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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. Bro. H. J. Tuson, W.M., presided, and raised Bros. J. Davis and G. C. Whibley to the Third Degree. Bro. F. Walters, Prov. G.J.D., Middlesex, was then requested to take the chair; for the purpose of installing Bro. J. J. Parkes, S.W., and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. Walters complied with the request, and Bro. Parkes was duly installed, Bros. G. and W. Andrews assisting, delivering addresses, &c. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. J. Baxter Langley, P.M., S.W.; G. T. Linn, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec. (15th time); R. Harman, S.D.; J. G. Vohmann, J.D.; G. Harvey, I.G.; H. J. Fisher, Organist; G. Andrews, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Tuson, I.P.M., W.S., and J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Bros. Walters and Andrews, after which the Audit Committee's report was read and adopted. Lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well supplied by Bro. Porter. A very large number of brethren were present, and among the visitors were Bros. W. Etheridge, 329; J. J. Hutchings, J.D. 147; G. Robinson, 1257; R. White, 1107; E. Solomons, 194, New York; T. Gambrell, 1194; J. Roper, P.M. 147; G. Dawkins, 79; R. P. Hooton, P.M. 765, 1572; C. Deakin, P.M. 1178; A. Skinner, 177; G. Willcocks, 1314; W. T. Lover, W.M. 1178; D. Fuchs, 217; C. G. Rushworth, W.M. 1309; R. J. Dart, 192; T. Fisher, 192; J. Cook, 192; G. Davies, 177; J. Dixon, P.M. 73, P.M. 871; R. Griggs, P.M. 228; G. Chapman, P.M. 147; F. Thornton, 1559; and H. Massey (*Freemason*). The Past Masters present were Bros. J. Truelove and H. A. Collington, besides the Past Masters before enumerated. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were proposed, "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. G.M.," "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Bro. Tuson, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he felt a pleasure in doing so, because he knew the lodge had a Master this year who would do it credit. He had worked in the different offices with him for a long time, and from the way in which he had conducted his duties there could be no doubt he was the right man in the right place. The W.M. responded, and said he was deeply indebted to his kind friend for the flattering way in which he had placed the name of the W.M. before them; but good report had been given of so many of the W.M.'s of this lodge, that it reminded him of the tale of the child who could not discover where the bad people were buried, because, according to the tombstones, they were all good people. Every Master that was installed in the Royal Oak Lodge seemed better than his predecessor, and if they went on in that way, when the youngest member of the lodge got to the chair he would be simply perfect. It was part of the ritual almost for the Master to say when he was installed that it was the proudest moment of his life. But in that lodge they perfectly understood each other, and it was not necessary for him to say so. If he was not up to what he was it was not the fault of his father, for he had endeavoured to teach him a very great deal. He had been introduced into Freemasonry by his respected father-in-law, Bro. Andrews, and of course, as the father, so the son; if the father spared the rod, or the child was not nursed properly, they must lay it to Bro. Andrews. After having gone through the usual routine of office from I.G. to S.W. he had at length arrived at the chair of the lodge. A very great deal he owed, no doubt, to the quiet order of succession; but still he knew among all the brethren present there was a very kindly feeling existing, and nothing had convinced him more of this than the way they had overlooked all his imperfections and had taken him simply more on what he had tried to be than on what he had been. He hoped to be what the Master of a lodge should be, but he much feared they would discover many imperfections in him in the course of the year. He would do his best, however. Without the help of the brethren he could not hope to succeed, and without their help he would not attempt to succeed. He hoped to have the kindly feelings of every brother of the lodge, and he was convinced that if they would only give him their support his must be a successful year. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors." After expressing the pleasure the lodge felt at receiving visitors, he said they had that evening many

brethren of mark and distinction present, brethren whom they were proud to acknowledge as their old friends. He believed and hoped that he was not speaking out of place when he said they had one visitor who was the first Master of the Royal Oak Lodge. There were many visitors who had been there before, and there were one or two of his own personal friends. Bro. Dixon replied. If he had been only an ordinary visitor he would have gone through the ordinary form in returning thanks by saying how deeply the visitors were indebted to the Master for proposing, and to the brethren for responding, as well as how pleased the visitors were with the way in which the lodge ceremonies had been worked; but as an old P.M., and first W.M. of the lodge, he responded with more than ordinary feelings of pleasure, because it was very gratifying to see the ceremony of installation worked in a most perfect manner, for that ceremony was, perhaps, the criterion by which an old P.M. would judge of the general working of a lodge. Where they had a number of P.M.'s competent to discharge their duties in the admirable manner that they had done that evening, it was quite a sufficient guarantee that the other ceremonies were carried out properly. He had not only to thank them for their cordial reception and the treat he had experienced, but as one of the founders of the lodge, who occupied in 1862 the position the W.M. now occupied, he was delighted to come among the brethren once more, and to find that this lodge had prospered so well, that it was such a numerous and respectable lodge. No one could wish it success more than he did. He was glad to find that Masonry had prospered in that neighbourhood. At the request of their esteemed friend, Bro. Walters, he had lent them a helping hand at first, but this Royal Oak Lodge was so strong a child, it threw so well, it had such an able superintendent in the person of Bro. Collington, that it soon became quite unnecessary for him (Dr. Dixon) to come from London to give them assistance. His heart had always been with them, and he never had Bro. Walters at his house without asking him how the lodge was getting on. He had always been glad to hear the best news respecting it. Bro. Walters had over and over again invited him to visit the lodge, but circumstances had constantly prevented him, much to his regret. However, there he was that night, and he thanked the brethren for the cordial reception they had given him. He wished them every prosperity in the future, and from the way in which the W.M. had commenced the duties of his office he had no doubt when his year of office expired they would accord him as cordial a vote of thanks as they had given him a hearty welcome. Some of the other visitors also responded, and the W.M. then proposed "The P.M.'s." In that lodge they were peculiarly fortunate in having brethren who not only possessed the ability to help but also had that kindly feeling which at all times placed them at the disposal of every member of the lodge. After descending on the merits of Bro. Dixon and Bro. F. Walters, he referred to Bro. Collington, who, he said, had always been a friend to them, and had come to their rescue many times—was always ready to devote himself to the lodge. If there were any ceremonies wanted to be worked he had known him come at great inconvenience to himself and do them. Then there was their Treasurer, who if they wanted to overdraw let them do so to an unlimited extent. There was also Bro. Truelove, who had always been their good friend and helped them at many times. Another P.M., Bro. Andrews, was so fortunately situated that his domestic affairs would allow him to devote great attention to the lodge without any detriment to his wife or family. (Laughter.) There was likewise the I.P.M., who was fresh in all the ceremonies, and who had kindly coached him that evening. Bro. Collington acknowledged the toast. The progress that Masonry had made during the last 20 years was appreciable to him, and must be so to all Masons; and nowhere was it more clearly demonstrated than in that lodge. As one of the founders of the lodge and its second Master, after his esteemed friend, Dr. Dixon, he assured the brethren that when they met they were but ten or twelve strong; it afforded a vast contrast to the present numerous assemblage. It shewed how the lodge had prospered; and under what conditions had it prospered? By having true and good Masons as W.M.'s at the head of the lodge, and so long as they exercised their privilege as Masons, and only allowed such men to come into Masonry as were fit to become Masters of the lodge, so long must the lodge prosper. It was very pleasing to him to see such a gathering there that night, and so many P.M.'s, and it was also very gratifying to find such men in office that the assistance of the P.M.'s was not wanted to help them. Nevertheless, if ever the assistance of the P.M.'s were sought, their services would be given with the greatest pleasure. Dr. Baxter Langley, S.W., responding to the toast of "The Officers," said that his idea of the duties of an officer of a Masonic lodge was that they were not confined to the lodge. An officer had many duties to perform, and in fact, a life to lead. That life should be one which would produce a kindly sentiment and good feeling in every circle in which he moved. In that lodge he felt they had passed through a very critical period, and he owed very much personally to the kind feelings and consideration of the members of the lodge generally that he occupied the position which he had now the honour to hold, and for which he thanked them with all sincerity and good feeling. He could assure the W.M. that for his own part he should give him a loyal and earnest support as far as his abilities went; and he hoped during the Master's year of office they might all succeed in bringing the hearts of the members closer together than they were at the beginning of the year, and that they would end the year even better than they had begun it; that they might feel they had many dear friends in the lodge that they did not know at the beginning of the year. The other officers also replied and the W.M. having proposed "The Press," for which Bro. Massey responded, gave "The Charities."

In the course of his remarks he said that although the brethren did not want to placard themselves on the back as charitable, yet they wished in their own lives individually and collectively to support the charities. Charity did not always mean giving money out of their pockets. Masons knew that charity in its higher sense meant brotherly love; and if they had not the means of giving funds to their Masonic charities they so particularly delighted in, they felt that as Masons they not only loved one another, but in a greater proportion, though the outer world did not feel it directly, they did benefit the outer world. They did not boast or placard this to the public; they were content to do their duty according to their Masonic obligations, and by agreement among themselves they did it to the best of their ability. Some were blessed with this world's goods, and did good to the utmost of their power. In that lodge there were brethren who supported the Masonic institutions to their utmost. There were brethren in the lodge who had devoted their time, their substance, and their influence to the benefit of those glorious charities which they felt an honour to themselves and to the Craft, and to the country. There was one brother particularly he would mention, Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley, and there was a P.M. who was Steward last year, and who mulcted the brethren of several half-crowns for a "draw." They knew how hard he worked; in fact he was not satisfied with one "draw," but he had a second to enlarge his list. He got it, and he received a jewel which represented that he had done his work honourably and truly. This was Bro. Tuson. Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley, in reply, said that he no longer joined Freemasonry than he found its prominent characteristic was charity. Delighted as he was with the ceremony of initiation he felt it his duty at once to become a life governor of all the Masonic charities. He had every reason to hope that he should continue in that course, and he trusted that before he had passed the chair of this lodge, if ever he should be honoured with that distinction, he should be a Vice-President of all the Masonic charities, and have represented the lodge at the festivals of each of them. Shakespeare had said that happiness was born a twin, and the heart that threw itself around the sphere in which it found itself must be of necessity a happy, happy thing. In that spirit he always thought that those who sought happiness should seek it through blessing those around them, and create a life of happiness and blessedness in them. If there was any duty prominent among Masons, it was the making others happy. There was a story very prettily told in one of Sir Walter Scott's novels, in which a poor girl who had sacrificed everything thought precious to women to a very worthless person, had a sister who travelled all the way to London through difficulties, trials, temptations, starvation, and distress to seek the ear of the Queen, and to obtain pardon for her lost sister; and when she had obtained the ear of the Royal lady, she was asked how it was that she had travelled so far and suffered so much for a person so worthless as her sister; and she replied, in words that should be written in every Mason's heart at least: "Oh, my liddle, when the hour o' trouble comes, that comes to many a body, and when the hour o' death comes, that comes to high and low, it is na' what we hae done for ourselves, but what we hae done for others that we think o' most pressing." This he considered was the principle of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) The brethren shortly afterwards separated. During the evening several members of the lodge and visitors gave some excellent musical performances.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this recently founded but prosperous lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 16th ult. The lodge was opened at 3 p.m. Amongst those present were Bros. Dwarber, W.M.; Wellman, S.W., W.M. elect; Dalwood, J.W.; Praed, P.M., Treas.; Tisley, Sec.; Dobson, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Woodbridge, I.G.; Williams, P.O. of Middlesex, Org.; and the following honorary members: Bros. Albert, G.P.; J. Smith, P.G.P.; and Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Auditors received and adopted, the W.M. raised Bro. Pearce, and passed Bros. R. H. Clemow, Benningfield, Bamber, and Giscard, the ceremonies being well performed. The inducting of the S.W. into the chair of K.S. then commenced. The ceremonial was entirely carried out by Bro. Dwarber, assisted by Bro. Albert J. Smith, and other Past Masters, and was very impressively performed. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Dalwood, S.W.; Dobson, J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Mannors, I.G.; Low, D.C.; Bull, W.S.; Praed, P.M., &c., Treas.; Tisley, Sec.; Williams, Org.; Gilbert, Tyler. The work concluded by the W.M. initiating Mr. Tilby, organist of St. Dunstan's Church, into Craft mysteries, the "work" being exceedingly well executed. The lodge being closed until the third Friday in March next, the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, which was well served in the Pillar Room. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Hogg, P.G.S.; Baxter, W.M. Grand Steward's Lodge; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex; Dosell, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Dunn, P.M. 34; Robertson, P.M. 55; Webb, P.M. 72; Alexander, P.M. 188; Sprague, P.M. 190; Hooper, P.M. 435; W. H. Jackson, P.M. 1360; Egan, W.M. 858; Lee, W.M. 975; Livett, W.M. 1351; Bingemann, W.M. 1599; T. C. Walls, J.W. 1381; and others. The Royal and Craft toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed "The Pro. G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupled with the name of Bro. Albert, G.P., who briefly replied by stating that he was gratified at the manner in which his name had been connected with the toast, and also at the cordial way in which the brethren had responded to it. He was afraid, however, he should not be able to do justice to the toast. He then went on to speak of the merits of many of the officers of Grand Lodge, and concluded by congratulating the St. Dunstan's Lodge upon its progress since

its consecration. In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. took occasion to mention the fact, that their newly admitted brother was the Assistant Secretary to the "Home for Little Boys," and as Freemasonry was one of the greatest charitable institutions in the world, Bro. Tilby, in consequence of his connection with a very useful charity, would be doubly welcome to the Craft. He was also organist to the parish church, and as parish men and brothers they gave him a most cordial greeting. This toast having been warmly received, the Initiate responded by stating that he had experienced great pleasure that evening by being admitted one of their distinguished body. He had always taken a great interest in reading of their great benevolent institutions, and as he was connected with one of the charities of the Metropolis, he had thought that he ought to become a member of so good a society. The I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said that No. 1589, as a representative lodge, would for years to come be governed by brothers who had held, or were holding, office in the parish, namely, churchwardens, overseers, Common Councilmen, and others. They had the vestry clerk for a Secretary, and long might he continue to hold that position. The health of the W.M. needed no recommendation from him to make it welcome amongst them. In concluding, he said that if he were to speak for an hour he could not say more than this, "that the good Masonic barque St. Dunstan was fairly launched, and with Bro. Wellsman at the helm it was impossible for it to founder." The W.M., in reply, said that he was very delighted at the welcome that they had given him that evening, and if at the end of his year he should have done as well as the I.P.M. had presaged for him, he should be happy indeed. In the course of his speech he said that when he became Master of his mother lodge he thought that a very proud moment, but in being the second Master and a founder of No. 1589, which bids fair to become a most powerful lodge, he felt even greater satisfaction. In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. said that Bro. Dwarber had had an anxious and onerous year of office, because he had been a "continual worker." Those that had had the pleasure of seeing the I.P.M. do the installation work in the lodge that day must have been astonished. Personally he felt under great obligations to him, and he should endeavour to emulate his example in the chair. In conclusion, he presented Bro. Dwarber with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, with a hope that he might live many years to wear it in the lodge he had ruled so well. The device in gold represents St. Dunstan in full episcopal attire, "with mitre and ring, pastoral staff, and all that sort of thing," and is suitably inscribed. The I.P.M., in the course of an excellent and feeling speech, said he did not know whether he had deserved all the kind encomiums that had been passed upon him that evening by the W.M. He had been many years connected with the parish, and he believed he had done good suit and service in it. He was proud of St. Dunstan's, because it was the first parish in the City of London, and he was of opinion that in a very short time their local lodge would be the chief representative lodge in the metropolis; and in concluding his address he said he should ever regard his Mastership of No. 1589 as one of the most agreeable episodes of his life. "The Health of the Visitors" followed. In proposing this the W.M. said it was a sign that they were going on well when they were favoured on that occasion by so many visiting brethren. It was a good old custom of the Masonic fraternity to entertain visitors, because it was pleasant for the members of the lodge to see them at their work, and afterwards to dispense its hospitality at the social board. They were favoured with the presence amongst them that evening of many brethren who had given up other Masonic engagements in order to be present, and he hoped that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In conclusion, in the name of the lodge, he gave them all a hearty welcome, and that they, the members of No. 1589, would be glad to see them again. This toast having been warmly received was acknowledged by several prominent visitors present. "The Masonic Charities" came next, and the W.M., in briefly introducing the toast, said that it was very gratifying for him as one of the Stewards to state that at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 12th ult., in round numbers, the sum of £12,800 had been collected. He coupled with the toast the names of two distinguished Secretaries of the Masonic Charities present, namely, Bros. Binckes and Terry. Bro. Binckes remarked, in speaking of the Charities generally, that to put forth rival claims for the assistance of the benevolent on behalf of any particular Charity would be simply preposterous, and also to make comparisons between them would be invidious, because they were all worthy of support. The committees of the schools, however, wanted to raise money in order to extend those excellent institutions, and thereby be enabled to give accommodation to 200 girls and 300 boys, instead of the limited number of recipients as now existed. There was an enormous increase in the Order, and consequently there would be a very great increase in the demands upon the resources of the Masonic institutions. They were all familiar with the expression "Move on," and the cry in Masonry now was, "Move on," but they must not forget that progression has its drawbacks. Bro. Terry had been heard to say that "if there had been no old men and women there would have been no boys and girls," and he (Bro. Binckes) was of opinion that "if there had been no boys and girls there would have been no old men and women." In conclusion, he made a powerful appeal upon behalf of the next festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Terry having also spoken at length upon the Charities, the W.M. proposed "The Officers," which having been duly responded to, the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. During the evening instrumental and vocal harmony was furnished by Bros. T. Lawler, sen. and jun., Walls, Williams, and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Friday in March.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The winter banquet of the above distinguished lodge took place on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at Bro. Young's house, the King's Arms Hotel, Francis-street, upon which occasion upwards of a hundred of the members and visiting brethren assembled to do honour to the lodge, and to partake of the good things so liberally provided for them by the worthy host. There had been, however, before the dinner business commenced, some good work done in lodge, which was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Butt, at half-past four o'clock sharp, the following officers being present beside the W.M.:—Bros. T. Ward, I.P.M.; J. Rowland, P.M.; W. Graham, P.M.; G. D. Crawford, P.M.; C. Hobson, P.M.; E. Bowles, P.M.; Waters, S.W.; A. Woodley, J.W.; F. J. Dawson, Treas., and P.M.; J. Henderson, Sec., and P.M.; J. Warren, S.D.; J. Wilkins, J.D.; E. B. Hobson, I.G.; W. McCoy, D.C.; C. Cooke, Org.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The visitors comprised Bros. W. Weston, W.M. 1536; J. J. Cantle, W.M. 144; F. G. Pownall, W.M. 13, and P.M. 1536; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; W. Gamble, S.W. 706; G. W. Reed, S.W. 13; H. G. Picken, J.W. 1536; T. D. Hayes, J.D. 913; A. Jessup, Treas. 913; D. Deeves, S. 1536; S. Long, 913; T. Huntley, 87; W. A. Watkins, 1536; J. Donnelly, 706 and 1536; G. A. Pillen, 91; and C. Jolly, 913. The lodge having been opened in due form, Messrs. J. T. Aldous, J. M. Larder, and another gentleman, whose name we could not gather, were, after approval, duly initiated into Masonry. Bros. Ross and Hamilton were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hill received the benefits of the Third, all three degrees being worked in such fashion as the Nelson Lodge is pre-eminent at, and most justly so. As there was nothing important before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren sped away to dinner, to which they gave their "unadulterated assurance," and upon its discussion, the W.M., in well-chosen sentences, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most loyally responded to. Bro. Ward, in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said they were all fully aware of the excellent manner in which their W.M. carried out the duties of his position, how he met their wishes, and conduced to their comforts. Every arrangement he made was especially for their gratification, subject, of course, to the interest of the lodge. He (the W.M.) had now passed the meridian of his day as head of the lodge, for when the W.M. of the lodge sat down, as head of it, at their winter banquet, he must feel that the time has arrived for him to think of his successor. But of one thing Bro. Butt might be assured, and that was, that when he left that chair he would leave it with the good wishes of every member of the Nelson Lodge. Bro. Butt, in reply, thanked them for their cordial reception of his name. He knew that he had passed the meridian, but he trusted that under his guidance the good ship Nelson had passed all the shoals and quicksands in her way, and got safely into haven. He trusted for the remainder of his time to still have their confidence and support, and they in return might depend upon his continued efforts for the success and prosperity of the lodge. "The Initiates" were then toasted, and returned thanks. "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Cantle, Weston, Hayes, and Reed replied, the first advocating the principle of visiting lodges, as conducive to a better and uniform system of working, as well as gaining a knowledge of one another, which would be an impossibility without such a system. Bro. Weston said that seven years ago he received two degrees in the Nelson Lodge, and since that time he had always received the greatest courtesy and kindness, from the W.M. downwards, from all; the tie of Masonry had made them friends, and he trusted that friendship would long continue. Bro. Hayes made a few happy remarks, which were supplemented by Bro. Reed, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and after passing many compliments on the senior P.M., Bro. J. Rowland, presented him, in the name of the lodge, with his portrait, splendidly framed and mounted. The portrait is an enlarged photograph, beautifully coloured, showing our esteemed brother in full Masonic clothing, with a Past Master's and R.A. jewel on his breast. Bro. Rowland, in reply, first thanked the W.M. and brethren for their honoured reception of the toast, and then proceeded to thank them individually for their magnificent testimonial, saying that such an one was usually only given to those who had served their country on the field or in the senate, or to those illustrious in art or literature, but what had he done that he should be so honoured?—merely his duty; but he felt proud of it, not because of its mere value, but because he felt that it came to him with the good wishes of every one in the lodge. He regretted that he had neither parent, wife, nor child to share with him the pleasure and the honour of such a moment, but to the longest hour of his life he should feel it; it would be treasured in his heart as a miser treasures his gold, the memory of that night would never pass away. He gave them his assurance of unflinching fidelity, and in conclusion said—I trust that the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. will descend upon you all. From me, worshipful sir, and brethren, receive a deep and lasting debt of gratitude and love. Several other toasts followed, Bro. Young being especially complimented for his splendid menu, and so the evening closed in harmony and good fellowship.

LLANGFNI.—Anglesey Lodge (No. 1113).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 20th ult., at the Bull Hotel, Llangfni, Anglesey. It was expected that Sir Richard-Bulkeley Williams, Bart., the high sheriff of Anglesey, would be initiated, and a large number of brethren from neighbouring lodges attended in honour of the occasion. Much to their regret the worthy baronet was unable to attend. After the formal business, the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet provided by Bro. Crewdson. Bro. Evan Williams, W.M., presided, and the attendance included Bros. Bulkeley

Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Capt. C. Hunter, D.G.M. of Aberdeenshire, P.S.G.W. of Greece; W. L. Banks, P.M., P.G.S.B.; P. C. Roden, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. Sidney Boucher, W.M. 606 (Carnarvon); J. Jones, S.W. 1488; T. H. Warrington, S.W. 1113; J. Pritchard, J.W.; Tegerin Hughes, S.D.; G. Hughes, Sec.; T. L. Kyffin, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain; F. Jones (Bangor), J. Crewdson, J. Treweek, R. Rowlands, Robert Owen, R. F. Halahan, 606, and others.

DOVER.—Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).—The installation of Bro. Henry M. Baker as W.M. for the ensuing year came off on Monday last at the Royal Hotel, Dover, and was altogether a great success, between 70 and 80 being present. Amongst those present were Bros. G. Adamson, Sen., P.M. 1208, P.P.G.A.D.; Popkiss, P.M. 1208, P.G.A.D.; Fuhr, P.M. 1208, P.P.G.A.D.; Smeeth, P.M. 1208, Sec.; Holmes, S.W. 1208; G. Adamson, jun., J.W. 1208; Fenn, S.D. 1208; Jacques, J.D. 1208; R. W. Philpott, I.G. 1208; Cullen, Tyler 1208; Bloomfield, Bray, Wright, Newing, Lester, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. B. W. Briggs, 558; Emerson, P.M. 1206, P.P.G.J.W.; Bird, P.M. 784, P.G.S.W.; Coram, P.M. 199, P.P.G.P.; Marshall, P.M. 199, P.P.G.S.W.; Wilson, P.M. 199, P.P.G.S.B.; Cessford, P.M. 199, P.P.G.P.; Page, W.M. 1209, P.G.O.; Sheppard, 1043 and 434, P.D.G.S.D. Madras; Denne, P.M. 2091; Talyor, W.M. 1273; Hall, P.M. 31; Hayman, W.M. 784; Crawford, W.M. 127; Turner, W.M. 1449; Hills, P.M. 1206; Woodruff, P.M. 1206; Baker, W.M. 1206; Ayling, W.M. 1096; Giles, W.M. 424; Field, S.W. 1436; Baker, S. 1206; Miskin, 972; Moulding, 942; Plant, S.W. 31; Torkington, 1261; Watts, S.W. 1206; Langley, P.S.W. 784; Hathaway, J.D. 1206; Smith, J.D. 1096; Horne, 1096; Duncan, 907; Jones, 588; Purcell, 434; Beecham, S.W. 723; Lukey, 199, I.G.; Gorton, 199; Igglesden, 1208; G. Smith, 199; Smith, 199; Oldfield, 1208; Birch, 199; Elms, 199; Hurst, 35; Crossier, 1208; Walter, 1208; Welch, 1208; Long, 1208; Twigg, 1028; Watt, 1208; Hearn, 199; Humphrey, 199; Benham, Biggs, and numerous brethren from other lodges. A sumptuous dinner was placed on the table by Bro. Oldfield. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Plant, assisted by Bro. Moulding and Mr. Rhodes. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers;" "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.;" "The V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes; and the Past and Present Provincial Officers." Bro. Bird, in responding, regretted the absence of Bro. Eastes, which was owing to a somewhat severe indisposition. He ever displayed a readiness to meet the brethren in every part of the Province, and by the judicious care he displayed in distributing the honours among the brethren, had won universally their confidence and respect. Bro. Smeeth in giving "The Health of the Worshipful Master," spoke of his great popularity among the brethren; his extraordinary perseverance and generosity, having, as Steward, on two occasions, to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, carried up nearly £500, through which he had been awarded the rare gift of a charity jewel, containing three bars. He sincerely hoped he might have a successful year of office. The toast was received with great applause, accompanied with musical honours. The Worshipful Master in responding said he was extremely thankful for the hearty reception given to him by the brethren, and they might depend that he would do all he could during his year of office to forward the welfare of the Corinthian Lodge. Bro. P.M. Adamson then gave "The Health of the Installing Master," who had performed the onerous duties falling upon him in a most masterly manner. Bro. Emmerson was well known in the whole Province of Kent, and so highly regarded, that it was with extreme satisfaction they had met him on this and other occasions. The toast was very heartily received, and Bro. Emmerson, in returning thanks, said that he had hoped to have the pleasure of installing his friend Bro. Baker in the chair, and he was sure that the great Masonic virtue of charity would find in the new W.M. a warm and earnest advocate. He trusted that his year of office would tend to promote harmony, and that he would cement the respect and affection of every brother of the lodge. The W.M. submitted "The Health of the Visitors," for whom Bro. Briggs responded. The other toasts were "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Masonic Charities," to which Bros. Smeeth, Holmes, and Anderson responded. This concluded one of the most successful Masonic banquets held in the province for some time past.

BUXTON.—Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann (No. 1235).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., and was opened in due form. There were present: Bros. E. C. Milligan, W.M.; E. J. Sykes, S.W.; J. H. Lawson, J.W.; A. A. Bagshawe, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Chaplain; Chas. Adams, Sec.; Philip Le Gros, S.D.; W. Boughen, J.D.; Geo. Marsden, P.P.G.O., Org.; Chas. Wilkinson, I.G.; George Goodwin and Charles Gwinnell, Stewards. Also Bros. Joseph Whalley, J. C. Hyde, W. C. Moore, Henry Wint, Joseph Mortin, Thos. Bragg, P.M., &c., John Oram, William Lees, William Goodwin, and others. Among the visitors were: Bros. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire; H. Turner, P.G.S.W.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317; W. Milligan, P.M. 887; J. S. Wright, P.M. 654; J. Holnett, P.M. 850; M. L. Simpson, P.M. 200; J. Hall, P.M. 210; P. Bramwell, W.M. 654; S. W. Ready, P.M. 654; G. Smedley, jun., 424; G. Huggetts, W.M. 850; W. Wyane Jewine, W.M. 681; L. F. Parkinson, 44; C. E. W. Ferguson, S.W. 654; Alfred H. Young, S.O. 148; W. N. Ivatts, S.W. 884; Ricardo Waltham, 853; J. Neale, 1551; and others. Bro. E. J. Sykes, the W.M. elect, was

introduced by Bros. Sillitoe and Rev. A. A. Bagshawe to the Installing Master, Bro. W. Milligan, and the whole of this important ceremony was done to the entire satisfaction of all present. Afterwards, at the request of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Sillitoe duly invested the following officers for the year:—Bros. J. H. Lawson, S.W.; Philip Le Gros, J.W.; A. A. Bagshawe, P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; Taylor, Treas.; W. Goodwin, Sec.; W. Boughen, S.D.; W. D. Sutton, J.D.; C. Adams, D. of C.; G. Goodwin and C. Gwinnell, Stewards; Joseph Mortin, Standard Bearer; A. Pyle, Tyler. After the business of the lodge was concluded, it was formally closed with the usual ceremonies, and the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge, with the numerous visitors who had honoured them with their presence, adjourned to the Palace Hotel, where dinner had been provided in the dining-room. After dinner there were the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family," were proposed by the newly-elected W.M. These were followed by "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master; The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Grand Lodge of England," proposed by Bro. A. A. Bagshawe; and "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, The Marquis of Hartington, M.P.; the Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, H. C. Okeover, Esq., and the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present," proposed by Bro. W. Milligan. Bro. Thomas Bragg then proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire," coupling with it the name of their distinguished brother, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., the G. Master of that province, who replied in a truly Masonic spirit, and charmed all the brethren by the cordial good feeling he threw into all the proceedings. The following toasts were proposed:—"The Principals of the Chapter, Past and Present," "The Worshipful Master," "The Worshipful Board of Installing Principals and Masters," "The Immediate Past Master of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, 1225," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters and Past Officers of the Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast. In the course of the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. E. C. Milligan, P.M., suitably inscribed, by the members of his lodge, materially assisted by Bro. F. Bragg. The whole proceedings were of a most satisfactory character, showing that the greatest good feeling existed among all the brethren present.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge held its last meeting on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Lion Hotel, when there were present Bros. Hurst, W.M.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, S.W.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, I.P.M. and Treas.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Sec.; Fox, S.D.; Jesset, J.D.; Ockenden, I.G.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; Gutheridge, W.S.; Kent, A.W.S. In the absence of Bro. Hill, J.W., Bro. Kraentler, 1303, officiated in that position. The other visitors were Bros. Martin, 201; White, 552 (India); Bowra, 889. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M. raised Bros. W. A. Messenger and J. Schmitz to the Third Degree, and having vacated the chair, the W.M. then initiated Mr. Caleb Hole into Craft mysteries. Upon the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to head the list of Bro. Ockenden, as Steward to the Girls' Festival in May next. Bro. Hopwood, I.P.M., was recommended to the Provincial Grand Lodge for preferment. A vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to Bro. Hammond for his kindness in presenting the lodge with a very handsome Bible, as a souvenir of his Mastership, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well served collation. The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been disposed of, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in which he expressed the pleasure it afforded him in doing so, because Bro. Hurst had well discharged the duties of the chair in lodge and at the banquet table. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. briefly replied, by stating that he was particularly obliged to the I.P.M. that evening for having kindly undertaken to carry out the ceremonial of raising. If the brethren of the lodge were satisfied with him, he was proud of the position he occupied, but at the same time he felt that he ought to discharge the responsibilities of the chair better than he did. In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. said that the prosperity of the lodge could not continue without the occasional advent of candidates for initiation. The members of the "Hemming" now numbered 38, the majority of whom were initiates. In conclusion, he said that the lodge would always be proud of their initiates while they continued to act according to the principles of Freemasonry. The Initiate having briefly acknowledged the toast, the W.M. rose and proposed "The Health of the Visitors." In the course of his remarks he said that they (the members of No. 1512) were always charmed to receive visitors. The lodge was generally favoured with the company of some distinguished visiting brother, but on that occasion although they were not so honoured, yet they were pleased to welcome four worthy Master Masons, and he hoped that the visit of these brethren had in every way been agreeable to them. Bros. Kraentler, Martin, Bowra, and White, the visitors thus honoured, severally responded. The first-named brother, at the conclusion of his reply, stated that he had been so well received during his visits to the lodge that he wished to present them with a set of "firing" glasses, as a very slight mark of his appreciation of their kindness. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed. In proposing this toast the W.M. said that as the lodge only had two occupying that distinguished grade, and inasmuch as those worthy brethren respectively held the positions of Treasurer and Secretary also, he desired that the toast should be received with double warmth. They all knew that

without the assistance and attention of the Treasurer and Secretary no lodge could hope to succeed. He believed that the Hemming Lodge owed much to the exertions of Bros. Hopwood and Hammond, who held those positions, and discharged them well. This toast having been duly honoured, the Treasurer and Secretary replied. The toast of "The Officers" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. said that he was sorry that Bro. J. Hammond, S.W., had been obliged to leave early in the evening in consequence of indisposition, and that their worthy J.W. had not been able to attend. The members of the lodge, however, knew their merits well, and he believed, as a whole, that no lodge was better officered. The acting S.W. stated, in reply, that although Bro. John Hammond was "absent in the flesh, he was present in spirit." Personally he felt gratified at being the medium of returning thanks upon behalf of so worthy a Mason, and whose praises had been so well and deservedly sung by the W.M. In conclusion, he remarked that he was sure that no brother had the interests of the lodge more at heart than the S.W. had. Bros. Jessett, J.D.; Ockenden, I.G.; and Kent, A.W.S., also replied. "The Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. Ockenden, who will represent the lodge at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The W.M. paid a high compliment to their Steward, who he said was worthy of all the support that could be given to him, because he had on a former occasion proved himself to be thoroughly indefatigable and zealous in the cause of the Masonic necessities. This toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Ockenden gave some interesting statistics of the Masonic institutions, and concluded his reply by making a stirring appeal upon behalf of the particular charity he had undertaken to represent at its forthcoming festival. During the evening Bros. Hurst, Jessett, Walls, Martin, and Schmitz entertained the brethren.

INSTRUCTION.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—There has not been such a large attendance at Bro. Block's, The Crown, Blackfriars-road, as that of Thursday last, since the consecration ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. Terry, eight months ago. As a rule the Fifteen Sections have not attracted the attention and attendance they deserve when worked in our lodges of late. In numerous instances the complaint has been heard, "We had a very poor muster;" "Why didn't you come?" The present case is an agreeable exception, and from the array of names before us it is not difficult to perceive that to Bros. Pulsford, Macdonald, Kent, and Beavis, the general advertising which conduced to the good attendance was mainly due. We would here add our word of appreciation in the matter of the "programme" system which is adopted in connection with the lodges wherein Bro. Beavis takes a prominent part. It is a desirable thing that the names of the brethren assisting in the working should be known to those who are not partakers in the work, and their display on the back of the announcement card saves a deal of whispering "Who is that brother," &c. With but three exceptions, the brethren on the card showed up for their respective sections, so that proof is furnished of the possibility of a hard working Secretary "getting his men together"—and men, too, upon whom he can rely—some time before the appointed day. The officiating officer upon this occasion was the popular Preceptor and Secretary of the mother lodge, Bro. T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, one of the quickest (but by no means hasticest) workers we have met. Bro. Pulsford came into lodge at a few minutes to seven, at which hour it was opened, the officers standing as follows:—Bros. C. Wise, P.M. 1158, as I.P.M.; Kent, P.M. 874, S.W.; Beavis, 1158, J.W.; Wray, S.D. 1604, S.D.; Ernest E. Smith, 1559, J.D.; Block, 1158, I.G.; Stead, Tyler. There were present likewise Bros. J. Wright, P.M. 1158; A. Wright, P.M. and Treas. 1158; Stewart, I.G. 1158; Lugg, 879; Harrington, 879; Farwig, S.D. 180; Taylor, J.D. 753; J. Parker, I.G. 753; Freeland, 879; Brady, Melloy, Leaper, Holland, Holloway, R. W. Simmons, Field, Colegrave, Arnold, Snook, Devereux, J. Sims, Hart, Jeffery, Emery, Coe, Hough, Dowdell, Wells, and one or two more. The lodge having been duly opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed to the First, the business of the evening proceeded thus:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section by.....	Bro. Block, 1158.
2nd "	" Leaper, 1275.
3rd "	" Ernest E. Smith, 1559.
4th "	" Lugg, 879.
5th "	" Beavis, 1158.
6th "	" Kent, P.M. 879.
7th "	" Farwig, S.D. 180.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section by.....	Bro. Wray, J.D. 1604.
2nd "	" Parker, I.G. 755.
3rd "	" Beavis, 1158.
4th "	" Stewart, I.G. 1158.
5th "	" Taylor, J.D. 753.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section by.....	Bro. Wise, P.M. 1158.
2nd "	" Leaper, 1275.
3rd "	" Wray, J.D. 1604.

It is needless to say that under the direction of such an expert as Bro. Pulsford, the evening slipped pleasantly away, and the efficiency of the brethren engaged in the work is testified by the fact that three hours thirty-two minutes covered the time occupied in getting through the three lectures. Bros. Snook, 604; Devereux, J.W. 1423; Sims, 849; Jeffery, J.W. 452; Hart, 1348; Farwig, J.W. 180; Wray, S.D. 1604; Weeks, 749; Dowdell, 1158; Emery, Coe, Hough, and Harrington, all 879, were elected members of this lodge of instruction. The usual vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. Pulsford, was coupled with an unanimous vote that he be elected an honorary member of the lodge.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The regular convocation of this well-established chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, on Saturday, 20th February. The chapter was opened by Comps. G. K. Lemann, M.E.Z.; J. B. Sorrell, H.; Dr. W. S. Wyman, P.Z., as J.; F. Walters, P.Z., P.P. 1st A.G.S. Middx., Treas. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Rudolph Lieberman, 1423, Era Lodge, being in attendance was duly exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The whole working was well given. The M.E.Z., Comp. G. K. Lemann, P.Z., particularly distinguished himself by doing his portion of the ceremony in an impressive, correct, and solemn manner, which caused the Treasurer, Comp. F. Walters, to remark that after his experience of nearly twenty-one years as a Royal Arch Mason, he had never seen any other M.E.Z. ever do it any better than what it had been done by their M.E.Z., and felt it reminded him of the late Comp. Dr. Ladd, P.Z., so justly celebrated in his day as one of the best workers among Royal Arch Masons who ever did the ceremony of exaltation. The P.S., Comp. R. P. Tebb, who did his work for the first time, and whose duties as such add so much to the efficiency of the ceremony, also showed how proficient he had made himself the short time he had been in office. Comp. J. B. Sorrell, as H., did his work very well, maintaining the good reputation of his working both in this chapter and in his mother lodge, the Caveac, where so very many brilliant workers in the Craft have come from, to be a P.M. of the Caveac lodge being of itself a passport that any brother bearing that rank must have done good suit and service before he could have earned it. The other offices were well filled by Comps. R. P. Hooten, P.M. of two distinguished Craft lodge, S. Pounceby, S.N., an officer of the old Constitutional Lodge, 55, where, holding high office, is an aspirant to the chair. In consequence of the meetings of the Sphinx Chapter, and Caveac Chapter clashing, where so many of the companions belong to both, and on this occasion caused the absence of the J., Comps. W.M. Goss (whose neat and admirable working was sorely missed, it being a treat always to witness the correct rendering of any ceremony he undertakes), and P. A. Nairne, P.Z., a notice of motion was given by the Treasurer in his name, as also Comps. P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; and W. M. Goss, J., "that the meeting in October be abolished, or altered to September." It was stated the "Sphinx" had arranged all its other meetings which met on the same day as this chapter, and it was found that they were unable to alter their October meeting, consequently the members named thought to meet that difficulty by proposing that one meeting night be changed, or abolished in this chapter. Great regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Comps. A. Williams, C.E., 1st A.S., and Dr. C. Brown, 2nd A.S., whose professional duties prevented their attendance. It was unanimously resolved that Comp. R. Liebmenn be the Steward to represent this chapter at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held in May, who, at the earnest solicitation of the Treasurer, Comp. F. Walters, had agreed to accept the Stewardship, and to become a life governor of that Institution, no doubt its being a compliment paid to Comp. R. W. Little, the Secretary of the Girls' School (an old honorary member of the chapter) on his being appointed to the high rank of D.P.G.M., Middx., that promotion being as popular as any ever made in the Province of Middlesex. It was understood that some one or two brethren would be introduced at the next meeting, who were ready and anxious to be exalted in this chapter. The business of the meeting being ended, the chapter was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, May 24th, to meet at 5 p.m. Besides those named, Comp. J. Jackson was present. An unusual occurrence, no visitors were present. There not being any banquet or refreshment, the companions separated at the termination of the business.

OLDHAM.—Tudor Chapter (No. 277).—This chapter held its regular meeting on the 19th February, at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street. The minutes of the preceding convocation had been read and confirmed. The installation of the Principals for the ensuing year was proceeded with. This beautiful and impressive ceremony was most ably performed by that most distinguished companion, James Hall, P.Z. of the Athol Chapter, assisted by Comps. W. F. Towle, Prov. G.P.S. of East Lancashire; Joseph Braddock, as M.E.Z. (for the second time); J. J. Midgeley, as H.; and Henry Thomas, as J. The sum of £20 has been voted by this chapter as a donation to the East Lancashire Systematic and Benevolent Institution. At the banquet which followed the toast of "The Visitors" was duly given, and occasion taken to thank Comps. Hall and Towle in the most cordial manner for the great treat afforded to the companions by the careful and very effective way in which they had performed the solemn ceremony of installation of the Principals.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The regular convocation of this chapter took place at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Wednesday, the 21st ult. Amongst those present were Comps. E. E. Phillips, M.E.Z.; A. Lucking, H.; J. A. Wardell, J.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, First Grand Assist. Soj., I.P.Z.; J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. 20, I.C., Scribe E.; W. Pissey, Scribe N.; S. Weston, Treas.; J. Willing, jun., P. Soj.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Second Assist. Soj.; F. Calrow, J. R. Hemmann, F. V. Jillings, E. Judd, F. Wood, and H. Childs, Visitor: Comp. Coyte, 8. After the confirmation of the minutes, the V.W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Surrey; Bros. G. F. Jones, 1000; and F. R. Bernard, M.B., 1373, were duly exalted by the Rev. S. R. Wigram, acting as Z., assisted by the other Principals and officers. The Principals and other officers for the

ensuing year were then elected, viz., Comps. A. Lucking, M.E.Z.; J. A. Wardell, H.; Jas. Willing, jun., J.; J. C. Johnstone, Scribe E.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Scribe N.; S. Weston, Treas.; W. Pissey, P. Soj.; and Mountain, Janitor. The Auditors elected were Comps. F. Wood and J. R. Hemmann. A P.Z.'s jewel having been voted to Comp. Phillips, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and well received, and the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

BUXTON.—Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann (No. 1235).—The installation of Principals of this chapter took place at the Court House on Thursday last, Feb. 22nd, the ceremony being very ably performed by Comps. James Hall, P.Z. of the Duke of Athol Lodge, 210, and P.P.G.P.S. East Lancashire, and J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. of Affability Lodge, P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire, assisted by the M.E.Z. of the chapter. The Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., Rural Dean of Buxton, acted as Chaplain. Comps. Josiah Taylor, William Smith, and E. C. Milligan were duly installed as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Principals. Comp. R. R. Duke, P.Z., who had been re-elected Treasurer, was absent through family bereavement. Comps. E. J. Sykes was invested as Scribe E.; Le Gros as P.S.; W. Boughen as 1st Asst. S. The chapter was honoured by the attendance, as a visitor, of the M. Ex. Comp. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., of Pye Nest, Halifax, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. As visiting companions there were also present Ex. Comp. M. L. Simpson, Old Globe Lodge, 200, P.M., P.Z., and P.P.G. S.B.; Comps. W. Milligan, N. Justice Lodge, 253; W. F. Parkinson, Caledonian Lodge, 204; I. T. Wright, P. Bramwell, and C. W. Ferguson, Hope Lodge, 322. The ordinary business of the chapter having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Palace Hotel for luncheon.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (Time Immemorial).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 22nd ult. The chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. Past G.J.W., P.M. 26 and 74, at the request of the W.M., who, being unavoidably detained in London, telegraphed to that effect. He was supported by Bros. Jas. Dutton, I.P.M.; Cater, S.W.; John Dutton, J.W. and Treas.; Rubie, Sec.; C. Wilkinson, M.O.; Braham, S.O.; Major Preston, acting as J.O.; Murlis, S.D.; Radway, J.D.; Falkner, Reg., acting as I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; and many members. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Of four candidates three were present, and the other sent a note of apology for unavoidable absence. Bros. Hayward, Mercer, and Davis were regularly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. A ballot was taken for the appointment of W.M. for the next year, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Cater, S.W., who very neatly and cordially returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, expressing his determination to promote the prosperity of the lodge to the utmost of his power. Bro. John Dutton was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bigwood, Tyler. Bros. Falkner, C. Wilkinson, and Braham were appointed, with the three senior officers and Secretary, as an Audit Committee. The lodge having since the last meeting suffered a severe loss by the death of Bro. Geo. Mann, an old and experienced member of all the degrees of Freemasonry, on the proposition of the acting W.M., seconded by the S.W., the Secretary was directed to forward a letter of sincere condolence to the members of his family. The proceedings, which were of an unusually satisfactory nature, terminated, and the lodge was closed at a quarter to ten.

YORK.—York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—A meeting of this lodge was held on February 13th, 1877, all the officers being present. Bro. J. Morgan, of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611, as a candidate for advancement, and Bro. T. B. Prissick, of the Staduona Mark Lodge, Canada, as a joining member, were balloted for and duly elected. Bros. C. G. Padel (previously elected) and J. Morgan were then admitted and duly advanced to this honourable degree. Grand Mark Lodge certificates were presented to a number of brethren. A communication from the Secretary of the Britannia Mark Lodge, 53, Sheffield, was then read as follows:

(Copy).—"Britannia Lodge of M.M.M.'s, 53, Bro. J. B. Wostinholm, W.M., Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, 12th February, 1877. To George Balford, Esq., W.M. York Mark Lodge, T.I., York, Worshipful Sir and Bro., Annexed I have the pleasure of handing to you a copy of a resolution unanimously carried at our last regular meeting, held on the 4th ult. By Command of the W.M., (Signed) John Unwin, jun., Secretary and Registrar of Marks."

Extract from the minute book of the Britannia Lodge of M.M.M.'s, No. 53, at a regular meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on January 4th 1877:—"Resolved, on the proposition of Bro. S. B. Ellis, M.O., seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M., Treasurer, that this lodge tenders to the W.M., P.M.'s, Officers and Brethren of the York Mark Lodge, of Time Immemorial Constitution, its warmest congratulations on the York Mark Lodge having recently given in its allegiance to, and acknowledged the supremacy of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, under whose standard the Britannia Mark Lodge, No. 53, offers you a hearty welcome, and these expressions of unforgotten pride and pleasure on seeing the York Mark Lodge take its proper position amongst the "Time Immemorial" lodges on the Roll of the said Grand Mark Lodge. The above is a true copy. (Signed) J. B. Wostinholm, W.M.; (Signed) John Unwin, jun., Secretary and Registrar of Marks." It was resolved that the foregoing communication be entered on the minutes, and that the Secretary write offering the best thanks of the York Mark Lodge, T.I., to the

Britannia Mark Lodge, No. 53, for their very fraternal and cordial greeting. Several candidates were then proposed and seconded, when the lodge was duly closed. Subsequently about twenty of the brethren partook of supper, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

JERSEY.—Caesarean Lodge (No. 74).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Temple. Amongst the officers present were Bros. P. W. Benham, W.M.; A. Schmitt, acting I.P.M.; John Oatley, S.W.; E. Martel, J.W.; W. H. Long, M.O.; P. Blampied, S.O.; R. Barrow, J.O.; Thos. Leat, S.D.; W. Z. Pugsley, J.D.; Dr. Thos. J. Aubin, I.G.; J. O. Le Sueur, Reg.; and a goodly attendance of members. Visitor: Bros. Ph. G. Le Guesne. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting, held in November, were read and confirmed. The following brethren were severally balloted for, unanimously admitted, and advanced: E. Z. Carter, John Gray, Capt. Thos. Le Sceulleur, L. Blanchard, and W. H. Campbell. A remark worthy to be noticed, that since the revival of the lodge in September last, no less than nineteen good working Masons were admitted to the privileges of the Order. Several matters of local importance being settled, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including those of the hon. members, Bros. Wm. James Hughan (Truro), and Dr. H. Hopkins (Bath).

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 571).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Friday, the 23rd of February, at St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Present: Bros. H. W. Jackman, W.M.; Wm. Sivewright, S.W.; Wm. Barbour, J.W.; Geo. R. Weir, Sec.; L. R. Mitchell, Treas.; James Houston, S.D.; W. Turner, B.B., acting J.D.; W. Buchanan, Stwd.; J. B. Hardie, Tyler; Wm. J. E. Dobson, I.P.M.; Wm. Phillips, I.P.M. of 556. Visitors: Bro. Jamieson, and others. The business included an application from an approved candidate, Mr. Kingston, who received his first degree at the hands of the W.M. Bro. Kingston having to leave the country, it was considered advisable to give him the Second Degree, which was received by him at the hands of the I.P.M., William J. E. Dobson, in an able and impressive manner. Time getting late, it was proposed that he should get the Third at St. Mark's, 102, on Monday evening. Thereafter the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A special meeting of the House Committee of this school was held on Saturday last in the Library, Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Henry Browne, Raynham W. Stewart, J. G. Chancellor, S. Rosenthal, Capt. J. Wordsworth, W. Roebuck, Henry W. Hunt, W. Hyde Pullen, J. Bagot Scriven, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. Binckes (Secretary). The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the best method of increasing the accommodation at the school-house, so as to admit of the number of pupils being extended to three hundred. Several plans for carrying out this object were submitted to the Committee, who considered them; but as the meeting was only preliminary, no decision was come to on the subject, and no recommendation made; and another special meeting for this afternoon at three o'clock was appointed. Some other matters were reported to the Committee before they adjourned.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE R.W. PROV. G.M. FOR MIDDLESEX.

A meeting of the members of the above province, which was numerously attended, was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, to consider the best mode of commemorating the period of seven years which Bro. Col. Francis Burdett has served as Provincial Grand Master. Bro. R. W. Little, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was appointed Chairman, Bro. Henry Gustavus Buss, P.G.J.W. Middlesex, Treasurer, and Bro. H. C. Levander, M.A., P. Prov. G.D. Wilts, Secretary, with a numerous committee.

ROYAL ORIENTAL ORDER OF SIKHA AND THE SAT B'HAI.

An Ashayana of this Order was held at Kensington on the 20th ult., under the presidency of one of the Censors. The Order Roll of the Arch Secretary was presented for inspection, and the signs duly verified. A report of the Mahanathas, and of the Indian Council, or Mahanatha-i-Hind, was received and approved. A draft of the Anglo-Aryan Constitutions was submitted and referred to the Sponsors. The Ritual Committee made a report, which was approved. A report was also received from the Regalia Committee, and a general report was made as to the progress of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland for the year 1876. The keys for the current cycle were then passed, and after some other business the Ashayana dispersed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—For bad legs, bad breasts, scorbatic and scrofulous sores, this is a genuine specific. The grateful and earnest gratitude of thousands who have experienced its unrivalled power over these complaints, and who have been raised from prostrate helplessness and a condition loathsome to themselves and others, renders it quite unnecessary to enlarge in this place upon its extraordinary virtues. The parts affected should be bathed with lukewarm water, and when the pores are thereby opened the Ointment should be well rubbed in, at least twice a day. It is always advisable to take Holloway's Pills in these disorders, as this much assists the Ointment's action. The Pills check the fever, purify the blood, and eject all morbid matter engendered by these diseases.—ADVT.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN REDFERN.

From the *Bury Times*.

A substantial proof of the respect and esteem in which our late townsman, Bro. John Redfern, was held by the Freemasons of Bury has just been afforded in the erection by them of a memorial monument in the burial ground at All Saints' Church, Elton. The monument, which is remarkably well proportioned, was designed by Mr. E. Simkin of this town, and consists of a square obelisk and base of dark grey Aberdeen granite, standing upon a pedestal of polished ashlar, its total height being about sixteen feet. On the east side of the base is the following inscription:

In Remembrance of
JOHN SMITH REDFERN,
Of Bury.

Born October 6th, 1807.

Died May 26th, 1875.

Bowed to his maternal dust,
Heaven's Grand Master claims his trust;
May the truth his praise declare,
Tried by compass, rule and square.

On the west side are inscribed in Latin the words—

HOC MONUMENTUM
SOCIJ EJUS EX ORDINE
LATOMORUM POTUERUNT.

This monument was erected by his brother Freemasons. The shaft of the obelisk bears on its east front five, and on its west front four Masonic symbols or emblems, some of which are of a highly recondite character, inseparable from the mysteries in which the late brother had been initiated, and significant only to those deeply versed in ancient Masonic lore. The inscription and execution of the work are alike honourable to the promoters, and must be peculiarly gratifying to the surviving members of the deceased's family. Mr. Rawson, monumental mason, Knowlesley-street, has executed and erected the monument.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London has intimated his willingness to assist in raising a fund for the widows and orphans of the crews of the fishing smacks which were lost in the gale of the 6th ult. There are 18 smacks missing from Yarmouth and seven from Lowestoft.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ORPHAN ASYLUM.—The Worshipful Company of Leathersellers have given a donation of £10 10s. 0d. in aid of the funds of this institution, of which Bro. Wm. Worrell, P.M., &c., is the indefatigable Secretary.

Bro. Edwin Moss, of the Masonic quartette, has been appointed tenor to the Foundling Chapel.

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.—On Tuesday evening the circumstances were, on the whole, as favourable as could have been expected for observing the lunar eclipse. At the earliest phase of the phenomena, at half-past five, while the earth's shadow was gradually advancing over the surface of her satellite, the moon was too near the horizon, and there was—in London, at least—too much smoke in the atmosphere for satisfactory observation. The image produced on the moon's disc appeared from these causes imperfectly defined, and was scarcely distinguishable for the obscuration of cloud and fog. Towards seven o'clock, as the immersion became more and more complete, the air was clearer and the definition much more perfect, and from this time to the final disappearance of the shadow the eclipse was seen to perfection.

The brethren of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, met on Wednesday night at the Regent Masonic Hall. Mr. Victor M. Myers, Worshipful Master, presided, and after the performance of the ceremonies of passing and raising, the brethren proceeded to discuss the subject of the exclusion by the three Grand Lodges of Berlin of all men in Prussia who do not profess Christianity. After some deliberation, resolutions were come to on the motion of Mr. S. V. Abrahams, seconded by Mr. Pollitzer, to memorialise Grand Lodge of England to take such steps in the matter as in their judgment they may think advisable to obtain a repeal of what appeared to be a most obnoxious law. A committee was formed for carrying out the resolution, and £5 was devoted from the lodge funds towards defraying the preliminary expenses.—*Daily News*.

THE CAXTON CELEBRATION.—The Lord Mayor, at the request of the General Committee for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the introduction of printing into England by William Caxton, has called a public meeting in furtherance of the scheme, to be held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Monday, the 20th inst., at half-past two o'clock.

The consecration of the Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1658), will take place on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 4 o'clock precisely. V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, will perform the ceremony, and instal Bro. Samuel James Harvey, W.M. designate.

The members of the Past Masters' Club (attached to the Royal Athelstan Lodge No. 19) held their annual meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, on Tuesday, 27th ult., in celebration of the anniversary of the centenary of the lodge, which was founded in 1769. Bro. Charles Tyler, P.M. 19, 66, presided. Bro. Edward B. Grabham, P.M., Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex, having completed his year of office as Master of the lodge, was formally admitted a member of the club, and invited by the President to partake with the brethren of a loving cup, presented that evening by Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, to whom was accorded a sincere vote of thanks for his very handsome and acceptable gift. Some customary toasts followed, after which Bro. D. Nicholson, P.M., was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

(Communiqué.)
SPECULUM SAPIENTIÆ — THE
MYSTERIOUS MIRROR—SPECULUM
OF WISDOM.

As this plate has appeared in the *Voice of Masonry*, and a kind brother has sent us another photographic copy from Leeds, for the purpose of publication in the *Masonic Magazine*, we think it right to point out why we do not publish it. In the first place it is, as given in the *Voice of Masonry*, an adaptation after 1813, of a print which appeared in 1789, engraved by a certain Lambert or Poubert. We have a copy of it of that date, the half, however, only of a plate, and on the corresponding side appears to have been French translations, as on the original we see the words, "Chapitre et Grande Loge d'Angleterre, &c." It had not originally the Pelican, &c., and the dedication to the Union of 1813 is not found. If any brother has the correct plate in the whole, and will kindly forward it to us, we will consider the propriety of publishing it in the *Masonic Magazine*, though we do not attach any value to it, and for this reason. We have a collection of four plates, apparently published together, of which the half of the original plate, as now engraved in the *Voice of Masonry*, is the fourth, and the first of them is designed by Bro. Wm. Finch (the English Masonic charlatan), 5, Charlotte-place, New Cut, Lower Marsh, Lambeth. We need say no more.—EDITOR MASONIC MAGAZINE.

MARK MASONRY.

We have been requested to publish the following *communiqué*.

In another column we publish an account of the meeting of the York Mark Lodge, of "Time Immemorial" constitution, which lodge recently petitioned for, and obtained, a charter from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and as we believe there are two, if not three, old Mark lodges still standing aloof, we take this as a favourable opportunity of making a few remarks on the subject, for we heartily join the Sheffield Mark brethren in their congratulatory remarks to the York Mark Lodge on their recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge as the supreme head of that degree in England, under whose able rule the Mark has become, next after the Craft, the most powerful body. Doubtless the close affinity of the Mark to the Craft has also a deal to do with the cause of this happy state of things. But, the other day, another proof of the Mark being worked as a distinct degree, as far back as sixty-eight years ago, was evinced by the old minute books of the Sheffield Royal Arch Chapter of Paradise, No. 139, extracts from which are being published in the *Masonic Magazine* by our Bro. S. B. Ellis. It is not our intention here to enter into the merits, or demerits, of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c.; it has weathered the storm, filled a certain hiatus in our system, serves a good end, and, as the Earl de Grey and Ripon (as M.W.G.M.) said in 1870, "All the brethren composing the Mark Degree are necessarily Master Masons, and as such they will at all times have his best wishes." This all true Craftsmen must concede. However, our present remarks are on the York Mark Lodge; the very name of "York" is, to all English Masons "a tower of strength," indeed, York has been termed "the cradle of English Masonry"—as Kilwinning was of the Scotch; The Grand Mark Lodge therefore derives no little honour and advantage in the adhesion of the York Mark Lodge, T.I., but, on the other hand, the honour and advantage that accrue to the York Mark Lodge are equally great (if not greater), as is obvious when we run through the names of those illustrious brethren who fought for, obtained, and continue to uphold the utility, the dignity, and the honour of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c.; we particularly refer to the M.W. Past Grand Masters—videlicet, the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Lord Leigh, W. W. Beach, Esq., M.P., Earl Percy, M.P., the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., and the present Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, and his Deputy; Lord Skelmersdale, all of

whom are Constitutional Masons, and of high position in the Craft; indubitable and irrefragable evidence (to the York Mark Brethren, did they need it) of the proud *status* the Grand Mark Lodge deservedly enjoys, in the lustre of which the York Mark Brethren now

"(Rous'd from their dark alcoves),
delight to stretch
And bask in its invigorating rays."

In conclusion he would say to the York Mark Lodge, we congratulate you on recognising the accepted, constituted authority, for in so doing you are carrying out the principles of the true teachings of the Craft, therefore, you have "our hearty good wishes;" and to the other Mark Lodges who, at present; "stand out in the cold" we would say, "go thou, and do likewise."

KENNING'S MASONIC ALMANAC.

We beg leave to call attention to an elaborate illuminated Masonic Almanack for 1877, printed on card, in gold and colours, with portraits of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. D.G.M., in full Masonic regalia; and medallions of the Right Hon. Lord Donoughmore, S.G.W.; the Hon. W. W. Vernon, J.G.W.; Samuel Tomkins, Esq., G. Treasurer; John Hervey, Esq., G. Secretary. We are also pleased to announce that this very artistic almanack may be obtained of the publisher of the *Freemason*, at 108, Fleet-street, London, gratuitously, or will be sent, post free, to any part of the world on receipt of name or address, legibly written, accompanied by two penny stamps. We recommend an early application for it.

Reviews.

THE COMMISSION AGENT, Anglo-Australian Edition.—Barbican, London.

We have perused and are much struck with this publication. It will be very valuable to all engaged in the Anglo-Australian trade, and gives an immense amount of information admirably and clearly. The expense of its production must be very great, and we wish it all success. The sex-lingual announcements on the cover are very striking.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF DORSET.

We congratulate Bro. Howard, the esteemed P.G.S. of Dorset, for this useful and much increased Provincial Calendar. It reflects equal credit on his province and himself. We venture to suggest that in his next issue he should give us the exact number of Freemasons in his province, and also the last balance sheet of the province. Perhaps, too, if he had "totalled" the amount of votes for the various charities it would also have been an improvement. But we thank him for the Calendar, and deem it worthy of all consideration.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR 1877. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

We have received and read this admirably printed little Calendar with great gratification, and congratulate Bro. Partridge on his most effective editorship. The entire work is thoroughly well got up, and is a most creditable and useful little publication. We thank Bro. Partridge for sending it to us.

THE MASONIC RECORD FOR WESTERN INDIA.

This well conducted Masonic periodical has reached No. 10, vol. xiii., and pursues the "even tenour" of its way with marked ability and, we trust, success. It fully deserves the support of the Craft in India, and the p. rural of brethren at home, as it is always most readable, and in its pages we can always light upon something calculated to interest and improve the Masonic student, the tolerant and thoughtful Freemason.

LONDON: WHAT TO SEE.—Messrs. Reeves and Son, Playhouse Yard.

Messrs. Reeves and Son have put out a little Handbook to London and London sights, which is a very useful and handy little production, and owing to its guaranteed circulation of 5000, is a very valuable medium for advertising, as the London season is just beginning, it will be very helpful to our "country cousins." We wish it all success, and recommend it to the notice of those who wish to advertise, as well as those who desire to "do London."

THE EXCLUSION OF HEBREWS FROM FREEMASONRY.

With reference to a recent leader in the *Freemason* on this subject, the *Jewish Chronicle* thus writes:—

"It is truly soothing to Jewish feelings, especially at a time when the persecution of the Jews in a most atrocious form has been revived among a so-called Christian people in Roumania, to hear such words of sympathy and such testimony borne to universal Jewish charity."

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON.—We call attention to an announcement in our advertising columns of *The Scottish Freemason*, which made its debut yesterday (Friday), as a candidate for the patronage of the Craft under the Scottish Constitution. It will be published fortnightly by Bro. George Kenning, at his office in Glasgow (No. 9, West Howard-street), to which address subscriptions, letters to the Editor, &c., should be directed.

The Freemasons of Leeds gave on Tuesday, February 20th, a very successful minstrel entertainment in the Masonic Hall, in aid of the Leeds Benevolent Institution. The programme and the performance seem to have been equally effective.

The installation meetings of the De Warente Preceptory of Knights Templar, and the Eureka Chapter, Rose Croix, will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, each day at 3.30 p.m. Only those who have visited this preceptory and chapter can form an idea of the completeness of their fittings. Any member of these degrees sojourning at Brighton, or able to run down, will assuredly be gratified, not only with the beautiful aspect of the chapter-rooms, but with the work, of which at each meeting there will be an abundance, while on Saturday visitors will run the risk of being entertained at the banquet, which takes place at Markwell's Royal Hotel.

The Grand Lodge of Florida has a Masonic Library of 200 volumes, and also a Public Masonic Academy Library, of literary and scientific works, of 1200 volumes. Bro. John Carlovitz is Secretary and Librarian.

The nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held in Raleigh, on the 5th December. The principal officers elected are H. H. Munson, M. W. Master; C. A. Cilley, D.G.M.; R. W. Hardee, S.G.W.; J. C. L. Gudger, J.G.W.; W. E. Anderson, G. Treas.; D. W. Bain, G. Sec.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee met on the 13th November. Nearly 400 subordinate lodges were represented. The following are the principal officers elected: Bros. E. Edmundson, of Pulaski, G.M.; A. B. Jones, of Jackson, D.G.M.; R. M. Edwards, of Cleveland, S.G.W.; L. B. Adams, G. Bolivar, J.G.W.; W. H. H. Marrow, of Nashville, G. Treas.; John Frizzell, of Nashville, G. Sec.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, Bro. E. G. Davis was elected Grand Master; Bros. J. H. Jochum, D.G.M.; H. A. Whitney, S.G.W.; J. S. McCay, J.G.W.; W. J. Stephenson, G. Treas.; and W. K. Singleton, G. Sec.

The new Masonic Hall at Salt Lake City, Utah, was dedicated on the 14th of November, and brought together a large number of the fraternity. The spread of Masonry in Mormondom will have a good effect upon society there. It is not probable that Prophet Brigham Young will like Masonry.

We regret to hear of the continued illness of Bro. Gouley, one of the editors of the *Voice of Masonry*.

Bro. Emra Holmes has during the past month been delivering his lecture, already published in the pages of the *Masonic Magazine*, "Odds and Ends of Wit and Humour," at Leiston, in Suffolk, under the auspices of the Village Club and Reading Room Association, the principal objects of which institution appear to be the formation of village clubs throughout the country, to provide lectures on questions of general interest, neither political nor theological, to give information respecting provident societies, &c., and to assist in obtaining for the labouring classes increased facilities for intellectual and social recreation.

Lady Skelmersdale and family arrived in Portland Place, London, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., from Lathom House, Ormskirk, near Liverpool.

The annual ball of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, in aid of the Benevolent Fund of that lodge, took place on Wednesday, 21st ult., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, and was very largely attended. A report of the brilliant gathering will appear in due time.

Lord Coleridge, addressing the grand jury at Durham assizes, said his judicial experience taught him that crimes of violence were all traceable to drink, and if England was sober we might shut up nine-tenths of our gaols.

The Prince of Wales, through General Sir W. Knollys, has sent a donation of £25 to the Hunt Servants' Benefit Society.

We are authorised to state that the Queen will hold a levee at Buckingham Palace on Monday week, at three o'clock.

Bro. Wm. J. Murlis, for many years manager to Messrs. Wyburn & Co., of Long Acre, offers himself as a candidate for the office of Collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Murlis's reason for offering his services is, that he believes out of door exercise would be more conducive to his health. Bro. Murlis is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, a founder of two lodges, P.M. and Sec. 1489, W.M. 1642, and P.S. Chap. 862.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 55.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at half-past six o'clock. Bro. W. H. Lee, W.M. No. 975, P.M. No. 1524, will preside.

We are informed from Berlin that Bro. Herr Wagner intends giving some concerts of his own music in London during the months of May and June.

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Albert, F. J., Trinidad (P.O.O.)	0	13	0
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Camp, J., New South Wales (P.O.O.).....	1	12	0
Davison, S., Gibraltar (P.O.O.)	0	13	0
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Holloway, F., Spain (P.O.O.)	0	17	4
Imlath, R. W., Demerara (P.O.O.)	1	4	0
Knott, P., The Cape (P.O.O.)	3	12	0
Marriott, B., Ceylon (P.O.O.)	5	3	0
Oddy, T. T., Egypt (P.O.O.)	5	7	0
Pu-nell, J. R., U.S.A. (Bills of Ex., 2)	1	11	0
Scott, J. T., U.S.A.	0	9	0

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Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:—Neptune Lodge, 22; Victoria Lodge, 1345, Eccles.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Overcrowding of the City of London," Henry Chevassus; "The Keystone;" "The Voice of Masonry;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts;" "Masonic Herald."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

BOND.—On the 24th ult., the wife of the Rev. J. Bond, Chaplain R.M.A. Woolwich, prematurely, of a daughter.
JOHNSON.—On the 25th ult., at Brockhurst, Beckenham, the wife of J. Johnson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIOT—WILKINSON.—On the 21st ult., at Howden-le-Wear Parish Church, Harpley, Durham, Charles Henry, eldest son of Charles Marriott, Tollington Park, London, to Hannah, only daughter of Francis Wilkinson, Harpley, Durham.

DEATHS.

HUNT.—On the 25th ult., at Scarborough, Richard Hunt, Esq., in his 65th year.
LITTLE.—On the 23rd ult., at The Mount, Northallerton, John Herbert, infant son of E. D. Little.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 3, 1877.

THE OBJECTION OF SECRECY.

Mr. Moody, recently "interviewed," or "in terrogated," in America, pronounced against "Secret Societies" on the two following grounds as appears in the *Inter Ocean*, and as it is set forth in the *Voice of Masonry* for January, 1st, he says: "In secret, my Master, taught nothing." 2nd, "Be ye not yoked with unbelievers," says Paul. By the first words Mr. Moody means the Divine Founder of Christianity, and though it is impossible in the *Freemason* to discuss theological or even biblical questions advantageously or properly, yet we may fairly observe, without any fear, that such a statement is neither historically nor literally correct. Any one must have a very imperfect acquaintance with the New Testament, who does not at once recall to mind more than one remarkable instance where the secret mysterious teaching of the great *Didaskalos* of mankind, is distinctly set forth. No doubt Mr. Moody refers to those remarkable words before Pilate, the Roman Governor, "In secret have I said nothing," but that passage has always been understood to refer to "secret conspiracies or colloquies" as against the Roman temporal authority on the one hand, and the Jewish spiritual authority on the other, and not to the general course of didactic exposition or doctrinal declarations. And on the second ground—as Bro. T. F. Mellish in the *Voice of Masonry* points out, the real words are, (2 Cor. vi. 14), "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" and such words are generally understood to refer to heathen marriages—that is the marriage of heathens with Christians—the words in the Greek are, "*me gines the eterozugountes apistois*," and no doubt would include all unfitting association and companionship in depravation of or opposition to the truer religion which they professed. But all such words have to be taken with qualification, arising out of the time they were spoken, and the state of the world to which they refer. There is in one of the Epistles of the same Apostle a passage which must not be overlooked, that is in the 5th chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians, where it is said, "*Ta gar krupta ginomena up'auton aikron esti kai legeen*." "For it is a shame even to speak of the things which are done of them in secret." Some have considered that these words refer to the disgraceful proceedings in some of the Bacchic Festivals, and particularly the abomination of the "Bona Dea," but not to the mysteries generally. There is no other passage in the Bible relating to Secret Societies that we are aware of, though some have thought erroneously that a passage in "Sirach" relates to them. It is an old and trite observation that extremes meet, and here we have the Roman Catholic Church on the one hand, as a teacher of objective truth, condemning the secrecy of Freemasonry on the authority of an infallible church, just as we have Mr. Moody, on the other hand, by his own "internal consciousness," on the authority of his own subjective dogma, the hyper-development of private judgement, passing by implication, not, we admit, directly, a censure on grounds of "spirituality" on "secret societies." We have often said before that the question of "secrecy" is, we apprehend, not a "spiritual" question at all, but a "temporal" one—one that is for the State. We do not deny the abstract right of a religious body to make non-affiliation to a secret society a basis of communion, though unless such secret society be clearly hurtful in itself, or illegal by the laws of the State, we think the regulation (as in Joe Grafton's case, recorded in our last) very harsh, intolerant, and irreligious. For as long as the State permits the existence of secret societies, and legalizes them even, as in the case of Freemasons in this country, we have a right to contend that before our secrecy is objected to on religious grounds or spiritual considerations, it shall be distinctly shown, incontestably proved, that such secrecy is injurious to the commonwealth, to private morals, or public well being. In the case of our own

benevolent Order, such is an impossibility, as all our teaching and working, alike secret and public, tend to the honour of God, the welfare of man, the formation of social sympathies, and the "outcome" of benevolence, beneficence, charity, good will, and peace. We have written on this subject with some diffidence, and no little hesitation; but as such statements are publicly made, we have thought it but right and manly to notice them, and to offer to our Order in Great Britain and Canada, and the United States, the best and only answer, as we view the matter, alike to the dicta of an assumed infallible authority on the one hand, or the zealous but mistaken views of fallible private judgment on the other. We confess that we do not believe in "Popes" of any kind, whether Roman Catholic or Protestant, and we greatly and gravely demur to that hyperdogmatism of the hour, which has no basis to rest upon, but what is common to us all alike, namely, the use of right reason, religiously and reverently directed and controlled. We greatly deprecate always the mere assumption of individual "deliverances," which practically have no mission for many minds, for they are meaningless and valueless when contrasted with the "consensus" of older teachers, and a general concurrence of exposition and sentiment. We have to contend just now with a love of novelty, abrupt assertion, assumed infallibility, dogmatic intolerance, and many are the difficulties which even a religious use of "right reason" has to overcome in the sentimental transcendentalism of the hour, but still we believe in its proper use, and its eventual triumph. The subject is both a difficult and an exceptional one, though we have thought it better not to "shirk it," but to meet it and deal with it in all of honest plain speaking, good feeling, and becoming seriousness.

THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The last meeting of this important body was very numerous attended, ninety brethren being present, and among them some very distinguished members of our Order. The amount of £270, voted at the previous meeting, was confirmed, and the further sum of £504 voted, in sums varying from £3 as a minimum to £150 as a maximum. We rejoice much to note and to be able to record this numerous and influential gathering, as to all properly qualified brethren no more important duty can be attended to, as by them no more interesting hours can be spent than that monthly meeting for the purpose of Masonic beneficence, which reflects equal credit on our excellent Craft, as well as on those who carefully and conscientiously distribute our Funds of Benevolence. But one or two suggestions appear to us to arise out of the normal proceedings of the Lodge of Benevolence, which deserve in our opinion the careful attention of all who have the interests of the Fraternity, and the reality of our administration, of our charitable funds at heart. Our excellent and admirable Grand Treasurer, Bro. Tomkins, could tell, we fancy, a striking tale, if he so willed it, how much our monthly distribution of late years has increased and is increasing in amount. Indeed, it is something very striking, and at the same time serious, to "tattle up," as month follows month, the expanding figures of our benevolent grants. And some of us may ask, where is this to end? while others may enquire, Does all this amount of money voted get to the right people? is it a good thing or an abuse? We will, then, commence by laying down this premise, that such a charity is a good thing per se, and is, and is intended to be, alike a needful aid to suffering and destitute brethren, and should be regarded as an example of simple and absolute beneficence, granted on the truest principles of warmhearted Masonic charitable principles. But this further question comes in necessarily here, Do the proper applicants come for relief? do the truly suffering and destitute receive it? On this point no doubt opinions will vary much, and legitimately, but we confess to a very prevailing sense, 1st. That a good many claimants apply who ought never to apply at all; and 2ndly. That owing to a somewhat excusable laxity amongst us as regards bringing forward the entire facts

of the case, many grants are made, which for the purpose of real aid, might as well not be made at all. We all know how difficult it is to resist the claims of those who ask for assistance, and still more in a great sodality like ours, how unwilling we all are, humanly speaking, to seem to interfere with or oppose the applications of those needy brethren of ours, who appeal so forcibly alike to our sentiments and our sympathies. We believe, that these charitable gifts of ours are as well administered as can possibly be the case, under the auspices of a fluctuating board, and without any bye-laws of instruction and regulation. At present everything is necessarily left to the feeling of a meeting of kindly hearted brethren, most anxious to do right, most "glad to distribute," but naturally easily led away by the aspect of poverty, often in a most distressing form, and of destitution in its piteous appeals for active succour and relief. We have at the head of the lodge one of our ablest and most worthy brethren, Bro. Clabon. Bros. Joshua Nunn and J. Brett are well known, as active and most intelligent officers, and we have an elected body of Masters and Past Masters, which, supplemented by the Present and Past Grand Officers, and all actual W.M.'s, is about as good a tribunal as any one can wish to appear before. But it may be a question whether the time has not come to remove the sense of uncertainty and the appearance of mutability as to the principles of relief by the appointment annually in Grand Lodge of a definite and distinct number of brethren to constitute the Board of Benevolence. We quite feel the force of an old objection, urged too successfully on Grand Lodge by ourselves in former days, of centralization, of the limitation of interest, of the tendency to "cliqueism," and the like, which may be raised, and we do not feel at all sure, that the Craft at large is prepared, as we once contended, to give up its "only open board." But we are inclined to think that a distinct board, without ex-officio members, would work better than the present system, and having changed our opinion, we think it right to say so, though we are not insensible to the strength of the objection to the reform, which once had great and overpowering influence with ourselves. We fancy, however, that if a board of forty members, twenty from the metropolis, and twenty from the provinces, together with the President and two Vice-Presidents, was annually elected, we should eventually get to a uniform system of grant and procedure. But we speak with some hesitation, as we are well aware of the essential difficulties of the case, and the strong opinion which exists in many minds, in which we once strongly shared, on the subject, alike in general and in particular. Feeling, however, that a good deal may be said on both sides, we shall be very happy if these imperfect notions of ours will be taken up by some of our leading brethren, and if they will favour our readers, in our columns, with the result of their own matured experience, and their own honest convictions, on a matter so deeply interesting to us all alike.

THE AGENDA PAPER FOR GRAND LODGE.

The Agenda Paper, which we publish in another column, has been issued, and the brethren will observe two notices of motion, which come upon us all a little by surprise. The one is by our Rev. and esteemed Bro. Hatch to build a new Masonic Temple; the other is to found a wing to the new Alexandra Orphanage. With regard to both and each, we fear that ours must be the papal reply, "non possumus." We have just emerged from debt for the last new buildings to the Board of Benevolence, and £1000 has just been invested for the first time for the Board of General Purposes to replace gradually the large amount expended on Freemasons' Hall. To recommence new and extensive building operations is, we fancy, not likely to be entertained by Grand Lodge, neither does it appeal to any need or feeling of the hour. We have granted £4,000 to perpetuate the memory nationally and Masonically, of our beloved Grand Master's return, but such a fresh proposal

appears to us, with all deference to our respected brother, somewhat unreasonable and extravagant. To Bro. Mallam's motion great objections equally will be entertained. The Alexandra Orphanage is not a Masonic Institution, and to build a Masonic wing in another Institution not under control of Grand Lodge, is alike a most unprecedented, and we must add, with all due deference to Bro. Mallam, a somewhat impractical proposal. We may fairly leave both motions to the common sense of Grand Lodge.

THE FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE.

It will be seen by the Agenda Paper, that financially Grand Lodge is doing well. At the last audit a balance of £7000, in round numbers, remained in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, excluding £171 15s. for wages and petty cash in the hands of our worthy Grand Secretary. When Bro. R. P. Harding's report of the receipts and disbursements for 1876 is printed, we will call attention to it in our pages.

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.]

THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS FROM FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you have the kindness to correct an error under the above heading in your last week's issue. It should read that I have received from four more non-Jewish lodges in Devon similar resolutions.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
S. LYON,
W.M. 1474, Birmingham.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a member of one of the so-called "Jewish Lodges," I beg most strenuously to protest against making the consideration of the above a "Jewish question," as appears to be the case in many of the arguments used, it is purely a "Masonic," not a "Jewish" question, the whole Craft being interested in deciding if Masonry is to be universal in its benefits to men of every country, sect, and opinion, or only confined to a particular sect, however important and influential it may be.

Fraternally yours,
S. E. ABRAHAM.
P.M. 188, 1017.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You report in your paper of the 24th, "a Conclave of the Alpess Encampment" was held on the 31st January.

I write to know whether the members are not premature in assuming the old titles of E.C., P.E.C., 1st and 2nd Captains, &c., until the proceedings of the late Great Priory are confirmed.

I remain, yours fraternally,
A PAST AND PRESENT OFFICER.

A GOOD CASE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I am anxious to call the attention of your readers to the following case, which, I think, deserves the fraternal consideration of many of us.

It is the petition of a little girl, the daughter of an English soldier, to be placed on the list of successful candidates at the next election of the Girls' School in April.

The following is the case:—

Kathleen Isabella A. Collins, aged eight and a half years, daughter of Bro. Edward Collins, who was initiated into Masonry 20th February, 1845, in Lodge Harmony, 641, working at Cawnpore in the East Indies, passed and raised in same lodge. Joined Lodge Firm Hope, 596, on arriving in Meerut late in 1846. Was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter attached to Lodge Firm Hope on 27th March, 1847. Bro. Collins was one of three who applied for, and obtained a new warrant, founded Lodge "Zetland," assisted in working it at Meerut, as J.W. On arriving in Umballa in 1851, he joined Lodge Charity, and the Chapter of Firm Hope attached thereto, in which he remained a working and subscribing member until the end of 1854, when ill-health compelled him to return to England. He belonged to the honorary degrees of Ark and Mark, M.M., Super Excellent, and the Red Cross Knights of Babylon, and held office in all of them. Bro. Collins served in the 17th Lancers eleven and a half years at home, and thirteen years in the 9th Lancers in the East, the latter twelve years as Troop Sergt.-Major, and was present with his regiment in all its campaigns and battles, commencing in the year 1843, up to the annexation of the Punjab to the British Dominions, in the East, in 1849, returning to Umballa early in 1851. Bro. Collins is in possession of four war medals, the latter one for meritorious services in the field. He is now in failing health, and old age fast approaching, and on his slender income he finds it impossible to educate and support his little girl, whose mother died two years since.

I shall be most happy, in conjunction with other distinguished brethren, whose names appear on the card, to

receive proxies from any who sympathize with a soldier's child.

I am, yours most fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.
10, Upper Porchester-st., Hyde Park-sq., W.

MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your impression of the 17th ult., "Rather Doubtful" asks whether a brother created F.C. and appointed I.G. at the same lodge meeting is in accordance with the rules of the Craft? And the reply, "We think not—Ed.," being rather doubtful also, may I be permitted to inform "Rather Doubtful" that in the rules of the Craft there is nothing against such an appointment.

Fraternally yours,

POSITIVE.
[There is no law on the subject, but the rule of the Craft undoubtedly is, and "Mos est lex," that all officers of a lodge must be Master Masons, and for this reason a Fellow Craft Inner Guard could not officiate in the Third Degree. If "Positive" is correct, an Entered Apprentice might be appointed the same evening an officer of the lodge.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, Bro. Magnus Ohren, on the above, says:—"Questions are often put to you, asking for information " 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.N. 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."

Your correspondent's memory seems to fail him. "W.M. C.N." had nothing whatever to do with the red apron and collar. His was the T square upside down on the Master and P.M.'s apron, &c.

Dear Mr. Editor, does it take longer time to circulate the *Freemason* about London than with us, your country cousins?

If Bro. M.O.'s reply was meant for "P.P. Grand Steward and P.M." of the 10th Feb., that was answered by "Another P.P. Grand Steward" of the 17th Feb. (compare both), with a little addition about "Grand Steward" by Bro. M.O., and that only of what "I am told."

With your permission I will repeat the lesson given at the commencement of Bro. M.O.'s letter—"But it is not right to take up your space," when the subject was already disposed of, unless some new light could be thrown upon it. What will "W.M.C.N." say when he finds his tau changed not into a goose, but into a red apron and collar?

Yours fraternally,

R.W.O.
Will the following be of any service to "A.T.," it is prior to 1784?

In the General Regulations of the F. and A. Masons, revised, approved of, and ordered to be published by the Grand Lodge, Jan. 28, 1767. Blayney, Grand Master.

The Registrar of the Grand Lodge:—

Art. VI. On March 17, 1730-1, the Grand Lodge (to cure some irregularities) ordered that none but, the Grand Master, his Deputy, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary Sword-bearer (who are the only Grand Officers), shall wear their jewels in gold, pendent to blue ribbons about their necks, and white leather aprons, with blue silk, which sort of aprons may be also worn by former Grand Officers.

Under the head of "the Masters and Wardens of particular lodges:—"

Art. II. Masters, Wardens, and the members of particular lodges, if they choose to line their white leather aprons, are to do it with white silk, and the officers are to wear their jewels pendant to white only.

R. W. O.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have entirely mistaken my queries that appear in your impression of the 24th. What I wish to know is, whether the W.M. addresses the brethren on a motion before or after the proposer replies?

The reason for this question is, that there seems a diversity of opinion on this subject. Some brethren contend that the W.M. should make his remarks (not as a member, but as a chairman) before the proposer replies; others state, that in their judgment the chairman is the last speaker before the vote, the proposer must reply (if he so desires) before the chairman makes his remarks.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

QUERIST.

[In our opinion, the W.M. can sum up after the proposer has spoken, in reply, if he so thinks fit.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the second paragraph of "A.T.'s" enquiry in your issue of 24th ult., Dr. Oliver, in his work on "Masonic Jurisprudence," says: "The ordinance of our Grand Lodge enjoining uniformity of costume was introduced at the Union in 1813. It provides that the Masonic apron shall be no other than a plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at the bottom, with white strings. That of an Apprentice is to be entirely without ornament; the Fellow Craft is allowed the addition of two sky blue rosettes at the bottom; and the Master Mason a sky blue lining, and edging one inch and a half deep, an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels."

Previously to this there appears to have been but a general direction that the clothing was to be "composed of the old colours, blue, purple, and crimson." Hence the various costumes before 1813, as each combined these colours according to his individual taste.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROUGH ASHLAR.

MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Several letters have recently appeared in the *Freemason* which shew great ignorance, in at least minor points, of the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, and in private lodges infringements of Masonic regulations frequently occur, which can only be attributed to want of knowledge of the law.

"Ignorantia juris non excusat" is a maxim well known to legists; but I would ask whether sufficient opportunity is given for the study of the Constitutions of our Order in the many lodges which possess no more than a single copy of the Book of Constitutions, and where that is kept carefully under lock and key, except when the brethren are at labour?

In the last century a resolution of Grand Lodge "strictly enjoined on every candidate for Masonry that he should carefully study the Constitutions before his initiation."

Is it not worthy the consideration of Grand Lodge whether it would not be advisable to authorise the publication of a cheap edition of the Book of Constitutions, so that each lodge could afford to place a copy in the hands of each brother, at the same time that he receives a copy of the bye-laws?

Among other and greater advantages, your valuable space, upon which I have trespassed too much, would not so often be taken up by questions which are answered beforehand by the published laws of Masonry.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROUGH ASHLAR.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

[Continued from Page 78.]

In the next issue of the *Post* the following brief announcement is made, "The King forbids the lodges," and of date April 26, 1737, it is noted that "there are spread about at Paris copies of an apologizing letter, written by a Freemason. He says amongst other particulars 'that the things imputed to the disadvantage of the brotherhood obliges him publicly to undertake the defence. That the views the Freemasons propose to themselves are the most pure and inoffensive, and tend only to promote such qualities in them as may form good citizens and zealous subjects, faithful to their prince, to their country, and their friends. . . . That the name of Freemason is far from being an insignificant title; that the duty it prescribes to those who bear it is to endeavour to erect temples for virtue and dungeons for vice.' "He adds, that he is by no means afraid of violating the secret imposed on him in publishing that their principal design is to restore to the earth the reign of Astrea and to revive the time of Rhea." He assures 'the fair that the whole brotherhood is full of respect and veneration for them, but that these sentiments are not exempt from fear, and that even this same fear obliges the Freemasons to exclude their sex from their assemblies.' He concludes in this manner: 'This exclusion ought by no means to provoke the indignation of those who are the objects of it. To prevent such an effect, they need only to recollect from whom Adam received the apple. Sad present! Since had it not been for that fatal apple, Adam would have remained the first Freemason.'"

A collection of the various attacks on Freemasonry at home and abroad, from 1720 to 1750, would prove especially interesting, but can not now be made excepting in parts, for many have doubtless long ceased to exist, pamphlet literature being generally of very short duration. Many of the early "exposures" and manuals published in France and Germany early last century furnish information on many points of value, and especially as to the general work in the lodges, and the absence of all dangers but the three first. Then, as time rolls on, other degrees are gradually added, and the character of the Third is vastly altered. But, to continue the extracts, we furnish a few more clippings,

September 13, 1737.—Versailles.—"The Lieutenant-General of the Police at Paris has published an order against the assembly of all unauthorised societies, and laid a fine upon the master of an ordinary for suffering a lodge of Freemasons to be held at his house."

In the so-called "Secrets of Masonry, by S.P.," London, 1737, is printed the "Paris letter of January 13, 1737," which purports to be "the secret of the Order of Freemasons and the ceremonies observed at the reception of members," and which is reprinted in the *St. James Evening Post*, with the date from Paris of January 3, 1738, O.S. Many of the particulars afforded are most ludicrous, and doubtless intended to amuse the brethren as well as the public. There is an evident intention on the part of the author to do justice to the Fraternity; for he makes the orator say to the candidates: "You are going to embrace a respectable Order, which is more serious than you imagine.* There is nothing in it against the law, against religion, against the State, against the King, nor against manners. The venerable Grand Master will let you know the rest." The editor states that the foregoing and other particulars are taken from the *Utrecht Gazette*, and if the exposé be continued his correspondent promises not to fail in communicating all to the public. It is substantially the same as the Paris letter, and reads like a copy, which it doubtless is.

* Quite a necessary explanation to a candidate, if all the preliminaries took place as narrated in the letter.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.

INSTALLATION OF LORD MOUNT EDGUMBE AS PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT.

On Tuesday, 20th ult., Truro was the scene of the revival of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Cornwall, which assembled in the Masonic Hall, at the Public Rooms, to witness the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe as Grand Superintendent of the Province. From the very rigid reticence and exclusiveness formerly observed in the matter of Masonic records little is now known of the early history of Royal Arch Masonry in Cornwall. At present the earliest chapter held in Cornwall on the roll of the Grand Chapter of England, the Holy Mount Chapter, 121, held at Penzance, dates no further back than 1833. That Royal Arch Chapters existed in Cornwall at a far earlier date than that there is no doubt, but they have become extinct, and probably what small matters of record existed in reference to them have been destroyed by zealous companions to prevent their falling into the hands of the cowan or the stranger. The remembrance of one still remains, the dormant Volubian Chapter, formerly held at Falmouth, which boasts an earlier date than either of the chapters now worked in Cornwall. From similar circumstances the remembrance and workings of a former Provincial Grand Chapter that did exist in Cornwall has also been clothed in much obscurity. A Provincial Grand Superintendent for that province also existed in the person of Bro. Richard Pearce up to eighteen years since. From the death of that M.E. Comp. up to the present revival of his office no Provincial Grand Chapter has been at work in the county. The eight private chapters held in the province having of late expressed a desire to reorganise the Provincial Grand Chapter, it was the pleasure of the Grand Chapter of England to call to that high office the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, the respected Provincial Grand Master of the province. The attendance of the companions yesterday to witness the installation was very large. Among those present, in addition to the Provincial Grand Superintendent designate, were the following: Excellent Comps. L. P. Metham, P.G.H. of Devon; Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., P.Z. 1066, Past G.S.N. of England; Col. J. W. Peard, P.Z. 1151; R. H. Rac, P.P.G.J., Devon; W. Joll, P.P.G. 1st S. and Treas., Devon; the Rev. J. Ross, vicar of Tywardreath, P.Z. 1151; the Rev. Dr. E. I. Treffry, P.Z. 1151; E. T. Carlyon, P.Z. and Treas. 331; Bedford Kerswill, P.Z. 1164; F. W. Dabb, P.Z. 1006; W. Tregay, P.Z. 1006; W. Tweedy, P.Z. 331; G. Kerswill, P.Z. 1164; W. H. Jenkins, P.Z. 331; N. J. West, P.Z. 450; J. Baxter, P.P.G.S. Devon; W. Coad, P.Z. 1164; R. A. Courtney, P.Z. 510; J. McLean, P.M. 331; W. Guy, P.Z. 496; J. Ninnes, P.Z. 1006; T. C. Stephens, P.Z. 1151; J. Hill, P.Z. 1164; J. Coombe, Z. 450; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G. Reg. Devon; J. H. Filmer, P.Z. 238; J. W. Chegwiddden, Z. 510; A. Davis, Z. 1151; W. Lake, J. 331; G. Barnes, H. 1164; C. Truscott, jun., Z. 496; John Crossman, J. 1164; J. P. Smith, H. 450; F. H. Pool, J. 450; R. G. Bird, J. 70; H. Elliott, H. 1151; Comps. H. G. Colville, S.E. 1151; H. F. Creber, First S. 1146; A. Luke, Second S. 496; W. Thorn, S.N. 510; T. J. Smith, S.E. 496; J. F. Childs, S.E. 510; J. Pool, S.E. 450; Jno. Stephens, P.P.S. 1151; W. H. Wright, P.S.N. 510; J. Beaglehole, Past S.N. 510; J. Harris, P.P.S. 510; J. P. Creber, P.S. 1164; J. J. Taylor, First S. 450; J. Rawlings, 1st S. 1164; R. Broad, S.N. 1164; J. H. Ferris, S.N. 331; H. S. Hill, P.S. 223; the Rev. G. L. Church, E. 1006; W. Lidgely, 1006; W. Rowe, 1151; F. B. Williams, 1151; T. H. Lukes, 496; Jno. Kempthorne, 1164; T. Oliver, jun., 331; R. Carter, 331; J. Thomas, 1006; J. F. Hooper, 1006; S. Jacobs, H. Bale. Business commenced with opening the Prov. G. Chapter, under the presidency of the following Principals:—Ex. Comps. L. P. Metham, Z.; Colonel Peard, H.; N. J. West, J.; E. T. Carlyon, acting as S.E.; W. Tweedy, P.S.; R. Johns, A.S., and P.G.D.C.

Ex. Comp. L. P. Metham expressed his pleasure at the large attendance at the convocation, and congratulated the companions on the reconstitution of the P.G. Chapter, and on the able companion that had been called to preside over it as Prov. G. Superintendent. He was sure it must be a pride and pleasure to them at the excellent appointment made by the Grand Chapter in selecting the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. Great and very gratifying benefits had been conferred on the Craft Grand Lodge of the province by his appointment at the head of that body, and he felt they would welcome his lordship with much cordiality on his new appointment, and fully recognise the kindness on his part as it deserved in coming to preside over the chapter. The arrival of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe in the ante-room was then announced, and his patent of appointment sent in to the chapter. Ex. Z. directed the patent to be read. Comp. Richard Johns, acting as Master of the Ceremonies, read the patent, which was duly accredited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.F.P.; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, G.H.; the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, G.J.; J. Hervey, G.S.E.; the Rt. Hon. Lord Donoughmore, G.S.N. The following companions were then appointed a deputation to conduct his lordship into the chapter—W. J. Johns, F. W. Dabb, G. Kerswill, and J. C. Stephens. On the Earl of Mount Edgumbe entering the chapter he was very warmly received.

Ex. Z. L. P. Metham asked his lordship to allow him, before he proceeded to the ceremony of the installation, to congratulate him personally on his preferment and the province on receiving as their ruler one who, both by precept and example, illustrated and adorned Freemasonry. Ex. Z. said he was also commissioned to convey to his lordship the sincere congratulations of the illustrious chief and the companions of Devon. He (Lord Mount Edgumbe) had already shown as P.G.M. that he possessed a

generous spirit, more prone to be gratified by guiding the judgments and winning the affections of his brethren, than he would, could such a power be given him, by exercising a despot influence over their lives and fortunes. To all the companions the Grand Master above had entrusted talents, to some more and to some less, for which, at His coming, He would call them to a reckoning. To his lordship more than to most He had committed great and precious talents, which he was confident he would not bury in a napkin, but would employ to His glory and the benefit of his fellow creatures, more especially the great talent about to be committed to his care. His lordship received that honourable distinction at a time when the priesthood of a church hostile to the Order were every day with increasing virulence fulminating anathemas against Freemasons as materialists and atheists. Be it his care, from his public conduct and his private life and by his teaching, to give the most appropriate and dignified contradiction to such a calumnious and unfounded charge. Ex.-Comp. Z. then proceeded to point out to his lordship the sublime character of the degree, in the working of which he was about to be placed in such an office of trust. It was, he said, the climax of Freemasonry, intimately blended with all that was near and dear to them in another state of existence. It was founded on the name which was above every name—the name of that great Deity, who was from all eternity, was now, and would be one and the same for ever—the Eternal Ruler of the universe. The base of the Masonic system rested on the earth; its intermediate steps were clear and defined; its summit reached the heavens. When the just and upright brother who has moulded his life according to the sacred dictates of truth, who has practised charity in thought, word, and deed towards his fellow men, who had cultivated his intellectual powers to the benefit of his fellow creatures and the glory of God, at the close of a well-spent life, on the brink of the grave, which was about to receive him into its cold bosom, he quailed not, but relied on the merciful promises of his Creator and Judge. When death had thrown his sable mantle around him then would the clouds be rolled back from the summit of the ladder, and the faithful brother would be brought face to face with Him whom he had obeyed in life and trusted in death. The R.A. Degree was a pillar of daily admonition and instruction through the intricate winding of their mortal existence, and only left them when they entered those eternal mansions where the true secrets of Masonry should be revealed, never again to be concealed or lost. All Masonic degrees, unless dependent on the R.A. Degree, weakened as moral teachers, and were deprived of their most solemn, vital, and instructive character. They would be like the fruit described in the Eastern fable—beautiful and tempting to the eye, but stony and cold to the touch, and bitter as ashes to the taste. Had the soul no aspirations breathed into its inmost consciousness that it should never perish, the creed of the heathen sensualist, "Let us eat and be merry, for to-morrow we die," would be the best philosophy and the easiest rule of life. The R.A. Degree was, however, still but a link—although the most precious link—in the golden chain which bound in mutual dependence the various parts of their whole system together. If the teachings of the R.A. Degree were carefully followed, it would be learned that no more acceptable service or sacrifice could be offered to a beneficent Creator than to look beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions, whether civil or religious, and to behold in every child of Adam a brother of the dust. When the various members of the human family were relieved in their hour of need, irrespective of nation, language, creed, or colour, then honest Masonic work was done. "He prayeth best who loveth best all things, both great and small; for the dear God that loveth us has made, and loves them all." Let them diligently use the working tools of the R.A. Degree; with the sword let them fight for the weak against the strong, for the true against the false, the good against the evil; with the crowbar let them demolish the strongholds of pride, prejudice, ignorance, and superstition; with the pickaxe let them bury the rubbish of the body of the old Adam; with the shovel let them clear away the ruins of a fallen nature which impeded the erection of a new structure, fitted for the reception of truth, and virtue, and wisdom; with the trowel let them every day add a white and perfect ashlar to the new temple which, though alas! only too slowly, was gradually and certainly rising to cover the whole earth, to embrace and fold within its ample courts all people, nations, and languages, and to be fitted with the name, the glory, and the honour of the Great I Am.

At the close of the eloquent address of Ex. Z., which was impressively delivered and warmly applauded, he proceeded to the installation of the Prov. G. Superintendent designate.

The beautiful and imposing ritual of the Order for the occasion was delivered by Ex. Comp. Metham with marked effect, in a manner that did great credit to himself and the adjoining Province of Devon, of which he is the P.G.H.

At the close of the installation,

The Earl of Mount Edgumbe, on assuming the chair of Z., expressed the thanks of himself and the chapter to Ex. Comp. Metham for his kindness in coming down to Truro to do what he had so ably and impressively done that day. For the kind sentiments expressed by Ex. Comp. Metham, and the cordial good feelings and congratulations, he was deputed to express on behalf of Most Ex. Comp. Huyshe and the sister Province of Devon their very grateful acknowledgments. He was sure Ex. Comp. Metham would take no offence at his regretting that Most Ex. Comp. Huyshe was not able to attend that day to perform what he would, however, say could not have been better performed than it was. His lordship then referred at some length to the merits, origin, and antiquity of the R.A. Degree. A certain period had been pointed out by some persons as likely to be that at which it was instituted.

With their views he could not, however, entirely agree. So far as he had studied the matter, he believed the origin of the degree went back to a far earlier period than was generally deemed. He would admit that probably it was not worked exactly in the manner now adopted by the present chapters, but pointed out circumstances which seemed to imply that parts of it were the work of a combination of the learning of the Egyptian, Hebrew, and Syrian priesthood. He had an idea that in parts of it could be traced the early development and progress of order and religious sentiment, under the then limited condition of the human intellect, somewhat after the manner in which geology gave the history of material matter. Some of the geometrical terms adopted he also showed to be of considerable interest. The disquisition of the Prov. G. Superintendent, which exhibited considerable research, and afforded very interesting information to the companions, was listened to by them with much interest.

At the close of this address and some further business peculiar to the order, Earl Mount Edgcumbe installed Sir F. M. Williams as H., and the Rev. G. Ross as J. of the chapter for the ensuing year. Ex. Comp. William Tweedy, 331, was elected and invested as Treasurer. The Prov. G. Superintendent then invested the following officers: E. T. Carlyon, 331, Prov. G.S.E.; R. John, 331, Prov. G.S.N.; W. J. Jenkins, 331, Prov. G.P.S.; George Kerswill, 510, Prov. G. 1st S.; John Paul, 1006, Prov. G. 2nd S.; W. J. Johns, 331, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Guy, 496, Prov. G.S.B.; N. J. West, 450, Prov. G.S.B.; R. A. Courtney, 510, Prov. G.M.C.; J. Ninness, 1006, Prov. G. Org.; I. Levin, 121, C. Truscott, Jun., 196; J. Bedford Kerswill, 1164; T. C. Stevens, 151, Prov. G. Stewards; W. Hooks, Prov. G. Jan.

The following committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the chapter:—Ex. Comps. the Z., H. and J., the S.E., S.N., and Treas. of the Prov. G. Chap., and the Z. of every private chapter in the province.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from several companions, including Comp. Hughan, who offered the assistance of a collection of bye-laws he had gathered, for revising the bye-laws of the chapter. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Ex. Comp. Metham for his services on that day. This was duly replied to, and the chapter was adjourned. During the holding of the chapter a very brilliant effect was produced in the appearance of the assembly by a large number of the Principals and Past Principals of the private chapters attending in complete costume in their official robes.

In the evening a large party of the companions dined together at the Red Lion Hotel.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the Agenda of business in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th March, 1877:—

The regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th December, 1876, will be read and put for confirmation.

The minutes of the Especial Grand Lodge of the 3rd January, 1877, will be read and put for confirmation.

The M.W. Grand Master will move that the following recommendations of the Especial Grand Lodge, holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January, 1877, be received and adopted, viz:—

1. That the sum of £4000 be voted to the Royal National Life Boat Institution for the purpose of founding and furnishing two Lifeboat Stations in perpetuity, in such localities on the English coast, as the Sub-Committee, hereafter mentioned, shall decide.

2. That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the R.W. the Senior Grand Warden, be appointed to confer with the Secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, with full powers to arrange all matters as to locality, detail, &c.

3. That a memorial tablet be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event.

5. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

6. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

A brother of the Lodge of Nine Muses, 235, London £100 0 0

A brother of the Union Lodge, 129, Kendal £200 0 0

A brother of the Angel Lodge, 51, Colchester... .. £50 0 0

A brother of the New Forest Lodge, 319, Lymington £50 0 0

A brother of the Apollo University Lodge, 357, Oxford £150 0 0

A brother of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, 60, London £150 0 0

8. Report of the Board of General Purposes to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

The Board of General Purposes beg to Report that it having come to their knowledge that the Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sodbury, had been guilty of Masonic irregularity by passing and raising brethren at shorter intervals than the period prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, the Board investigated the circumstances, and, in result, ordered that the brethren in question be duly re-obligated and their certificates withheld until that be done; and, further, that the lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

The Board further report the investigation by them of a similar Masonic irregularity on the part of the Royal

Alfred Lodge, 1028, Alfreton, a brother having been raised in such lodge at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, and that in result they have ordered the brother in question to be re-obligated, and his certificate to be withheld until that be done; and further that the lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

Signed, JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th February, 1877.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of February, 1877, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £6997 19s. 2d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

9. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1876.

10. Appeals:—

1. Appeal of Bro. Edmund Waller, M.D., the then W. Master of St. Peter's Lodge, 442, Peterborough, against the judgment of Bro. Butler Wilkins, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, relative to dissensions which have arisen in the lodge, arising chiefly on the subject of the powers and privileges of the W. Master.

2. Appeal of Bro. the Rev. William T. Hobson, of the Tynwald Lodge, 1242, Douglas, Isle of Man, against a resolution of the Board of General Purposes declining to interfere between himself and Bro. John A. Brown in a complaint submitted to them in a matter not relating to the Craft.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

11. Notices of motions:—

1. By Bro. the Rev. Henry John Hatch, W.M. 160,—"That a committee, consisting of the Present and Past Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Masters, and such other members of the Craft as the said committee shall, in their discretion, deem fit from time to time to add to their numbers, be appointed to consider what steps should be taken to promote the building, either on the Thames Embankment, or in some other conspicuous part of London, of a Masonic Temple, which, while offering more extended accommodation for the present requirements of Grand Lodge, shall be at once worthy of the rank, wealth, and increasing importance of Freemasonry; an ornament to the chief city of the world, and a lasting memorial of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U., not only for the safe return from India of our M.W. Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, but for the success of his visit in eliciting and confirming throughout that vast territory a feeling of universal loyalty and attachment to the Imperial rule of England.

"That such committee shall be invested with full powers to procure plans and estimates for such a building; shall consider the best means of raising the necessary funds; and shall continue to act and report to every succeeding Grand Lodge, until the Grand Lodge shall think proper to discontinue the said committee."

2. Bro. Benjamin Mallam, P.M. 108:—

"That a sum of money be given out of the funds towards the funds of the Alexandra Orphanage, sufficiently large in amount to allow of the committee to place one of the blocks of the buildings apart for the use of infant orphans of Freemasons."

The following is a list of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1652. Inverell, Inverell, N.S.W.

1653. Prince of Wales, Sydney, N.S.W.

1654. St. Leonards' Samaritan, St. Leonards, near Sydney, N.S.W.

1655. Corinthian, Thames, Auckland, New Zealand.

1656. Wolsey, Hampton Wick, Middlesex.

1657. Aldersgate, Aldersgate Street.

1658. Skelmersdale, Camberwell.

1659. Fidelity, Grand Bank, Newfoundland.

1660. Arlecdon, Frizington, Cumberland.

1661. Newton, Newark-upon-Trent, Nottinghamshire.

1662. Beaconsfield, Walthamstow.

1663. Hartismere, Eye, Suffolk.

1664. Gosforth, Gosforth, Northumberland.

1665. Natalia, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

1666. Akaroa, Akaroa, Canterbury, New Zealand.

1667. Hutt, Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 9, 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, MARCH 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.

" 1622, Rose, S.M.H.

Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.

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, MARCH 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland.

" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 256, Unions, F.M.H.

" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Basinghall-st.

Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

Red Cross Con., Premier, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.

Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.

Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.

Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden T'wn.

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.

West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-street.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6.

Colonial Board, at 5.

Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.

" 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot., Lnd. Brdg.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.

" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, C. of G. Hope Tav., E.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., W.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.

" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.

" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.

Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.

Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.

Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Constitutional, Wheatheaf 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7.

Quart. Com. Grand Lodge, at 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.

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 Edgcumbe, 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 8.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.

" 19, Royal Athelstan.

" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.

" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.

" 1457, Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill.

" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.

" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.

Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.

Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.

Libury, 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 9.

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

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 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. Marylebone, 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, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 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.
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For the Week ending Saturday, March 10, 1877.

MONDAY, MARCH 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hot., Altrincham.
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., Assembly R., Bootle.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Tuebrook, Liverpool.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Mark Lodge 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 216, Harmony, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Vic. Garrison Hot., Fulwood.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
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