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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—Tuesday, the 23rd ult., witnessed a large muster at the regular meeting of this the strongest lodge in South London held at the Montpellier Tavern, Walworth. With an unusually heavy agenda paper, the commencement of business was set for five o'clock, soon after which hour the W.M., Bro. Govan Macdonald, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, opened the lodge, being supported by the following officers: Bros. John Walter, S.W.; W. Allen, J.W.; Solway Smith, S.D.; R. Harris, J.D.; A. Stewart, I.G.; R. Fortune, D.C.; T. H. Pulsford, P.M., Sec.; A. Wright, P.M., Treas.; C. Wise, I.P.M.; R. E. Clarke, H. Towers, and H. Potter, Past Masters of the lodge. The following members of the lodge, Bros. H. Holloway, W. Ponton, G. Robins, M. J. Newsham, W. Beavis, J. Block, D. Pinner, W. Rand, R. Renshaw, J. Austin, A. Wells, A. Caffery, H. Dorritt, E. H. Owen, C. H. Wilkes, A. Wood, E. Edis, E. Robins, W. Meloy, H. C. Horsley, T. McCormack, J. Brister, E. Heaps, J. Swab, R. P. Whitlock, J. J. Parker, W. Bean, J. Cass, D. M. Hunter, A. Owen, A. Levi, T. Voalmer, W. Rossiter, J. Hardey, W. Habern, P. Robins, J. Williams, T. Anstey, J. Towler, J. Defries, and G. Hadfield. Visitors: Bros. W. Laegert, P.M. 548; J. Griffin, P.M. 933; H. Keeble, P.M. 1275; W. T. Scot, W.M. 119; T. Colder, 177; H. H. Tupper, 87; G. Dobson, 51; Ernest E. Smith, 1559. Lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, it was opened up to the Third Degree, and the W.M. then raised Bro. Robins to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ceremony was worked in the most impressive and solemn manner, in point of fact Bro. Macdonald has never appeared to better advantage as celebrant in the Third Degree, and it was evident that the ceremony had made a fast impression on the mind of the candidate. Bro. Owen was then passed, and lodge was then called off for refreshment, and after a well spent interval of a quarter of an hour, the brethren were called on, and lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Mr. Bruce Brickwood was initiated by Bro. P. M. Clarke, and Mr. Dowdell by Bro. P. M. Wise, the concluding portion of the ceremony being rendered by the W.M., Bro. Macdonald. Some private business was transacted before the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall. The Fourth Degree having been worked by the W.M., his officers, and the whole of the brethren, in a hearty and co-operative spirit, the cloth was withdrawn and the revels of the evening commenced. On the toast of "The Queen" the W.M. dealt at greater length than his initial remarks promised. Not only ought we to drink deeply to Her Majesty as Queen of these realms, but as the mother of three of the most illustrious members of the Craft, she claims our love, devotion, and respect. I call upon you to drink upstanding "The Queen and Craft." Bro. Edis gave a verse of the National Anthem in between this and "The M.W.G.M.," succeeding which the same brother obliged with a verse of "God bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. having given "The Initiates," Bro. Brickwood first replied, his remarks being received with great applause, as were those of Bro. Dowdell. "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. W. Scot, W.M. 9, replied, thanking the W.M. and the brethren for the kind manner in which he and his fellow visitors had been received at 1158 that evening. He felt convinced, for his own part, that when he announced to the brethren of the Hervey Lodge, at its next meeting, the kindly reception their W.M. had met at the hands of the Southern Star Lodge, and also of the pattern working he had heard there, and which had given him so much satisfaction, they would, one and all, be delighted and ready and willing to give fraternal greeting to any members of 1158 who might favour them with a visit. These pithy remarks were received with considerable applause. The toast of "The Past Masters of 1158" was proposed by the W.M., and replied to by Bro. Wise in his accustomed pleasing manner. Bro. Charles Wise, I.P.M., then rose, and addressing the brethren, said: The only occasion upon which the I.P.M. is entitled to be heard as proposer of a toast is when the moment arrives for that honour to be extended to his successor. In asking them to drink deeply to "The Health

of their W.M., Bro. G. Macdonald," he felt convinced that the brethren were of one opinion with himself, viz., that Bro. Macdonald was the most earnest W.M. they had seen in the chair of that lodge. Bro. Macdonald thanked the brethren cordially for the manner in which his name had been received, and Bro. I.P.M. Wise, for the compliment paid him. I know full well that my appearance here has not been such as would have given satisfaction, but for one fact. My absence upon each occasion has been caused by illness. No Mason, however zealous, can command health, but should the G.A.O.T.U. think fit to give me health, I hope as I.P.M. to be here among you, and as hardworking and anxious to promote the welfare of the lodge as I have been up to the present. I am personally satisfied with the manner in which I discharged my duties in lodge this evening, and as I have been so critical towards my own efforts, I do not hesitate to say that the brethren are satisfied with them. The W.M. then proceeded to compliment the lodge on its flourishing condition, and at the close of a lengthy reply was deservedly cheered. The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," remarking that in doing so it gave him all the more pleasure, knowing as he did, that he had the undivided support of his subordinate officers, who one and all were not only most assiduous in the discharge of their duties, but took a lively interest in all things appertaining to Freemasonry. The toast was replied to briefly by each of the officers. The Tyler's toast was next given by Bro. Stead, and the remainder of the evening was given up to harmony, &c. Bro. Solway Smith (most decorous of Deacons) sent the brethren into fits of laughter with a couple of recitations, the first of which, "Description of a Sea Fight," at which Bro. Smith was not present, comparing favourably with anything we have heard on or off the stage. Bro. James Griffin gave "The House that Jack Built," in an improved and extended form, and Bros. Brickwood and Robins were in good voice. The meeting was in every manner a success, and the brethren separated at a late hour, with sighs of regret and lamentations.

MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 1159).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, the W.M., Bro. P. L. Simmonds, P.M. 141, 554, officiating, supported by his officers:—H. Moxon, S.W.; T. J. Reeves, J.W.; Chas. Cheston, J.D.; and H. T. Wood, P.M., Sec. There were also present Bros. D. P. Caama, P.M.; H. Clarke, P.M.; and as visitors Bros. Thos. Fenn, 259, P.G.D.; R. G. Glover, 259, and P.M. 181; R. E. Barnes, P.M. 15 and 30; and W. Kelly, Minister for Venezuela. This being the period for the election of officers, Bro. Moxon, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. W. Besant re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Moxon having undertaken the office of Steward for the Girls' School, the sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds for his list. The ballot taken having proved unanimous, the following gentlemen were initiated by the W.M.:—Mr. Phillip Cunliffe Owen, C.B., Director of the South Kensington Museum, and Secretary of the Royal Commission for the forthcoming Paris Exhibition, of which H.R.H. the Grand Master is President, and Mr. Gustave Guillam. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. K. C. Krikonan, of No. 1014, of Smyrna, passed by request from that lodge made through Bro. H. Clarke, P.D.G.M. for Turkey. Bro. Kelly was proposed as a joining member, and Mr. Cheston for initiation at next meeting. All business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—At the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, 2nd inst., this lodge was held. Bro. W. T. Lover in an able manner passed Bros. Bailey, Gibbs, Judge, Gehringer, and Parratt, and initiated Messrs. G. Tarryer, T. Turk, and J. Long. Ten guineas were given to a distressed brother, once a member of the lodge, and five guineas to a deceased member's widow. The lodge closed and adjourned. Banquet followed. Present: Bros. Batchelor, S.W.; F. Garbett, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Stock, S.D.; J. Porter, J.D.; T. Simpson, I.G.; J. A. Smith, P.M.; G. J. Grace, P.M., and many members. The visitors were Bros. E. John, P.M. 879; W. Richardson, 72; R. Reynolds, 169; G. Dyke, 141; W. Wren, P.M. 1056; T. Nicolson, P.M. 101; H. Hyman, 141; H. Haywood, 106; A. Thomas, J.W. 1446; W. Thompson, 72; M. D. Loewenstark, S.W. 1360, and others.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The first meeting of this lodge under the gavel of W.M. P. G. Jupe took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Lancaster, I.P.M.; P.M.'s Webb (Treas.), Reed, Staten, (Sec.), and Forbes; Christie and West, Wardens; and Robinson, Arkell, and Jackson, as Deacons and I.G., besides a large number of brethren and visitors. Unfortunately, through press of business, there was only one brother present for raising, Bro. Johns; but the W.M. did this so thoroughly that we could only have wished him a better attendance. Of the five candidates for initiation unfortunately there appeared only Messrs. Parry, Watkins, Kempton, and Hawkins; but these brethren afterwards showed themselves to be such additions, that any lodge might be proud of them. There were three candidates' names announced for the next meeting, and the W.M. having closed the lodge, it adjourned to a slight repast.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—On Saturday, the 3rd inst., at New Cross Hall, the regular installation meeting of this lodge was held. Bro. F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas., opened the lodge. He raised Bro. A. Macgillivray. He initiated Messrs. Swain, Knibbs, Willson, and Thornton, the W.M., Bro. W. B. Woodman, completing the ceremony. He installed Bro. H. Keeble W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. E. H. Thiellay, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 145, W.M. elect 1423, S.W.; W. A. Simmons, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.

J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; Grammant, Sec.; L. Beck, S.D.; H. J. Green, P.M. 1538, W.M. 1275, J.W.; S. Jewel, I.G.; E. Smith, D.C.; W. B. Woodman, I.P.M., W.S.; and Church, Tyler. Bro. E. M. Hubback gave the explanation of the working tools in the three degrees and address to the W.M.; Bro. W. Smeed the address to the Wardens; and Bro. F. Walters the address to the brethren. The W.M., Bro. H. Keeble, on behalf of the members, presented Bro. W. B. Woodman with a massive ten guinea Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds. It bears a suitable inscription, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. W. B. Woodman. All the work was well done. The lodge was closed and adjourned. Banquet followed. The usual toasts were given. The long list of visitors included Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1423; W. Smeed, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, P.M.; J. B. Shackleton, W.M. 1524; G. Macdonald, W.M. 1158; and others.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of this grand old lodge, which may justly be called the mother lodge of the district, and who must be as proud of her children as they surely are so of her, was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Bro. F. G. Pownall, the esteemed W.M., in the chair. The other officers present were Bros. W. P. Appleby, P.M.; E. J. Appleby, P.M.; G. W. Reed, S.W.; J. P. Moore, J.W.; J. Henderson, Treas. and P.M.; H. Syer, Sec.; T. Hutton, S.D.; N. Brown, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; and B. Norman, Tyler. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Reilly through illness, Bro. Masters filled admirably the position of I.G. The only business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. W. Carter, which most impressive ceremony was performed by the W.M. and his excellent officer in such a way as to do honour to any lodge, Bro. Harding's fine rendering of the musical portion adding much to the solemnity of the occasion. The lodge was then closed down, and after relief had been given to the instant necessities of a distressed brother, and several notices of joining placed upon the paper, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Amongst the visitors were Bros. T. Butt, W.M. 700; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; R. Croisdale, P.M. 706 and 1536; R. Hodgkinson, P.M. 358; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; H. G. Picken, J.W. 1536; J. C. Bennett, 1106; and C. Jolly, 903. The usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," &c., were drunk with all fervour, as was that of "The W.M.," who replied in one of his usual eloquent and happy speeches. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. took occasion to pass a high eulogy upon Bro. P. M. Carnelly, the I.P.M. of the lodge, and who, after a long and distinguished service in the R division of the Metropolitan police, had retired upon a well earned pension, and is now enjoying the "otium cum dignitate" of an honourable career at his native place in Yorkshire. Bro. Pownall spoke of the efforts for the good of the lodge by Bro. Carnelly, and said he felt sure that with him in his retirement would go the best wishes of not only every member of the lodge, but every Mason in the district. Evidently affected by the warmth of his reception, Bro. Carnelly feelingly returned thanks, assuring the brethren of his desire for their welfare, and of his determination ever to uphold the grand principles of Freemasonry in his new home. Many earnest wishes were breathed for the welfare of Bro. Carnelly upon his leaving the lodge soon after. Bro. Butt replied for the visitors, and an especial toast was given for Bro. Henderson, who has for twenty-two years been Treasurer of the lodge. Bro. Henderson, in the course of his reply, spoke modestly of his arduous labour, both in the Craft and higher branches of Masonry. As a Preceptor, he was proud to say that all those who came to him for tuition had achieved high honours, in fact, teaching sometimes bothered him a bit, for after a long run on one subject he sometimes forgot others for a time. He thanked them heartily for their kind feeling towards him, and concluded by exhorting them ever to keep the true principles of Masonry before them, and act up to them in their relations to one another through life. Votes of thanks followed to the officers, for whom Bro. Reed replied, to Bro. Jolly, as our representative, and, finally, th Tyler's toast concluded a most harmonious and brotherly meeting.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. There was not a large attendance. The chair of K.S. was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Richard Taylor. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Richard S. Thompson being a candidate for the Second Degree, satisfied the lodge as to his eligibility for being passed, and having been entrusted, retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Thompson having been re-admitted he was passed to the Second Degree, the working being carefully gone through by the W.M., and the working tools were presented by the S.W. (Bro. Jowett). Bro. S. S. Hunter having given proof of his proficiency as a Fellow Craft, was entrusted and retired. and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Hunter was subsequently re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason with all the formalities of the Craft, the first portion of the ceremony being gone through by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England. The lodge was subsequently closed down to the First Degree, when the usual proclamations were made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the brethren, the lodge being afterwards closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The installation of Bro. G. M. Passenger, jun., as Worshipful Master of the Southampton Lodge took place on Thursday, 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The

ceremony was ably and impressively performed by Past Master T. P. Payne, the Board of Installed Masters numbering seventeen. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Walker, S.W.; W. Bone, J.W.; W. Furber, P.M., Treas.; E. T. Howell, P.M., Sec.; Rev. S. Scott, Chap.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; A. L. McCalmont, S.D.; Candy, J.D.; E. Newton Jones, I.G.; Biggs, Tyler. Before the lodge closed the warm thanks of the brethren were tendered to P.M. Payne for his services on the occasion, as well as for the assistance he is always ready to render to the Masonic body. A cordial recognition was also made of the ability which had marked the year of office of the retiring Master, Bro. Charles Cox. Hearty good wishes were tendered to the newly-installed Master by representatives of the other lodges in the town and suburbs, viz., the Royal Gloucester, the Peace and Harmony, the Clausentium, and the Shirely Lodges. In the evening about thirty brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Dartnell, and during the subsequent proceedings, which were marked by an able historical retrospect from Bro. G. M. Passenger, sen., Past Master, in proposing "Poor and Distressed Masons," congratulatory reference was made to the fact that the Masonic lodges in Southampton include three Past Masters who have lived to see their sons installed in the Master's chair in lodges in the town, viz., the Dep. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Hickman) father of the I.P.M. of the Gloucester Lodge; the father of the present Mayor of Southampton; and the father of the newly-installed Master. This fact, it was urged, spoke volumes in favour of Freemasonry, as showing it to be an institution worthy the support of all good citizens.

FILEY.—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Foord's Hotel, Filey, on Monday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of installing the newly-appointed W.M., Bro. Budd. The lodge having been opened in the usual form, the Installing Master, Bro. G. H. Walshaw, P.M. 200, P.P.G.D.C., assisted by Bro. P.M. Hanks, performed the interesting ceremony of placing Bro. Budd in the chair of K.S., the whole proceedings being conducted with the greatest Masonic ability. The worthy W.M. then selected and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. P.M. Hanks, I.P.M.; J. B. Cocks-worth, S.W.; J. McFaden, J.W.; P.M. W. G. Long, Treas.; P.M. W. Fisher, Sec.; Rev. H. Blane, Chap.; J. Welborn, S.D.; J. Mason, J.D.; J. Winfindale, I.G.; W. Jefferson, Tyler; J. H. Nelson and W. Watts, Stewards. Bro. Winfindale, 200, was balloted for and unanimously elected as a joining member. At the close of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Welborn in his usual profuse and liberal manner, under the judicious and careful inspection of his wife, Mrs. Welborn, to whom the thanks of the brethren are due for her exertions to render them every comfort and enjoyment. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Budd, and there was a goodly muster of the members of the lodge. The visiting brethren who honoured the lodge by their attendance were as follows:—Bros. W. Garbutt, I.P.M. 200; S. Middleton, J.W. 200; W. B. Richardson, S.D. 200; W. S. Meek, 200; J. Winfindale, 200; E. Cooper, 200; G. H. Walshaw, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. 200, and 1248; W. B. Robinson, 200; Val. Fowler, jun., 200; C. W. Tomlinson, 200; W. Meeke, 200; P.M. R. H. Peacock, 200; W. Milner, 200; R. Land, 200; and J. Townend, 1248. A most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, the visiting brethren largely contributing thereto by their social and musical exertions.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The annual supper of this flourishing Lodge of Instruction was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of the W.M. for the evening, Bro. H. Burrows, S.W. of the mother lodge, supported by Bros. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, Preceptor; T. Smyth, S.W.; W. Brackenbury, J.W.; T. Falshaw, S.D.; J. Seddon, J.D.; H. Marshall, I.G.; and D. Jackson, Treasurer. There were also present Bros. W. T. May, P.M. 673 and 1393; Thos. Roberts, W.M. 673; J. K. Digges, P.M. 673; and many other brethren. After the usual business of the lodge was disposed of, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Among the pleasing events of the evening was the presentation of a handsome meerschaum pipe to Bro. J. T. Callow. Bro. W. T. May, in making the presentation on behalf of the members, alluded to the valuable services, at all times so willingly rendered by Bro. Callow, not only to the Lodge of Instruction, but to every department of Masonry to which he belonged, and trusted that he would receive the small memento as an expression of the esteem in which he was held, and their appreciation of his merits. Bro. Callow, in responding, in very feeling terms referred to his long connection with his mother lodge, and his anxious desire at all times to promote the good working of the Lodge of Instruction, and thereby fit the members for filling the various positions in the mother lodge to which they naturally aspired, by such means promoting the prosperity of St. John's Lodge. Bro. Callow then proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the evening, Bro. H. Burrows," and in doing so congratulated him (after his long services) upon his approaching election to the chair of his mother lodge, which, he had no doubt, would be an unanimous one. Bro. Burrows, in responding, thanked the brethren for their cordial reception, and assured them that if elected to the chair of his mother lodge nothing should be wanting on his part in promoting the continued prosperity of the lodge, and harmony of the brethren. After several other toasts had been given and responded to, the brethren, who had spent a most enjoyable evening, separated at a very early hour.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when the following

brethren were present:—Bros. Bennett, W.M., P. Supt. of W.; Brown, S.W.; T. Merry, J.W.; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.J.G.W.; Cox, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Pipes, P.M. 1085, P.S.G.D.; J. C. Merry, I.P.M.; Jno. Smith, P.M.; Burn, P.M.; Worsnop, P.M.; Gee, P.M., Treas.; Cooper, Sec.; W. Heathcote, W.M. 1085; J. Heathcote, J.W. 1085; Burton, as S.D.; Whittaker, J.D.; Knight, D.C.; Fraser, I.G.; Day, Tyler; Cay, Vincent, Baldock, Martin, 624; Hobson, 1087; Woods, 1515; Abrahart, Bland, Bower, and Webster. After the reading of the minutes the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the next year, the result being that Bro. Brown, S.W., was unanimously elected. He returned thanks briefly, and intimated that with the permission of the W.M. he would refer to the subject again later in the evening. Bro. Burton, who had previously held the office for some years, was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Day as Tyler. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Browne advanced to the pedestal, passed the usual examination, and retired. He was again admitted in the Third Degree, and was raised to the honourable position of a M.M. in ancient and solemn form by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Merry, I.P.M. The W.M. having received the congratulations of the visitors, closed the lodge, and the company adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a very comfortable supper was provided. After the cloth had been cleared, the usual Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Brown, S.W., in giving the toast of "The W.M.," referred to his own election that evening to the position of W.M. for the ensuing year. He thanked the brethren heartily for the honour they had conferred upon him, and he felt their kindness the more on account of the vote being unanimous. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren separated in harmony and brotherly love.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There was only a moderate attendance. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Vince having shown proficiency as a Fellow Craftsman, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Vince having been re-admitted, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the working being very well gone through by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. T. Jackson, who occupied the chair of K.S. for the first time that evening, this being the first meeting since the installation. The working tools were presented by Bro. H. Longman, I.P.M. The lodge was then closed down, and the usual proclamations having been made and responded to, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—An excellent meeting of this prosperous provincial lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. There were present, amongst others, Bros. Wigginton, I.P.M., P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, &c., acting W.M. in the unavoidable absence, through a domestic affliction, of Bro. Saunders, W.M.; Knaggs, S.W.; Court, J.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., &c., Treas.; C. Horsley, P.M., &c., acting I.P.M.; Taylor, S.D., acting Sec.; and Vaughan, J.D. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the acting W.M. initiated one gentleman into the mysteries of the Craft, and at the conclusion of the ceremony gave the interesting lecture appertaining to the degree. A vote of condolence having been unanimously voted to the W.M., Bro. Saunders, and family upon their loss, a petition in favour of holding a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the lodge was unanimously agreed to be presented to the proper authorities. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. The visitors were Bros. Williams, P.M. 905, and Isdell, 44, Ireland. The preliminary toasts having been given and duly honoured, the health of the absent W.M. was most warmly pledged. In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the acting W.M. congratulated him upon having that evening entered an institution which for the Divine and charitable principles it eliminated had not its equal in the universe. The newly-admitted brother having briefly responded, the toast of "The Visitors" followed, in which the W.M. remarked that the brethren of 1503 were always pleased to welcome visiting brethren, but on that occasion they were doubly gratified, as they were favoured by the presence amongst them of two brethren who had seen a great deal of Freemasonry abroad and elsewhere. This toast having been formally drunk, the visitors replied. In the progress of their remarks they gave some interesting details of foreign Masonry, and both of them expressed the great pleasure they had received in visiting the Francis Burdett Lodge, and concluded by stating that they had never heard the impressive and beautiful lecture on the First Tracing Board better rendered. "The Health of the I.P.M. and Secretary" was proposed by the S.W. in a very neat speech, and having been received with capital "fire," Bro. Wigginton responded. In the course of his reply he stated that it was exceedingly pleasing to him, as one of the founders of the lodge, to witness the great progress it had made in every way. He augured a very bright future for the Francis Burdett, whose position in the province was very high indeed. In conclusion, he deplored the circumstances that had prevented the W.M. from attending that evening, but hoped that they would see him in his position at their next meeting. The remaining toasts, "The Treasurer," "The Principal Officers," and "The Junior Officers," were given quickly, and severally acknowledged by Bros. Tomlinson, Treas.; Knaggs, S.W.; Taylor, S.D.; and Ashley, I.G. The brethren separated at eleven o'clock. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the second Wednesday in April.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The officers of the above lodge gave a soiree

on Friday evening, the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, the proceeds arising from which were dedicated to the funds of the lodge, and a most successful and pleasant evening was the result, although had all who purchased tickets attended the crush would have certainly destroyed the comfort. As it was some seventy couples attended, and although no pretence had been made as to calling it a ball, but rather an evening party, sociable and formless, yet the ladies were in most cases elegantly attired in ball costume, and seemed thoroughly determined to assert their right to supremacy, not only by their charms, but by the taste and splendour of their surroundings. Bros. J. McCaffery and Deeves were the courteous and obliging M.C.'s, and Bro. G. Smith led the orchestra through waltz, polka, quadrille, redowa, &c., till the dawn of day began to creep through the lights overhead. Bros. P.M.'s Croisale and Pownall, and the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. W. Weston, were indefatigable in promoting the comfort of their guests, among whom were many of the most prominent Masons and inhabitants of the town. Of course there were smoking and card rooms, where a quiet rubber or fragrant weed could be indulged in, and, in fact, nothing was wanted to make it, as it certainly was, a pleasure and a success, both socially and pecuniarily.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—On Friday evening, the 16th inst., a special meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, the occasion being the presentation of new chairs by the W.M. and I.P.M., and also at a later period of a silver cup to Bro. Moore. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. Capt. Garnett, W.M. There was a good attendance of members, the following visitors being also present, at the special invitation of the W.M.: Bros. H. Longman, I.P.M.; W. J. Sly, P.M.; J. T. Jackson, J.D.; Count Vandolini, 1051; E. Simpson, P.M.; John Hatch, P.M.; T. Atkinson, I.P.M.; J. J. Croskell, J.D.; and J. Atkinson, I.G. (*Freemason*) 281. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the Secretary read the circular convening the meeting, after which the W.M., in a few well-chosen words, presented a W.M.'s chair to the lodge. Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., the I.P.M., then presented a Past Master's chair to the lodge. On the motion of the S.W. (Bro. Duff), seconded by the J.W. (Bro. T. Longmire), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bros. Garnett and Moore, for their very handsome presents to the lodge. Two candidates were proposed, one as a joining member, and the other for initiation, after which the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony. The W.M.'s chair is a beautiful piece of workmanship in the Elizabethan style, with twisted pillars up the back and twisted legs, the arms terminating in a griffin's head, the wings of which extend backwards, so as to form, as it were, a support for the arms. On a small brass shield, fixed to the back of the chair, is the following inscription:—"Presented to the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, by Bro. C. H. Garnett, W.M., 5th January, 1877." The I.P.M.'s chair is also a very handsome one, but in the Gothic style, with twisted legs, the arms terminating in a lion's head, and which has been made from designs furnished by Bro. Dr. Moore. This chair has also a small brass shield affixed to the back, on which is engraved:—"Presented to the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, by Bro. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, First W.M. of the lodge, 5th January, 1877." The chairs are made of Dantzic oak, highly polished, and upholstered in dark green Utrecht velvet, with deep fringe to match, which gives them a very nice and handsome appearance. There is also a considerable amount of carving about the chairs, the whole of which is capitally done. The business of the lodge being concluded the brethren adjourned to Bro. Longmire's, King's Arms Hotel, where a capital banquet had been prepared at the expense of the W.M., the brethren dining in clothing, for which a special dispensation had been obtained. Bro. Capt. Garnett, the W.M., presided, having on his immediate right and left the invited guests. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the Chairman rose and said: I now rise to perform a very pleasant task, but at the same time an arduous one. I say arduous one because I am rather afraid I shall fail to make known the great interest every one here feels in the ceremony of this evening. It is not necessary to state what that ceremony is, namely, to ask Bro. Moore's acceptance of some token of our universal esteem and regard. Every brother sitting in this room knows how energetically he has worked for years to promote and increase the well-being of the Craft in general. We also know, as members of the Morecambe Lodge, how deeply we are indebted to him for all the kindness he has shown to us. In all cases of difficulty, or when we were at a loss about anything, we had nothing to do but apply to him, and if he could help us he was never found to fail us. We know, also, how willing and anxious he has been at all times to give us the benefit of his advice and experience. Such being the case, it is with feelings of gratitude that I acknowledge—and not only on my own part, but on that of all the members of the lodge—the great interest he has taken in our lodge, and the ready assistance he has given us at all times. I trust Bro. Moore will look upon the small present we are about to give him not only as the gift of the Morecambe Lodge, but as the gift of each individual member of it. I think the fewer words I say the better, and therefore I will conclude by thanking him once more for myself, and for the lodge, for the great interest he has taken in us. [Then turning to Bro. Moore, the Chairman continued]: Bro. Moore, in the name of the Morecambe Lodge I have the honour to-night to present you with this silver cup, as a token of our universal esteem and regard. And I cannot add more fitting words than by wishing in their name, that health and every happiness in the future may be yours. Bro. Moore, who was evidently unprepared for the nature of the present, said, in acknowledging the gift:

I feel I can scarcely thank you in the manner I ought to do for the handsome testimonial you have presented to me; and not only for the gift and for the kindly feelings expressed towards myself, but also for your appreciation of my humble efforts on behalf of the lodge as W.M. I can but thank you for the very flattering terms in which you have presented me with this cup. I looked upon it as a matter of congratulation to myself when I was asked at the formation of the lodge to come down, amongst a number of other Masons residing in the neighbourhood, and assist in its formation; and also again, when I was asked to occupy the proud position which you, as Worshipful Master, occupy at the present time. I never missed an opportunity of attending the meetings when it was possible to be there, and though I have missed one or two, those who know me best know that the reason was because I could not, and not because I would not. I feel I cannot say what I ought to do, but I thank you very much, and I shall look on this gift you have presented me with as one of the brightest gifts I ever received, and shall always look upon it as associated and carrying with it, not only the regard of the Morecambe Lodge itself, but of every member connected with it, and of you as Worshipful Master. The cup, which was a very handsome silver one, beautifully and chastely engraved, standing about a foot in height, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, by the brethren of the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, as a token of their esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, Feb. 16th. 1877." At a later period of the evening Bro. Moore proposed "Success to the Morecambe Lodge," and asked the brethren to drink it out of the cup just presented to him, which he should always look upon as a loving cup, and a bond of brotherhood between himself and the Morecambe Lodge. The cup was then filled with champagne and passed round the table. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—On Wednesday evening the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction, held their annual meeting at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. It was a festival night, and there was no lodge work; but a handsome supper was provided, to which over fifty of the brethren sat down. The chair was occupied by Bro. Blyth, and the post of S.W. by Bro. Davis. Bro. J. Austen, P.M., 753, took the chair of J.W. Among the other brethren present were Helson, P.M. 733, P.G.P. of Middlesex; Healing, P.M. 59; Treadwell, P.M. 177; Garrod, W.M. 1549; Ivy, W.M. 733; Hill, P.M. Eastern Star; Austen, J.P.M., P.M. 753; H. Stacey, P.M. 733; T. C. Walls, S.D. 1381, &c.; Braun, P.M. 766; G. Pringle, S.W. 753; Stacey; W. Smith, 1319; Greenhill, 1319; and H. Massey (Freemason). The brethren took this opportunity of presenting to Bro. F. G. Baker, the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, with a handsome testimonial in the shape of a massive gold locket and watch chain, and to add to the pleasure of the evening, Bros. W. Smith, 1319, and Greenhill, 1319, gave their services at the piano and harmonium, and brought up Bro. Greenhill's choir of boys to sing. Messrs. Chappell, of Bond-street, lent the harmonium. After the supper had been partaken of, grace was sung by the choir, and the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, which was "The Health of Bro. Baker." In doing so he said it had been thought by many of the brethren of the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction that their Preceptor was worthy of some great mark of their favour for the untiring way in which he had carried out his duties for so many, many years. He (the Chairman) as well as many others, had benefited by the zeal which Bro. Baker had shown, not only in Freemasonry generally, but towards individual Freemasons. Many there were who could thoroughly re-echo those words, and to mark their sense of his services they had assisted in getting up a testimonial to him, as a token of their esteem. It afforded him (the chairman) much pride and pleasure to be in that position that evening, and being the medium through which the testimonial was offered. He felt that Bro. Baker was justly entitled to this testimonial, for he had for many years been the Preceptor of the lodge. He hoped he would live long to wear and enjoy it, and that it would never be tarnished; and he also hoped that all the brethren would live long to benefit by the instruction which Bro. Baker was so well able to impart. Bro. Baker, in reply, said that the saying had come down to us that "out of the fulness of heart the mouth speaketh." On this occasion his heart was too full for him to express his sentiments rightly. The kind way in which the W.M. had proposed his health was deserving of better thanks than he could give. Still, he would endeavour to render himself worthy of it. The way in which the brethren had responded to the toast shewed that they reciprocated the W.M.'s expressions. He needed not this testimonial to impress on his mind the duties he owed to the brethren, but he had always endeavoured to perform his duties, and this testimonial was more than a sufficient reward. It had been got up entirely unknown to him, but he should look upon it as a token and emblem of the brethren's good feelings towards him. Seven years ago, when the lodge was held at the Knights of St. John, a silver tankard was presented to him, and that testimonial was got up entirely unknown to him, and it was, as the present testimonial was an incentive to him to go on in the future as he had gone on in the past. This lodge of instruction was established in 1858, and ever since then he had been a member of it. There were 54 brethren present at the meeting in 1858, and it had ever since been carried on in strict ac-

cordance with Masonic rule. The brethren had always shown towards him good feeling, and had conducted their proceedings with order and regularity, so it was a great pleasure to preside over them. There had never been any discussion, and the brethren had always paid due deference to their Presiding Officer. Every brother present could bear him out in that. Among the brethren whom he had taught the duties of Freemasonry, he had seen brethren go through their work in their regular lodges and instal their successors. It was a gratification to him to have trained such Masons, and it amply repaid him for the time he had devoted to their instruction. He had made it his study to give the rituals as correctly as they could be given. He wished to see every brother carry out the same object. As regarded the lodge dues they had given nearly 60 guineas to the charities of the Order, and five guineas more were voted last night. He hoped to make it up to 20 guineas shortly. The testimonial the brethren had just given him would spur him on to fresh efforts, and he hoped with the W.M. to be spared many years to come to meet the brethren in that Lodge of Instruction. If he had health and strength he should always continue in the same path. It was a great pride to him to see so many brethren around the table, but he could not help feeling that he was not deserving of so much consideration. As long as he had the testimonial he should remember the happy evening he had spent. He hoped they would all keep in the same path of rectitude as hitherto, and anything he could do in the future to keep them in that path, whether by private instruction or in the lodge, he should always do with pleasure both in the Craft and in the Royal Arch. (Cheers.) Bro. Baker, before sitting down, thanked the brethren again for the handsome present they had made to him. The S.W. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and the W.M. having replied, the other toasts were given in regular order, and the brethren separated.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—It may be remembered that some three months ago this lodge wound up the autumn series of section workings; on Saturday last they inaugurated what may be termed the February celebrations. The fact of the lodge being the first to work the Sections at the present season in the neighbourhood it was thought would produce a larger attendance than upon the last occasion, when the Star boys "whipped in" the Wellington, Union Waterloo, and others. But alas! the muster at the Marquis was a poor one. There were great doings at Anderson's in town, and the presentation of a testimonial to a local brother (F. Walters) had the effect of taking many members of the lodge off to Fleet-street. Soon after seven o'clock Bro. Govan Macdonald, W.M. 1158, Preceptor of the lodge, entered lodge, and at once repaired to the chair of K.S. and appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Davison, W.M. 99, S.W.; Ernest E. Smith, J.W.; Millburn, S.D.; Reade, J.D.; Grumant, I.G.; Church, Assist. Sec.; and Christopher, Tyler. The lodge was then opened in the First Degree, and the First Lecture worked thus:—

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section, by Bro. T. Grumant, 1559.
- 2nd " " Able.
- 3rd " " Read.
- 4th " " Millburn, 13.
- 5th " " G. Macdonald, W.M. 1158.
- 6th " " Shaw, W.M. Pythagorean.
- 7th " " ditto ditto.

All below the degree of Fellow Craft Masonry retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the following brethren assisted the W.M. in working the

SECOND LECTURE.

- 1st Section, by Bro. Ernest Smith, 1559.
- 2nd " " Waterman, J.W. 147.
- 3rd " " Davison, W.M. 99.
- 4th " " Sadler, P.M.
- 5th " " Speight, W.M. 147.

All but M.M.'s having been dismissed, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the last Lecture worked as follows:—

THIRD LECTURE.

- 1st Section, by Bro. Hutchings, W.M. 147.
- 2nd " " J. Griffin, P.M.
- 3rd " " Church, S.W. 147.

The lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time, and three brethren were elected joining members of the lodge. At the third rising the customary vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for presiding, and the lodge was closed at 10.30.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—The annual meeting of the members of the Lodge of Instruction attached to the "De Grey and Ripon," which meets at the Masonic Hall, North Hill Street, Liverpool, took place on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., when Bro. T. Horne, W.M. of 1356, was duly inducted into the chair of the Preceptor, by Bro. Joseph Bell, I.P.M., the former Preceptor. There was a good gathering of the Instruction Lodge, which has proved a valuable seminary for many of its members, and after the short business connected with the induction had been transacted, the assembled brethren sat down to a splendid dinner provided by Bro. Burgess, 1356. After the loyal toasts, given by Bro. Horne, the health of the newly-chaired Worshipful Preceptor was proposed by Bro. J. Bell, Past Preceptor, who referred to the pleasure it gave him to submit this toast. He had no doubt that Bro. Horne would fulfil the important duties of Preceptor with credit to himself, and with great advantage to those connected with the Lodge of Instruction. He was sure that every one round that table would echo the desire that Bro. Horne might be long spared to fulfil the duties of the office he had that evening assumed. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Horne said he considered it indeed a high honour which had been conferred upon him that evening. With the example of emi-

nent brethren who had filled the Preceptor's office before him, he assured those present that he would endeavour to follow in their footsteps. He now asked for the cordial support of the brethren, and he assured them that at all times he would do his utmost to fulfil his duties to their entire satisfaction, and for their benefit, getting the very best information on all Masonic points which might arise. Bro. Horne next proposed "The Past Preceptors," and spoke highly of the manner in which they had fulfilled their duties in connection with office. Bros. J. Bell, I.P.P., and T. Evans, P.M., P.P., responded in suitable terms, the former thanking the brethren for the support they had given him, the latter dwelling especially on the necessity and usefulness of the lodge of instruction as a training school for future officers. During the evening excellent songs were given by Bros. Squire, Woolrich, Bell, Evans, Bromley, Nickson, McVicker, &c.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).

—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 8 p.m. Present: Bros. Brasted, W.M.; R. Coombs, S.W.; Anshell, J.W.; Hewlett, S.D.; J. Lorkin, J.D.; Dignam, I.G.; Fieldwicke, Preceptor; and Bros. Hill, George, G. Ferrar, Appleby, C. Lorkin, O. Dietrich, J. Lowe, Polack, Shackleton, B. Meyer, G. Streeton, Bonner, and others. Business: Lodge opened in due form with prayer; minutes read and confirmed. Bro. O. Dietrich was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge opened in Second Degree. Bro. Dietrich was passed to degree of a Fellow Craft. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Shackleton, assisted by the brethren, the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. The First and Second Sections of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren; Bro. Appleby, S.W. 174, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Coombs was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—A meeting of the members of this chapter took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. Loewenstark, P.Z., acting as M.E.Z.; Elsam, H.; Wagner, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Robinson, S.N.; Mander, P.S.; Walls, 2nd Ass. Soj.; Holbrook, P.Z. The minutes of the December convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers took place, which resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. Elsam, as M.E.Z.; Wagner, H.; Robinson, J.; Mander, S.N.; Walls, P.S.; Davage, S.E.; Harfeld, Treas.; Bentley, Janitor. The chapter shortly afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the withdrawal of the cloth the customary Royal Arch toasts were given and duly honoured. "The Health of the acting M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Holbrook, P.Z., who in the course of his remarks said that although Comp. Loewenstark that evening had had no work to do yet had the candidates been present he was positive he would have carried out the ceremony of exaltation well. In conclusion he hoped that their acting M.E. would be spared many years to come amongst them. This toast having been duly honoured the M.E.Z. replied by thanking Comp. Holbrook for the honour he had done him by proposing his health. The Jerusalem Chapter was in a very flourishing condition, and long might it continue so. As an old Past Principal he felt pleased at occupying the chair that evening, and the companions might always depend upon his being present—health permitting—to assist in the labours of the chapter. "The Health of the M.E.Z. elect" followed, in which the M.E. stated that he had witnessed with pleasure the working of Comp. Elsam in the minor offices of the chapter. He had done good suit and service in many other ways, and he, Comp. Loewenstark, looked forward with favourable anticipation to his year of office. Comp. Elsam in reply expressed his thanks to the M.E. for the kind and cordial manner in which he had proposed his health. He had endeavoured to discharge the duties of the respective inferior offices well, and he hoped to carry out the important responsibilities of the First Principal's chair to the satisfaction of the companions. In conclusion he stated that no time or trouble would be spared by him during the recess to master the ritual appertaining to his position. "The Health of the Second and Third Principals elect" was then proposed. The M.E. in the course of his remarks stated that Comps. Wagner and Robinson were capital officers. The first named would carry out the duties of H. zealously, faithfully, and impartially. The latter had not been so long connected with the R.A. Degree as he, Comp. Wagner, had, but he was equally as zealous, and he was certain that the work of the Third Principal's chair would not suffer in his hands. The companions thus honoured having briefly expressed their thanks, the M.E. gave "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and S.E.," and "The Officers," which toasts were acknowledged by Comps. Holbrook, P.Z.; Harfeld, Treas.; Davage, S.E.; and Mander, S.N. elect, for themselves and absent colleagues. During the evening Comps. Mander, Robinson, Walls, Davis, and others entertained the companions, who separated at an advanced hour, until the second Tuesday in April next, when Comp. Elsam will be duly installed M.E.Z.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—This chapter held its regular quarterly meeting on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E. Present Ex. Comps. the Rev. W. B. Church, M.E.Z.; Newington Bridges, H.; George Waterall, J.; James Stevens, P.Z.; and Scribe E.; M. S. Larham, Scribe N.; Thomas Poore, P.S.; R. N. Field, 1st A.S.; A. C. Burrell, 2nd A.S.; John Gilbert, Janitor. Also Past First Principals, Charles Hammerton, Henry Smith, and R. H. Harvey, and Comps.

Thos. Meggy, F.W. Levander, S. Poynter, and others, and visitor Ex. Comp. S. H. Wagstaff, H. of the Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216. The chapter having been duly opened by the Principals, and the companions assembled, a ballot was taken for Bro. M. Keith Frith, Barrister, of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and that proving unanimous, Bro. Frith was duly introduced and exalted into the Order. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected, with the following result, viz., Ex. Comps. Bridges, M.E.Z.; Waterall, H.; Larham, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. (ninth election), Scribe E.; Thomas Poore, Scribe N.; H. C. Levander, P.Z. (eighth re-election), Treas.; R. F. Field, P.S.; Thos. Meggy, Steward; and John Gilbert, Janitor. The jewel of the chapter was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z., the Rev. W. B. Church. Propositions for exaltation at the ensuing convocation were received, and the chapter was duly closed. Refreshment followed labour, and a most enjoyable evening was, as is usual whenever the Panmure companions meet, spent before separation.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Friday, the 16th inst. To the great regret of the members, the W.M., Bro. T. White, was, in consequence of temporary indisposition, unable to attend. In his absence, the I.P.M., W. Bro. R. Berridge, opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. Alfred Williams, P.G.S., S.W., North Ritherdon, J.W.; Edward Moody, M.O.; F. H. Cozens, S.O.; W. P. Collins, J.O.; N. J. F. Bassett, S.D.; G. Yaxley, J.D.; G. K. Pitt, I.G.; Past Masters the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., Treas.; the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O. and P. Prov. Grand Secretary Middx. and Surrey; the W. Bro. Charles Hammerton, P.G.D.C., Sec.; the W. Bro. William Worrell, P.G. Org.; and Bros. C. A. Heinmann, W. Johnston, J. Williams, J. Close, F. G. Raggett, H. F. Partridge, and W. Grant; and also visitors the W. Bros. H. C. Levander, Grand Registrar, and P.M. St. Marks, No. 1; J. Boyd, St. Marks, No. 1; and J. Lewis Thomas, Thistle, No. 8. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, a ballot was taken for Bro. Theodore Alexandre De Leliva, of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, as a candidate for advancement, which proving unanimous, that brother was duly admitted to the privileges of the Order. There was no further business before the lodge on this occasion, and the opportunity afforded by spare time was utilised by the distribution to the several officers of a set of new collars of elegant design, which were much admired. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. A very pleasant evening was spent, the visitors expressing themselves highly gratified with the position and progress of the lodge, which certainly is entitled, both in respect of working and hospitality, to the high rank it has always maintained in the Order of Mark Masters.

A regular lodge meeting was held on the 17th, at which a large majority of those present on the previous evening attended, and in addition Bros. Wotton, Crommelin, and Drewett. The business was purely formal, and of interest only in confirming a resolution, "That the regular lodge meetings be in future held on the third Fridays in the months of June, October, February, and April." This was agreed to unanimously, and the lodge was closed and adjourned to Friday, the 20th April.

ERA LODGE (No. 176).—The regular meeting of this well-established lodge was held on Friday, February 9th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. John Baxter Langley, P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. Louis Beck, S.D. 1559, and E. Dietrich, 1524. The work was done in an able manner by the W.M. for the advancement of Bro. Louis Beck, S.D. 1559; Ernest Dietrich, 1524; and Thomas William Adams, S.W. 1623, who seemed fully impressed by the beautiful ancient ceremony. Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M., Sec., read the bye-laws. The ballots were unanimous in favour of Bro. Rev. P.M. Holden, S.W., being W.M. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.M., re-elected Treasurer. Bro. W. Laing, on a show of hands being taken, was re-elected Tyler. On motion made by Bro. P.M. Holden, seconded by J.W. Bro. T. Horton, and unanimously confirmed, it was resolved that the usual five guinea Past Master's jewel be given to Bro. J. Baxter Langley, W.M., for his services rendered to the lodge as the third W.M., and one of the founders. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, B. Meyer, and L. Beck, were recommended by the lodge for Provincial Grand Lodge honours. Some candidates were proposed for advancement. The lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, June 8th, to meet at six p.m. Banquet followed. There were not any visitors present.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adam's Mark Lodge (No. 6).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Victoria Hall Buildings, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., and was well attended. The W.M., Bro. Alexander Spears, P. Prov. G. Reg. of Marks, was supported by the V.W. Bros. Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W. and G. Sec.; Samuel Lambert Townsend, Prov. G.J.W.; James J. Nixon, Prov. G.S.O.; Lewis Finch, Prov. G. Treas.; Henry A. Johnson, Prov. G.I. of Works; John L. Eller, Prov. G. Sec.; Edward James Penney, Prov. G. Reg. of Marks; Joseph Richard Brett, Prov. G.S.B.; George Thomas Green, Prov. G. Org.; and George Page, P. Prov. G.J.W. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Bagshaw, P. Prov. G. Asst. Sec., was presented to the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., the Installing Master, and was duly installed into the chair of H., in such a manner as it is needless to say the brethren were delighted with the splendid ceremony they witnessed, and so perfect as to call forth the well deserved acknowledgments to Bro.

F. Binckes for his kindness in coming down from London on this occasion. The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year by Bro. A. Spears, I.P.M. and Treasurer:—Bros. T. J. Firmin, S.W.; E. J. Penney, J.W.; J. R. Brett, M.O.; A. Steadman, S.O.; H. A. Johnson, J.O.; G. Perkins, Sec. and Reg. of Marks; C. Austin, S.D.; C. T. Green, J.D.; T. G. Redmand, I.G.; C. Beck, Steward, and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The ceremonies being over, and before closing the lodge, the W.M. expressed his regret that, through circumstances over which he had no control, he was compelled to be absent from the banquet, but he felt that they would have a very enjoyable evening under the presidency of Bro. A. Spears, I.P.M. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Britannia Hotel to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. G. T. Green. After a very pleasant evening, and usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the brethren, separated well satisfied with their labour and refreshment.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—Alpass Encampment (No. 123).—A conclave of the above-named encampment was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the evening of the 31st January, for the instalment of candidates and other business. There were present Sir Knights J. E. Jackson, E.C.; H. S. Alpass, P.E.C.; W. Doyle, P.E.C.; T. Clark, P.E.C.; M. Mawson, First Captain; W. H. Shakespeare, Registrar; J. Kenyon, Expert; J. Capel, Almoner; T. Evans, Standard Bearer; J. Callagher, Captain of Lines; J. W. Widdowes, Herald; P. Ball, Equerry; W. Fletcher, H. Burrows, T. Chesworth, H. Firth. The visitors were Sir Knights Captain T. Berry, P.E.C. Jaques de Molay, and Joseph Wood, (Freemason). The encampment was effectively opened by Sir Knight J. E. Jackson, E.C., and he afterwards installed Comp. Quenten John Ballard, of the Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, and Fidelity Chapter, 477; and Comp. Joseph Skeaf, Harmonic Lodge and Sacred Delta Chapter, 216, as knights of the Order. Sir Knight Alpass, P.E.C., ably assisted in the ceremony. Sir Knight Richard Brown, Second Captain, was nominated and elected Eminent Commander for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight Henry Firth was elected the Treasurer for the same period. After business the assembled knights sat down to a splendid banquet.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Previously to the opening of the lodge the Board of Masters met and received the notices of motion for Grand Lodge on Wednesday week. At the lodge Bro. Clabon, P.G.D., the President of the Lodge of Benevolence, presided; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, were in their respective chairs. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex, and Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, attended. Among the other brethren present were the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire; the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W.; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.S.G.W.; W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.G.M. Suffolk; Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Col. Burney; J. M. Case, G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; W. J. Murlis, H. Dicketts, T. Cubitt, P.G.P., W. Stevens, W. Mann, Griffiths Smith, W. Hilton, Thos. W. White, P.G.S., W. T. Howe, H. Mugeridge, E. P. Albert, G.P., David Rose, H. Garrod, W. H. Myers, H. Bartlett, C. A. Cottebrune, C. F. Hogard, W. A. Tinney, Joseph Smith, P.G.P., W. Smith, C.E., E. J. Harty, H. Massey (Freemason), S. Rawson, P. Dist, G.M. of China, F. Davison, S. F. Foxall, A.G.P., J. Bingham, W. Ough, P.G.P., Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Cooper Smith, A. J. D. Fielder, P.G.S.B., Thos. Walton, G. W. Speth, Geo. R. Corner, T. H. Turner, John Nicholas, H. Higgins, Henry Venn, J. W. Danser, F. Pendred, K. Bergmann, W. Browne Kidder, W. C. Holland, John Boyd, James West, A. J. Thomas, Philip Cooke, Thos. Randall, John Eldridge, Robt. Secker, Edmund Nash, William Leach, C. J. Rushworth, E. Legg, W. E. Newton, J. Chambers Roe, Geo. Brooke, J. E. Le Feuvre, T. Knowles, S. R. Speight, G. W. F. Loftus, M. Davis, Samuel Gamman, J. B. Shackleton, John Gale, E. F. Storr, James Shee, W. J. Lover, M. S. Larham, W. T. Scott, R. H. Evans, Richard Shander, Geo. Ward, Challis, S. Wardlaw, C. S. Cobham, W. F. Tubby, John Walker, Benj. Head, James Mason, Charles Atkins, H. Whittick, and A. M. Thomas. Above ninety brethren were present.

The grants of £270 made at last Grand Lodge were first confirmed, and the brethren then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were eighteen on the list. These were relieved with the following sums:—One of £150; two of £50 each; two of £30 each; five of £20 each; four of £15 each; three of £10 each; and one £3.

The lodge was then closed, after having sat for three hours.

FRENCH MASONRY.

Although the ultramontane assailants of Freemasonry have often pointed to the Masonry of France, and denounced it not only as revolutionary, but anti-Christian, there was no reason to believe they were right; and further than that, there has been a sort of Masonry which we are told had a political bias, and which they sought to make the world believe was universal, rather than confined to France. At the time of the French revolution it was said that Masonry was made to do duty for the

unholy cause, just as any other well intentioned institution might have been compelled to aid in the work of the revolutionists; but that was not the fault of Masonry, for none save unscrupulous men would have used it in furthering their designs. It is rather too much to denounce Freemasonry because in perilous times like those alluded to, when the whole country was in a state of ferment—the services of the Order were, as alleged, called in to do service against the constituted authorities. With such Masonry there could not be, as there certainly was not, any sympathy among true Masons; it had no affinity whatever with real Masonry. Still, on the alleged ground that French Masonry has and is synonymous with Masonry the world over, the true and good have been stigmatized as unworthy of approbation. Of course we can make allowance for the infatuated zeal of those who seem to consider they have a mission to crush out Masonry, but we do not excuse them for the violence with which they assail the Order from a false stand-point.

We regret to find that our Roman Catholic assailants are likely to have good grounds for asserting that French Masonry at least has something of an infidel cast, if it be true as stated, that the French Grand Orient has permitted the existence of the Deity to be ignored by certain proceedings of that body. We would fain hope there is a misapprehension somewhere, but the fact that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, and the London Freemason, direct particular attention to the matter, makes it look as if there were too much truth about it. Bro. Hervey, in addressing the members of a lodge, recently said he could not refrain from alluding to certain proceedings which were going on in the Grand Orient of France, which, speaking entirely as an individual, he thought must at no distant period engage the attention of the Grand Lodge of England—proceedings which struck at the very root of Freemasonry, and which he only viewed with dismay and alarm. The Freemason calls Bro. Caubet's attention to the remarks of the Grand Secretary, and expresses the hope that the warning notes will be taken in good part, and adds: "We quite admit the independence of national Grand Lodges, but there is one universal law of Masonry, which no particular section of the great family can contravene without damage to itself, and without disrespect to the other portions. The unchanged law of a million of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons is the recognition of the existence of God, and if French Freemasonry takes that truth from its formalities, it separates itself necessarily from Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and assumes for itself, as French Freemasons have themselves clearly seen, a position of melancholy isolation and baneful negativism." There can hardly be any doubt that if the Bible is to be expelled from the French lodges, the next step will be to admit those who have no belief whatever in the existence of a Supreme Being.—*Craftsman*.

MASONIC SECRECY.

The secrecy of Masonry is its only sybil-voice proclaiming, "Procul O, procul este profani." It is only the secrecy of the lawyer to his client; of the minister to his penitent; of the physician to his patient; or of friend to friend. This trustworthy confidence is the glory of man; scandal dies like an echo on the shore where the tongue is bridled by truth and honour. "Where there is no tale-bearer the strife ceaseth." Wrench from the heart of a Mason the secret of his brother: and from the same heart you may blot out the image of his God, the vows made to a fond and confiding wife, or the duty he owes to his children, to country and to home. The betrayer of secrets is a moral renegade, too foul for the atmosphere of honour, he is the Judas of friendship and the assassin of character.

Nor never need an honest open-hearted Mason fear that the better part of creation will urge against his Order to its detriment the circumstance that the ladies are not admitted into the membership among Free and Accepted Masons. Let him tell what is the fact that Minerva, the goddess of Wisdom, presides at the Mason's Lodge, in which she would have indeed but a divided empire if the goddess of Beauty were admitted along with her. We surely would not trust Venus and Minerva together in our lodges, lest we should become too much distracted with the blandishments of Beauty to bear all the severer teachings of Wisdom. But it will be high time to attempt a laboured defence of this Masonic usage when a lady shall complain of it, or when she shall refuse to make a secret loving Mason the lord of her affections; pillowing on her pure heart, both the unlocked casket and the secret which it contains. Ah, could she make him a renegade to honour, how would she loathe him. How unsafe in such hands and in such keeping would she consider her own fame and those gems of affection which woman never gives save to the trusty, the brave, the unconquerable, the inflexible in purpose.

There is a sublime secret connected with every thing that is valuable. Says the great light of Masonry, the Bible, "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." There is a secret in each profession of life, in every science, in every beautiful art. There is a secret in love, an outspoken language that sometimes glances from the eye, but which is often hid by virgin modesty until the heart becomes an urn of suffering, in which the fires of hidden attachment crimson the incense of the affections. There is a secret in haste, whispered only to the moon as its pale cold eyes gleams on the assassin's dagger. There are secrets ever in nature, from the pedestal to the capital of the Universe, over which the mysterious eye of Omniscience burns with its secret meaning.—*Masonic Record*.

The volunteer officers connected with the Home District have resolved to hold a review in the neighbourhood of Dunstable on Easter Monday.

ALONG THE HIGHWAY OF MASONRY.

Among the many organizations in the world that have been instituted among men, there is not one in which the line of conduct of the members is more clearly defined than in the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. There is none in which the member is bound by stronger obligations to pursue a steady course in the discharge of his duties as such, and to practice the precepts so prominently set up to teach him the way wherein he should walk. The highway of Masonry is not obscured with devious windings, a trail that can be followed only by carefully watching the marks left by those who have gone that way before, but a broad open road, through an open country, which may be easily followed by any one when once fairly started on his mystic journey. At every turn and cross road has been placed a finger post, upon which, in language intelligible to every well-informed Mason, he finds all needed instructions to enable him to travel in confidence, and in the full enjoyment of all his rights and privileges among his fellow travellers.

With a line of conduct so clearly defined, with obligations so strong to discharge every known duty, and with an open road before them so plain that none need go astray, it might be expected that there would be unanimity of thought and action among all Masons in their intercourse with each other, and especially that all would unite in preserving the Landmarks, and in upholding the principles and teachings of Masonry. It is, however, a fact much to be regretted that such is not the case. Instead of being thus united as one man, we find Masons often divided in opinions and in their course of action. If all were actuated by an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the Order, such would not be the case, for then we would find them acting more in harmony with each other.

While we believe that a very large proportion of Masons are honest in all that they do, it is evident that some are not, and that they are only seeking to promote their own individual interests in remaining members of the Order. They travel along in the good company of their worthy brethren, with a feigned zeal well calculated to mislead them in regard to their true character; and for a time, perhaps, succeed in pulling the wool over their eyes to the extent of securing for themselves the advantage of high official positions, which place them before the world as recognised, honoured leaders, enjoying the full confidence of the fraternity. Not having the true spirit of Masonry in them, we often find them opposed to measures that would be of undoubted benefit to the Craft, or advocating others that would work to its injury; when the one would interfere with some pet scheme of their own, or the other gratify the longings of a selfish ambition. They remain obedient to Masonic law so far as to protect themselves from charges of un-Masonic conduct, but where there is no fear of a penalty to restrain them they set it at defiance upon the slightest provocation. Thus they travel on, until their cupidity is discovered, and they are made to fall back to the rear, where they generally follow in forced submission until all hope of regaining their lost position has passed away, when at the first cross-road they desert from the ranks and strike for the camp of non-affiliates, and enlist under their banner, upon which is inscribed one significant word—Deserters.

There is another class of Masons, often found upon the highway of Masonry, who are active and officious, apparently well-meaning, and would do what is right if they only knew how; but who never make an effort to gain the information to qualify themselves to act until the very moment when action becomes necessary. They pass the finger-posts without observing the instructions upon them, and then halt the procession while they discuss the question whether they are on the right road or not.

Without the means at hand to arrive at a conclusion such discussions are worse than useless, for they consume valuable time, and still do not develop the desired information. Finally they move on, and to their mortification, find at last that they made a great mistake. One bright Mason is worth more to a lodge than a score of such members.

Another class of Masons—and we are sorry to say they are exceedingly numerous—are no better informed than those last described, and are this much worse that they don't seem to care whether they are right or wrong; they vote "hit or miss" on all questions with a sang froid that would have astonished King Solomon himself. Now we do really believe that they desire to do right, but are too indolent to make even an effort to find out whether they are or not. Perhaps they are not so much to blame as those who made them Masons.

There are other classes of Masons that we might mention in this connection, but we will let them rest till some future time. We do not expect much benefit from an article like this, for those for whom it is designed are seldom among those who read a Masonic journal. It is, however, the duty of all good Masons to make an effort to correct existing evils, and we have called the attention of our readers to a few such, hoping that they will endeavour, so far as in their power, to aid in bringing about a reformation among the classes we have named. By so doing they will not only benefit the parties themselves, but add to the happiness of the whole Fraternity.—*Masonic Advocate*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Tumours, Glandular Swellings, and Bad Breasts.—If any departure from health requires earlier attention than another to prevent disastrous consequences, it is the class of diseases now under review. To save hazard and future pain, the budding tumour must have prompt treatment, or discomfort and nights of disquietude will be the sufferer's portion. Whenever the ailment first appears, after fomenting the spot with warm water, Holloway's Ointment must be energetically rubbed on the part till a considerable quantity is absorbed. The Pills, too, must be commenced with early. If these remedies be diligently persevered with, the simplest tumour or the contracted and stiff joint is arrested. In cases of bad breasts, with or without milk fever, relief is almost instantaneous.—*Adv.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution held its monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Browse, Thos. W. White, H. M. Levy, Griffiths Smith, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, R. B. Webster, Major Finney, H. A. Dubois, John J. Stevens, John Boyd, H. Massey (*Freemason*), H. Potter, F. G. Baker, T. F. Peacock, H. G. Warren, A. H. Diaper, S. Rosenthal, J. A. Rucker, and R. W. Little (Secretary).

Two petitions were received, and the candidates placed on the list for election.

Bro. H. G. Warren gave notice of the following motion: "That having regard to the increased income of the Institution, and the altered position of Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that rules 74 and 75 shall be so amended that the Secretary shall give security for £1000, the Secretary's chief clerk £500, and any other clerks £250 each; such security to be provided from an approved Guarantee Society, and the premiums to be paid by this Institution, so as not to be a burden on the officials."

The Committee, after transacting some other business, passed a vote of thanks to the chairman.

THE WAY IT WORKS.

A physician in Washington, D.C., was called to visit professionally a young lady taken suddenly and seriously ill. Employed in one of the departments, she was comparatively without friends or resources, and when rendered helpless by disease, her condition was truly deplorable. The physician, ascertaining the name of his patient to be the same as a brother Mason in Boston, whom he had met some years previously, he inquired if she was related to this person. Being told that she was the daughter of this *Fellow Craftsman*, whom, it should be remembered, the physician only knew as a member of the fraternity, he not only gave to her skilful professional treatment, but saw that she wanted for nothing of care and proper nursing, and when she was sufficiently recovered to travel, he accompanied her on her journey, and was not content until he had placed her in her own Eastern home. Then, exchanging fraternal salutations with his old-time Masonic acquaintance, he returned to his work and calling, hardly conscious, perhaps, of the moving power that had influenced him to so noble a deed in the exercise of a large and generous charity. This incident is but one of a thousand which might be adduced to prove the power and worth of Masonry.—*New York Dispatch*.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A Masonic Ball, in connection with the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, will be given on Wednesday next, February 28, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the charitable institutions of the Order. There is a very long list of stewards for the occasion, comprising brethren from lodges 101, 141, 144, 167, 173, 185, 192, 217, 382, 405, 749, 754, 813, 861, 862, 911, 917, 1036, 1158, 1278, 1288, 1339, 1364, 1365, 1445, 1489, 1507, 1524, and 1602. Bro. E. Somers is Chairman of the Stewards, and Bro. J. H. Raffety, Treasurer. The M.C.'s are Bros. Thomas Meekham, T. Hadley Prestage, and R. G. Thomas. Bro. James Weaver's band is engaged. The hon. Secretaries are Bros. J. Osborn and J. Weston. The brethren are to appear in Craft clothing. A very pleasant evening is anticipated. Arrangements have been made that, in the event of the weather being unfavourable, all carriages will deliver visitors under cover at the foot of the staircase leading to the ball-room, and similar means adopted for their departure.

The Ivy lodge will hold an emergency meeting on the 27th inst. We were particularly struck with the original and artistic border of the summons, which reflects equal credit on the designer and the lodge.

The meetings of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, will be held in future at the Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street, City.

Bro. George B. Abbott will deliver his fourth lecture upon the "History of the Craft" in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, on Wednesday next.

FRIENDLY CHAPTER, No. 239, KINGSTON, JAMAICA.—At a recent meeting of the above chapter, it was unanimously resolved to present Comp. Altamont De Cordova, P.Z., with a gold jewel, in recognition of his valuable services to the chapter during three consecutive years in which he held the distinctive office of Principal Z.

The name of Bro. Dr. H. J. Strong was omitted in our report in last week's issue, as being present at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

On Tuesday, the 21st instant, at the South Kensington Museum, the Princess Louise distributed prizes amongst the students who had taken part in the local and national competition of last year. The number of pupils at the two schools was reported to be 843, an increase of eighty-eight over 1875. The Marquis of Lorne afterwards addressed the company on behalf of her royal highness.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, held at Emporia, October 18th, 1876. Bro. Jacob D. Rush, of Fort Scott, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. John H. Brown, of Wyandotte, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

We are asked to state that the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction meets at 101, Queen Victoria-street on the second and fourth Monday in every month at six o'clock.

The day of meeting of the Macdonald Mark Lodge, No. 104, has been changed from the third Saturday to the third Friday in February, April, June, and October.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—Bro. George Knill, for some time clerk in the office, offers himself as a candidate for the collectorship rendered vacant by the lamentable death of Bro. William Lane.

The Earl of Bandon, who had been suffering from heart disease, succumbed to an acute attack, at Castle Bernard, Cork, on Sunday evening last. His lordship, who was born in 1810, was educated at Eton and Oriel, and sat for Bandon from 1842 to 1856, in which year he succeeded his father. He married, in 1832, Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr. Whitmore, of Apley Park, Shropshire, by whom he leaves a son and six daughters. Viscount Bernard, now fourth earl, was born in 1850, and educated at Eton. He unsuccessfully contested his father's borough at the last general election. By the death of the late Lord Bandon, who was brother to the Bishop of Tuam, a representative peerage becomes vacant.

A very large meeting of the Fraternity was held on Tuesday last, in the Masonic Hall, Truro, to celebrate the constitution of the new Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall. The R.A. companions of this province have achieved a notable success, securing as they have so distinguished a Mason as the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, as Provincial Grand Superintendent. A full report of this gathering will appear in our next.

The election of the Committee of the Stock Exchange gives seven new members out of a total committee of thirty as the result of the recent agitation. Although this seems a small result, it would appear that the young men in the Stock Exchange have so far made their wishes felt that some revision of the rules may possibly be undertaken.

The *Times* says:—"Among the clerkships in the Civil Service about to be competed for next month are two junior clerkships in the Colonial Office. The salaries commence at £250 per annum, and rise by yearly increments to £600. Promotions are made from this class to the two higher classes, paid respectively £700 to £800, and £900 to £1000. Furnished rooms in the Colonial Office buildings, with special allowances, are assigned to two of the clerks. This is the first occasion on which any of the more highly paid clerkships in the Civil Service have been offered to public competition; and it is to be anticipated that the substantial advantages now offered, coupled with the nature of the work, will attract distinguished University men to whom a clerkship has not hitherto offered sufficient inducements."

The installation of Bro. H. Keeble, P.M. 1275, S.W. 73, &c., as W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, 1559, will take place this afternoon (Saturday) at the New Cross Public Hall. There is one raising, and nine candidates for the ballot.

An Indian chief lately died in Greenville, Maine; he was known as a faithful Mason. The Masons have erected a memorial tablet over his grave.

A new weekly paper called the *Tatler* appears to-day (Saturday). The editor has adopted the "nom-de-plume" of the celebrated original Isaac Bickerstaff, and desires to emulate the classical style of Richard Steele. We shall be glad if he even approaches success in his praiseworthy attempt.

The Marquis of Hartington, R.W.P.G.M. Derbyshire, has promised to preside at the anniversary festival of the Newspaper Press Association, which will be held at Willis's Rooms on the 5th of May.

His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, has conferred on Mr. Nicholas Trübner, the publisher, of Ludgate-hill, the Knight Cross of the Order of Francis Joseph.

Mr. Rule, the general manager of the Standard Fire Office, died suddenly in Manchester on Sunday, the 4th inst. For the present the management has been entrusted to Bro. E. C. Massey.

On St. Valentine's Day a number of curiosities always pass through the Post-office in addition to the amorous and satirical missives from the stationers. This year there came to light in St. Martin's-le-Grand, a lady's wig, a baby's puff, a carrot, a pair of boots, a sausage, and a pig's tail.—*City Press*.

A course of free lectures to Jewish working men and their families are being delivered on Sunday evenings at the Jews' Infants' Schools, Commercial-st., on popular subjects, by well-known scientific and other gentlemen.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is expected to arrive at Kilkenny Castle on Monday next, as guest of the Marquis and Marchioness of Ormonde.

Viscount Powerscourt on attending the Bray and Kingston Board of Guardians to-day for the first time since the shooting accident to his eye was received with loud cheers. The chairman, Sir George Hodson, Bart., congratulated him, on the part of the Board, on his recovery. His Lordship returned thanks.

The Grand Master of Georgia, Bro. D. E. Butler, has appealed to the Masons of that State to assist the destitute and suffering Masons of Savannah and Brunswick. The Masonic Board of Relief of Memphis, has tendered aid to the Masons of these yellow fever stricken cities, and a limited amount of aid has been accepted. The Masons of these cities have been instructed to draw for more whenever needed.

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BIRTHS.

- COHN.—On the 17th inst., at Avenue-road, Regent's Park, the wife of H. Cohn, Esq., of a daughter.
 DEAN.—On the 18th inst., at Cleveland-square, Hyde Park, the wife of F. J. Dean, of a daughter.
 LANG.—On the 22nd ult., at Simon's Town, Cape of Good Hope, the wife of Lieut. H. B. Lang, R.N., of a daughter.
 STEWART.—On the 18th inst., at Neville-street, S.W., the wife of A. Stewart, Esq., of a son.
 TAYLOR.—On the 16th inst., at St. Leonard's-terrace, Streatham, the wife of W. Taylor, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- GILCHRIST—KNOX.—On Dec. 20, at St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, N.S.W., William Oswald, son of the late J. Gilchrist, to Clara Elizabeth, daughter of E. Knox, of Fiona, Double Bay.
 SANDERSON—PARKINSON.—On the 10th inst., at Heidelberg, Germany, Hugh James, son of the late G. S. Sanderson, Esq., of Birkenhead, to Margaret, daughter of the late J. K. Parkinson, Esq.
 WYATT—MAYHEW.—On the 8th inst., at St. James's, Piccadilly, Henry Wyatt, Commissariat Staff, son of the late Major-Gen. Wyatt, to Lilly, daughter of the late W. G. Mayhew, Esq.

DEATHS.

- BRITTON.—On the 13th inst., at Boyson-road, Camberwell, Maud Maria, infant daughter of Samuel Britton.
 GRIFFITH.—On the 14th inst., at Cavendish-place, Eastbourne, Maria, daughter of the late J. W. S. Griffith, Esq., aged 78.
 LITTLE.—On the 17th inst., at Paris, Lockhart Little, late Captain 1st Dragoon Guards, aged 55.
 REED.—On the 9th inst., instantaneously, by his horse falling, Henry Arthur Reed, The Elms, Marlborough, aged 42 years.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 1877.

THE RETURNS FOR THE LATE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We do not think it needful to dilate too much on this topic, as not only are "comparisons" still always "odorous," as Mrs. Malaprop so justly observed once upon a time, but from some little experience of the matter, we are perfectly aware that the mere abstract figures do not ever tell us very much. Many circumstances combine to swell the list of this or that particular Steward or province, and though it may be an amusing marshalling of figures when we have nothing else to say, and space is difficult to fill, just now we cannot afford to be too prodigal either of the space of the *Freemason*, or trespass too much on the patience of our readers. It will suffice us to note, that the metropolis has contributed £6680, the provinces £5580,—making a grand total of £12,660, in round numbers, be it understood, as they say, "all through." It is true that Bro. Terry announced fourteen lists to come in, and it is just possible that they will bring in a net £300,—making the noble amount of £13,000. We are not in the secrets of the House Committee or Executive, nor do we trouble ourselves about the little "on dits" of the lobbies or the "canards" of unauthoritative authorities, but after this grand result of heavy meritorious labours, we are glad to see that the managers of the Institution have made a gallant effort (responsible as they are to the liberal support and sympathy of the Craft) to place a large additional number of applicants on the charity this year. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is in "very good case," as they say, and had a large balance to credit last year. With £13,000 for its annual festival, in addition to Grand Lodge grants and funded property, it is in a position to make 1877 a memorable year in its annals by this sensible extension of beneficent provision for our aged and decayed brethren, and their often suffering widows. We are truly glad to hail any official announcement to that effect. We confess that we should after this result have been prepared to go a little further, relying on the genuine enthusiasm of our benevolent Order. But that is, we must fairly admit, after all, a matter mainly for the Executive of the Institution to decide, and not for outsiders like ourselves.

SECTARIAN BIGOTRY.

We have often stated, and it is well to repeat the assertion to-day, that we all may make a note of it, that there is in this world a great amount of intolerance and bigotry, on the part of pseudo-religionists, as regards Freemasonry, which would be very amusing were it not so very humiliating to the common sense of humanity, so derogatory to the true teaching and temper of religion itself. It is not only Roman Catholics who denounce Freemasonry, but fanatics of various sects seem to like to have a fling in their ignorance and bigotry, at a society whose tenets they do not understand, and whose work they cannot realize. Lately Mr. Moody has expressed his disapproval of secret societies, and by implication of Freemasons, on grounds which appear to us a burlesque on all right reasoning, and to betray a mournful want of appreciation of the true principles of Scripture exegesis. But we are not concerned just now with Mr. Moody; as his "deliverance" was, so to say, "in the abstract," but, as it however deserves consideration, we will deal with it in our next issue. But we have to contend rather with those direct attacks on Freemasonry which crop up here, there, and everywhere just now, amid contrasted sects and from opposite corners of the world. In a late number of the *Masonic Advocate* appears a story called "Joe Grafton's Trials," from which we now propose to give some extracts, and which we understand to be "an ower true tale," founded on fact. So let us hear the *Masonic Advocate*, quoted

by the *Canadian Craftsman*. "A number of years ago an honest young man moved from the State of Indiana to Iowa, where he settled in a town called Fairfield. Honest and industrious, conscientious and respectable, he worked at his trade of a carpenter, hoping to make of himself a good citizen, and to gain some limited fortune. Having formed the acquaintance of several gentlemen of the Masonic Fraternity he applied for initiation among them, and in due course of time became a Master Mason. He soon learned to love the Institution, and the lessons of the lodge-room became the study of his years. Their regular and called meetings found him always in his place, eager to learn and anxious to maintain the ancient prestige of the Order. He there learned that devotion to truth was the high road to integrity, and that none were more religious and happy than those who loved their fellow-men. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man became his life spirit, and under these convictions and reforms he some time afterwards became a member of the Church. On the broad basis of a liberal fraternity and a free Christian Church he began, more particularly than ever before, to fix his principles and regulate his life. Honest and true, and of good report before he had joined the Masons, he became, as he hoped, a better man in becoming a Church member, for there his latent talents were brought out in many generous actions and liberal charities, such as he thought were in harmony with the Divine government, and consistent with a strict Christian profession. In these highly respectable relationships he soon became known as a good citizen, a prosperous workman, and a gentleman of high moral character. His society was courted by the pious, and his influence was sought for among his brethren of the Church as one who feared God and kept His commandments. The sunlight over him was bright, and the first year passed over him without a cloud of trouble. But the visit of an itinerant evangelist to the village made a sad change in his happy relationships, because it created in a very brief period a great change in the spirit of his dreams. Among his other religious ideas, this wonderful evangelist taught the people that nothing was more detrimental to the true progress of truth and vital piety among them than the existence of secret societies. He taught them that they were essentially sinful, and contrary to the genius of all progress, as well as all free governments. He insisted that no such people should be tolerated among them, and that all Church members should come out from among them. Ignorant and bigoted as this evangelist was he made converts among the churches, for many soon partook of his spirit, and in a short time a large portion of the Church of which our brother was a member were anxious, yea, even zealous, for the total extermination of all secret societies, and more especially of the society of Freemasons, as it was supposed to be the most ancient of them all, and the mother of the whole brood of anti-Christian institutions. The bitterness of spirit engendered was relentless and vindictive, and within a brief space a crusade was inaugurated of men, women, and children to exterminate the last vestige of 'the whore of Babylon,' as the evangelist termed all secret societies. The Church became the head-quarters, and the pastor himself assumed the leadership of the Inquisition. Meetings were held weekly, and most devout prayers were offered for Divine aid in the glorious work of driving from the land the secret organizations of the devil. Every one who had any connection with them was exhorted to come out from among them, on the pains and penalties of even 'eternal damnation.' If any persisted in remaining members of such Godless institutions they were proclaimed as being infidels, or what was worse, they were proscribed as men unfit for any pure or social intercourse. All such were not to be dealt with, not to be employed, and above all, they were not to be communed with in the Holy Sacrament, as they were of their master, the devil. Under such circumstances the hero of our story was made to feel very sad, for he was told that unless he left the Masonic Order he would be 'counted out' in his church membership, and that, too, without much ceremony. This seemed to be the decree

adopted by the church, and from the spirit of the pastor and people, appeared to be as firm as the laws of the Medes and Persians, incapable of change or modification. Of course he was deeply depressed in spirit, and at a loss what course to pursue. His advisory friends seemed to be few, and he waited with as much patience as he could muster up, to see the cloud blow over, but it was all in vain, for when he was at work one day in his shop, he received the following note from his pastor, which he saw at once meant business of the most serious character:—

"Pastor's Office, Fairfield, March 25, 1849.

"Bro. Joseph Grafton,—Our Congregational Association which held its session for this State during the past year, declared that no Christian could remain a member of a secret society, and as you are a member of the Masonic Fraternity, my church demands that you withdraw from such fellowship, or they will have to exclude you from the church.

"Your brother, WM. THOMPSON.

"The reception of such a note from his pastor brought great sorrow to the heart of 'Brother Joe,' as he was called generally among his brethren, and after a night of deep thought and sound sleep he returned to his pastor the following answer:

"Fairfield, March 26, 1849.

"To the Rev. Wm. A. Thompson,—Dear Sir,—I have been requested to meet you and the brethren in church meeting to-day, in order to explain the cause of absenting myself from the meetings and ordinances of the church. I will endeavour, my dear brother, to do so, simply, in writing. It is well known to you all that I am connected with one of the secret societies of the day, and it will also be remembered that the Association of the Congregational Church, which held its session in this place in 1848, passed a resolution denouncing such societies in the strongest language, and condemning all members of the church who were connected with any such secret organization. I look upon these resolutions as a direct vote of censure upon myself and others, but being conscious of my own integrity in the matter, and that the church, in this particular, has stepped aside from the path of duty to aim a blow at an institution whose principles are drawn from the Great Light of all Truth, I have and still feel a reluctance in continuing my connection with the church. You will remember, brethren, that at the time of my connecting myself with the church it was well known to some of you, if not to all, that I belonged to the Order of Freemasons, and as such I was admitted among you. As it is now thought that a secret society man cannot be a Christian, I would respectfully ask of you a certificate of dismissal from the church.

"JOSEPH GRAFTON.

"Such was the result of a crusade of ignorance and bigotry against secret societies. Brother Joe to this day is still an "outsider," running the risk of Heaven on the broad common of Masonic humanity." What do our readers think of this little story? They will, we fancy, agree with Channing, as quoted by the *Masonic Advocate*, who says:—"Misanthropic bigots are always mental monstrosities, unfitted for useful lives or honorable histories. They contradict the genius of humanity and make but sorry members of society anywhere." They will concur also with the *Masonic Advocate* itself, in its very pertinent remarks:—"Ignorance and bigotry are twin associates. They have a common origin and a common affinity. Legitimate in their antecedents, and uniform in their moral deformities, they are always of the same progeniture. The one has no knowledge of progressive life, while the other sees but little outside of itself. The former lacks capacity to know its own duty, while the latter claims to know it all. Both make pretensions to knowledge with assured effrontery. The one condemns what it does not comprehend, while the other, full of self-conceit, never tolerates anything but its own opinions. With the one, light is darkness, but the other often calls darkness light, and light darkness, because it does not know the one from the other." And what more remains for us to say? Must we not all regret to know and to realize that, in 1877 so

much bigotry remains amongst the professors of religion? Must we not deplore the fact that so many who talk a great deal about religion have not apparently mastered the first principles of that message of love, and peace, and mercy, and goodwill to man they hold forth so glibly about? We will consider in our next issue the alleged unlawfulness of secrecy on so-called Scripture principle, on the "dictum," that is, whether of infallible or fallible teachers of religion to mankind.

THE HAPPY DESPATCH.

We give our readers to-day a most interesting and touching extract from the Japanese newspaper *Tchoya Chimboun*, duly chronicled by the *Pall Mall Gazette*, and also in the *Times*, which we think will affect them as it did us on our perusal of it. "Some curious details are given by a Japanese paper, the *Tchoya Chimboun*—as to the manner in which some of the 'aristocrats of the old school' in that country, who were condemned to death for the part they took in the late insurrection, but who preferred *hari kiri* to decapitation, spent the last few hours of their lives. Four Samourai insurgents of Koumanote, who escaped on the night of the 24th of October, assembled at the house of one by name Yonemara for the purpose of ending their existence by the 'happy despatch' in his hospitable dwelling. Before, however, giving themselves over to death they gave themselves over to a regular jollification—drinking, dancing, and singing, as though on a festive occasion. Their hostess, without any wish necessarily to curtail their enjoyment, with much tact and good feeling advised them not to keep up this revelry too long, as the police could hardly fail to hear the disturbance caused by their songs and dances. They turned a deaf ear, however, to her kindly warnings and continued to amuse themselves for the whole day, saying that if the "shizhou" arrived they were prepared to fight them. The hours thus passed pleasantly away until sunset, when the party arrayed themselves in the robes which, according to old Japanese fashion, are appropriate for the ceremony they were about to perform, and, having offered up their prayers to the gods, 'happily despatched' themselves without further delay." We shall be glad to learn if the similar thought occurred to any of our readers which was ours on realizing this very remarkable "mise en scene," as the French say; "what a valuable institution" we mentally exclaimed, and "how useful and important even in a civilized community like ours." When we remember the bores who bore us, and the rascals who cheat us, when our memory summons up vividly before our groaning recollection, all those who render life miserable, or trying, or wearisome, or depressing in many ways, often in all things, we are tempted to ask, is there no means by which some one of our distinguished statesmen could apply the principle of this great and grave institution for the needs and necessities of our Anglo-Saxon race? Jobbins, who has had a row with his dear Angelina about his shirt buttons and her weekly expenses; Popkins, who is so dreadfully afraid of his mother-in-law; Timmins, who is anxiously looking out for that "little bill;" which he does not know how to meet; Tomkinson, who bores everybody, the foolish young men, the disappointed young women, "blase old scapegraces," and scandal loving "old gals," all, we are tempted to think, might take a leaf out of this wise Japanese code, and relieve themselves, their friends, and the world at large of much anxiety on their behalf, of an untellable amount of alarm and boredom combined. For think how easy and how happy the "little event" would be. A small amount of "sentiment," and a good deal of "liquoring up;" a tender leavetaking of Mary, and a stern adieu to your own "dear, dear, Jezebel," and you would leave this festive and mortal scene, amid no mourning neighbours, and no weeping friends,

"No female even with dishevelled hair,
To feign or feel decorous woe."

Surely here is a note to be noted, a wrinkle to be improved by us all. There are so many people who are so useless to everybody, such bores, such nuisances at home and abroad, so

very greatly in the way of something or somebody, that we are perfectly persuaded, if Sir Henry Thompson, who is so friendly to cremation, would only present a plan to a thoughtful and admiring public of a "Happy Despatch," it would at once chime in with that semi-sentimental, semi-morbid state of mind, into which many of us appear to be drifting just now. And sure we are of this, at any rate, that it would be a very legitimate reform, in the changing times, and bring about, perhaps, a happy alteration alike in manners and morals. No doubt some serious thoughts and memories intrude perforce amid these lighter words of ours, but "what's the odds as long as you are happy." "Don't let us, in these enlightened days, trouble ourselves too much about scruples or religious consideration. Life is life, 'dum vivamus vivamus;' we will leave regrets and hesitation to the old, the highly respectable, and the well behaved." Such is the song of this world's "syrens," too often the prelude to unmitigated bitterness of memory, and lasting sorrow of mind. Let our good old Craft teach us higher truths, and a better philosophy. This life is not all, nor all in all, to any of us. Its golden hours may be wasted, its glad privileges may be abused, for far too many the hour of the "happy despatch" may practically seem to sound to-day or to-morrow; but beyond everything lies that great Future in which we shall all one day alike be found, high and low, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, and where no more escape is possible from the omniscient gaze of Perfect Wisdom, or the Solemn Justice of Perfect Goodness.

THE GRAND SECRETARYSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

In another column appears a letter from Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who is a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary to the Scottish Grand Lodge in the place of Bro. Laurie, resigned. We all of us remember Bro. Laurie's long services to Freemasonry in Scotland, and hope that he may see many years of health and happiness. We beg to offer our hearty sympathy and good wishes to Bro. D. Murray Lyon, and we shall be glad to hear that the choice of the Grand Lodge has fallen upon one whose Masonic qualifications are so very distinct and distinguished.

Original Correspondence.

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

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sure that good will eventuate from the discussion, inaugurated by yourself and Bro. Hughan; but I write now to put the brethren on their guard against drawing hasty conclusions from the absence of documents, as there is a chain of circumstantial evidence pointing to the general correctness of the views of the French Masonic historians.

I think with Bro. Leon Hyneman, in his History of our Grand Lodges, that there were independent lodges of so-called York Masons in London in and before 1725, and not working under the G.L. of 1717. I believe also that there were lodges of Scottish nationality in London, working Craft and Rosy Cross Degrees, and not unlikely in alliance with the Stuart party in France. The hermetic work of 1721 (Long Livers) seems to have been an attempt to force the degrees of this English and Scottish combination, which formed the germ of the continental High Grades, upon the notice of the G.L. of 1717, which, however, refused all countenance to anything but the three degrees until the latter part of the 18th century, when influential "Moderns" established separate Grand Chapters and Camps. I do not believe in the antiquity of the present ceremonies of the Royal Order of Scotland, but I consider that there is evidence of the existence of a system of Scottish Royal Order or Art Lodges and Chapters in London, contemporaneously with the establishment of the G.L. of 1717.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1474.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the 12th instant, at a regular meeting of this lodge, Bro. S. Lyon, W.M., in the chair, letters were read from the following lodges:—

The Harmony Lodge, 156, Plymouth,

Lodge Erme, 1091,

Lodge St. John, 70, Plymouth,

Lodge Brunswick, 159, Plymouth, also

The Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edg-

cumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, sympathising with the Jews in Germany on account of the obnoxious law which exists in some of their lodges, by excluding Jews from Freemasonry, and urging their respective Prov. G. Masters, to bring the subject before Grand Lodge in order to get this bye-law rescinded. Bro. G. J. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain, proposed, and the W.M. seconded, and it was passed unanimously, "That the best thanks of the members of this lodge be tendered to these lodges and to Earl Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall, for their kindness in co-operating with the Lodge of Israel, and to ask them to forward their resolution through their P.G.M.'s to the Grand Lodge of England."

I am, dear Sir, yours respectfully.

DAVID LAVENSTEIN, Secretary.

THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, Liverpool, has given you the names of the three so-called Jewish lodges who have similar resolutions to the one passed at Birmingham, allow me to inform your readers that four more Jewish lodges in the Province of Devon sent me up similar resolutions to strengthen our petition to Grand Lodge.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

S. LYON,

W.M. 1474, Birmingham.

THE LATE BRO. DR. GOLDSBORO.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one who had the pleasure and honour of being numbered amongst the intimate friends of the late Bro. Dr. Goldsboro, I can, in common with the members of the Welchpool Lodge in particular, and several other Welch lodges in general, bear my humble but sincere testimony to the great loss the Craft has sustained by the removal by death of Bro. Dr. Goldsboro, from that sphere of usefulness in which he was so well known, and where his services were so justly and so highly esteemed. Unlike some who have attained high honours in the Craft, he was most retiring and unaffected in his manners, and the thorough Masonic feeling with which he carried out all the duties required of him—often at great trouble and cost to himself—caused him to be loved and his name revered by all who knew him. In no single instance did he forget the great principles of our Order, but carried out in his daily life the precepts of Freemasonry, and most invariably did he practise out of the lodge those precepts which he was taught within it. He was one of those who might well be put forward as an exemplar of the excellence and value of our Institutions, for never was his aid sought for in the promotion of any good work, no matter whether it was a case of distress or a poor brother or widow in trouble, that ever a call upon his bounty or good offices was ever made in vain. Self in him was entirely ignored, and never were his general manners and soothing voice more readily engaged than when they were employed in administering to the wants or relieving the sufferings of his fellow-creatures. It may not be generally known that, although living in London, during the two years he occupied the position of Worshipful Master of the Welchpool Lodge he was never absent from any of its meetings, and was always at his post at the appointed time, so that in the course of those two years, for the purpose of attending not only the regular but emergency meetings of this lodge he must have travelled thousands of miles, to say nothing of the pecuniary cost inseparable therefrom. This, of course, was entirely independent of the distance he must also have travelled to consecrate about thirteen lodges and two or three chapters in North Wales and Shropshire, in all of which he was an honorary member, and I had the pleasure of making a similar proposition, unanimously agreed to, to add to that number the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, of which I was the first Master.

Trusting that his example may be a stimulus to others, and that our dear departed brother may receive his immortal reward in the Grand Lodge above,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. T., P.M. 177, 1158, &c.

[Cartes de Visite of Bro. Goldsboro may be obtained at the office of this paper. Price 1s.]

A LITTLE MISTAKE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

By a regrettable but accidental mistake, it seems that I transferred to Von Knigge the account of Von Hund's change of religion and burial in my remarks on Father Foy's notes. Von Knigge, who seems to have been a religious man, but of whose religion nothing appears to be known, died, it is said, at Bremen in 1796, though neither Lenning nor the "Handbuch" give the place of his death. Von Hund, originally a Protestant, died a Roman Catholic, and is buried before the high altar at Mebrichstadt. I regret this little mistake through a somewhat careless use of references, and am yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF THE
"MASONIC MAGAZINE."

ART IN HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

All who have any acquaintance with the interiors of our London hospitals must have been struck with the excessive dreariness of most of the wards. It is time that this should be remedied. A little energy on the part of a few philanthropists and artists, aided by subscriptions from the general public, would suffice to accomplish this improvement. I advocate the brightening of the wards, and the cheering of their inmates, by the addition of suitable pictures, plate, bronzes, carvings, bric-à-brac, old armour,

china, sculpture, ornamental clocks, fancy glass, tasteful glazed tiles, parquet floors, and other art decorations of all sorts.

I will gladly give one hundred guineas to a responsible committee, as soon as one is formed, to promote the Art Fund for the Hospitals of London.

Pray generously grant this scheme the moral support of your valuable paper, and believe me to be, Sir, Yours obediently and fraternally,

J. LAWRENCE-HAMILTON.

34, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, W.

P.S.—Later two models will be exhibited to the public, one to show the usual sick ward, the other to represent the use of art in the various kinds of hospitals.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue there is a slight error in the list of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Therein I find you have the name of Bro. Goodacre as Steward for Lodge 1045, in the Province of Cheshire. Such is not the case, as Bro. Goodacre went up as Steward from the "Prince Leopold Lodge, 1588," in the Province of West Lancashire, of which lodge he is the W.M., and the larger amount of his list was made up in that province, viz., £20 10s. od. in the Province of West Lancashire, and £10 os. od. in the Province of Cheshire.

Province of West Lancashire:—

Lodge 1588 £10 0 0

" 1387 10 10 0

Province of Cheshire:—

Chap. 1045 5 0 0

" 425 5 0 0

£30 10 0

Perhaps you will kindly correct this in your next issue.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THOS. A. CROMPTON,

Sec. 1588.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must beg you to alter the mistake made in your list of Stewards—Bro. Terry's list Benevolent Institution. I am put down as representing 1423, donation £15 16s. od. My donation was £22 5s. od. Kindly rectify this mistake in your next, and oblige,

Yours fraternally, J. FAULKNER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,

The amount of my list as Steward of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, is £5. 5. 0 more than you published for the charity. The extra amount I was only able to give to Bro. Terry after my list had been added up. Kindly mention the fact this week, and oblige. Yours fraternally,

JOHN DENCE, J.W. 159.

MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Questions are often put to you, asking for information on points which do not seem very clear in the Book of Constitutions. But it is not right to take up your space to ask questions which are perfectly clear, and admit of no doubt whatever. Thus, W. M. C. N., asks why he and other P.P. Grand Stewards are not allowed to wear the red apron and collar after their year of office. The reply is simply, that according to the Book of Constitutions (see Prov. Grand Stewards) "when out of office they are no longer entitled to wear crimson aprons and collars." Nor during their year of office are they entitled to wear them out of their own province—that is, they are not allowed to appear as "Grand Stewards." The "Prov. Grand Steward," pays a fee of 10s. 6d., the "Grand Steward" has to pay his share of the expenses of Grand Festival, amounting, I am told, to about £20. I presume this information will satisfy C.N. and his friends.

MAGNUS OHREN,

P.P. Grand Warden Surrey.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you or any of your readers give me a list of Grand Masters since the Duke of Cumberland, with the dates of their first election?

Also in what year (between 1784 and 1815) were blue collars and aprons trimmed with blue authorized in lodges?

Yours fraternally,

A. T.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly answer the following question in your next impression:—

Has the W.M. of a lodge, as Chairman, the right to address any remarks as Chairman on any motion before or after the proposer replies?

Or, in other words, on any motion is the Chairman or the proposer the last speaker before the vote?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

QUEST.

[1. The W.M. has clearly a right to state his opinion to the lodge on the matter submitted. 2. The proposer, if a brother, has a right to reply.—ED.]

THE TEMPLE CHURCH.—Special evening services will be held in the Temple Church on the seven Wednesdays in Lent. The church will be open to the public on these occasions without orders of admission.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

The following are the two important extracts, quoted by Bro. W. J. Hughan in his letter to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and which we alluded to in the last *Freemason*:

"*St. James's Evening Post*, September 7th, 1734.—We hear from Paris that a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was lately held there at Her Grace the Duchess of Portsmouth's house, where His Grace the Duke of Richmond, assisted by another English nobleman of distinction there, President Montesquieu, Brigadier Churchill, Ed. Yonge, Esq., Registrar of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Walter Strickland, Esq., admitted several persons of distinction into that most Ancient and Honourable Society."

"September 20, 1735.—They write from Paris that His Grace the Duke of Richmond and the Rev. Dr. Desaguliers, formerly Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, and now authorised by the present Grand Master (under his hand and seal and the seal of the Order), having called a lodge at the Hotel Bussy, in the Rue Bussy, His Excellency the Earl of Waldegrave, His Majesty's ambassador to the French King, the Right Honourable the President Montesquieu, the Marquis de Lomurea, Lord Dursley, son to the Earl of Berkley, the Hon. Mr. Fitz-Williams, Messieurs Knight, father and son, Dr. Hickman, and several other persons, both French and English, were present, and the following noblemen and gentlemen were admitted to the order; namely, His Grace the Duke of Kingston, the Honourable the Count de St. Florentin, Secretary of State to his most Christian Majesty, the Right Honourable the Lord Chewton, son to Earl Waldegrave, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Armiger, Mr. Colton, and Mr. Clement, after which the new brethren gave a handsome entertainment to all the company."

CONSECRATION OF THE WOLSEY LODGE, No. 1656.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., the roll of the Masonic Province of Middlesex received another addition to its already numerous lodges. The site fixed for the head quarters of the lodge was the old White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick. At a very early hour of the afternoon the quietness of the picturesque village street was broken by the frequent arrivals of distinguished Masonic celebrities, from town and elsewhere. Amongst the first to arrive at the scene of action were Bros. the R.W. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex; R. W. Little, D.P.G.M.; Buss, P.G.J.W. and Treas.; F. Walters, P.J.G.D.; J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P.; Cartwright, P.M. 889, P.P.S.G.W. of Kent; Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. of Surrey.

The officers appointed by Grand Lodge to carry out the ceremonies of consecration and installation were Bros. Colonel Burdett, Little, and Buss.

The small but handsomely appointed lodge-room at the time the proceedings commenced presented a very striking effect. In addition to the brethren already named there were present, as visitors, Bros. Platt, P.M. 23, &c.; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140, &c.; Hill, P.M. 157, &c.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, &c.; Buckland, P.M. 205, &c.; Honeywell, P.M. 889; Kraeutler, J.W. 1303; Mitau, S.D. 889; Fenn, 243; F. Hunt, 889; Pearman, 889; J. E. Hunt, 1512; Moody, 1512; Murphy, 1512; Fricker. Amongst the numerous apologies for non-attendance at the ceremony were letters from Bros. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of Jamaica; and Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., &c. The founders present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M. designate; B. Sharp, P.M. 84, &c., S.W. designate; J. Bond, P.M. 889, J.W. designate; the Rev. F. C. de Crespigny, P.M. 708, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex; J. Hurst, W.M. 1512; T. Walls, J.W. 1381, &c.; T. W. Ockenden, I.G. 1512; Aston and Andrews, 1512. The presiding officer appointed Bros. Little as P.M.; De Crespigny as Chaplain; F. Walters as S.W.; Baldwin as J.W.; and Buss and Elsham as D.C. and I.G. respectively, to assist him in the "work," which was throughout most ably and impressively performed. The ceremony of installation having also been well carried out, the investiture of officers took place as follows: Bro. Sharp, S.W.; Bond, J.W.; J. Hammond, Hon. I.P.M.; De Crespigny, Chap.; Ockenden, Sec.; Aston, S.D.; Hurst, J.D.; Walls, I.G. and D.C. pro tem. The election and appointment of Treasurer and Tyler stand over until the next meeting. The following were unanimously elected honorary members: Bros. the R.W. Colonel Burdett, Little, Buss, Walters, Baldwin, and Honeywell. Several propositions for initiation and joining having been handed in, and Bro. Bond, J.W., appointed Steward to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the lodge was closed until the first Monday in March, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Andrews, and assistants.

The preliminary royal and Craft toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M. of Middlesex," a toast which he said must command their sympathy and appreciation, because he, the P.G.M., had not only graced the proceedings that day with his presence, but had most ably and effectively carried them out. Colonel Burdett had, to the satisfaction of all grades in the Craft during the seven years he had been at the head of the province, acted most impartially and zealously in the discharge of his high office. In conclusion the W.M. said that they must not forget that there were upwards of twenty lodges in the province, and that they entailed a great deal of labour and anxiety upon their distinguished chief.

This toast having been duly honoured, Colonel Burdett replied by stating that he had had considerable difficulty in being present that day, but having been enabled to do so, he was proud at being again a consecrating officer of a new lodge, and in a new district. He was gratified with the whole proceedings. The Wolsey must be a good lodge, because it had a good Master at its head, one who brought a large experience to bear upon his duties. Middlesex occupied a grand position at the present time, and might in the course of a few years be one of the greatest Masonic provinces in the kingdom. In concluding, he returned his most sincere thanks for the warm manner that they had responded to his health.

In giving "The Health of the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Little, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Past and Present," the W.M. said that he was pleased that the Wolsey should be the first of the Middlesex lodges to congratulate Bro. Little upon his preferment, which appointment he was sure would meet with the most unqualified approval. The D.P.G.M. briefly replied by thanking the P.G.M. and the W.M. for the kind expressions they had used, and at the same time he took that, the first public opportunity he had had of thanking Colonel Burdett for the great honour he had done him by appointing him his Deputy over so important a province as that of Middlesex. In speaking of the other Provincial Officers present, whom he remarked were all worthy of "the purple," Bro. Little said that the name of Bro. Buss, G.J.W. and Treas., was a "household word," that Bro. W. Hammond, P.G.D., was a thorough master of the Masonic art, that Bro. F. Walters, G.J.D., the veteran and indefatigable Secretary of many lodges, was always ready to give the benefit of his advice to all P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and Secretaries needing the same, and that Bro. Baldwin, A.G.P., was a most worthy Mason.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the R.W. P.G.M. in a very kind speech. In the course of his remarks he said that the position of W.M. entailed a great deal of responsibility, and that to carry out the duties well it also required a large amount of ability. He believed that Bro. Hammond was fully competent in every respect to reflect credit upon the Wolsey Lodge, and he was pleased at being in a position to propose his health as W.M. of No. 1656, the 25th lodge in the Province of Middlesex.

The W.M., in reply, stated that he felt sensible of the great honour placed upon him by establishing a new lodge, but he believed that it was needed in that portion of the district. It was the fourth lodge he had had the honour of governing as Master, and he hoped it would be a success. His motto during his Masonic career had been "Excelsior," and his chief aim to disseminate the benevolent principles of the Order, charity being in his opinion the acmé of Freemasonry. (Hear.)

The toast of "The Consecrating Officers" followed, and having been duly honoured, Bro. Buss replied by stating that as D.C., he had been gratified at the manner in which the lodge had been consecrated by his superior officers. In speaking of other matters, he called attention to the fact that in the admission of initiates "quality" should be considered before "quantity." Freemasonry was increasing, and so were the applications to the Board of Benevolence, and consequently they should be very careful whom they introduced. If this supervision was not exercised the result of the laxity would be to increase the number of claimants for the benefits of the charities, which would in time undermine the very foundations of the Order. In conclusion, he thanked the lodge upon behalf of the Consecrating Officers and himself for the honour it had done them by electing them honorary members.

The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," said that as "good wine needed no bush," he should not dilate upon the toast, but would merely state that the brethren of the Wolsey Lodge gave them all a hearty welcome, and hoped to see them again.

Bro. Elsam, speaking for himself and the rest of the visitors, said that it had afforded them very great pleasure at being present that day. Personally he was proud at seeing one of his oldest friends occupying the chair of K.S. for the fourth time. Bro. Hammond had introduced him into the Jordan Lodge, and of that lodge he (Bro. Elsam) was now the Master. In conclusion, he said the Wolsey Lodge was bound to prosper, and in time he believed it would be equal to any in the province.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and having been duly responded to, the Tyler's toast was called, and the brethren separated.

The proceedings were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Honeywell, Walls, and Hunt.

Reviews.

CASSELL'S HOUSEHOLD GUIDE TO EVERY DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL LIFE, No. 1.—Cassell, Petter, & Galpin. This seems to us to be a very useful undertaking. We have read No. 1 with much pleasure and interest, and we think that the work is likely to be very popular. It contains a great deal of valuable information, easily mastered, and lucidly laid down, and may be considered as a household vade mecum to each industrious housewife, to every "Bon Père de Famille." Its topics are various, and range from cooking to the aquarium, from carpentering to domestic medicine, from recipes for the kitchen to the rearing of children, and all are worth studying, and all are well put before us. We shall await No. 2 with interest, feeling sure that it will maintain the practical characteristics of No. 1.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LIVERPOOL ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY.

We have received the above, and have had our attention called to a paper entitled "A plea for the future protection of our Ancient Cathedrals," by Samuel Huggins

The gist of the paper is practically a protest against restoration. If we understand the writer's words aright, he would not restore, he would leave the cathedrals in "statu quo," as he seems to lean to the sentimental side of the question, and is apparently an advocate for the "interesting ruin," and for "hoar decay." But such a suggestion is not a practical view of the question at all, according to our notions, and is not likely to find favour with the practical English mind. We all have a great desire to utilize everything that can be utilized, and, therefore, we would naturally repair for further worship, many interesting relics of the past, which only require the favouring hand of Sir Gilbert Scott, or some other skilled architect, to restore them to pristine beauty, and practical utility. Thus we differ, we are sorry to say, "toto celo" with Mr. Huggins, and, we confess, we are almost surprised that a view which is antagonistic to the current opinion and common sense of Englishmen, could find favour with any. But having said this honestly in all "bonâ fides" we are quite willing to admit that the paper is very well written, and also that in this free country even "paradoxes" should be fairly listened to. We cannot, of course, as Freemasons, follow Mr. Huggins into his theological contentions, but as he has kindly made an appeal to our Order, we may say that we feel deeply interested, (without any question of mere denominational fervour), in aiding to repair and restore those masterpieces of architectural skill, which Operative Masonry raised on high, to the honour of God and the welfare of man.

THE LEATHER TRADES CIRCULAR, &c. — W. Speaight & Sons, 98, Fetter-lane.

Though we are not quite prepared to say that there is "nothing like leather," yet we are free to confess that there is a good deal in it, and remembering the importance of leather to the community at large, and the large amount of capital embarked in the manufacture of leather in this country, are not surprised to hear that that well-to-do trade has a special organ of its own for its information and protection. It has reached its 10th year of publication, and is, despite its limited character, an interesting publication. It is a good thing for us all to look at times a little below the surface of things, and to realize what is going on in the world, and to master the first principles, whether of commerce or of trade. We are struck with the advertisements for machinery, as it shows what revolution in the labour market is going on quietly amongst us.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Pennsylvania, 1876; Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, 1876; Great Priory of Canada, 1876.

We have received and read these "Transactions" with great pleasure. We thank the courteous senders of them sincerely, and we can only add that while we rejoice honestly in the prosperity of these various bodies of American Craft, Arch, and High Grades, we are deeply struck with the solidity of their organization, and the clearness and ability with which all their proceedings are set forth. We note one or two variations, and in our opinion anomalies in their systems, and we shall shortly call attention to one or two of them in a leading article.

THE ROSICRUCIAN, Nos. 4 & 5.—GEORGE KENNING.

We take these two numbers together, and beg to commend them to our readers. Their contents are very varied, and very interesting. They are well edited, and all will be glad to learn that our esteemed and able Bro. R. W. Little is in better health, and able to superintend these literary labours of his, as well as to devote his energies to that admirable institution of which he is the zealous and indefatigable Secretary. We have read both these last numbers of the Rosicrucian with much pleasure, and though not belonging to the High Grades ourselves, we quite concede the fact that they include a most distinguished body of men, equally distinguished by their high character and literary attainments.

THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

We publish the following letter:—
To the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason and the Members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland:
M.W. Grand Sir, and Brethren,

I beg respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary, now vacant by the resignation of Bro. Laurie.

I have long been connected with the Craft, and possess a thorough knowledge of Freemasonry in all its degrees. For many years I have made its history my especial study. I have written the Histories of the Lodge Mother Kilwinning, and the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel). The latter work, which embraces an account of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland, has been characterised by Mr. John Hill Burton as "a valuable addition to the history of the country."

I edited the second British Edition of "The History of Freemasonry, from its Origin to the Present Day" by Bro. J. G. Findel, of Leipzig—a Work recognised in all countries as a standard authority.

I have also been a contributor of articles on Freemasonry and kindred subjects to all the leading Masonic Magazines and periodicals which have existed in Britain during the last twenty years. Many of these contributions have been reproduced in the French, German, and American Masonic periodicals. A German translation on my Notes on Mother Kilwinning, by Dr. Mersdorf, a brother of distinction, has been published separately.

I have for many year been a member of Grand Lodge and am conversant with its affairs.

In requesting your vote and influence on my behalf, I

beg to assure you that, if elected to the office, nothing will be awaiting on my part to discharge its duties with efficiency and zeal.

I am, Most Worshipful Grand Sir, and Brethren, yours fraternally,
D. MURRAY LYON.
Ayr, February 16, 1877.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 2, 1877.
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, FEBRUARY 24.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
Lodge 4, Royal Somerset and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle L. of Harmony, Willis's R., St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H.

- 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 T.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's R., St. James's.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F. M. H.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Chamberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Constitutional, Wheatseaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street.
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.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
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.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1.

- Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledo.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.

Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
 " 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
 Encamp. 179, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
FRIDAY, MARCH 2.
 Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
 Chap. 3, Fidelity,
 " 8, British, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
 St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
 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, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Princes Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor., Hammersmith-d.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 3, 1877.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
 Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
 " 613, Unity, Palatine B., Neville-st., Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.
 Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adclphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Com. Hot., Ormskirk.
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
THURSDAY, MARCH 1.
 Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1475, Bootle, Assem. R., Bootle.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
FRIDAY, MARCH 2.
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 3, 1877.
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
 " 103, Union and Crown, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
 " 292, St. John, Bishop-st., Rothesay.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.
 " 426, Prince of Wales, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.
 " 543, St. John, M.H., Dalmauir.
 " 579, St. Bryde, M.H., Uddingston.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-st., Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
 Lodge 505, Burns St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
 " 510, Maryhill, M.H., Main-st., Maryhill.
 Chap. 73, Caledonian of Unity, 213, Buchanan-st.
THURSDAY, MARCH 1.
 Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, M.H., Kilwinning.
 " 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.
 " 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
 " 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Arms, Irvine.
 " 157, St. John Kilwinning, M.H., Beith.
 " 105, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.
 " 290, Blair, White Hart Hot., Dalry.
 " 320, St. John, R.A., M.H., Saltcoats & Ardrossan.
 " 370, Renfrew Kilw., 8, High-st., Paisley.
 " 465, St. Andrew, 69, Garnagard-rd., Glasgow, 7'30.
 " 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.
 Chap. 114, Baron of Renfrew, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.
FRIDAY, MARCH 2.
 Lodge 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, M.H., Hamilton.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
 " 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.
 " 217, Cumberland Kilw., Old T.H., Port Glasgow.
 " 242, Houston St. Johnstone, Cross Keys, Johnstone.
 " 275, Shamrock & Thistle, 22, Struthers-st., Glsqw.
 " 335, Argyle, Drill Hall, Dunoon.
 " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
 " 408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
 " 459, Kelburne, Cumbrae Hot., Millport.
 " 512, Thorntree, School House, Thornliebank.
 " 553, St. Vincent, 221, Dumbarton-rd.
 Chap. 112, Paisley, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
SATURDAY, MARCH 3.
 Lodge 458, St. John, Wilson's Hall, Busby.
 " 544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.

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For the Week ending Saturday, March 3, 1877.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
 Lodge 349, St. Clair, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.
 Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall.
 Chap. 40, Naval and Military, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
 Lodge 112, St. John, Royal Hot., Musselburgh.
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