewel and clothing from England in anticipation of your approval. Wor. Bro. Robinson said he had much pleasure in seconding the motion. The proposition was carried with applause. Wor. Bro. W. C. Rowe then rose and said: R.W. Sir, W.M., Wor. Sirs and brethren,—For the thanks which you have just accorded for my services and the very handsome way you have recognised the same I beg to tender you my most sincere and hearty esteem, and trust that the good feeling that has subsisted between you and myself during the past year will continue to the end. Twelve months ago I had to thank you for the high honour you had conferred on me in unanimously electing me your W.M.; and now having laid down the government of the lodge, I must be allowed to say how much I have to thank the officers, past officers, and brethren who have favoured me with their visits during the year, and for all the kindness they have shown towards me throughout. I am happy to say the year has not been an idle one for Concord, and I have always arranged to have something in the way of lectures when not working any of the degrees, and although the work has been heavy and taken up my time a great deal, yet we have laboured so pleasantly and so harmoniously together that the toil has been a pleasure to me, and I am pleased to say that the principle illustrated by the name of our Lodge Concord has been carried out to the letter. In conclusion I will only add that the regret I individually feel in giving over charge of the lodge (having been called away to the Mastership of my mother lodge, Truth) is much lessened from knowing that I am succeeded by my worthy and W. Bro. Henderson. To him, and to W. Bro. Robinson, and to my officers, who have served under me during the year, especially Bros. Burdett and Tomlinson, my very hard-working Treasurer and Secretary, I wish to give my best thanks for the valuable aid and assistance they and all my officers have given me during the year. Again, brethren, I thank you for your kindness to me from the first day I became a member of this lodge till the present time, and at any time I can be of service to Concord, I shall be most happy to serve her in any way my abilities will permit of, and I trust that the G.A.O.T.U. may grant her that prosperity which it has been my good fortune to enjoy during the past few years. The brethren then adjourned to the dining hall, where an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent. A band was in attendance, and its services added to the attractiveness of the meeting. The brethren having adjourned to the banquet, at which the proceedings will be given in our next.

ECCLES.—Victoria Lodge (No. 1345).—The installation meeting of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 16th ult., at Bro. Pearson's, the Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles. Bro. W. Wright, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. C. Rudman, S.W., W.M. elect; G. S. Ballard, J.W.; J. Brooks, P.M.; T. Buxton, P.M., Treas.; J. Pearson, I.G.; J. C. Gillman, P.M., P.G.S.D.; J. Mountain, P.M.; W. Leader, P.M., P.G.J.D.; E. H. Downs, P.M.; J. Barker, P.M., Sec.; T. Lee, P.M.; Jos. Dulsou, E. Sullivan, W. Pendlebury, W. Steele, J. Harper, A. Pendlebury, F. Wilson, J. K. Ashton, R. Foster, T. B. Howarth, T. Hill, H. Ainsworth, T. H. Calderbank, A. Goering, J. C. Mather, E. J. Collins, T. Ridyard, E. Taylor, E. Wolfgang, R. Miller, Tyler; and a large body of visitors, among whom were I. W. Carr, W.M., and H. T. Jones, 1496; H. Barton, 1375; R. H. Coppell, 314; W. Brown, jun., 325; H. Johnson, 935; W. Smith, 322; E. B. Harding, P.M. 1496; T. Biddolph, P.M. 1009; F. A. Winder, 37; Jas. Andrew, 1213; D. Butterworth, 1055; and James Bent, 277. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the reading and the confirmation of the minutes having taken place, the next principal business of the day was the installation of Bro. C. Rudman, W.M. elect, into the chair as Master of the lodge. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, and all the brethren below the chair having retired, a board of installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Rudman was installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren having been admitted, the new W.M. received the customary salutes, after which he appointed his officers as follows:—E. Lowndes, S.W.; J. Harper, J.W.; T. Buxton, P.M., Treas.; J. Barker, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. Steele, S.D.; H. Ainsworth, J.D.; J. Pearson, I.G.; J. Mountain, P.M., D.C.; and R. Miller, Tyler. Bro. W. Wright, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. J. Mountain and Brooks, P.M., then delivered the usual addresses in a most impressive manner, and indeed the whole of the installation ceremony was rendered

in such an admirable style that he well earned the applause with which the conclusion of his labours was rewarded. The W.M. then said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. W. Wright, I.P.M., with a jewel which had been voted to him by the brethren as a small tribute of respect and esteem. Bro. Wright thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said he should always look upon it with pleasure, as a token of the esteem entertained for him by Victoria Lodge. Copies of the report of the audit committee were then handed round, which showed the financial position of the lodge to be in a very flourishing condition. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren, about 60 in number, sat down to a magnificent banquet, which was varied and bountiful, and gave complete satisfaction. On the withdrawal of the cloths, the W.M. gave, in succession, "The Queen," "H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Masons of England, the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The M.W. Pro. G.M. of Masons of England, the Earl of Carnarvon;" "The R.W.D.G.M. of Masons of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers;" "The W.D.P.G.M. of Masons of West Lancashire, the Hon. F. Stanley, and the rest of the P.G. Officers Past and Present." Bros. J. G. Gillman, P.M., and J. Barker, P.M., responded to the last toast. Bro. W. Wright, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Charles Rudman," who suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bro. T. Buxton, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Gillman responded. The W.M. proposed the "Immediate Past Master," which was feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Wright. P.M. proposed "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bros. Carr and Bowker. Bro. A. Goering, in the course of an excellent speech, proposed "The Newly-Invested Officers." Bro. Lowndes, S.W., and Bro. Pearson, I.G., responded. The W.M. next proposed "The Healths of Bros. T. Buxton, P.M., and J. Barker, P.M., the Founders of the Victoria Lodge," which compliment was graciously acknowledged. The various toasts were drunk with Masonic enthusiasm.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 17th ult. Present: Bros. C. Hopwood, P.M. 141, W.M.; W. Hammond, P.M. Jordan, Lebanon, P.J.G.D. of Middlesex, &c., I.P.M., and acting Sec.; Raw, P.M., Treas., acting S.W.; Hurst, J.W.; Walls, acting S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Jessett, I.G.; Ockenden, D.C. The minutes of the January meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Tagg and Moody to the M.M. Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bro. Barret, 1503, and declared by the W.M. unanimous. Several propositions for initiation at the next meeting were handed in, and notice given that the R.W. Col. F. Burdett, G.M. of the Province, had signified his intention of being present at the March meeting. The acting Secretary also said that in his communication the P.G.M. had stated that a family affliction would prevent him from being present that evening (Thursday, the 17th ult.), although he should very much have liked to have visited the lodge. The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," in which he expressed how gratifying it must have been to every loyal Freemason to see the manner in which Her Majesty was received on her progress to and from Westminster to open Parliament. Those who had an opportunity of viewing the procession and the dense masses of people lining the route witnessed a grand sight, and he hoped that the Queen this year would be again seen in the metropolis discharging those duties which had in former and happier times been so well carried out by her as to excite the envy of foreign Courts. This toast was most warmly received. "The Health of the M.W.G.M." followed and was duly honoured. In proposing the toast of "The Deputy and Pro Grand Masters, Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, and the rest of the G.O.'s Past and Present," the W.M. dealt upon the eminent services those noblemen and gentlemen constituting the G.L., executive rendered to Freemasonry. "The Health of the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, G.M. of the Province," followed and was heartily drunk. In giving the toast of "The rest of the Grand Officers of Middlesex, Past and Present," the W.M. expressed how pleased he felt that he had had on his left hand during his year of office so distinguished a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge as Bro. W. Hammond, the I.P.M., and he was sure that in coupling that brother's name with the toast he was only giving honour where honour was due. In reply, Bro. Hammond said he hoped he might be pardoned by the brethren for alluding to the toast of the R.W. the G.M. of the Province before responding on behalf of the G.O.'s Past and Present, but, although at the risk of being thought presumptuous, he felt that he ought to say something of his personal knowledge of Bro. Colonel Burdett in the absence of the properly qualified brother to return thanks for the P.G.M., viz., the D.G.M. He could say that their Grand Master kept a fatherly eye upon the working and management of every lodge in his province, and he believed that he made himself acquainted with their most minute details. The I.P.M. then went on to speak of the very many valuable qualities that the P.G.M. possessed, and he hoped that the Hemming Lodge would have an opportunity at their next meeting to welcome the gallant colonel in person. The concluding part of his speech was devoted to returning thanks on behalf of the other Grand Officers of the province. "The Health of the W.M." was then warmly proposed by Bro. Hammond, in which he spoke of the good qualities, geniality of character, and energy, fire, and pluck of Bro. Hopwood. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. briefly replied by stating that he had endeavoured to do his best, and no one could do more than that, and if the members of the lodge were satisfied

with him that their thanks at the conclusion of his year of office would amply repay him for whatever trouble he had taken to enhance the prosperity of the lodge and to discharge the duties of Master. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said he always felt pleased to see members of other lodges, both in the lodge and at the council board, as he believed that great good resulted therefrom. Bros. Tench (Zetland) and H. Jones (Lebanon) neatly replied, in which they stated that as very young Masons they could not be expected to say very much, but they wished the brethren of the Hemming Lodge to know that they were highly gratified with the "working" and with the whole proceedings that evening, which had excited in them very pleasurable feelings. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," who had that particular evening, in the dual capacity of Past Master and Secretary, rendered him very valuable assistance, and although his abilities were well known to all, yet he must say that whatever duty Bro. W. Hammond undertook he discharged it well. The I.P.M., in reply, modestly touched upon the kind encomiums passed by the W.M. upon his poor services to the lodge. He then went on to state that at the request of several members of the large Lebanon Lodge he had succeeded, with the valuable assistance of others, in obtaining a warrant for the Hemming Lodge, which was established as an offshoot from the other in order to enable the members and others desirous of obtaining office in the Craft to get on sooner. They were accordingly severed from its large trunk, and although they did not wish to aspire to become as numerous as the "Lebanon," yet he was sure that in time they would bear in all other respects a very favourable comparison. In conclusion he predicted a very prosperous career for the Hemming Lodge, as he said it possessed many good working members who were desirous of obtaining that honourable goal, the chair of K.S., and who would spare no trouble, he thought, and punctual attention to the requirements of the lodge in the prosecution of their laudable ambition. "The Health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge" followed, and was responded to by Brothers Hurst, J.W.; Jessett, I.G., and Ockenden, D.C. The former stated that he had endeavoured, and would endeavour, to fulfil his duties satisfactorily, and although he might be possibly called upon very soon, and before he was quite prepared to discharge its responsibilities, to take the very highest position in the lodge, yet he hoped by perseverance, and with the valuable assistance of the P.M.'s and other able brethren of the lodge, to carry out the duties of the chair at least creditably. Bros. Jessett and Ockenden kindly thanked the brethren for the manner in which their names and the other officers of the lodge had been received, and the latter, who had been particularly complimented by the W.M. for the very handsome sum he as Steward of the lodge at the recent festival for the Aged Freemasons had sent in, took occasion to speak of the Masonic charities in a very able manner, and in concluding his remarks stated that when asked by non-members of the Craft, "What was Freemasonry? What good did it do? and other queries equally disparaging, he simply referred them to Wood Green, Croydon, and Clapham Junction. "The Health of the Joining Member, Bro. Barret," was then given and drunk, and drew from that brother a very amusing reply. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Watts," for the services he had rendered the lodge as an officer on that and former occasions in an acting capacity. This toast was duly honoured and briefly responded to. Between the toasts, &c., Bros. Hammond, Hurst, Jessett and Walls vocally and dramatically amused the brethren. The Tyler's toast at 11 o'clock terminated one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings of the lodge since its foundation.

INSTRUCTION.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 73).—A dinner was given on Wednesday 16th ult., for the purpose of doing honour to the excellent Preceptor, Bro. J. Noke, P.M. 73. The arrangements were carried out by Bro. Plock to the entire satisfaction of the brethren, Bro. Wingham, P.M., presiding, supported by Bro. Hook. After a very excellent dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of, and the important proceedings of the evening commenced. The Chairman, in rising to propose "The Health of Bro. J. Noke," said: Bro. Noke you have been well-known in the Masonic world for nearly forty years, and the lustre of your Masonic honour has never been tarnished. For many years you have spent your strength and energies in imparting that knowledge to the brethren which you have so well mastered yourself, and which has lent lustre to many a Masonic chair. Now at the age of nearly eighty years we find you, (although engaged daily earning your bread truly by the sweat of your brow) actively engaged in imparting Masonic instruction in this and other lodges. We find you working so recently as a fortnight since in this place the Fifteen Sections. Three hours' questions without flagging at your age, Bro. Noke, is a feat worth recording. The brethren have met this evening to do you honour, and they present you with this beautifully illuminated testimonial, which is worded as follows:—"Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction, No. 73. This testimonial, together with a purse of money, as a mark of respect and esteem, was presented to Bro. Noke, P.M. 87, Preceptor, in appreciation of his unwearied exertions in the cause of Masonic instruction." I also in the name of the brethren present you with this purse, and may God grant you yet much health and strength, and may you never want a shilling to put into it. Bro. Noke, in returning thanks, was quite overcome; he thanked the brethren from his heart for the handsome mark of their favour, and trusted he might always retain the good esteem he had gained. He could only say, God bless them all. "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was

then given, and responded to by Bro. Welsford, Treas., and Bro. Phillips, Sec. "The Health of the Chairman" was then proposed by Bro. Hook, and responded to by Bro. Wingham, P.M. The Chairman then proposed "The Health of Bro. Hook," and took occasion to say that it was to Bro. Hook we are principally indebted for this very pleasant evening. It was Bro. Hook who proposed the testimonial, had been the Treasurer of the fund, and had with his own hand engrossed the testimonial which had been presented. Bro. Hook, in responding, said, from beginning to end of this matter had been a labour of love; he was but a recent member of the lodge, but he had conceived a respect and regard for Bro. Noke, which he was sure was not misplaced. As a Lodge of Instruction he believed the Mount Lebanon Lodge second to none, and as an Instructor and Preceptor Bro. John Noke stood at the top of the tree. The testimonial was an easy matter when once begun, as the respect and esteem in which our Preceptor is held made subscribers of almost every brother he communicated with. The subscribers names numbering over forty are engrossed on the testimonial. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Hayward, P.M.; Seax, P.M.; Sawyer Alleson, Miller, Allcott, Ball, Skegg, Runbold, Foster, Cheatham, Catterson, Brook, and others. The evening proceedings were enlivened by some songs and recitations, capitally rendered by Bros. Hook, Ball, Miller, and Allcott. At the close Bro. Hook said he would read an acrostic, which he had during the evening sketched out, which was as follows:

J ust such an evening we have passed,
O ne could wish 'twould longer last,
H ours roll on and pleasures pass away;
N or can we in its flight one moment stay.

N ow let us part, with pleasure to reflect,
O n kindly deeds, not words, but deeds of love,
K nowing that while 'tis day our task is set,
E ach deed recorded in Grand Lodge above.

Royal Arch.

GLOUCESTER.—Royal Lebanon Chapter (No. 493).—A large and important meeting of the Craft took place on Thursday in the Masonic Hall, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, on the occasion of the consecration of the Royal Lebanon Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons. The ceremonies of consecration and installation of the Principals were ably performed by Comp. E. W. Trinder, P.Z. (who acted for, in the unavoidable absence of Lord Sherborne, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Gloucestershire) and who was assisted by Comp. S. G. Homfray, P.Z., Standard Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire; and Comp. F. Binckes, P.Z., Past Grand Steward. The three Principals were Comps. E. T. Inskip, M.E.Z.; W. B. Stocker, E.H.; and F. W. Fisher, E.J. The other officers appointed were Colonel Basevi, P.Z., who made an efficient Director of Ceremonies; William Waites, Scribe E.; Edmond D. Worsley, Scribe N.; James G. Wilson, P.S.; and A. V. Hatton, A.S. The following distinguished visitors were present:—Comps. S. G. Homfray, Grand Standard Bearer of England; F. Binckes, P.Z., M.E.Z. Metropolitan; W. Thompson, Royal Cumberland; F. N. Gosling, P.M., P.Z. 286; E. M. Trinder, P.Z.; G. Parfit, P.Z. 41; H. D. Martin, Chap. 82; J. Walker, Chap. 82; B. Kay, Chap. 82; T. E. Lucy, H., Chap. 280; H. Cross, I., Chap. 280; Dr. Dunn, Chap. 141, Dublin; R. Buck, Chap. 280; C. W. Griffiths, P.Z., Chap. 280; William Wood, P.Z. 280; Henry Rowe, E. 280; B. H. Price, P.Z. 68; F. Moore, Chap. 82; Peter Pollard, 280; W. R. Maby, 68; L. Winterbotham, 82; J. B. Winterbotham, 82; H. Bruton, 82; A. Brown, P.Z. 280; J. Bruton, 82; M. B. Ricketts, 82; J. Chandler, P.Z. 355; W. Reed, P.Z. 355; John Toomer, P.Z. 355; E. Horlick, P.Z. 1098; R. S. Helps, 82; A. S. Helps, 82; F. Orders, 471; R. J. Shaddick, 36; J. Bryan, 82. At the close of the chapter the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, provided by Mr. W. C. Davis, the proprietor of the hotel.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The members of this chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the afternoon of the 22nd ult., for the purpose of installing principals, investing officers, exalting candidates, &c. The chair at the opening was occupied by Comp. Joseph Holland, Z., and amongst the other officers and members present were Comps. Thomas Ashmore, P.Z.; Jesse Banning, I.P.Z.; W. J. Lunt, H.; W. Cottrell, J.; P. W. Oglesby, S.E.; T. Webster, S.N.; Thomas Shaw P.S.; Peter Ball, Janitor; J. S. Cuthbert, W. Boulton, T. Grant, J. G. Hassell, G. Graham, Luke Bognell, R. Warriner, R. Thompson, R. Chamberlain, J. W. Ballard, H. Trevett, J. Houlding, R. Casson, John H. Parker, John Beesley, Joseph Hunter, John Jones. The list of visitors included Comps. Wm. Williams, 241; Joseph Skeaf, P.Z. 216, P.G.O.; Peter B. Gee, J. 249; H. Pearson, Z. 249; Hugh Williams, P.Z. 580, P.P.G.S.B.W.L.; John Jones, H. Sacred Delta; John Pemberton, P.G.S.B., P.Z. 1094; H. G. Vernon, 680; John Lunt, P.Z. 241 and 1086; Charles Leachham, P.Z. 220; Rev. J. R. Jenkins, 216; P. Macmudrow, P.G.S.H. 1294; J. T. Callow, P.Z. 673; John Jones, 203; J. E. Jackson, P.S. 249. The minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's balance sheet which was submitted showed a very handsome balance to the credit of the Everton, even after an open-handed charity during the year. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Comp. T. Ashmore, P.Z., assisted by Comp. J. Holland, I.P.Z. The following were the appointments and investments:—Comps. W. J. Lunt, Z.; W. Cottrell, H.; T. Shaw, J.; W. Boulton, S.E.; J. Webster, S.N.; P. W. Oglesby, P.S.; J. G. Hassell, A.S.; R. Warriner, A.S.; T.

Ashmore, P.Z., Treas.; and P. Ball, Janitor. A chaste and valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. J. Holland, I.P.Z., by the M.E.Z., Comp. Lunt. The companions banqueted after business.

SPHINX CHAPTER (No. 1329).—The consecration of this chapter took place on Saturday last, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Comp. R. Wentworth Little officiated, assisted by Comps. John Boyd, Francis, and F. Walters. After consecration Comps. P. A. Nairne, 176; Bedolfe, 1056; and J. S. Vockins, 1216, were duly installed as Principals; the first by Comp. Little, the Second and Third by Comp. Boyd. Comp. W.M. Goss presided at the organ. Comps. Dunbar, Goss, Middlemass, Temple, Bryant, and Oliver were respectively appointed E., N., P.S., A.S., and S. The companions proceeded to banquet with their visitors, Comps. E. Clarke, P.Z.; E. Clarke, E., Caledonian Chapter, 134; Wagner, Jerusalem Chapter; Dubois, and Hale, whilst other companions were prevented from attending by various causes. Twenty-two candidates are on the list for exaltation at the first meeting. Comp. Charles Day, P.Z., has kindly accepted that office in the Sphinx Chapter.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1501).—The regular meeting of the Rowley Chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on Monday, the 21st Feb., 1876. The chair was occupied by Comp. J. M. Moore, M.E.Z.; Comp. Hall, P.Z. as H.; Comp. Heald, J. There were also present—Comps. J. D. Moore, N.D., P.G.S.B. of England, &c., as Scribe E.; W. Wearing, Scribe N.; E. Simpson, P.Z., P.G.S., Treas.; W. Hall, P.S.; J. Taylor and J. Ellershaw, Assist. Soj.; A. D. Longman, and J. Watson, Janitor. The chapter was opened and the usual business transacted. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. J. Croskell, Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281 Bro. W. Duff, S.W. Lodge No. 1561; and Bro. Thomas Longmire, J.W. Lodge No. 1561. They were unanimously elected, and being in attendance were duly exalted to the degree of R.A. by the M.E.Z., who, also delivered the Mystical Lecture of this degree, the Symbolical being given by Comp. Dr. Moore, and the Historical by Comp. Heald, J. The ballot was taken for officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Comps. E. Airey, M.E.Z.; W. Heald, H.; F. Dean, J.; E. Simpson, Treas.; Dr. Moore, Scribe E.; W. Wearing, Scribe N.; W. Hall, P.S.; and J. Watson, Janitor. A candidate was proposed for exaltation, and the chapter closed in due form. The installation of the Principals elect, will probably take place on the 28th March, when Comp. Dr. Moore, P. Prov G.H., will officiate as Installing Officer.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (Time Immemorial).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, Feb. 24th, and was opened at 8.15 p.m. by Bro. James Dutton, W.M., supported by Bros. Wilton as I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Past J.G.W. and P.M., Chaplain; Braham, as S.W.; Carey, J.W.; John Dutton, Treas., as Sec.; Moutrie, P.M., as M.O.; C. Wilkinson, S.O.; Trevor (of the Zerodetha Lodge, S.C., Bombay), as J.O.; Murliss and Radway, as Deacons; Gazzard, as I.G.; and Saker, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for four candidates, which proved favourable, of whom, however, only two presented themselves. Bros. Young and Dingle were introduced and duly advanced by the W.M. Bro. Dr. Hopkins gave the lecture on the degree for the first time in this lodge. The W.M., J.W., and Chaplain were appointed Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts. On a ballot Bro. Carey, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the Chaplain was requested to perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. Bigwood was elected Tyler of the lodge. Other matters were discussed and settled, and the business of the evening terminated at a quarter to 10.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LANDPORT.—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The usual meeting of this conclave was held at Smith's Hotel, Landport, on the 17th ult. The conclave was opened in due form, and minutes of former conclave adopted. A P.S.'s jewel was presented, in the name of the members, by P.S. Josiah Clay, to the I.P.S., John Clark, of Buttery. Sir Knt. Clay congratulated the recipient upon the zeal and ability displayed by him in carrying out the duties of the various offices through which he had passed, but especially during his year of office as M.P.S. P.S. Clark thanked the officers and members for their thoughtful appreciation of his humble services, wishing the whole of the members a happy and prosperous year. A vote of condolence to the Jun. Gen., Sir Knt. Simister, upon the heavy bereavement sustained by him in the recent loss of his wife was carried, and the Rec. directed to forward a copy of the same. It was unanimously agreed to submit the name of Dr. Knott, of Landport, to the G.J. Council, with a request for his appointment as Int. Gen. for Hants. The Second and Third Grades were then conferred upon Dr. Knott and Capt. Barnes by the acting Int. Gen., Sir Knt. A. R. Robinson. After the close of the conclave the toasts were duly honoured, including that of "The Nominated Int. Gen.," and that of "Sir Knt. Capt. Barnes, Hon. P. Sov. of Weymouth."

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 31).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 15th ult., at 7 p.m., in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Bro. D. M. Nelson, W.M. in the chair; J. Sellars, jun., S.W., and P. Brownlie, J.W. Present: Bros. Bell, I.P.M.;

T. Fletcher, P.M.; J. B. McNair, I.P.M. 332; J. Dunn, Treas.; J. Dick, Sec.; A. Cameron, S.D.; R. Dalziel, J. Harley, S.W. 354; E. Arthur, Org.; W. Campbell, 56 Oldstone, Antrim, I.C.; R. Newman, 77, St. Patrick, Newry Co., Down, I.C.; J. Sharp, 275; D. Campbell, 496; J. Kay, S.D. 510; W. Gunn, 512; J. McNaught, 556; and Ferguson, ("Freemason"). Messrs. D. McDougall, W. Scott, and R. Hutcheson, were admitted members of the lodge, and initiated into the First Degree by Bro. T. B. Bell, S.M. Bro. Dick, Sec., then read minutes of last regular and emergency meetings which were approved of. Nine brethren were afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. McMillan, P.M.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 16th ult., in the Commercial Hall, 30, Hope-street, Bro. A. B. Ferguson, W.M., in the chair; J. Harley, S.W.; C. McKenzie, J.W.; W. H. Caldwell, S.M.; W. R. Dunn, acting Sec.; D. T. Colquhoun, Treas.; D. Leitch, S.D.; J. Harley, J.D.; J. Poole, I.G.; and Winnoch, Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. J. Gillies, P.M. 103, P.G. Treas.; J. W. Burns, I.P.M. 87; D. Deid, I.P.M. 465; J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; J. Smith, Sec. 360; W. Ferguson, ("Freemason"); J. Tyfe, O.; W. Brown, 31; T. Sinclair, 46; G. Greer, 196; J. McArthur, 175; S. Dory, 290; and G. Cay, 731, Arboretum Lodge, E.C. On the lodge being opened, Messrs. H. McCallum and H. E. Pearce were initiated into the E.A. Degree by Bro. Oliver, S.W. 360 (the latter gentleman for Lodge Commercial, 360). Bro. T. Burrett, of Lodge St. Vincent, 553, was obligated by Bro. Gillies, P.M. 103, as an honorary member of the lodge.

DALMUIR.—Lodge St. John's (No. 543).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 17th ult., in their Masonic Hall, at Dalmuir. Bro. S. Leckie, W.M., in the chair, supported on the dais by Bros. W. Ferguson, I.P.M.; W. Sim, P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Renfrew, 426; and T. Haggart, Sec. Bros. J. F. Wilson, S.W.; J. Stairs, acting J.W.; T. Millar, J.D.; A. Johnstone, B.B.; J. McClure, S.B.; W. Colquhoun, J. Barton, A. Smith, I.G.; and J. Adair, Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. Stewart, 31; Wilkinson, 242; T. Hall, 497; J. Malcolm, A. McHaffie, A. Jack, D. Bell, W. Irvine, and others. On the lodge being opened, two gentlemen were admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, by Bro. Leckie, W.M.; Bro. W. Sim, P.M. 426, then passed a brother to the Fellow Craft Degree; after which Bro. W. Barr was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M., the Three Degrees were carefully gone through. The lodge was then transferred to refreshment, the W.M. giving in succession the following toasts which were most enthusiastically responded to, viz.: "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbarton," coupled with Bro. Ferguson, I.P.M., who replied, "The Newly-laid Stones," "The Visiting Brethren." Bros. Wilkinson and Hall replied in suitable terms. "The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. Wilson, S.W., Bro. Ferguson replied, "The W.M.," by Bro. Ferguson. Bros. Sim, Wilkinson, Smith, Malcolm and Haggart, sang some excellent songs.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clydesdale (No. 556).—The members of this lodge held their annual festival in their own hall, 106, Rose-street (S.S.), on Friday, 18th ult., Bro. W. Phillips, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. H. McCulloch, D.M.; J. Boyle, S.M.; J. McKechnie, Treas.; and J. Webster, Chap.; Bros. F. Phillips, J.W., and R. Middleton, P.G.S., acting Croupiers. About 60 brethren, accompanied by their wives and sweethearts, sat down to a most substantial supper, purveyed in fine style by Bro. Middleton, 179, Trongate. On the cloth being removed, the chairman gave the following toasts, which were heartily responded to:—"The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and Members of the Royal Family," "The Three Grand Lodges," "The P. Grand Lodge of Glasgow." Bro. McKechnie gave "Freemasons over the world." Bro. T. Phillips replied in a very able manner. "Clydesdale Lodge" was proposed by Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543, and the chairman, in reply, said: Bro. Ferguson, Croupiers, ladies, and brethren, it gives me very great pleasure indeed to thank you on behalf of the Clydesdale Lodge for the kind and hearty way in which you have proposed the prosperity of our lodge, and I can assure you on behalf of the office-bearers and members, especially those that are present, that it will stimulate us to greater exertions in the future than what we have ever done in the past. It is now one year and nine months since we received our authority from the Grand Lodge, and I now make bold to say that there never was a lodge started on the same footing as the Clydesdale (556)—that without one of its promoters being monied men—but what we gave seems to have been like the widow's mite, and although our beginnings were small, we gradually went on from one degree of strength and prosperity to another. We have at the present moment the unprecedented number on our roll of 130 members—(applause)—and not only have we been very successful in this respect, but, brethren, 12 months ago, when presiding over the first annual festival of our lodge, expressed the hope, that our next would be held in our own premises, and I am sure it must be a source of gratification to all the members to know that we are now in the position of sitting under our own vine and fig tree, none daring to make us afraid. (Applause.) This consummation, brethren, of my hopes was not brought about without a great deal of time, trouble and expense, and before the lodge could be held in this place it had contracted a debt of £140, but, nothing daunted, we persevered, and at this moment we are on the eve of wiping off every penny of that debt. It is, therefore, my hope and wish that we will sail onwards in smooth waters, so that with a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether, at the end of next year we

may look back and say with pleasure, that the past year was one of continued prosperity. And now brethren, in a word, let us be true to ourselves, let us live up to and do justice to our principles. Let us embody Masonic principles in Masonic conduct, and we will successfully refute the calumnies of our enemies if any such there be; let us but exemplify our professions in our daily walk and conversation, and we fear not that we shall vindicate for our lodge and ourselves a position and a name in the estimation of all right-thinking men and Masons, and thereby our mysteries shall be handed down in all the integrity in which we have received them from those who have gone before us, to our children and our children's children, to the latest generations of those to come, and in the words of the poet.

Men, my brothers, men, the workers, ever reaping something new.

That while ye have done but earnest, of the things that ye shall do.

"The Ladies" was proposed in fitting terms by Bro. J. Boyle, S.M., and replied to by Bro. Howie. "The Press" proposed by Bro. Middleton, and replied to by Bro. Ferguson ("Freemason"). "The Chairman" by Bro. McCulloch; Bro. Phillips replied. "The Croupiers" by Bro. Reid, replied to by Bro. T. Phillips. Bros. Campbell, McCulloch, Malcolm, and Webster added very much to the evening's enjoyment by singing some excellent songs, assisted by two ladies of the company. After the last toast the brethren adjourned for a short time until the hall was cleared, when an assembly followed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., at 3 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. E. J. Dobson, W.M., Bro. H. W. Jackman, S.W., presided; W. Sivewright, J.W., acting S.W.; L. R. Mitchell, acting J.W.; R. A. Smith, S.D.; G. R. Weir, acting Sec.; W. Barbour, Treas. Present: Bros. J. Booth, W.M. 87; J. Law, I.P.M. 570; J. Balfour, P.G.D.C.; T. Phillips, J.W. 556; J. Kinnaird, 73; A. M. Kelly, 87; W. Allen, 97; and others. On the minutes being read and confirmed, Bros. J. Robertson and W. Woolf were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543.

[Reports of Scotch Lodges Nos. 67, 219, 332, 347, 360, and 543, unavoidably stand over.]

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES IN AID OF THE CHESHIRE MASONIC INSTITUTION.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the 23rd and 24th ult., two grand amateur dramatic performances were given at the Theatre Royal, Birkenhead (Bro. C. H. Duval, lessee), in aid of the funds of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution. This entertainment has been given annually by the Masonic brethren in Birkenhead for several years, and the result on this occasion will be a substantial addition to the funds of the excellent charity. The performances were under the distinguished patronage of Bros. the Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. Cheshire; Sir Watkin W. Wynn, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; the Earl of Shrewsbury, R.W.P.G.M. Staffordshire; Viscount Combermere, R.W. Deputy P.G.M., Cheshire; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire, and R.W.D.G.M. England; Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire, and P.G.S.W. England; the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; the Earl Bective, R.W.P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; Lord Sandon; Bro. J. W. Latham, P.G.D. England; John Torr, Esq., M.P.; Lieut.-Colonel King, Major Gaskell, John Laird, Esq., David MacIver, Esq., M.P.; the Mayor of Chester, Septimus Ledward, Esq., Bro. Horatio Lloyd, Q.C., P.S.G.W. Cheshire, A. B. Walker, Esq., W. A. Clayton, Esq., Thos. H. Jackson, Esq., M. Mocatta, Esq., and W. Hind, Esq. The arrangements in connection with the performances were well carried out by Bro. J. M. Radcliffe, P.M., Hon. Treas.; and Bro. E. A. Lees, Hon. Sec. The theatre was crowded each evening by delighted audiences. By the kind permission of Bro. Duval, the performances commenced each evening with the popular farce, "The Two Polts," in which Bro. H. Jackson, W.M. 1393, West Lancashire, especially distinguished himself as Colonel Bumpus; Bro. McCarthy, S.W. 1393, as Jack Bumpus; and Bros. E. A. Lees and R. Foulkes as the two Polts. The principal feature of the programme was the performance of "Macbeth," in which Bro. W.M. Asher played the hero with great force and earnestness. Bro. H. Jackson represented Macduff with artistic intelligence and power, and Bro. McCarthy performed Banquo with remarkably good effect. A special word of praise is due to Bro. A. C. Wylie for his careful acting as Lennox. The assistant ladies were from the theatre company, and Miss Constance Young received well-earned applause by her reading of the part of Lady Macbeth. Amongst the other aspirants worthy of notice were Bros. T. Dixon (Duncan); Bro. R. Foulkes, Miss Rodgerson, Bro. W. H. Roberts, and others. Incidental to the piece, Locke's celebrated music to "Macbeth" was sung by a chorus of 40 voices, carefully selected from the Birkenhead Cambrian Choral Society. The performance passed off most successfully on both occasions.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The diseases common to winter, and endangering man's physical condition, will always exist, though many may be mitigated, and their effects removed, by timely and appropriately applied at the beginning of spring. Holloway's Pills are acknowledged, far and wide, to be the most effective purifiers of the blood, the most certain regulators of disordered organs, and the most innocent aperient that can be prescribed. This medicine is applicable to all alike—young or old, robust or delicate. It increases the appetite and controls all derangements of the bowels. After the disorder is subdued, occasional doses of these Pills will prevent any relapse, and, moreover, secure, promote, and intensify the good results which flow from perfect purity and regularity. —ADVT.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT SWANSEA.

The ceremony of consecration of the Caradoc Lodge, No. 1573, took place on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Swansea. There was an unusually large gathering of brethren, every lodge in the province being represented, together with a good muster of visitors from the sister division, and from neighbouring and distant towns.

The lodge was opened at two o'clock by Bro. G. Bradford, P. Prov. G. Supt. Wks., P.M. 237, assisted by the P.M.'s and officers of the same lodge, after which the R.W. P.G. Master, Bro. T. M. Talbot, the W. the D.P.G. Master, Bro. E. J. Morris, and the officers of P.G. Lodge, entered the lodge in procession, marshalled by the Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., Bro. E. Thomas, W.M. 679, the following officers being in attendance:—Bros. W. Whittington, Prov. S. G.W.; J. G. Hall, P. Prov. S.G.W.; M. Tennant, P. Prov. S.G.W.; G. B. Brock, P. Prov. S.G.W.; R. Thomas, P. Prov. J.G.W.; G. Allen, P. Prov. J.G.W.; T. D. Daniel, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. J. S. Moore, L.L.D., Prov. G. Chap.; J. Jones, P.G. Treas.; J. Goodall, Prov. S. Reg.; L. Tulloch, P. Prov. G. Reg.; S. B. Power, P. Prov. G. Reg.; C. Taylor, Prov. G.D.; S. Werchert, P. Prov. G.D.; J. Harman, P. Prov. G.D.; W. H. Tucker, P. Prov. G.D.; W. H. Davies, P. Prov. G.D.; F. Daniel, P. Prov. G.D.; W. A. Davies, P. Prov. G. Supt. Wks.; G. Bradford, P. Prov. G. Supt. Wks.; E. Thomas, Prov. G.D.C.; W. S. R. Jackson, Prov. G.D.C. T. Powell, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. J. Hewson, P. Prov. G.D.C.; E. F. Daniel, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Rogers, P. Prov. G.S.B.; A. L. Struvé, P.G. Org.; H. W. Williams, P. Prov. G. Purst.; T. G. Glass, P. Prov. G. Purst.; T. Thomas, W. Little, G. H. White, T. McKinn, D. R. David, P.G. Stwds.; G. Bullerwell, Prov. G. Tyler; also Bros. W. J. Morgan, P. Prov. J.G.W., Western Division; Rev. A. H. P. Trewman, P. Prov. G. Chap. Somerset; J. T. B. Hall, P.G.D.C. Leicester; W. Harris, P. Prov. G.D. W.D.; C. V. Harding, Prov. G. Org. W.D.; E. H. Fenton, Hereford; J. E. Price, W. P. Garrett, E. S. Hartland, W. A. Essery, J. C. Sladen, J. L. White, W. Michell, J. R. Davies, H. B. Latimer, H. Kennard Bill, G. J. Alexander, M. Wagne Morgan, and many others.

The chair having been taken by the R.W. Prov. G.M., the P.G. Reg., Bro. J. Goodall, read the petition and warrant of constitution, after which the ceremony of consecration was performed by the R.W. the Prov. G.M. in his wonted admirable style, assisted by the W. the D.P.G.M., and by Bros. M. Tennant, P. Prov. S.G.W., and P.M. 833; R. Thomas, P. Prov. J.G.W., and P.M. 364; and S. Weichart, P. Prov. S.G.D., and W.M. 36; Bro. E. Thomas, Prov. G.D.C., and W.M. 679, ably assisting in his official capacity. The oration was delivered and the customary prayers offered by the P.G. Chap., Bro. the Rev. J. J. S. Moore, L.L.D., and Bro. A. L. Struvé presided with great ability on the organ.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration the W.M. designate of the Caradoc Lodge, Bro. J. Rogers, P. Prov. G.S.B., was presented to the R.W. the Prov. G.M. by the W. the Dep. Prov. G.M., who referred in terms of high commendation to the zeal, ability, and Masonic knowledge of this worthy and distinguished brother, who was accordingly installed as first W.M. in accordance with ancient custom, the ceremony throughout being conducted by the R.W. the Prov. G.M.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers for the year:—Bros. J. Livingston, S.W.; Rev. J. J. S. Moore, J.W.; W. Michell, Treas.; J. L. White, Sec.; J. C. Sladen, S.D.; W. Dobbs, S.D.; W. A. Essery, D.C.; D. C. Jones, I.G.; W. Watkins and Dr. Rosser, Stwds.; and G. Bullerwell, P.G. Tyler.

Votes of thanks to the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. having been proposed, agreed to, and acknowledged, several candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren dined afterwards at the Mackworth Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Rogers, presided, supported by the R.W. Prov. G.M., the W. the D. Prov. G.M., and an excellent attendance of Prov. Grand Officers and other brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair with marked ability. Bro. Videon Harding, of Carmarthen, presided at the pianoforte with great skill and effect, and favoured the brethren with some of his choicest songs. The harmony of the evening was further contributed to by Bros. H. W. Williams, J. Hewson, and others, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

The Caradoc Lodge thus takes its place amongst the established lodges of the province. It starts on its career with the heartiest good wishes of the brotherhood, and that career may be predicted to be one of usefulness to the Craft, and honour to the province.

The lodge will be presided over by one who has proved himself to be one of the most qualified Masons in the district, who has won for himself "golden opinions" for his accurate working, his skill in our noble science, and for his courtesy and kindness of disposition, and, aided as he will be by a competent staff of officers, no other prediction can be made than that of success.

Nearly 1000 Liverpool ladies have signed a memorial to the drapers in that town, requesting that seats should be provided for the female assistants when not engaged.

The Grocers' Company have contributed £350 for a bell for St. Paul's, and a gentleman has promised to provide the chimes.

HEALTH, comfort, and economy promoted. Gas superseded in day time, and daylight reflected in dark rooms by adopting Chappuis' Patent Daylight Reflectors. Manufactory, 60, Fleet-street, London.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointment of Bro. Charles Hutton Gregory, C.E., as a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, M.P., has presented to the town of Southampton a life-size statue of the late Prince Consort, by Mr. Theed.

At the annual meeting of the Newspaper Press Fund, last Saturday, Bro. Hyde Clarke was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with a cordial vote of thanks for his past services. Bro. Middlemass, 957 and 1329, was elected to fill a vacant seat in the committee, and Bro. W. C. Hall, 1351, was appointed as the successor of Bro. Middlemass as Auditor.

The "Pictorial World" of last week contains a portrait of Bro. Sir Michael Costa.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold has appointed Mr. Arnold Royle, M.R.C.S., to be Surgeon in Ordinary to H.R.H.

Under the patronage of the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M. of Cambridgeshire, and Lord Lurgan, the General Meat Co-operative Supply Association (Limited) is announced. The essential features are cheap meat, and of the best quality. Considering the present high prices the Association cannot but commend itself to our readers.

One of the four monks who are the sole possessors of the secret of making the famous Chartreuse liqueur, has commenced legal proceedings against a firm in London, with a view to restrain it from selling as Chartreuse any commodity not manufactured in their monastery.

Mr. Edward Payson Weston will commence his great international 500 mile walk in six days on Monday next.

Prince Leopold visited Wellington College on Monday, and was conducted through the college by the Rev. E. C. Wickham, the head master.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, left Windsor Castle at 3.55 p.m. on Wednesday for London and the Continent, attended by Bro. Collins and Major A. F. Pickard, R.A. A correspondent telegraphs that His Royal Highness and suite arrived in Dover on Thursday morning by the nine o'clock train of the South Eastern Railway. He was received on the pier by the Mayor, General Parke, C.B., Commanding South Eastern District, and Staff, and left for Calais by the special steamer Samphire, commanded by Captain Goldsack. Captain Morgan, R.N., was also on board. The reception was private, and no salute was fired.

THE ORIGINAL OR PREMIER RED CROSS CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—A meeting of this convale will take place on Wednesday next, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at 4 o'clock. The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.V., will be present as the guest of the convale, and will be received under the Arch of Steel at 5 o'clock, all knights should therefore be in their places before that time. Banquet at 6.30. punctually.

At a meeting of the Webb Testimonial Fund, at Trowbridge, a letter was read from Bro. Captain Webb, expressing his desire that the sum collected might be paid over to his father for his own benefit, as no possible application of the money in question could be so acceptable to him as that would be. It has been resolved that the fund—amounting to £521—should be disposed of according to Bro. Webb's wishes.

A Home has been opened at 21, Greville-street, Holborn, for the reception of young women who are engaged in business during the day, and who from the want of a comfortable home are exposed to many temptations.

The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers have voted a donation of £25 to the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis.

The Corporation of the City of London have declined to take immediate steps to give the Prince of Wales a hearty welcome to the City on his return from India.

THE LATE DR. GAUNTLETT.—A committee has now been formed with the object of raising a fund for the widow and family of this eminent musician, who died suddenly from heart disease on February 21st. The committee much regret to state that a special effort is needed to mitigate, in some degree, the circumstances of this distressing case. Bro. the Rev. Sir F. Gore Ouseley, Rev. T. S. Polehampton, Rev. W. J. Blew, Rev. Howard-Rice, Rev. E. C. Smith, Rev. G. Venables, Messrs. Novello, Ewer, and Co., Chappell and Co., Stanley, Lucas, Weber and Co., R. Mills and Sons, J. Pittman, Erard, John Thomas, George Grove, H. Littleton, J. Dobson, B. M. Moore, William Chappell, T. W. Walker, J. S. Storr, A. J. Puttick, G. Bruzard, J. Green, Roger Hawkes, and F. W. Mount have already joined the committee. C. L. Grunstein, Esq., of the Junior Carlton Club, is the Hon. Treasurer; W. C. A. Blew, Esq., of 16, Warwick-street, Pall Mall East, is the Hon. Secretary. Donations may be sent to either of these gentlemen, or the London and Westminster Bank, St. James's-square, to the account of "The Gauntlett Fund."

Bro. Captain Matthew Webb received his 3rd degree on Thursday, the 24th ult., in the Neptune, Lodge, No. 22. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.]

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has issued invitations for a fancy dress ball at Dublin Castle on the 13th of March.

The Portsmouth Town Council yesterday resolved to present an address to the Prince of Wales on his return from India.

On Monday last His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. (Ireland), distributed the prizes to the successful students in the Royal Dublin Society School of Art. The Duke of Leinster was also present.

The Masons' Hall Tavern has been sold by Messrs. Cronin to Mr. W. R. Bell (late of Long-acre).

THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO GERMANY.—According to the latest announcement, Her Majesty is expected to leave England for the Continent on the 25th of March. The Queen will proceed direct to Baden-Baden, and after her visit to Germany will return to Windsor to meet the Prince of Wales. The forthcoming season is likely to be marked by a number of courtly festivities incidental to the return of His Royal Highness from his Indian tour, and which are expected to be held soon after the conclusion of the Queen's visit to Germany.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft presided at the Anniversary Festival of the London Orphan Asylum, on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern. During the dinner somewhat of a novelty was noticed in the introduction of instrumental music by the girls of the school. The effect was not only pleasant in itself, but had the result of directing the attention of the guests to the excellent education afforded to the pupils. The boys sang grace and part songs, which seemed to be equally well appreciated as the performance of the girls. In proposing the toast of the evening, "The Prosperity of the London Orphan Asylum," the Chairman made a strong appeal on behalf of the charity, the object of which was to clothe, maintain, and educate respectable fatherless children of either sex left without adequate means of support and wherever resident. Children were eligible between the ages of 7 and 11, and were usually retained till the completion of their 15th year. Since its commencement 3,955 orphans had been benefited, and there were at present 209 girls and 353 boys on the establishment, which, as was generally known, occupied a fine position at Watford. The cost of each child in maintenance, clothing, and education was not above £32. The subscriptions, which included a donation of £100 from the Chairman, and £20 from Mrs. Allcroft, amounted on the whole to £3,213.

Bro. Sir G. Greenall, M.P., was entertained on Tuesday night at a banquet, and presented with an address by the Corporation of Warrington, on his elevation to a baronetcy. The Mayor in proposing "The Health of Sir Gilbert," said Warrington generally rejoiced at the honour which had been shown to a fellow townsman, who, in his public capacity, had known no party and who had so well supported the local institutions of the town. Sir Gilbert Greenall, in returning thanks, said, while appreciating highly the distinction Her Most Gracious Majesty had conferred upon him, he valued above everything the good will of his fellow townsmen, which he rejoiced to know he possessed. He would ever remember with kindness the address which had been presented to him. "The Health of Lady Greenall" and other toasts followed.

The well-known medical maxim that food for children and invalids should be administered in accordance with the laconic direction, "little and often," though undoubtedly sound in itself, has the disadvantage of adding considerably to the labour of parents and nurses, and in the old days of rush-lights it is small wonder if the helpless ones often had to take their nocturnal nourishment as cold as ice, greatly to the detriment of their digestive organs. Modern ingenuity has, however, got rid of most of the difficulties formerly existing on this score, though it must be admitted that many of the new nursery arrangements have drawbacks of their own, especially in the danger of fire, arising from the use of spirit lamps, even by the most careful of persons, and by the flickering of ordinary night lights in the hands of the careless. Mr. Samuel Clarke, of 10, Albany-street, the patentee of the well-known Pyramid Night Lights, lights and food warmers, has, however, entirely overcome this danger, as the glass shades, which are an important feature, and addition to the lights, not only ensure a steady flame and good light, but renders all contact with bed-curtains or other external objects absolutely impossible, while at the same time, when the light is applied to the food warmer, the food in the porcelain panakin is kept always properly heated and ready for use. The many excellences of these inventions have been fully recognised by the jurors of the International Exhibitions of London, Paris, and Moscow, at all of which places they received first prize medals, while among those who have practically tested and approved of them may be mentioned the Queen and the Empress of Russia. These lights, like most really good things, are made in the simplest manner, having a stone base of their own, down to which they burn when in use for nine hours, and are sold all over the country at the rate of one penny each, in boxes of eight, and as so much depends upon their being used within a reasonable time after being made, the patentee invariably desires that the trade may regulate their stocks from time to time. This is certainly a very considerate feature in the manner of business adopted by Mr. Clarke, and though it may have given him additional labour, we can but think that in the long run it has materially affected and increased his business; so much so, that we hear he is unable to keep pace with the demand at the factory in Albany-street, and has, accordingly, gone to the working district of Bermondsey and established a factory there. ■

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The following stand over:—Reports of Lodge of Friendship, Great Yarmouth; Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, 1507; Chaucer Lodge, 1540; Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421; Neptune Lodge, 22; Percy Lodge of Instruction; Chapter of Prosperity, Huddersfield, 290; Philip's Rose Croix Chapter, Lancaster; Consecration of a Lodge at Upper Norwood; Consecration of a Chapter at Barrow.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

An address at Keokuk Town, U.S., by Bro. T. G. Parvin; "Songs of the Rock," by Bro. John Wright, Glasgow. "The Colonist," "Precursore," "La Chaine de l'Union," "Hand and Heart."

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTH.

DOUGLAS, Mrs. Arctas A., at Queen-street, Mayfair, Feb. 17, twins—son and daughter.

DEATHS.

FARNFIELD.—Feb. 27, at No. 351, Clapham-road, Wm. Farnfield, in his 79th year.

BROOKE, Mr. George W., Secretary of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, at Sydenham, aged 47, Feb. 21.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 4, 1876.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER INDIA.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is still, we believe, in Nepaul, and will soon be moving homewards. He was re-elected, as our readers will gladly see, Grand Master for the ensuing year, amid much cheering on Wednesday night.

THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AS PROV. G. MASTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The account of this very interesting event will have deep interest for our entire Order. Everything seems to have gone off, to use a common expression, most admirably, without a hitch, or jarring note, and to have reflected the greatest credit on those who had the arrangement of the proceedings from first to last. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was warmly welcomed by the proverbial loyalty and zeal of Oxford Freemasons, and we augur, alike from his own simple and effective

words, and the pleasant proceedings of the entire day, much of future prosperity for the Province of Oxfordshire. H.R.H. is now W.M. of two of our most distinguished lodges, the Apollo University and the Antiquity, and we congratulate both lodges warmly on the circumstance, as we feel sure of this, that anything which leads to and perpetuates a living connection with our Royal Family and Freemasonry is deeply to be desiderated, and earnestly to be encouraged. While in some lands Freemasonry is exposed just now to anathema and slander, here in peaceful loyal England, we may say Great Britain, those who would have any cause and reason, a priori, to stem a disloyal and political sodality, come forward and proclaim their brotherhood, knowing well as they do, and as our august Head has so well said, that loyalty and charity ever have been, and ever will be, watchwords for our great Masonic army. We are glad to note that the interesting proceedings of the installation under the always genial auspices of our admirable D.G. Master, and in the presence of some of the most distinguished of our Craft, were very fitly closed by a presentation to an old and worthy Freemason, Bro. R. J. Spiers, late D.G.M. of Oxfordshire. We congratulate Bro. Spiers warmly alike on the occasion, and the result, long to be remembered by him, and all who took part in it, and we think that such an act of kindly fraternal feeling reflects great credit on the donors and on Bro. Spiers. Our Royal brother performed his part in this little episode, as he did throughout with all of dignity, urbanity, and personal sympathy, and we feel sure that into no better hands could the rule of so distinguished a province as Oxfordshire have been more wisely or reasonably committed. We congratulate our brethren in Oxford and the Province on the most successful issue of those memorable proceedings to which we alluded in our last impression. We trust, as we feel assured, that no better day's work for English Freemasonry has been done for a very long time, and one equally important and promising for the future as the present. All Freemasons will rejoice at this happy tendency to bind still closer the amicable relations and friendly intercourse which ever has existed, and we pray ever may exist between the House of Brunswick and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry.

THE "PENNY POST" AND FREEMASONRY.

Our respected contemporary, the "Penny Post" a very useful and valuable Church of England Juvenile Periodical, has thought well to state its objections to our Order. "Our objection to the organization lies in the fact that the Freemasons set up a bond of union independent of, and superior to that of baptism. When heathens and Christians combine the latter must lose cast by the combination." Now begging our good contemporary's pardon, the opinion here expressed is both unfounded, and not a little absurd. Freemasonry sets up no bond of union independent of, and superior to that of Baptism. Freemasonry is in no sense a Church, and imposes no terms of union on its initiates, it accepts all within its pale, except the atheist and immoral, without any question of individual belief, or of personal persuasion. No one need become a Freemason, and as it is a perfectly voluntary act on the part of the initiate, we do not see that it can fairly be alleged against Freemasonry, that in any way it imposes a test, or sets up a bond of union. That Freemasonry constitutes a bond of union by its organization, its teaching, and its normal active life, is a very different thing, but such "bond of union" is not set up against "baptism," nor is it meant to be a rallying point against any religious body whatever. In fact, the objection of the "Penny Post" is Mr. Kerr's objection over again, that Freemasonry "forms a spurious bond of union, differing from that of the Church." It is odd, as has been before observed, to find the high church "Penny Post," and good presbyterian Mr. Kerr reformed, though he be, rowing in the same boat, but such is in itself an amusing commentary on the open opposition, and the latent hostility towards Freemasonry. As has been said, the Church, (whatever you like to call the Church, for the "Penny Post" would

call one, Mr. Kerr the other) has not, quâ the Church, anything to do with Freemasonry, neither has Freemasonry quâ Freemasonry anything to do with the Church. Freemasonry is altogether extern to the church, and a most mistaken policy it is which ever brings any religious body, much less the Church of England, so tolerant per se, into collision with a reverent, loyal, peaceful, friendly, cultured Order like ours. For Freemasonry is in no way antagonistic to, or a rival of the Church, even what the writer in the "Penny Post" considers the Church, and it never in any way seeks to usurp its undoubted functions, or affects to lay down either dogmata of faith, or limits of individual thought. While friendly to all religious bodies, it is hostile to none, but owing to its own broad basis, it sometimes seems to impinge on this or that ardent denominational view, though as we believe, altogether erroneously on the part of our assailants and objectors. As regards Christians losing caste by combining with heathens, we do not know what the writer means, as he clearly, as Mr. Gladstone would say, is attaching an undue force to some words, and an uncritical meaning to others. There is no caste in Christianity, and how, because we Freemasons, if we act together for works of common humanitarian necessity, and seek to do good, we lose caste, is beyond one's comprehension altogether. What the writer means to say, we fancy, is this, that if Christians and heathens combine for any purpose it becomes "infra dig" for Christians to do so. But is this true? is it really so? We do not see it, and we do not believe it, and not seeing it, and not believing it, especially in a country like India, for instance, we beg to say, that this possible combination constitutes in our humble opinion, a great element of the truth and work of Freemasonry, to say nothing of its success. Has the writer duly studied the parable of the Good Samaritan? That as we understand it, teaches a kindlier lore. But the truth is, all such objections are really based on the teaching of an ultramontane school of thought and action, and are alien from thorough English spirit and tendencies. We leave them here to day, as perfectly unfounded and innocuous to us, and we should not have noticed them at all, but for the great respectability of the source from which they emanate. The "Penny Post" is a capital little periodical, doing a deal of good in its own way, but it should not write upon Freemasonry.

THE RELIGIOUS TEACHING OF FREEMASONRY.

There seems to be a good deal of misconception existing as regards the religious teaching of Freemasonry. Some brethren seem to look on our wonted formularies, our exoteric symbolism and esoteric lore as a skilfully designed adaptation to a special form of deistical teaching and avowal. Nothing can be more erroneous, no view can be more thoroughly unreal. Freemasonry nowhere affects to claim the character of a religious "Didaskalos," Freemasonry nowhere assumes the status of a "Religio." It favours no theories, it asserts no dogmata, it leans to no party, it declines all conflicts of thought and of opinion. Some have called it deistical; it is not so. Some have declared it to be pantheistic; it is nothing of the kind. Some contend abroad that it is too religious, others declare openly that it is opposed to all religion. Some have even boldly asserted that Freemasonry is antagonistic to the Christian Church because it will not identify itself distinctly, with any religious denomination, though it is friendly to all, and because it ignores all theological discussions. Every one of these statements is equally mistaken and mischievous. For Freemasonry knows nothing "per se" of such controversies or such contentions, it prefers to ignore them altogether, to pass by them, believing that nothing has so much hindered the advance of true religion in the world, as many of the disputes of religionists themselves, and that nothing is so hurtful or so unworthy, so hostile to the best interests of society and of humanity, nay, religion, as that

"odium theologicum" which is ever seeing the mote in its brother's eye, but forgetting the beam in its own! The theory of some German writers that the Masonic revival in 1717 in this country was a sort of expression of deistical feeling and tendency is utterly un-historical and unfounded, and can only be laughed at by English Freemasons. For in the last century undoubtedly much of the teaching of our lodges and of our "Aporreta" was distinctly Christian. Though there was a universal teaching always no doubt, contemporaneous and synchronical, yet every honest student of Masonic archæology must confess that the general bearing of the formal English Masonic ritualism of the last century was more or less actually Christian, alike in verbiage and in tone. Gradually, however, the utterances of English Freemasonry became more universal, and since 1813 such a colouring of all our formal enunciations and ceremonial language has all but universally prevailed. There is nothing, indeed, to prevent a Chaplain using a Christian prayer, if he so desires, and the brethren are willing, but the practical good sense of most of our excellent reverend brethren has long since overcome the apparent but meaningless so-called theological difficulty. Indeed, in Scotland, and in Ireland, Christian prayers are still in use. But such a state of things is very different from the accusation that Freemasonry skilfully adapts itself to various religions, Christian and non-Christian. It does nothing of the kind, for if it did so it would lay itself open to the charge, under the guise of unlimited toleration, of indifference and negativism. On the contrary, Freemasonry asserts with no uncertain voice, always consistently and calmly, the great belief in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man. It seems to say, "I am not a Church laying down dogmata of faith, or articles of peace or catechisms of doctrinal truth, but I am a religious and benevolent sodality based on the broad principles of humanitarian sympathy and toleration, but requiring that all who join my association, avoiding all other questions, shall be believers in God Most High, no atheists, and no libertines!" This is the first declaration of Freemasonry, which receives all who believe and worship the Great Creator and Father of mankind, though such a declaration goes too far for some, and not far enough for others, and, therefore, is by some foolishly termed anti-Christian, which it is not, and never can be. All that any one can fairly say, is that it is Theistic, and Freemasonry is avowedly so, though it does not interfere ever with the creed or conscience of any one. But Freemasonry does not stop here. It next points out to us, the revealed Word of God, and demands for it our reverence, our belief, and our obedience! And not only this, but it also affirms, that this life is not all for man, that this world is but the passage to another and a better, and that after this perishable frame has been committed to its mother land, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, and has long since crumbled away, it is yet to rise again one day, from the grave and gate of death, immortal and imperishable, perfected and perpetual, victorious over the King of Terrors, and no more exposed to weakness, to decay, to death. Such is the unceasing teaching of Freemasonry, founded too on the Word of God, which is to all Freemasons the unerring standard of right and wrong, and by its divine principles, as well as by its holy hopes, Freemasons are to regulate their actions, and elevate their lives. Freemasonry commends to its alumni in addition, the practice of every moral and every social virtue, and inculcates powerfully alike toleration and charity, active benevolence, and genuine interest not only for our brethren in the world, but for all men. Who then can say that Freemasonry is not religious? That it admits non-Christians is true, and in the way most binding on their consciences, but in every Anglo-Saxon lodge, the Bible still is one of the three great lights of Masonry, and there it remains open, for all students, and endures, an unerring evidence of the religious and reverential character of Freemasonry. Don't let us, then, confound things essentially distinct. Freemasonry is a religious as well as a reasonable body, it is theistic as well as tolerant, it respects the consciences of

all men, it never lets go and never will let go its owning and invocation at every meeting of its wide-spread lodges, of the Great Architect of the Universe, of the Great Benefactor, Preserver, and Ruler of the human race, God Eternal and Most High!

THE LATE BRO. W. FARNFIELD.

The Craft will be very sorry to hear of the demise of our worthy and lamented Bro. W. Farnfield, so long known in the Grand Secretary's office, and as Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. His kindness and urbanity, familiar face and many good qualities, will long preserve his pleasant memory fresh and green amongst the brethren of our Order.

BRO. HARTY'S PICTURE OF THE INSTALLATION.

We published in our last number a long list of subscribers to this spirited undertaking, which appears to be securing a large amount of merited support from the Craft. We understand that the engraving is proceeding most satisfactorily, and promises to be a great success. There is still room it appears for about 150 portraits of brethren, and Bro. Harty will be obliged to all intending sitters to call at once at the Photographic Studio, 213, Regent-street, where Bro. E. M. Haigh will take their photograph. We understand that H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.M. for Oxfordshire, has expressed his high approval of the proposed picture, and has become one of its patrons. We call attention in another column to a most interesting letter from our worthy P.G. Chaplain, Bro. R. P. Bent, with reference to the engraving. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, also honoured Bro. Haigh with sittings in his clothing as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, on Saturday last. The paragraph in the "Daily News" of the 28th is incorrect, H.R.H. Prince Leopold was not present at the installation, it was his brother H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. H.R.H. Prince Leopold did not sit to Bro. Harty for the installation picture, and the brethren mentioned were not in attendance on H.R.H. the Prince.

THE WILSON MS. CONSTITUTIONS.

The following account of the Wilson M.S. by the owner is most interesting.

"You asked me for any 'indicia,' respecting MS. Phillips 6351, now being copied.

I have asked an antiquary friend, and he says it is decidedly not temp. Hen. 8th, but that, as it is very carefully written on vellum, not a court hand, or one used by the officers of the law court. It is, no doubt, an old copy of one then existing. He thinks the M.S. we have, is early in the 17th century, and he tells us it is written in the law hand of the period, that is the "engrossing" hand of the period. The copy will be ready for you the end of next week.

You will see then our several blanks, evidence I think of its having been copied from an older MS., which no doubt in the places left blank was illegible.

In Sir Thomas Phillips's catalogue it is called "Book of Constitutions (of Freemasonry), for Mr. Richard Ban (our) the 'our' being in italics, as if it was doubtful, perhaps could not be read, 'royal oct., fol. S. 19.'

"That is all I can tell you about it."

The writer of this letter is the Rev. J. E. A. Fenwick, Tairlestane House, Cheltenham, in whose possession all the MS. collection of his father-in-law remains under trust. It is but proper to observe, that though Mr. Fenwick is full of kindness, a payment for the "privilegium" of seeing the MS. has to be required, and Mr. Fenwick has kindly made an exception in my case, and allowed me to have not only a complete copy of his MS., but to publish it in the "Masonic Magazine."

I hope to give, under "Masonic Notes and Queries," the heading and close of the MS. next week, and to publish it in extenso in the April number of the Magazine. I have always kept it in mind, and hunted for it everywhere, and a short time back it occurred to me to ascertain through Bro. S. B. Ellis if there was any foundation for the statement in Preston. Finding that there was, Bro. E. B. Ellis having applied to Bro. Nixon, who knew Mr. Rimington Wilson, now at Broomhead, and that the Wilson MSS. had been bought by Sir Thomas Phillips, I then applied to J. O. Halliwell, Esq., the editor of the "Masonic Poem," now J. O. Phillips, Esq., who told me that all Sir T. Phillips's MSS. were in the possession of my friend Mr. Fenwick.

Hence the happy result of a Masonic search after this long wanted MS. I hope that we may yet find others, such as the original of Dowland's MS., which, Stephen Jones says, was a long roll of parchment.

I have now the transcript MS. in my possession.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

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.—En.]

BRO. HARTY'S PICTURE OF THE INSTALLATION. [The following letter has been addressed to Bro. Harty for publication.]

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

In sending you the address of a new subscriber to your picture of the installation (another Swedish brother of high standing, who is Secretary of the Craft Lodge in this city, and an office-bearer in the higher degrees) I must congratulate you on the interest taken in the picture by the Freemasons of Sweden. This interest is clearly shown by the orders given for copies of it by the King, and some of those who, under the Grand Mastership of His Majesty, hold the highest Masonic offices in this country. I hope that no delay will occur in the issue of the picture, that the anxiety with which its arrival here is expected may not suffer any disappointment.

It cannot, of course, be wondered at that the Swedish brethren were deeply interested in the installation itself, and that they will, therefore, welcome your delineation of that most successful ceremony. Their interest arises from the fact that the Prince of Wales was not only initiated in Stockholm by the late King, but was also rapidly advanced there to the higher degrees, so that after his visit to Sweden he returned to England fully qualified for the high position he now so worthily fills; and from the further fact that at the installation of H.R.H. the Grand Lodge of Sweden was represented by five of its most distinguished members, the portraits of all of whom will (I believe) be found in your picture. Pardon me if I mention one more point of interest to the Swedes in this matter. The Senior Grand Chaplain was at the time residing among them, and had to go over to England for the express purpose of officiating on the occasion; and when they see his portrait, also in your picture, they will recognise it as that of one who is now a Swedish as well as an English Mason. Perhaps I should explain that after being very cordially received by the brethren as a visitor on my first coming to Gothenburg—I have been more than once saluted as a Grand Officer of England—I was invited to become a joining member of the St. Andrew's Lodge, or the Lodge of Scotch Masters, which is their 6th Degree. Application was then made to the King for his sanction to my taking the 7th and 8th Degrees without loss of time, and by a dispensation from His Majesty I received the 8th Degree a fortnight after receiving the 7th, whereas it is in most cases a matter of years rather than weeks. I consider this to have been intended more as a compliment to the Grand Lodge of England than to myself personally. The 8th Degree corresponds to the English "Knight Templar." I am now a Priest, or Chaplain of that Order, and as such I had the privilege on Saturday last of assisting at an imposing ceremony of no less than nineteen admissions, in the presence of a large and influential body of Knights. Freemasonry, in all its branches, is indeed a flourishing and most popular institution in this country. I could expatiate largely on its admirable working, &c., but I must not forget that I began to write about your picture in particular, and not about the whole subject in general. I will, therefore, only beg you to make what use you please of this letter, and remain,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

R. P. BENT, P.G.C.

Gothenburg, Feb. 21st, 1876.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Knowing how ready you are at all times to give publicity to the progress of the Craft, I hasten to lay before you an account of the consecration (and installation of officers) of the Canterbury Kilwinning Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, being the second lodge under the Scotch constitution established in the Province of Canterbury.

The brethren living in Lyttelton having after due deliberation determined to apply to the R.W. the P.G. Lodge of New Zealand, S.C., for a dispensation, sent in their application, which, after receiving proper consideration and investigation, was granted. Bro. F. W. Thiel, Esq., of St. Andrew's Lodge, Dunedin, S.C., No. 432 (Bro. Thiel is also P.D.I.G.M. of E.C. in Canterbury), was deputed by the Provincial Grand Master to consecrate the lodge and install the officers thereof.

Bro. Thiel, being a most earnest and zealous Mason, went into the matter with all his heart, and being most ably assisted by his subordinate officers—a list of whose names I send you—the result was a grand success.

The lodge was opened at 5.20 p.m. in due form, and after the consecration of lodge and the installing of the R. W.M., Bro. Alex. Taylor, and his officers, five candidates were introduced (Messrs. Angus, Allwright, James Grubb, John Grubb, and Robt. Findlay), and were duly initiated into Freemasonry, Bro. Thiel and his officers also performing the ceremony.

Five gentlemen were then proposed as candidates, and the lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom. The brethren adjourned to Bro. Buruip's (the lodge room being too small to properly accommodate the brethren).

He having provided a most magnificent banquet, about fifty brethren sat down, and, after discussing the goop things provided and duly honouring the usual toasts, separated at 11.30 p.m. highly pleased with the proceedings of the day, and wishing every prosperity to the Canterbury Kilwinning.

I must mention that Bro. Wm. Donald, Esq., the R.W. the District Grand Master of Canterbury, E.C., was present during the whole of the proceedings, and showed by

his truly Masonic and jovial manner that we are all brethren, no matter under what constitution we work. May he (the R.W. the D.G.M. of Canterbury, E.C.) live long to be an ornament to the Craft and a pattern to all Free and Accepted Masons.

I remain, yours fraternally,
I. P. P.,
Hon. Sec. of Canterbury Kilwinning.

AN AMERICAN INSTALLATION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I occasionally see a "back number" of your journal from the R.W.M. of a lodge in your city, and lately observed in the issue of 27th March, 1875, an article entitled "Our Lodge Meetings." With reference to the interesting and instructive suggestions therein, I hasten to send by this post the programme of an entertainment given by Montgomery Lodge, No. 69, on the 23rd December last, and call your particular attention to the invitation at foot "Our guests are all invited to the centennial in 1925." At the installation ceremonies ladies were present, and listened with much delight to a very humorous description of the mysteries of our Craft by the R.W.M.

With you, I believe that the presence of the fair sex would not only add to the pleasure of Masonic social gathering, but strengthen the lodges in every way.

I am, yours truly and fraternally,
Mary's Chapel, No. 1.
New York, Jan. 31st, 1876.

1, Voluntary, Organ; 2, Opening ode, "America:"

Glad hearts to Thee we bring,
With joy Thy name we sing.

Father above—
Creation praises Thee,
Thy bounty's full and free,
In all around we see
Emblems of love.

Unite our souls in love,
Smile on us from above,
Till life is o'er;
Then gather us to Thee,
Thy kingdom, Lord, to see.
In Thine own fold to be,
For evermore.

When our last labour's o'er,
And scenes of life no more
Charm our frail sight,
Then in God's holy care
May each protection share,
Bliss find unending there,
In perfect light.

3, Prayer by the Chaplain ("So Mote it be"); 4, Installation, R.W. William T. Woodruff, officiating, assisted by W. Geo. Dessoye, as Marshal; 5, Presentation of the Master Elect; 6, Presentation of the Senior Warden Elect; 7, Presentation of the Junior Warden Elect; Master behold your brethren! Brethren! behold your Master! "Grand honours;" Procession.

Behold! in the East our new Master appear,
Come, brothers, we'll greet him with hearts all sincere.
We'll aid him with freedom, with fervour and zeal,
And aid him his duties and trust to fulfil.

In the West see the Warden with gavel in hand,
The Master to aid and obey his command,
We'll aid him with freedom, with fervour and zeal,
And help him his duties and trust to fulfil.

In the South see the Warden by plumb stand upright,
Who watches the sun and takes note of his flight.
We'll aid him with freedom, with fervour and zeal,
And help him his duties and trust to fulfil.

8, Presentation of Treasurer and Secretary elect; 9, Presentation of Chaplain; 10, Presentation of Marshal; 11, Presentation of Deacons; 12, Presentation of Masters of Ceremonies; 13, Presentation of Stewards; 14, Presentation of Tyler. Proclamation South, West and East, by the Marshall. Doxology:

Be Thou, O God, exalted high,
And as Thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed
'Till Thou art here as there obeyed.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
A few evenings since, in a London lodge, old and respectable, the third toast was given in due form, "The Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupling with them the names of Bros. Pickwick, P.G.S.D. Diddlesex; Nickleby, P. Prov. G.P. Oxbridgeshire; and O. Twist, P.G.J.D. Camfordshire, who each responded for the honour done to their lordships and themselves (the Provincial Grand, and Past Provincial Grand) by the proposal of the toast, and the cordial manner in which it had been received. Was this O.K.?

Yours fraternally,
"I WANT TO KNOW, YOU KNOW."

ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I thank you for insertion in your last number of my letter to you under this heading.

I know full well that the Prov. G.M. has the election, what I want to know is how he is guided in his selection of officers.

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours very fraternally,
A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In the "Freemason" of February 19th, under the heading of answers to correspondence, I find "J.M.S.D. in our next."

That, no doubt, alluded to the questions I asked. As nothing appeared in last Saturdays, "Freemason," I venture to repeat the questions.

If other business be done than that written in the summaries, can the same be legally confirmed?

Can a brother who is in arrears be appointed and serve as Warden?

J.M.S.D.

1. No business can be properly entered upon, except such as is contained among the agenda, relief excepted.
2. It depends on the bye-laws of the lodge.—ED.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

For the sake of throwing light on a matter which has arisen, and is disputed in open lodge, will you, or any of your correspondents who may be taken as reliable authority, be kind enough to reply to the following question through the columns of the "Freemason," viz.: "Does St. John's Masonry embrace, teach, and enjoin nothing more than a high standard of morality?" A reply in Saturday's issue will very much oblige.

Yours fraternally,
[Such a question cannot be answered offhand. Some of our able correspondents may perhaps reply to it.—ED.]

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

AMERICAN AND GERMAN GRAND MASTERS.

I shall be glad to receive from American brethren a list of the Grand Masters to insert in the Cyclopædia.

* If my good brother, J. G. Findel, would favour me with a list of German Grand Masters, I shall be happy also to insert them.

A. F. A. W.

THE WILSON MS.

I am very pleased to hear of the find of Wilson's MS., and hope it is the herald of subsequent discoveries of still more importance. Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and S. B. Ellis are to be heartily congratulated on so happy a result from their researches, and now we shall all, as eager Masonic students, be anxious to either inspect the MS. or peruse a certified transcript.

Bro. Woodford tells us that the present owner dates the MS. of the 17th century, and that it is written on vellum (as a roll, we presume.) The first notice we meet with in reference to the MS. is in the Manifesto issued by the "Right Worshipful Lodge of Antiquity, 1778," which was agreed to in open lodge, 16th day of December of that year, and signed by J. Sealy, Secretary, accordingly (Reprinted in our "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," and in our "History of Freemasonry at York," Kingston Masonic Annual, pages 102 to 108.)

The reference is in a note at the side of the text, and is as follows:

"MS. in the hands of Mr. Wilson, of Broomhead, near Sheffield, Yorkshire, written in the reign of King Henry VIII."

It was judged at that period to be of the sixteenth century. However, the matter can now be soon approximately decided, and we await with interest the particulars so kindly promised by Bro. Woodford, who in this case, as is so many others, is ready to place the information obtained at the service of his brethren.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly communication of Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The attendance of brethren was very large, notwithstanding there was very little business to be done. There was, however, comparatively a small attendance of Past Grand Officers, and the dais looked bare. For once Grand Lodge was not opened punctually at seven o'clock, which, considering the usual strict punctuality of the Grand Master presiding, and the rest of the Grand Officers, surprised a good many brethren. About a quarter-past seven the procession made its appearance at the doors of the Temple, and though several brethren had expected the presence of Prince Leopold, and that he would preside on this occasion, it was soon seen that the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, would take the chair. Grand Lodge was opened at twenty minutes past seven, when it was thus formed:—Lord Skelmersdale, as Grand Master; the Marquis of Hamilton, S.G.W.; Bros. F. Pattison, J.G.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson and the Rev. J. R. Wigram, G. Chaplains; S. Tomkins, G.T.; Æ. J. McIntyre, G.C.; G.T.; John Hervey, G.S.; M. J. Guest and William Speed, S.G.D.'s; Robert Grey and Frederick Parker Morrell, J.G.D.'s; Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, G.D.C.; Samuel George Homfray, Asst. G.D.C.; John B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Dr. W. R. Woodman, G. Swd. B.; Wilhelm Kuhe, G. Organist; John Wright, G.P.; E. P. Albert, A.G.P.; and C. B. Payne, G. Tyler.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., acted as D.G.M., and Bro. R. J. Bagshaw as Past G. Master.

Among the other brethren present were the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, P.G.M. Staffordshire; Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Col. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Col. Lyne, P.G.M.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Col.

Adair, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts.; Bro. Clabon, Bro. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Col. Creaton, P.G.D.; Bros. Benj. Head, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long; W. Fenn, P.G.S.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; S. L. Tomkins, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Dr. Erasmus Wilson, G.S.; John Symonds, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; N. Bradford, P.G.D.; Joseph C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Capt. Platt, P.G.J.W.; Bros. W. Ough, J. Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; H. Massey, ("Freemason"); and H. G. Buss, G. Treas. Middlesex.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Grand Secretary read the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business; after which the minutes of last Quarterly Communication of the 1st of December, 1875, were read by Grand Secretary and put and confirmed.

The election of a Most Worshipful Grand Master being the next business in order.

Bro. J. M. Case, P.M. No. 1, rose, and said that at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge he had the honour of nominating his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. He had now the distinguished privilege of proposing as a substantive resolution the election of His Royal Highness to that office, the highest the Craft could bestow and one to which His Royal Highness had given so much grace and dignity. He (Bro. Case) did not think otherwise than that the brethren would affirm this with one voice, and he would conclude by saying with reference to His Royal Highness's late magnificent procession in the East that it was a most appropriate and significant occasion for improving the Craft. He was confident that all the brethren would join with him in wishing His Royal Highness a safe and speedy return to his native country, and that he might long live to rule over the Craft, wherever dispersed over the face of land and water. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. Rhys Williams, in seconding the election of His Royal Highness, said that it was with a feeling of diffidence that he rose to second the proposition just made, because though on the one hand he could not but feel it a distinguished honour, on the other hand he could not be un-mindful that there were other brethren present who could bring greater ability to the task than himself. However, nothing he could say could add to the enthusiasm with which this proposition would be received, and nothing he might leave unsaid would mar it. Every one knew the ability of His Royal Highness and the kindness of heart which had distinguished his rule over Freemasons during the past year, and they all hoped that he would be long spared to occupy his proud position in the Craft.

The motion having been put was carried unanimously, amidst great applause, and Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, proclaimed His Royal Highness duly elected as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Bro. John Gibson, Deputy Master, No. 259, proposed the re-election of Bro. Samuel Tomkins as Grand Treasurer. He had served the office for so many years, and with so much credit to himself, and satisfaction to Grand Lodge, that he (Bro. Gibson) trusted he would be re-elected unanimously.

Bro. Lees having seconded the motion, it was put and unanimously carried.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins thanked the brethren for the honour again conferred upon him. He had been already twenty-four years their Steward, and he viewed the brotherhood every year with increasing satisfaction, for every year had seen an increase in the prosperity of Masonry. He trusted that in the next 24 or 25 years those who came after him in the office would see a progression in Freemasonry in the same ratio as he himself had seen it. (Cheers.)

The following grants, recommended in the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, were moved by Bro. J. M. Clabon, seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, and carried:—

A brother of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin	£75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, Deptford	50 0 0
A brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	50 0 0
A brother of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, London	75 0 0
And a brother of the London Lodge, No. 108, London	75 0 0

The following was the report of the Board of General Purposes, next taken:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of February, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4375 17s. 4d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

Bro. John B. Monckton, in moving that it be received and entered on the minutes, said the members of the Grand Lodge would see it was only of a financial character; but he trusted the brethren would not think that the labours of the Board had been only formal, and that no work had been done by the Board. There had been a great deal, but, happily, no case had occurred which it was necessary to report to Grand Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. P. de L. Long having seconded the motion, it was carried unanimously.

The report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1875, was adopted, and Grand Lodge was closed in the usual ceremonial form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Friday, 25th Feb., this chapter, in the unavoidable absence of P.G. Superintendent Col. Lyne, through illness, was opened at Newport by Comp. S. G. Homfray, Standard Bearer of Grand Chapter, P.P.G.H., as Z.; L. A. Homfray, P.G.Z., as H.; H. Hellicr, P.Z. 471, as J.; when the following officers and companions were present:—J. Middleton, P.G. Soj.; Dr. Browne, P.G.A.S.; H. Gratte, P.G.A.S.; W. Pickford, P.G. Treas.; C. H. Olliver, P.G.D.C.; W. Williams, P.G. Sword Bearer; and several other companions.

Comp. S. Geo. Homfray expressed to the companions the extreme regret of the P.G. Superintendent at his inability to attend in consequence of his having been confined to the house for some weeks. He then proceeded to the appointment of officers, when Comp. J. Middleton, being the oldest P.Z. of the province, was duly installed into the chair of P.G.Z., Comp. S. G. Homfray informing the companions that it afforded him much pleasure to confer this office on one who had rendered such valuable service to the province; it was the highest honour in the power of the P.G. Superintendent to confer on any companion, and which each might aspire to in rotation. The following other appointments were made:—C. Rowe, P.G. Scribe E.; H. J. Gratte, P.G. Scribe N.; J. Lewis, P.G. Soj.; Dr. Cheese, P.G.A.S.; R. J. Parnell, W. Pickford, P.G. Treas.; Capt. Perkins, D.C.; C. Bailey, A.G.L.; R. Bond, P.G. Reg.; Capt. Haldane, Sword Bearer; W. H. W. Homfray, Standard Bearer; H. J. Groves, Org.; J. Fletcher, Janitor.

A committee was then nominated to draw up a code of bye-laws, to be presented at next chapter.

Comp. S. G. Homfray congratulated the province on the rapid strides R.A. Masonry had made in the province, which a short time back had but one chapter, and they now had four, all working well, and another granted at the last S.G.C. to be consecrated at Pontypool.

The chapter was then closed in ancient form, and a meeting of the Silurian Chapter was held, when Comps. R. J. Parnall, as M.E.Z.; C. Rowe, as H.; B. Lawrence, as J., were duly installed by Comp. H. J. Gratte in his usual efficient manner.

Comp. Parnell then invested his officers, and the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions afterwards dined together at the Westgate Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Comp. H. S. Hallen, which was attended by Comp. F. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School, who also was present in the chapter. His presence in the province was hailed with much delight, and a hearty welcome accorded to him.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS FOR THE COUNTY PALATINE OF LANCASTER.

By command of the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, a special Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the County Palatine of Lancaster was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The business set down on the circular was to pass "a vote of sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Callender and her family in their sad bereavement by the death of Bro. W. Romaine Callender, Provincial Grand Mark Master of this province, and D.G. M.M. of England; and to take the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodge as to a recommendation to be made to the M.W. Grand Mark Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, of some worthy brother to fill the office vacant by the decease of the R.W.P.G.M."

The respect felt for the memory of the late P.G.M.M., Bro. W. R. Callender, and the interest experienced in the appointment of his successor, were evinced by the attendance of a very large number of brethren. At considerable inconvenience (having left London that morning and returning by the afternoon train, so as to enable him to be present at the installation of Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold as P.G.M. of Oxford on the following day) Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, V.W.D.P.G.M.M., attended the special meeting, and there were also present Bros. T. Entwistle, P. Prov. G.M.M.; C. F. Matier, Prov. G.W.; Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Prov. P.G.W.; W. O. Walker, Prov. S.G.W.; J. Kellett Smith, Prov. J.G.W.; J. R. Goepel, Past G.S.O.; W. H. Hopkins, Prov. G.M.M.O.; C. R. Hyde, L.L.D., Prov. G.C.; John Dunning, Prov. G.A.C.; John Duffield, Prov. G. Treas.; J. B. Champion, Prov. G. Reg.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Crompton Lees, Prov. G.S.D.; W. J. Sly, Prov. G.J.D.; Amos Stott, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; John Bell, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; H. Burrows, P.G.S.; and Joseph Wood, Prov. G. Standard Bearer. The other Mark Masters present were Bros. Silas Andrew, Geo. A. O'Neil, Jas. Shaw, Thos. Peak, Henry Heap, H. L. Hollingworth, J. Halliwell, G. Miller, D. Stansfield, Henry Maiden, George Galloway, A. Milne, Thomas Morris, Wm. Barlow, James Newton, J. F. Twedale, R. Whitaker, R. Butterworth, Thomas Bowers, Tom B. Ashworth, John Ashworth, Wm. Beswicke, John Ed. Lees, Jas. Horrocks, Henry J. Stephenson, Joseph Burton, James Kershaw, Wm. Ogdan, J. W. Kenyon, Thomas Newton, John Greaves, James Sly, Wm. Roberts, James Holroyd, I. W. Petty, R. D. M'D. Smith, Thomas Clarke, R. Newhouse, John Bell, Thomas Bowers, and J. L. Hine.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, in proposing the first motion, spoke very highly of the ability of the late Bro. Callender as a Mason, and of his Christian qualities; and said no man in England sympathised more with their deceased brother's family than he (the noble lord) did. The motion he had to propose was, "That this Provincial Grand Lodge

desires to record upon their minutes their sense of the very great loss they have sustained by the deeply lamented death of their Provincial Grand Mark Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. W. Romaine Callender, and also to express their earnest and heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Callender and family in their sad bereavement."

Bro. Thos. Entwistle cordially approved of the sentiments expressed by his lordship, and seconded the motion.

Bro. Le. Gendre N. Starkie, supporting the motion, said that during his career as Provincial Grand Master no one had a more intimate knowledge of the late Bro. Callender than he (Bro. Starkie) had. His true Masonic knowledge and courtesy endeared him to all the brethren; who were now mourning the great and irreparable loss they had sustained.

The motion was agreed to unanimously, and on the proposition of Bro. Starkie, seconded by Bro. Matier, it was decided that a copy of the resolution, engrossed on vellum, and signed by the D.P.G.M.M., be forwarded by the Provincial Grand Secretary to Mrs. Callender.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. Hyde, P.G. Chaplain, a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Lord Skelmersdale for presiding, and this was carried by acclamation.

His lordship thanked the brethren for their cordial vote of thanks, and apologised for leaving at that stage, as he had again to start for London almost immediately, in order that he might be present at Bro. Prince Leopold's installation on the following day.

Bro. Le G. N. Starkie next proposed the following motion:—"We, the Mark Master Masons in this Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, while most deeply regretting the loss we have sustained by the lamented death of our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. Romaine Callender, do most unanimously and respectfully recommend to the favourable consideration of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason our brother the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Prov. G.M.M.M., to fill the office vacant by the death of our late P.G.M.M.M., having full assurance that such recommendation will tend to promote the best interests of Mark Masonry."

Bro. W. O. Walker seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Thomas Coxon, Prov. S.G.W., moved, and Bro. J. R. Goepel, Pro G.S.O., seconded, that a copy of the above resolution be signed by the Secretary and forwarded to the Grand Secretary for presentation to the M.W.G.M.M.M.

The motion was agreed to, and the lodge adjourned.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. FARNFIELD.

Bro. Farnfield was initiated in the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, on 31st August, 1825, and was a subscribing member till his death. He joined the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, on 17th February, 1830, and was a member till 1873. Joined No. 5 Lodge on 8th February, 1869, and was a member till December, 1872, upon his retirement from the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Exalted in St. George's Chapter, No. 5, on 1st November, 1830, and was a member till 1873. He was the first Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and held the position till 1872, retiring upon a pension of £200 per annum. He was for upwards of 40 years in the Grand Secretary's office, retiring from there in 1869 with a pension of £250. He was a P.A.G. Secretary—in fact, the only brother who ever held that rank.

He died on the 27th February, aged 79, and was buried on the 2nd March, at Tooting Cemetery.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, March 10, 1876.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 4.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Terminus Ho., Cannon-st.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.
Preceptory 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton-ct.

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, MARCH 6.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion Tav.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1312, Asaph, F.M.H.
Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 1026, Victoria, M.H., Basinghall-st.
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

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, MARCH 7.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, (I. of G. Hope Tav., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent Masonic Hall, W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.

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, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatheaf 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, MARCH 8.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 9, Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-st.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1017, Monefiore, F.M.H.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Brit. Stores.
Grand Conclave, Red Cross, City Terminus Hot., Cannon-street, at 5.30. (See Advt.)

LODGES 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 619, Beadon, M.H., Mason's Ave., Basinghall-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, MARCH 10.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., Wandsworth.

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.M.

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.
Burdett 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 March 11, 1876.

MONDAY, MARCH 6.
Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Church-st., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7.
Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Crosby.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.
Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescott.
" 281, Fortitude, the Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-le-Willows.
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1345, Victoria Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9.
Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Vic., Garrison Ho., Fulwood.
" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
" 786, Crossth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms,
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
" 1070, Starkia, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10.
Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford Ho., Bedford-rd., Rock Ferry

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 11, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 6.
Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tav., Ayr.
" 122, St. Mirren's, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hot., Ayr.
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.
" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.
TUESDAY, MARCH 7.
Lodge 33, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-st., Port Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 173, St. John, M.H., Largs.
" 233, Hamilton, Spaldings Hot., Hamilton.
" 331, St. Peter's, Portland Arms, Galston.
" 406, St. John, Dalziel, M.H., Motherwell.
" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hall, Dalmellington.
" 337, Govandale, Portlan Buildings, Govan.
" 497, St. John's, Brewery Hall, Catrine.
" 556, Clydesdale, M.H., Rose-st., S.S., Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.
Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 179, St. Mungo, London Hot., Mauchline.
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-st., Maryhill.
Chap. 113, Partick, M.H., Partick.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9.
Lodge 88, New Monkland, T.H., Airdrie.
" 109, St. Marnock, T.H., Kilmarnock.
" 203, St. John's, Olive H., Airdrie.
" 290, Dalry Blair, White Hart H., Dalry.
" 570, Kenmuir, M.H., Springburn.
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10.
Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
" 170, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.
" 399, Royal Blues, Commercial Hot., Kilbirnie.
" 427, St. Clair, M.H., Garngad-rd., Glasgow.
SATURDAY, MARCH 11.
Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 11, 1876.

MONDAY, MARCH 6.
Lodge 429, St. Kentigem, Royal Hot., Pemwick.
TUESDAY, MARCH 7.
" 5, Canongate and Firth, 86, Constitution-st.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.
" 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel.
Chap. 1, Edinburgh, F.M.H., George-st.
THURSDAY, MARCH 9.
Lodge 8, Journeyman, M.H., High-st.
FRIDAY, MARCH 10.
Chap. 56, Canongate, M.H., John-st.

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