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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The members of this lodge met very strongly at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Davis, W.M.; Mallett, S.W.; Dairey, J.W.; Rumball, S.D.; Whitby, I.G.; Morrison, A.W.S.; Heaphy, D.C.; Walls, A.D.C., acting J.D.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Waygood, I.P.M.; Peavor, P.M.; Hopwood, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Green, P.M.; and Kennett, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Pending the arrival of the candidates for passing and initiation, the W.M., with the assistance of the Secretary, worked the fourth section of the First Lecture. The brethren passed were Bros. Jordan, Marchant, and Allen, and the gentlemen initiated were Messrs. J. Broadhurst and T. A. Smith. Both ceremonies were exceedingly well performed by the W.M. Bro. Marks having been unanimously elected a joining member, and the widow of a deceased brother of the lodge assisted to the extent of nearly ten pounds, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual preliminary toasts were given and duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. and most warmly received by the brethren. The W.M. having briefly replied, immediately proposed "The Health of the Initiates," in which he congratulated both the lodge and them upon their admission that evening. The newly-admitted brethren having replied in very appropriate terms, the W.M. made a telling speech in introducing the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. J. B. Hall, in responding to this toast, made a very good reply. He said, as a member of a country lodge, and as he had the honour of holding provincial rank in two counties, he had had many opportunities of visiting rural lodges, but he had never seen the ceremonies of the three degrees better "worked," than he had in the Faith Lodge. It was not his first visit, and he hoped it would not be his last, because it was very pleasing to him, as an old Mason, to witness the excellent efforts of younger members of the Craft, who mainly composed the working staff of No. 141, and who appeared to be, from the W.M. downwards, thoroughly conversant with their duties. In conclusion he congratulated the lodge upon possessing so strong and efficient a body of Past Masters. Several other visiting brethren having replied, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," in which he expressed his thanks to them all for the excellent advice and assistance they were always ready to give when required. This toast having been received with great warmth, was briefly acknowledged. "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" followed. In introducing these toasts the W.M. dwelt upon the great and valuable services rendered by those worthy brethren. In addition to Bros. Carter and Stuart he particularly mentioned the names and abilities of his Wardens, Bros. Mallett and Dairey. These toasts having been duly acknowledged, the Tyler's toast was called, and the brethren adjourned until the last Tuesday in the present month. During the proceedings Bros. Robinson, Davis, sen., Walls, Leftly, and others entertained the brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hall, P.P.G. D.C. of Leicestershire and Rutland; Simmonds, P.M., late of 141; Cox, 19; White, 452 (India); Clifford, 773; Simpson, 1178; and Wilson, 1624.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—This lodge met on the 6th inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, when there were present, amongst others, Bros. H. Higgins, W.M.; Reeves, S.W.; T. C. Walls, J.W.; G. Everett, I.P.M.; Page, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., 141, &c., Sec.; Mann, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; Drysdale and Pope, Hon. P.M.'s; Ellis, jun., Org.; Honeywell, P.M., Assist. Org.; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Marston, W.S.; and Stokes, A.W.S. The visitors were Bros. Pinder, P.M. Kent; Fenner, Upton; and Cole, Granite. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Sleight and initiated his son, Mr. Higgins, both ceremonies being well and carefully performed. The sum of five pounds having been voted to the Secretary, and a vote of thanks passed to the S.D. for

his gift of two cushions for the use of the lodge, it was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which did great credit to the caterer, Bro. Trotman. The preliminary toasts having been done full justice to, the I.P.M. arose and proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he said should be a "bumper toast." In the course of his remarks he said that the way in which Bro. Higgins had "worked" the Third Degree that day was a matter for congratulation, and he was sure with their kind indulgence the W.M. would go through his year well. The W.M., in reply, said it was no easy task to discharge the duties of the chair even creditably, but he would do his best. Unfortunately he suffered from a weakness of the voice, which made much speaking irksome; but with their indulgence he hoped to carry out the ceremonies to their satisfaction; and he was pleased that his first essay had been successful. In introducing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. said that in consequence of their affinity this toast was a very pleasing one. He doubly welcomed him to the Kennington as a son and as a brother, and he was confident that his principles would be ever characterised by those beautiful precepts as set forth in the Masonic ritual; and, in conclusion, he hoped that his son's advent into the lodge would never be regretted by its members. Bro. Higgins, in reply, briefly said that he felt quite unable sufficiently to express his ideas upon the ceremony he had that day witnessed, but would simply conclude by thanking them all for the honour they had done him by electing him one of their body, and that he should ever look back with pleasure to that day as one of the brightest days of his existence. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Bros. Pinder, Cole, and Fenner. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. took occasion to speak very highly of the capabilities and services in Masonry of those worthy brethren; and in concluding his remarks he particularly alluded to the abilities of the I.P.M., and thanked him very sincerely for the great assistance he had given him in lodge that day. This toast having been duly honoured, elicited from Bro. Everett, the I.P.M., an excellent speech in acknowledgment. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the remaining toasts were but briefly given. They were "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Charities." Selections of instrumental and vocal harmony were furnished by Bros. Ellis, jun., Walls, Webb, Sirgood, and others; and Bro. Warner Sleight recited with dramatic skill "The Dream of Eugene Aram." The next meeting of the lodge will take place on the first Tuesday in April.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—An emergency meeting of this high-class lodge was held on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The agenda paper was unusually heavy, there being no less than two raisings, five passings, and four initiations. The lodge was opened about 5 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Cantle, who was ably supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. Goodman, S.W. (acting); Cornelissen, J.W.; D. D. Ashford, S.D., acting for Bro. Ashwell, who, we regret to say, was unable to attend the lodge through illness and domestic affliction; Bro. Knight Smith, J.D., who, with his usual kindness, presided at the harmonium, to enable him to do which Bro. Skeg, W.S., assisted Bro. Ashford in the duties of Deacon; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; Mattock, P.M., Treas.; Thurkle, P.M., W.S.; Foster, I.G.; and Fox, Tyler. This being an emergency meeting, of course no minutes were read. The W.M. therefore at once proceeded to the business of the evening. Bros. Calling and Reynolds being in attendance, passed the necessary examination in a manner which was not only highly creditable to themselves, but at the same time showed the amount of interest they already evince in the Order they have entered, were then entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened up into the Third Degree, and on the re-entry of those brethren they were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the W.M. rendering that beautiful ceremony in a most perfect and impressive manner. The next business was to pass Bros. Williams, Taylor, Raymond, Jaques, and Gunnell, and for which purpose the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, when those brethren also proved their proficiency in a very fair manner, and were dismissed. The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and on their re-entry they were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was again lowered to the First Degree, and the ballots were then severally taken for the following gentlemen, viz., Bro. Robert Charles, of the Phoenix Lodge, 173, as a joining member, and Messrs. J. S. Lucas, B. Cooper, P. Dyke, and J. Neilson, all of which ballots proved unanimous. At this juncture the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. Poupard, arrived and took his seat, and Messrs. Lucas, Cooper, Dyke, and Neilson were regularly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, and we feel bound to note that all the ceremonies were rendered by the W.M. with great care, skill, and ability; and during his year of office he has rendered himself a highly popular Master with the lodge, and on his retirement from office next month into the ranks of the P.M.'s he will carry with him the hearty good wishes of every member of the lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer. The following were amongst the members present, viz., Bros. Noke, P.M.; C. Smith, P.M.; Mattock, P.M.; visitor, Greene, W.M. 1275; members: Bros. J. R. Ashford, Matthews, Vernon, Bowley, Miller, Wright, Laurence, Phillips, and others. The banquet which followed was admirably served up by Bro. Geider, the custodian of the hall, and great praise is due to him for the careful manner in which the various dishes were placed upon the table, and a most enjoyable evening, interspersed with songs and recitations, was spent by the brethren, who separated about half-past eleven evidently well satisfied with the evening's entertainment which is always to be met with in the Ivy Lodge.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The March meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday

last, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Brethren present: Bros. John Derby Allcroft, W.M.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, S.W.; Dr. Chas. Hogg, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; P. Saillard, S.D.; W. H. Froom, J.D.; T. Benskin, D.C.; A. J. Altman, I.G.; E. Y. Jolliffe, W. S. Chapman, Dr. H. A. Smith, Rev. R. Lee, Sam. White, W. W. Landell, Hyde Pullen. Visitors: Col. Francis Burdett, G.M. Middx.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Henry Mugeridge, P.M. 715; Charles Godfrey, 214; E. Brookman, 192; A. J. Protheroe, 22; George Watson, 21. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. A. Brookman and Dr. Samuel Benton, which resulted unanimously in their favour. Mr. A. Brookman being in attendance was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Dr. Benton was unable to be present owing to indisposition. Bros. Lee, Smith, and Chapman were passed to the Second Degree. One gentleman was proposed for initiation. The lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday, the 10th day of April. The brethren then dined together, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being most ably proposed by the W.M. Bro. Col. Burdett replied for the Grand Officers, Bros. Nunn and Mugeridge for the visitors.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).**—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, March 1st. Bro. F. Wilkinson took the chair at a quarter to eight, when there were present Bros. Brown, I.P.M.; Falkner, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; Braham, Sec.; Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cers.; Carey, P.M. and Asst. D.C.; Gummer, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Radway, I.G.; Robinson and J. Smith, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler; Past Masters Cooper, Captain Peel Floyd, Mitchell, Rubie, Major Preston, Clark, Moutrie, Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire. As visitors, Bros. Hughes, Jos. Dutton, Marillier, of No. 53; and Bros. Hill, P.M., Young, Hayward, Glover, Bright, Stuckey, of No. 906; also about a dozen members of No. 41. After the lodge had been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Ames and Holmes were examined as to their proficiency, which they fully proved by their readiness of reply to a considerable number of questions. They were then entrusted and dismissed for preparation. All requisite arrangements having been made the candidates were readmitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Ashley, assisted by Bro. Cooper, as Chaplain, by Bro. Moutrie, who gave the traditional history, and by the S.W., Bro. Falkner, who explained the symbolism of the working tools. By these four brethren, aided by the subordinate officers, the old York ritual was most impressively and admirably rendered. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and the W.M. again took his chair. A ballot was taken for three candidates to be initiated at the next meeting, which was unanimously in their favour, and five gentlemen were proposed and seconded, to be balloted for on that occasion. Amongst them were two sons of the late highly esteemed and deeply lamented Bro. G. Mann, one of the oldest members of the lodge, whose recent death was feelingly commented on by Bro. Ashley; and on his proposition, seconded by Bro. Wilton, a letter of sincere condolence was ordered to be sent to the members of his family, a communication from whom was read by the I.P.M., thanking the many members of the lodge who testified their respect for the deceased by attendance at the funeral. The lodge was finally closed at ten o'clock.

**SHREWSBURY.—Salopian Lodge of Charity (No. 117).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Raven Hotel on Wednesday, the 28th ult. There were present Bros. W. Spraggon, W.M.; W. Morris, S.W.; T. W. Thompson, J.W.; R. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; J. Vinc, Sec.; W. Litt, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; V. C. L. Crump, I.G.; J. B. Bagnall, I.P.M.; Past Masters Bros. John Evans, Philip Evans, Horatio Jones, and J. B. Boucher, and a full lodge of brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form and the ordinary business having been transacted, the W.M. rose, and in the name of the past and present members of the lodge presented Bro. Lewis, P.M. and Treasurer, with an elegant silver tea and coffee service, remarking on the high esteem entertained for him by the brethren, and also thanking him for the very valuable and indefatigable services he had rendered to the lodge; and attributing it to his zeal that the lodge had been raised to its present high standard of efficiency. Bro. Lewis expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him, both by the presentation and also by the flattering remarks made by the W.M. He reviewed the progress of the lodge since he had become a member of it in 1855, but remarked that any services he may have rendered he had been actuated to perform by a love for Freemasonry in general and of his mother lodge in particular. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

**WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. C. D. Hume, W.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Schieman, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treas.; J. O. Carter, P.M., P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, Sec.; Pears, J.D.; Cousins, I.G.; Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Hopwood, P.M.; McIlwham, P.M.; Tolley, P.M.; Apted, Dick Radclyffe, Pitts, Dore, Legg, Knighton, Wilkins, Lancaster, Larkin, &c. Visitors: Bros. Powell, P.M. 771; Bingham, P.M. 771; Scott, W.M. 771; Mitchell, 771; Goddard, 771; Hannis, 771; Johnson, 771; Hart 1348; Jewell, 1597; Petts, 342. Mr. C. M. H. Crawshaw was initiated into Freemasonry, Bros. Apted, Bailey, and Dore passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. Lancaster raised to degree of M.M. The whole of the three degrees were worked by the W.M. in a manner that caused great gratification to the brethren generally. The sum of twenty guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be added to Bro. Carter's

list for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Two candidates for initiation and two candidates as joining members were proposed. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

**BRIGHTON.**—Royal York Lodge (No. 315). On Tuesday, the 6th inst., the installation of the W.M. of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The W.M., Bro. S. T. Foat, who has passed with the utmost credit through every minor office, and who was unanimously voted to the chair, was installed in office by Bro. Nell, the immediate Past Master. The newly appointed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers, Bro. Hawkes being appointed S.W.; Bro. Charles Hudson, J.W.; Bro. H. Saunders, Treas.; Bro. T. Packham, Sec.; Bro. R. J. Pope, S.D.; Bro. G. Nash, J.D.; C. Erredge, I.G.; Payne and Willard, Stewards; and Bro. Hughes, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge at the previous meeting, was then, in the name of the lodge, presented by W.M. Foat to Bro. Nell, the Immediate Past Master, after which the lodge was closed with the usual formula. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, a magnificent provision being made for them by Bros. Sayers and Marks, of Western-road, Brighton, who, by their liberality and careful catering, proved themselves thorough "craftsmen." The chair was taken by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Foat, who discharged his duties most admirably. The general company included Bros. Scott, Prov. G.S.; Kuhe, Walter Smith, Bramwell, Brown, Reed, V. P. Freeman, Booty, and the Masters of the various lodges in the province. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and the proceedings generally passed off most harmoniously. The musical arrangements were under the immediate direction of Bro. Devin, who was most ably assisted by Bro. George Cole and other members.

**HADLEIGH.**—Lodge of Virtue and Silence (No. 332).—At the regular meeting on the 22nd ult., the lodge was attended by the W.M., Wardens, and members of the lodge, Bros. Hart, Golding, Downs, Powell, Gardiner, Pettit, sen. and jun., Spalding, P.M.'s; Eltham (W.M. elect), Chisnall, Grinwade, Aldous, Sexton, Mackney, Cooper, Seaborne, Hitchcock, King, Everett, Grinwade, C. Archer, Jones, and others. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. The W.M. was presented and duly installed by Bro. A. J. Grinwade, in a very solemn and impressive manner. The W.M., after duly acknowledging the honour conferred upon him, proceeded to appoint his officers for the year ensuing: Bros. Chisnall, S.W.; F. Grinwade, J.W.; Mackney, Sec.; Cooper, S.D.; Seaborne, J.D.; Hitchcock, Org.; King, I.G.; delivering to each a suitable address upon their several duties, and investing them with the insignia of their office. The brethren of the lodge being anxious to show their appreciation of the services of Past Master A. J. Grinwade, resolved to present him with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of their esteem and regard for the very able manner in which he conducted the lodge during the past year. Bro. Hunt, in the absence of Bro. Muriel, P.M., was delegated to present it, who, in a neat and appropriate speech begged of Bro. Grinwade to accept the jewel, not for its intrinsic value, but as a token of esteem, adding the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. might endue him with health long to wear it. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Aldous, and a pleasant evening was spent.

**BATH.**—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, March 12th. At 8.15 p.m. Bro. H. Gore, W.M., opened the lodge in the First Degree, supported by Bros. G. H. Cook, I.P.M. and Treas.; Dr. Hopkins, as Chaplain; H. Culliford Hopkins, S.W.; Falkner, as J.W.; Davis, P.M., Sec.; Bush, Dir. Cers.; Robinson, as S.D.; Johnston, J.D.; Radway, as I.G.; and Gazzard, Tyler. There were also present several members of the lodge, and as visitors, Bros. Pegler, P.M. 304, Leeds; Walker, P.M. 53; Jas. Dutton, P.M. 855; Marillier, 53; Sumsion, P.M. 53; Watts, P.M. 53; W. Smith, P.M. 53; Ames, 41; Sonderman, J.D. 53; C. Collins, Sec. 53; and W. F. Collins, 53. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. read a communication asking support in the present movement relative to the exclusion of Jews from German lodges, and after a few remarks in its favour from the Secretary and the Director of Ceremonies, a resolution was passed authorising the W.M. to sign the petition on behalf of the Lodge of Honour. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then took the chair, examined the candidates, whose correct and ready replies elicited the acclamations of the brethren, and entrusted them. After they left the room, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bros. Rev. Sanderson and Bell were re-admitted and duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. He also gave an elaborate explanation of the working tools, delivered the charge and the Lecture on the second Tracing Board, which he concluded amid the hearty applause of the brethren. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree by the W.M. The Secretary gave notice of a proposed alteration in the bye-laws with regard to the time of meeting. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., a vote of thanks to the visitors was passed, which was acknowledged by Bros. Walker and Pegler, the latter especially expressing his satisfaction at the resolution passed in favour of the Jews, and the pleasure he had derived from witnessing the ability with which the complete ceremony of passing had been conducted. The lodge was closed at ten o'clock.

**ABERDARE.**—St. David's Lodge (No. 679).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, 1st inst., St. David's Day. The members of the lodge mustered in great force, and there were several visiting brethren present from a distance, amongst the latter being Bros. W. J. Morgan, P.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen; Dr. Hall, W.M. of the Talbot

Lodge, Swansea; Morgan, Alexander, and Mole, of the Merlin Lodge, Pontypidd, and others. Bro. G. H. White, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed as Master of St. David's Lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. W. J. Morgan, P.M. of St. Peter's Lodge. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. Smith, I.P.M.; Evan Jones, S.W.; W. Little, J.W.; Dr. Price, Chap.; T. B. Powell, Treas., for the 21st time; T. Phillips, Sec.; Chas. Botting, S.D.; D. Davies, J.D.; J. Rhys, I.G.; J. Roberts and T. Moody, Stewards; and H. Bray, Tyler. Amongst other business brought before the lodge, an important official letter was read from Sir George Elliot, Bart., the R.W.P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales, intimating that he had decided on holding a Provincial Grand Lodge at Aberdare on the 4th of April next, under the banner of St. David's, when he would be installed in his new office by the R.W. Encas McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England. The announcement was received with great gratification by the members of the lodge, and a committee was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. After the business of the lodge was concluded it was closed in due form, and the brethren thereafter adjourned to the banquet room. Upwards of 40 brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, under the presidency of W.M. White. After ample justice had been done to the repast the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and well received. In proposing "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M.," the W.M. dilated on the honour Sir George Elliot had shown St. David's Lodge, by deciding to have his installation carried out under its banner. He hoped it was a decision which the members of sister lodges would approve of, when they considered that Sir George had for some years been a member of St. David's, and that his connection with Aberdare was of long standing. Bro. Smith, I.P.M. proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Health of the W.M." He spoke of his popularity in the lodge and his zeal for Masonry, and augured for St. David's a year of great prosperity under his guidance. The W.M. made an able reply, and said that he calculated on the support of the P.M.'s, whose advice would sustain him in all his duties, and in particular he depended on the support of his officers. The Installing Master, Bro. W. J. Morgan, made an able speech in reply to the toast of his health. As a very old friend of the W.M., it had given him the greatest pleasure to perform the installation ceremony. The proceedings of the evening were varied and enlivened by songs, admirably rendered by Bros. Rosser, Rhys, Smith, and the W.M. Bro. F. Atkins, of Cardiff, acted as Organist at the ceremony in the lodge, and he officiated at the piano at the banquet.

**ROTHERHAM.**—Phoenix Lodge (No. 904).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Rotherham, on Thursday, February 22nd, 1877. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when W. Bro. J. Oxley, P.M., P.P.G.R. for W. Yorks., took the chair for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Benjamin Saville, which was duly performed according to ancient custom. Bro. Saville, W.M., then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: W. Bro. C. H. Perrot, Prov. G. Org., I.P.M.; Bros. H. J. Bingham, S.W.; T. W. Roome, J.W.; John Fawcett, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Wragg, Sec.; C. Harvey, S.D.; Wilfrid Badger, J.D.; G. J. Hinchliffe, Org.; W. H. Pearce, I.G.; R. J. Evans, Steward; T. Chester, Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, the toast of the W.M. meeting with the very warmest reception. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. W. Jervis, W.M. 139; John Ridal, W.M. 296; S. B. Ellis, W.M. 1239; also representatives of Lodges 33, 43, 108, 242, and 1144. A most harmonious evening was spent, and all augurs well for a prosperous year for the lodge under its new and very efficient W.M.

**GREENWICH.**—Star Lodge (No. 1275).—This well established lodge held its regular meeting at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Bro. H. J. Green, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Wm. Wilson. He being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being rendered in a solemn, impressive, and correct manner by the W.M. Some formal business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed and adjourned to June. There were present Bros. R. W. Williams, P.G. Org. Middlesex, S.W.; C. W. Williams, J.W.; the Rev. G. R. Purfoy Colles, Chap.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Woodman, P.M., S.D.; W. Kipps, J.D.; E. W. Chetwynd, I.G.; A. Tisley, D.C.; S. Markitis, W.S.; C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; J. J. Limebeer, P.M.; and others. Visitors: T. Ross, 188; F. B. Williams, 162; G. F. Guest, W.M. 1531; C. A. Rose, 1446; J. H. Kemp, 27; and others. The usual first-rate banquet was served. The regular toasts were given and responded to. An agreeable evening was well spent and enjoyed by all present.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge held its regular March meeting on Saturday the 3rd inst. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., having opened the lodge, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken and declared unanimous for Mr. James Smith, a candidate proposed by the W.M., he was in due course received into the Craft by him, the attendant ceremony being well rendered. Bro. Pearson was passed to the Second Degree; and Bros. Barber and Brown to the M.M. degree. Bro. Pearson was raised by the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Caldwell, P.M., in his masterly and accustomed manner; better known

than comment can describe. A visiting brother, Bro. Dr. Barlow, P.M. 645, expressed a wish to confer the third degree upon Bro. Brown; the chair was therefore assigned to him. This being the first ceremony performed by Bro. Dr. Barlow at 1458, it must not be passed unnoticed. Our medical brother possesses that self command so essential to his profession, which combined with attention to punctuation and elocution, certainly brings out a Masonic ceremony clothed in its true meaning. Real oratory produces that which the simple utterance of words is not capable of. Such was the quality of the ceremony performed by Bro. Barlow, and which produced a good impression upon Bro. Brown, which was discernible from the remarks made by him at a later period of the evening. Prior to the closing of the lodge, Bro. Batchelder, W.M., resumed command of the lodge, and received from the hands of Bro. Kleinmann, J.S., a sword which he had worn during the Franco-Prussian war, and which he presented to the lodge for the use of its Inner Guard. The W.M. having thanked Bro. Kleinmann on behalf of the lodge, summoned to the E. Brother Proctor, I.G., and invested him with the weapon of separating and protecting capabilities. Its deeds of deadly separation are probably completed; it yet, well wielded, will separate the cowl from the Craftsman. Bro. Proctor, ever mindful of his business, will at his post of I.G. doubtless suggest the same course to others, should they require such wise advice, with his well tried sword to second the motion. Business having been concluded, Lodges 645 and 1219 tendered their "Hearty Good Wishes," and the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the social board. Upon the cloth being withdrawn, the usual toasts were given and received. During the evening harmony abounded freely; the new initiate, Bro. Smith, fully proved his ability as a vocalist of no mean order. Bros. Nicholson, Pearson, and Smith entertained the brethren with some good glee singing, and last, but not least, Bro. Goodchilde rendered with pleasing strain his comic adventure "The Hole in the Shutter." The brethren separated at a reasonable hour, 9.30 p.m.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.**—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Bro. E. West's house, the Three Crowns, as above, and may well be remembered as a red letter day in the history of this pretty and flourishing little lodge, not only on account of the number of the brethren and visitors present, but for the splendid working of the Installing Officer, Bro. J. Ives, who well and worthily installed his successor, Bro. W. Steele, into the chair of King Solomon; nor will the style in which the new W.M. afterwards initiated three candidates be soon forgotten. Suffice it, both ceremonies were performed in such a manner as to justify the hopes of every one present, that a great, if not a distinguished future, lay before the lodge, and that if its present excellence is maintained it must soon take its position as one of the first in the district both for numbers and efficiency. The lodge was opened at one o'clock sharp, and Bro. Ives immediately proceeded to the important business before him, Bro. West, P.M. of this and many other lodges, as well as a Provincial G.O. for Herts, officiating as D.C. After Bro. Steele had been installed and saluted according to custom, he proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Ives, I.P.M.; A. J. Manning, S.W.; W. T. Turner, J.W.; T. Geller, Treas.; J. Henderson, P.M., Sec.; N. Stanford, S.D.; J. Plume, J.D.; W. F. Vance, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Organist; G. A. Elder, D.C.; W. Davis, W.S.; and W. Steadman, P.M. 754, Tyler. Among the company present were Bros. T. Butt, W.M. 700; J. Dorton, W.M. 1076; C. T. Barham, W.M. 754; W. Graham, P.M. 700; T. Day, P.M. 1076; J. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; H. B. Holliday, P.M. 1076; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076, and of the lodge; S. Watkins, P.M. 1076; J. White, 1076; A. Woodley, J. W. 700; F. Wakefield, P.M. 548; J. Jacobs, 1327; J. West, 55; D. Old, 1076; and C. Jolly, 913. The installation having been splendidly finished, Messrs. Beazley, Guy, and Lloyd were initiated by Bro. Steele into Masonry, and then, after a vote of thanks, to be engrossed on vellum, had been voted to Bro. Ives, for his efforts as Installation Officer, and Bro. P. M. Graham had presented the lodge with a fine rough ashlar, bearing the following inscription on a silver plate: "Presented to the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, by P.M. W. G. Graham, No. 700, March 6th, 1877," the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren sat down to their banquet, which was of the choicest and most elaborate description, no expense being spared by Bro. West in catering to the tastes of his guests, both edible and bibulent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and loyally responded to. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Ives said that Bro. Steele had worked hard to fit himself for the honourable position he now held. They had a taste of his quality in seeing him work the First Degree that afternoon, and if he continued to work the ceremonies in the same able manner they would never regret having placed him in that chair. He asked them to join him in drinking "The Health of Bro. Steele," their esteemed W.M. Bro. Steele, whose reception was most enthusiastic, thanked them for their toast. He said that from the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Ives, and which they had so heartily endorsed, he believed that he had given them every satisfaction up to the present. No one could appreciate the many difficulties attending the position of W.M. more than he did, and no one could more heartily and sincerely ask them for their assistance and co-operation in carrying out these duties than he. The honour of a lodge was essentially bound up with the character and conduct of its Master, and he trusted to leave that chair at the end of his year of office, as pure, as bright, and unsullied from stain as he had found it. He again thanked them for their toast, and resumed his chair, amid much cheering. In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. presented, in flattering terms,

Bro. Ives with the jewel of his office, of the value of ten guineas, and trusted that he might long be spared to wear it as a token of the esteem in which he is held in the lodge. Bro. Ives feelingly returned thanks, and said that the magnificent jewel they had presented him with that night would wed him to that lodge as faithfully as he had been wed to his wife at the altar, and as he trusted he had been a good and true husband, so would he, as long as he lived, be a good and faithful brother to that lodge. After half a century passed in Masonry, that was the proudest moment of his life. He hoped he had earned and deserved it. He knew that W.M.'s who not only during their term in the chair, but in the subordinate offices that lead to that proud distinction, did all they could to promote the harmony and good fellowship of their lodges, naturally looked to some such token of respect at the expiration of that term, but no one could have received it with the united good wishes of every member of the lodge more than he felt sure he had from them. (Applause.) He trusted Br. Steele would go on and deserve such a recognition when his time had arrived. For himself, to the longest day of his life he should look back to this as one of the greatest honours ever conferred upon him, and as one of the proudest moments of his life. Bros. Butt, Day, Graham, Watkins, and others replied for the visitors. The Initiates duly returned thanks for their healths, Bro. Manning replied for the officers; and after a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded Bro. West for his excellent catering, the Tyler's toast concluded a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—Lodge of Israel (No. 1474).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Severn-street, on the 12th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M. at 4 p.m. There was a very large attendance of brethren from all parts, some from London, Liverpool, and New York, and the most distinguished members of the Craft in Warwickshire, including many officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, confirmed, and signed, the inducting of the S.W., Bro. Isaac Silverstone, into the chair of K.S. then commenced. The ceremony was entirely carried out by Bro. J. Myers, P.M. of the Lodge of Emulation and Treasurer of this lodge. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. B. Lazarus, S.W.; D. Davenport, J.W.; William Wood, Sec.; P. Roberts, S.D.; A. Silverstone, J.D.; H. H. Lawrence, I.G.; J. Myers, D.C.; A. Harris, A.D.C.; A. B. Vigus, Org.; E. Marks, Standard Bearer of the new banner, which has for its motto the "Crouching Lion of Judah;" G. J. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain; M. Davis, P.M., Treas.; and S. Lyon, I.P.M., who was then presented by the W.M., Bro. J. Silverstone, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, set with brilliants, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Israel, 1474, to Bro. Solomon Lyon, in recognition of the zeal and ability displayed by him as W.M. in 1876, and as some token of the fraternal esteem and regard unanimously entertained for him by the brethren." Bro. S. Lyon, in thanking the brethren of the lodge, said how proud he was to receive such a jewel in the presence of so many distinguished Masons and his fellow townsmen, and that he should for ever remember his year of office, as it was marked with so many acts of kindness, and it did not want this additional proof to cement his life interest to the lodge, as it was a source of great delight to him to be one of the founders, he should for ever prize it, and wear it as often as possible, in order to show the generosity of the brethren with whom it was his lot to associate. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Thomas Green in such a manner that all present were delighted with him, and thought the lodge had every reason to be proud of such an excellent successor. The Secretary then read several communications from lodges, not only of Warwickshire, but many from distant provinces, expressing their wish to assist all in their power to present to Grand Lodge an influential petition in respect to the exclusion of the Hebrews in certain German lodges. After the business was concluded the lodge was formally closed with the usual hearty good wishes, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a most sumptuous repast was provided, and nearly 70 brethren sat down, and were presided over by the new W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a very efficient manner. The whole proceedings were of a most satisfactory character.

**POTNEY.**—Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—At the regular meeting of this lodge Bro. J. Wright occupied the chair of W.M., and was supported by Bros. Robinson, S.W.; F. Holland, acting J.W.; Morphew and Collings, Deacons; Boehr, I.G.; H. Smith, P.M., Sec.; and Watkins, Treas. The business included the raising of Bros. Bury and Thomson, passing Bro. Stokes, and initiating Messrs. Hunt and Mansell. It being the night for electing the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, Bros. Robinson, Watkins and Steed were respectively elected without opposition. Bros. Collings, Mansell and Harrison were elected as members of the Audit Committee. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., and the lodge was closed and adjourned to April.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—The first regular meeting of this lodge since its consecration was held at the White Hart Hotel on the 5th instant, when there were present Bros. W. Hammond, P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; Sharp, P.M. 84, S.W.; Bond, P.M. Dobie Lodge, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, hon. P.M.; Baldwin, P.M. Era, A.G.P. of Middlesex, honorary member; Rev. De Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, Chaplain; Ockenden, Sec.; Aston, S.D.; J. Hurst, W.M. 1512, J.D.; T. C. Walls, I.G. The visitors were Bros. Buckland, P.M. Dobie Lodge; Saunders, W.M. 1503; Wells, J.W. Brownrigg Lodge; Pearman, Dobie Lodge; Miller, Ivy Lodge; Tagg, Hemming Lodge. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated in his usual impressive

manner Messrs. Marvin, Taylor, Richer, and Featherstone. The ballot was taken for joining on behalf of Bro. Fitt, 205, United States, and declared unanimous. Bro. Nutt-hall, one of the founders, having been unanimously elected Treasurer, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Andrews, the caterer. "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," and "The R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex," were given from the chair. The S.W. in proposing "The Health of D.P.G.M. of Middlesex," said that the Wolsey Lodge was to be congratulated upon having had the honour to be the first to congratulate Bro. Little upon his appointment. They were also favoured by having a W.M. who held past rank in the province, and he should couple the names of the W.M. and Bro. Baldwin, A.G.P., with the toast. This pledge having been duly honoured, the latter, by the request of the W.M., acknowledged it. In proposing "The Health of the W.M." the S.W. remarked that they all knew his abilities, and they all respected him. They had seen his successful working that night, and he hoped in conclusion that during Bro. Hammond's year of office he would be blessed with good health to discharge his onerous duties. The W.M. in reply expressed his gratification at the success which had thus far attended his fourth essay. In founding the lodge he had had no desire personally to gain fresh laurels, but it was to further the laudable desires of several of the brethren who aspired to obtain the chair of K.S. In concluding his remarks he said that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the lodge a success, and he was pleased with the genial way in which the S.W. had proposed his health, and the warmth with which it had been received by the brethren. In giving "The Initiates" the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon the admission of four gentlemen that evening to assist in manning their little Masonic venture. He hoped what they had seen and heard would give them exalted views of Masonry, and that if so they would have made a step in the right direction, because by being impressed with the ceremony of initiation they must exercise those qualities of mind that would eventually redound to the good of their fellow creatures, and in concluding he trusted that they would also find an advantage by being Masons, and would ever cultivate the principles of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Taylor in a very neat speech. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Buckland, P.M., who said that the lodge bade fair to become a great success. It had an excellent Master, and the initiates were to be congratulated upon having had their degree well given, and they would see as they progressed in the science the advantage of having a good exponent of Masonry in the chair. In conclusion, upon behalf of his co-visitors and himself, he expressed the gratification their visit to No. 1656 had afforded. The toast of "The Officers" followed. In giving this the W.M. called attention to the fact that amongst the working staff were five Past Masters, a W.M., and a Warden, which spoke well for the future of the lodge. He coupled this toast with the name of Bro. the Rev. Champion De Crespigny, the Chaplain, who, in reply, said that he felt pleased at being an officer of the lodge. Many joined the Craft for conviviality, but, as an old Mason, he told the newly-admitted brethren that there was something far beyond that, and if they aspired to take office he called upon them to follow the good example of the W.M., and the other efficient officers who were coming on. In the course of his remarks he told them that many years had elapsed since his initiation, but he was still proud of the Craft. He held, as they were aware, Past Provincial rank as well as that of Past Master, but he felt inclined to think that those distinctions were not owing to any merits of his own, but were due to his Masonic ancestry, inasmuch as his grandfather had held the position of P.G.M. of Hampshire, and was a personal friend of the late Duke of Sussex. In conclusion he thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had proposed the health of his brother officers and himself, and said nothing would be wanting on their and his part to add to the prosperity of the Wolsey Lodge. "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the names of Bros. Bond and Ockenden, Stewards for the Girls' Festival having been given and responded to, the proceedings terminated.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**RANELAGH LODGE** (No. 834).—At the meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith, on Friday, the 2nd inst., the chair was occupied by Bro. J. H. Cumming, S.W. 534 (Polish National). After the first ceremony and some sections had been worked, P.M. G. Reed (Zetland) presented the Secretary, P.M. Alais, 834, on behalf of the brethren of this lodge of instruction, with a handsome cruet frame, beautifully fitted and engraved, as a small token of their esteem for the manner in which Bro. Alais always carried out his duties. The gift was duly acknowledged by the Secretary, who said that his great wish had always been that this lodge of instruction should succeed, and he trusted he should be spared many years to give it his support.

**SOUTHWARK LODGE** (No. 879).—There was a very flattering attendance here on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when Bro. W. Beavis, 1158, comparatively speaking a young Mason, worked the Fifteen Sections, which he has thoroughly mastered during the couple of years he has been a Mason. Diligence and perseverance have produced the grandest possible results, and the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge, 1158, have reason to be proud of so able and efficient a brother. The W.M. had for his officers Bros. C. W. Kent, P.M. 879, 1578, Preceptor, as S.W. (and a good one, too); E. Brewster, W.M. 879, J.W.; J. Tarryer, 1310, S.D.; B. Sadell, 879, J.D.; W. Green, 879, I.G.; and Walter S. Lagg, 879, the most

urbane of Secretaries. We have not space to tabulate the working, but the following brethren assisted in the order given. Bros. W. S. Lagg, 879; Brewster, W.M. 879; Milburn, 131; J. A. Hudson, P.M. 879; Milburn, 13; Gordon, 753; E. Stephens, P.M. 879; J. Taylor, 753; R. Challoner, 1622; C. W. Kent, P.M. 879; Stewart, 19, 1158; Taylor, 753; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; Leaper, 1275; and J. Davis, D.C. 879. In each section the answers were readily and accurately given, showing that Bro. Beavis is surrounded wherever he goes with clever workers. The W.M. thoroughly delighted the lodge, and we are bound to confess, in justice to so zealous and expert a Mason, that never have we heard the sections worked nearer "Emulation" form. There was a large attendance, but we have not room to give the names.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The bye-laws of the Lodge of Instruction attached to this lodge providing that the sections shall be worked every March and April, on Monday evening (under Bro. Sidney Myer, W.M., for the month), the first four sections of the first lecture were worked as follows:—1st, Bro. Baird; 2nd, Bro. R. Sharp, Sec. and Treas. and W.M. of the lodge, under whose warrant instruction is given; 3rd, Bro. C. Jellicoe, his J.W.; and 4th, Bro. C. J. Phillips, his S.W. At the last meeting of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, a Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. W. J. Hickman, son of the D.P.G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight. In the absence of the Mayor, the presentation was made in the name of the lodge by P.M. T. P. Payne, in the presence of a goodly number of the brethren, including two initiates, made the same evening by Bro. Sharpe.

#### Royal Arch.

**BELGRAVE CHAPTER** (No. 749).—This influential chapter held its last meeting at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Friday, the 23rd ult. Amongst those present were Comps. Frampton, M.E.Z.; Landfield, H.; Vine, J.; Mackney, I.P.Z.; Ough, P.Z., P.G. Assist. Soj., Treas.; Bourne, P.Z., S.E.; W. Johnson, P.Z.; H. Johnson, P.Z.; Watson, P.Z.; Limebeer, S.N.; Jolly and Collier, Assistants. Comp. Humphreys, P.S., in consequence of a domestic affliction, was not present. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers took place with the following unanimous results:—Comps. Landfield, M.E.Z.; Vine, H.; Limebeer, J.; Ough, Treas.; Bourne, S.E.; Humphreys, S.N.; and Jolly, P.S. A Past Principal's jewel having been unanimously voted to the outgoing M.E.Z., the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Thomas, S.E. 134; T. Walls, P.S. 185; Green, 17; Neate, 77; and Massey, 174. The preliminary loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been duly given and received, the I.P.Z. arose and proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," in which he stated that the manner in which he (Comp. Frampton) had carried out the various offices in the chapter was a pattern to any companion in London. In conclusion he wished him all health and happiness. The First Principal, in reply, stated that he arose with great pleasure to return thanks for the many kind expressions Comp. Mackney had used in proposing his health. He had been cast for the character of First Principal, and whether he had succeeded in enacting the part well he left that for them to judge. The poet had said that the "poor player struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more." But he hoped that that would not be his case when he made his final bow as a First Principal of the Belgrave. In concluding his remarks he thanked them all for the great kindness he had always received at their hands. In giving "The Visitors," the M.E. said that it was a very pleasing toast to propose the health of the visiting companions. They were all good men and true, and he called upon the members to give them a hearty greeting, because if they were satisfied with the results of their visit he was sure that the Belgrave was pleased to welcome them, as there was nothing so agreeable to them as being in a position to dispense its hospitality. This toast having been warmly received, Comps. Massey, Green and Thomas replied. The former stated, amongst other things, that he had been somewhat disappointed at not having witnessed any "working" that evening, because he had on a former visit been highly delighted with the excellent manner in which the ceremony of exaltation had been carried out. "The Health of the Past Principals" followed. In introducing this the M.E. said that he considered it "par excellence" the toast of the evening, because those distinguished companions had laboured hard to bring the chapter to its present high state of prosperity. He therefore charged them to drink the health of their Past Principals in a most enthusiastic manner. Comp. Mackney, in response, said that as the Immediate Past Principal he was pleased with the good feeling that had been manifested by the companions in receiving the health of his colleagues and himself. They were and would always be ready to assist those who were rising to eminence in the chapter, because as they, the Past Principals, were going down in the scale of popularity, there were others ready to supply their places, and who, moreover, were thoroughly conversant with the duties of the positions they couled. The M.E.Z. then said that he had a very important toast to bring to their notice, namely, "The Second and Third Principals." They were both good Craft Masons and Royal Arch Masons, and were always ready, willing, and able to carry out any Masonic "work." They had that evening been elected to fill high positions in the chapter, and in conclusion he called them "the coming men," and that under their sway he believed the proceedings of No. 749 would be carried out with great éclat. Comp. Landfield, M.E. elect, in response, said that he was gratified



that the M.E. had been pleased to pass such high encomiums upon his colleague and himself. His eulogy had been so high, that it had almost bordered upon flattery; nevertheless, he was sensible that since Comps. Vine and himself had been connected with the Belgrave they had endeavoured to do their duty. He had been elected that evening to discharge a very important office, and he would do all that lay in his power to add to the comfort and prosperity of the chapter, and he was confident that Comps. Vine and Limebeer would do the same. In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Scribe E.," the M.E. said that as the hour was late he should couple the toast of "The Officers" with it. This double toast having been received with excellent "fire," Comp. Ough briefly responded by stating that he felt honoured at having been re-elected Treasurer, and whilst he continued to hold that office he should always exercise a wise discretion in the management of their funds; and in conclusion, he thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had drank his health. Comp. Bourne said that he arose once again to return his sincere thanks to the chapter for having unanimously elected him Scribe E. for the eighth time, which proved he had at least done his duty and gained their satisfaction. He hoped, however, to arrive at his second term of apprenticeship in that capacity. In concluding his speech he said he was gratified that the chapter—which would on the 15th of March next have arrived at the 10th year of its existence—was in such a prosperous condition. Comps. Limebeer, Jolly, and Collier also replied. The instrumental and vocal harmony during the evening was furnished by Comps. Mackney, Limebeer, Walls, Coates, and others.

**WARRINGTON.**—Chapter of Elias Ashmole (No. 148).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, on Monday last. The chapter was opened by the Principals, Ex. Comps. W. Sharp, Z.; P. J. Edelsten, H.; and R. Brierley, J.; after which the companions were admitted, numbering amongst them Comps. John Bowes, P.Z., &c.; D. W. Finney, P.Z., &c.; Charles Crosier, S.E. and J. elect; James Jackson, J. L. Wilson, Thos. Tunstall, R. Galloway, Jno. Armstrong, W. Woods, James Hannah, W. S. Hawkins, P.Z., Knight, Joseph Pickthall, W. Read, W. Barlow, T. C. Pierpoint, and Thos. Domville, Janitor. The minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed, when the M.E.Z. invited Ex. Comp. John Bowes to take the chair as Installing Principal. Ex. Comps. P. J. Edelsten, R. Brierley, and Charles Crosier were then installed as Z., H., and J. respectively, in ample form, after which they were greeted, saluted, and proclaimed according to ancient custom. The other officers having been invested, a vote of thanks to Comp. Bowes was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and, there being no further business, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to the banquetting room, where, under the presidency of the newly-installed Principals, an excellent dinner was justly dealt with. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the Installing Principal came in for a large share of compliments. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing, in which Comps. Tunstall, Woods, Brierley, and T. C. Pierpoint took part. The proceedings closed about ten o'clock.

**IPSWICH.**—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 376).—The usual quarterly convocation of this popular chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when there was a large attendance of members, about twenty or twenty-five being present. Amongst others were Comps. Fraser, M.E.Z.; N. Tracy, P.Z., as H.; Dr. Mills, P.Z., as J.; H. Luff, Scribe E.; J. H. Staddon, Scribe N.; W. Boby, Prin. Soj.; H. Casley, Asst. Soj.; P. Cornell, P.Z.; J. A. Pettit, &c. Visitor: Comp. Emra Holmes, P.Z. St. Luke's Chapter. The chapter having been duly opened by the three Principals, the companions were admitted, and the minutes of last chapter and chapters of emergency were read and confirmed. Bros. A. D. George, P.M. 114, Prov. G. Reg. of Suffolk; A. J. Grimwade, I.P.M. Lodge Virtue and Silence; Hadleigh and H. Ribbons, of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, were severally admitted and exalted to the Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The M.E.Z. most ably and impressively performed this beautiful ceremony. Dr. Mills acted as Prin. Soj., and afterwards delivered the historical lecture, Comp. Tracy gave the symbolical, and M. Ex. Comp. Fraser delivered the mystical lecture with great solemnity and impressiveness. We have never seen the ceremonies throughout better, and seldom indeed so ably, performed as on this occasion. The other business of the chapter having been disposed of, Scribe E. delivered the Exordium, and the chapter was duly closed. The companions afterwards assembled round the social board under the presidency of Comp. Fraser. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and responded to by the brethren with the customary cordiality, and Comp. Tracy, in proposing "The Officers of Grand Chapter," regretted that he could not couple with that toast the name of the Prov. Ex. Superintendent. He hoped that some steps would shortly be taken to place a brother at their head in this province. The M.E.Z. proposed "The Visitors," coupling the toast with the name of Comp. Emra Holmes, who, in responding, dwelt upon the pleasure it gave him to be present that evening, to witness the absolutely perfect manner in which the august and majestic ceremony had been worked that evening by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers. He had been much impressed, years ago, at the working of this chapter under their late Comps. King and Franks, and he thought that working could not be equalled, but on this evening he had seen the degree conferred in a manner which he would venture to say could not be surpassed in any chapter in the kingdom. After making some remarks as to the antiquity of the degree, and the opinions of Bro. Yarker, Hughan, and others about it, he said he thought that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry

would be better served if the fee for admission were reduced to say a guinea. We were told there were but three degrees in Freemasonry including the R. A., and the Constitutions laid down that no one could be admitted a Mason for less than £3 3s. Yet, after a man had taken the three degrees for that sum, he was told he must pay £2 2s. for what was, according to the Constitutions, only a portion of a degree. When the fee was settled there were no powerful competing bodies like the Grand Mark Lodge and the A. and A. Rite. It was true the Mark degree and the Rose Croix were in existence, but they were not competing bodies in the sense then that they were now. A brother could get the Mark Degree, which was every whit as much a Craft degree as the R.A., for £1 1s. or 30s., and he could get the Rose Croix in Ipswich for £3 3s. No wonder then that when brethren found they could get 18 degrees for the same price that they paid for a portion of one they should often prefer to take it (the Rose Croix) to the Royal Arch. He thought that steps should be taken to get the fee for exaltation reduced, and every brother would then be encouraged to take the degree. Bro. Grimwade, in responding to the toast of "The newly-exalted Companions," expressed the pleasure he had derived in being admitted to this sublime degree. He had hoped to have had present that night with him Bro. Dr. Muriel of Hadleigh, but that brother had, as he deeply regretted, and as they were aware, died very suddenly, leaving a widow and nine children to mourn his loss, and he hoped the companions would help him to get them the benefit of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Ribbons also briefly and very modestly responded. A most agreeable evening was spent, and it was with great regret that the companions separated. Bro. Spalding catered, as usual, well. The supper was excellently served.

**BEDFORD.**—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, March 13th, when there were present Comps. Alderman Bull, M.E.Z.; Cookson, H.; Cuthbert, J.; Colonel Stuart, P.Z., P.G.T., &c.; Capt. Colbrunc, E.; Rev. W. Tebbs, J. 285, P.S.; Billson, 1st A.S.; Stafford, 2nd A.S.; Trapp, Treas.; Rev. Fawcett Ward, Chap.; Reynolds, Janitor; Harris, Coombs, Richardson, Hillman, Allan, Leslie, Capt. Nash, and Capt. Green, J.P.; Visitors: Comps. Barfield, P.Z. 19; Hales, M.E.Z. 840, P. Prov. Grand Chap. Berks and Bucks; Fitch, J. 840; Wilmer, N. 840; Taylor, 840; and Biggs, 282. Chapter having been opened in due form and the companions admitted, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Thody and Carter, of Stuart Lodge, and Bro. Lambie, of Bedfordshire Lodge of St. John the Baptist were balloted for, and being unanimously elected were duly exalted. A very high compliment was afterwards passed upon the officers of the chapter, by Col. Stuart, upon the way in which they had, at so early a period in the career of the chapter, performed the ceremonies. Two other candidates were nominated, and a committee, consisting of the officers of the chapter, having been appointed to consider and report upon the bye-laws to the next chapter, and hearty good wishes having been given from the several visitors' chapters, chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren, adjourning to refreshment, spent a very pleasant evening.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The annual gathering of the companions of this cordially supported chapter, for the installation of Principals and attendant business, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The chapter was opened at four o'clock by Comp. Holland, P.Z., acting as Z. (in the unavoidable temporary absence of Comp. W. J. Lunt, Z.), and he was supported by Comps. W. Cottrell, H.; T. Shaw, J.; Major G. Turner, P.Z.; T. Ashmore, P.Z., Treas.; W. Boulton, S.E.; J. Webster, S.N.; P. W. Oglesby, P.S.; and J. G. Hassall, A.S. The companions present included J. W. Ballard, J. Hunter, Henry Ashmore, Edward Walker, Geo. Graham, Arthur Strother, T. Bloomfield, J. Houlding, W. Wilson, R. Warriner, Luke Bagnall, J. S. Cuthbert, and J. H. Carefull. The visitors present were Comps. W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.W.L.; Wm. Shortis, P.Z. 1094; Richard R. Martin, P.Z. 1094; J. Hobkin, P.Z. 673; James T. Callow, P.Z. 673; Thos. Clark, P.Z. 673; J. MacMuldrow, Z. 1094; Henry Pearson, Z. 249; Richard Washington, H. 1094; R. C. Yeland, J. 1094; J. E. Jackson, J. 249; Rev. Rees Jenkins, P.S. 216; H. Burrows, P.S. 673; W. Burgess, P.S. 1094; Josh. Wood, Treas. 249 (Freemason); J. Archdeacon, 249; Edwd. Carter, 249; Thos. Dilcock, 220; John Lecomter, 203. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when Comp. Major Turner took the chair as Installing Master, and proceeded to place Comps. W. Cottrell as M.E.Z.; Thomas Shaw as H.; and J. W. Ballard as J.; the work of installation being done in a manner which it would have been very difficult to excel. On the re-admission of the companions, the M.E.Z. proceeded to invest the following as the officers: Comps. Hunter, S.E.; J. Hassall, S.N.; Henry Ashmore, P.S.; and P. Ball, Janitor. Bros. D. Callow, J. M. King, King, R. Milne, W. Atherton, and Spencer, being in attendance, were admitted and exalted as companions, in a manner which did credit to the chapter, and proved how well the Principals were up in their important work, which could not have been more efficient if it were the closing work of their year of office, instead of the opening portion of their duties. At the conclusion of the exaltation, Comp. Cottrell, M.E.Z., rose and said: Companions,—As it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour, so it is the expectation that we shall meet with the approbation of our companions that stimulates us, in either lodge or chapter, to do our best in the discharge of our duties. (Hear.) The companions of this chapter have ever held in the highest esteem the Principals who have presided over it, one of whom, Comp. W. L. Lunt, now retires from the chair of Z. I need say but little of the manner in which he has presided over us; suffice it to say that he has been well

able to perform his duties; he has been genial in his bearing, and has, while passing through these chairs, endeared himself to the companions. Companion Lunt, it is my very pleasing duty in the name of the chapter to present you with a small token of their esteem. As you are already decorated with a P.Z.'s jewel, I have great pleasure in handing to you this set of diamond studs, hoping you will live long to wear them, as a mark of your connection with this chapter. Comp. Lunt, I.P.Z., after referring to his long connection with the chapter, which dated from its formation, went on to say that he was deeply sensible of the great honour which they had paid him, on retiring from the First Principal's chair, in presenting him with a handsome present like that which had just been put into his hands, and he felt the compliment all the more after the remarks which had been made by the M.E.Z., that in all stations of life there was always a hope of reward which sweetened labour. In his (Comp. Lunt's) case he thought this was scarcely applicable, as the labour had been very light in comparison to the great reward he was then receiving from the companions of the chapter. He could only attribute it to a continuance of the very great respect which had always been shown to him both in lodge and chapter, and he hoped he should continue to retain that respect and goodwill in the future as in the past. Having received the honours and rewards he hoped to continue a working companion, and assist in making the Everton Chapter, if not the first, one of the first in the province, worthy of the emulation of the surrounding chapters. (Hear, hear.) Comp. Lunt concluded by wishing the Principals and officers a prosperous and harmonious year, and by again expressing his thanks for the very handsome gift. Three brethren were proposed for exaltation, and at the conclusion of the business the chapter was closed in due form. The companions then adjourned to a splendid banquet and after the usual toasts and pleasant harmony, the companions separated at an early hour.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**JERSEY.**—Concord Conclave (No. 8).—An assembly of this conclave was held at the Masonic Temple on Friday, the 2nd inst. The conclave was opened in ancient form by Sir Knt. E. Martel, M.P.S., supported by A. Schmitt, P.S.K.G.C., Rec.; Jos. O'Flaherty, E.; Wm. Wetherell, H.P.; C. D. Bishop, S.G.; W. H. Chapman, J.G.; Jas. Huclin, P.; Crees, H.; F. F. Amy, S.B.; P. W. Benham, P.S.; J. Oatley, P.S.; W. H. Long. Gaudion, Capt. Le Chevalier, and others. The minutes of the assembly held in September were read and confirmed. Bros. J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.G. Sec.; W. Z. Pugsley, P.M. 275, P.P.G.J.W.; Col. E. D. Smith, R.A.; Capt. T. Le Scelleur, T.S. 590; De Bourcier; E. Rivington, 491; F. P. Le Marquand, P.M. 491, P.P.G.S.D.; and W. H. Campbell, 958, were balloted for, admitted, and proclaimed Knights of the Order. The solemn ceremony, it is needless to say, was performed in a most accurate and impressive manner. The historical oration was admirably delivered by the H.P., and the other officers discharged efficiently the duties of their respective stations. An appeal on behalf of a mother and her ten little ones, presented by the Rec., was responded to by £1 1s. od. being granted. At the request of the Rec., Sir Knt. J. O. Le Sueur was appointed his assistant. The conclave was closed in solemn form and perfect harmony.

### STATISTICS OF MASONRY IN GERMANY.

In the German Empire there are at present in existence eight Grand Lodges, with 326 subordinate lodges and five independent lodges.

Their classifications are as follows: In Berlin the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, with 111 subordinate lodges; Grand Landes Lodges with 82 lodges; Royal York with 49 lodges; Grand Lodge of Hamburg with 23 lodges; Grand Lodge of the Sun at Beyreuth with 22 lodges; Grand Lodge of Saxony with 18 lodges; Eclectic Circle with 12 lodges; Grand Lodge of the Union at Darmstadt with 9 lodges, and five independent lodges, altogether 331 lodges.

The kingdom of Prussia contains 220 lodges, or two-thirds of all German lodges, of which Three Globes has 103; Grand L. L., 63; Royal York, 46; Hamburg, 1; Eclectic Circle, 6; and Union, 1.

Of lodges working under Berlin Grand Lodges there are six lodges in Frankfort-on-the-Maine, and one each in Hanau and Wiesbaden.

German lodges are in activity in 269 cities, and one is in a village, of which Berlin has 17; Hamburg, 13; Frankfort-on-the-Maine, 6 lodges. Six cities each 3 lodges; sixteen cities each 2 lodges, and the balance of cities each 1 lodge.

Germany has in a population of 41,100,000, 331 lodges, or one lodge to 124,242 inhabitants.

France has in a population of 36,100,000, 248 lodges, or one lodge to 145,536 inhabitants.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Chest Preservative.—At all seasons of the year the rate of mortality from diseases of the lungs is very great. Holloway's Ointment well rubbed upon the chest, aided by his Pills, arrests all mischief. These cleansing medicines exercise the most salutary and restorative influence over the entire contents of the pectoral cavity. Air-tubes, nerves, blood-vessels, and all other tissues feel their wholesomely potent power, more particularly in their thoroughly purifying both venous and arterial blood, by promoting the free circulation of air. Neither Ointment nor Pills contain any noxious ingredient whatever, but their balsamic nature nourishes rather than irritates the system, and kindly subdues untoward symptoms till all is well once more.—AUNT.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

A quarterly communication, was held at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1876, being the festival of St. John the Evangelist. Present: W. Bros. H. Krauss, Dy. D.G.M., as D.G. Master; Jos. Dawson, P.D.G.S.W., as Dy. D.G. Master; Edward Hopper, P.D.G.S.W., as D.G.S.W.; A. M. Buchanan, P.D.G.S.W., as D.G.J.W.; Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks, P.D.G.C., as D.G. Chaplain; W. Bros. E. G. Man, D.G. Reg.; W. H. Porter, D.G. Sec.; B. Samuel, P.D.G. Sec.; A. Hotson, D.G.S. Deacon; G. C. Hodding, D.G. Sword Bearer; W. H. Wooton, D.G. Steward, as D.G. Org.; J. F. Briddon, as D.G. Pursuivant; Bros. H. B. Davidson, D.G. Steward; J. H. Clarkson, as D.G. Tyler; and several representatives of lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form at 6 15 p.m.

The summons convening the communication was read. The proceedings of the last regular communication, held on the 12th September, 1876, having been printed and circulated, were, on the motion of the District Grand Master in the chair, taken as read, and were duly confirmed.

The District Grand Secretary read the report of the proceedings of a meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee, which was unanimously adopted.

The District Grand Master in the chair, after a few observations on the report of the District Grand Lodge Committee, addressed the brethren as follows:—The Masonic year which closes to-day has been an important one to this province, and we have to record many changes; chief among them the resignation of our Right Worshipful District Grand Master, W. Bro. Colonel Hervey Tucket Duncan, C.S.I. We have already recorded our sense of the loss which Freemasonry has sustained by his resignation of the office of ruler in this province, and our appreciation of the services he has rendered to the fraternity during his Masonic career in Burmah. I have now to tell you that his resignation has been accepted by the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and I lately received a letter from our R.W. District Grand Master conveying the command of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, that the wishes of the lodges in the province regarding a successor to him should be ascertained and made known to the Pro Grand Master through R.W. Bro. Duncan. This information I have procured, and am sending to R. Wor. Bro. Duncan, and we shall no doubt in due time be informed what is the pleasure of H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master regarding a successor to R.W. Bro. Duncan as District Grand Master of British Burmah. The hand of death has been busy amongst us during the past year, and we have to deplore a serious loss in the untimely demise of W. Bro. J. V. Douglas de Wet, our District Grand Treasurer, and a Past Grand Warden of this lodge. I need not enlarge on his excellent Masonic qualities, which are well known to all present. His place will be hard to fill, and his familiar face will long be missed by those who have had the pleasure of meeting him within these walls, and those of the other lodges in Rangoon. Lodge Star of Burmah has also to mourn the loss of an old and worthy brother in the person of Bro. Andrews. But it is not merely by the hand of Death that worthy brethren are taken from our midst. Changes of other kinds in a station like this are frequent, and we have to regret the removal of our universally esteemed Bro. W. D. Cruickshank, who has just left us to fill a higher post in his profession in Calcutta. I know that I am expressing the feelings of every brother in this Grand Lodge, in recording our sense of the untiring zeal and energy which this Worshipful brother has displayed in promoting every good work in the Craft during his stay in the province. That useful institution the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund is largely indebted to him, not only in the matter of liberal personal contributions, but for the excellent organization under which the funds are invested and managed, and for the untiring attention its affairs have received at his hands during his tenure of office as its Secretary and Treasurer. But, brethren, though we have lost and are losing many good brethren and true, many old and tried brethren still remain to us, and many more, either as initiates or joining members from other Districts, are enrolling themselves under our banners. Let us one and all assist each other in upholding the ancient principles of our Order, and in extending its sphere of usefulness, and be careful not to do anything which might dim or sully the lustre of Freemasonry. I now proceed to notify the appointments of the District Grand Officers for the ensuing year, but before doing so it is my pleasing duty to express to the officers of the past year the thanks of the District Grand Lodge for their valuable services, and in doing this I would wish to record specially my thanks for the services rendered by the District Grand Secretary and Treasurer. Our retiring District Grand Master has been pleased to express a hope that I would retain the chair of Deputy District Grand Master for another year, which I have much pleasure in doing, and as continuing to be the officiating head of the fraternity in the province until a District Grand Master is duly appointed and installed, I have every confidence that I shall continue to receive the advice, assistance, and support which I gratefully acknowledge have always been afforded to me by the other Masons in the Province of British Burmah.

The other appointments are as follows:—Bros. W. H. Krauss, D.D.G.M.; D. G. Macleod, Maulmain, D.G. S.W.; E. J. L. Twynan, Rangoon, D.G.J.W.; Rev. J. E. Marks, D.G. Chap.; B. Samuel (elected) D.G. Treas.; J. Petley, Tounghco, D.G. Reg.; W. H. Porter, D.G. Sec.; E. G. Man, D.G.S. Deacon; H. Prince, D.G.J. Deacon; W. A. Nicol, D.G. Supt. of Works; W. Ford, D.G. Dir. of Cers.; Malcolm Furlong, D.G. Swd. B.;

W. H. Wotton D.G. Org.; J. F. Briddon, D.G. Purs.; and J. H. Clarkson (elected) Tyler.

The District Grand Master in the chair proposed, and the Deputy District Grand Master seconded, that W. Bro. B. Samuel be the D.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.—Carried unanimously.

W. Bro. E. Hopper proposed, and W. Bro. A. M. Buchanan seconded, that Bro. J. H. Clarkson be D.G. Tyler for the ensuing year.—Carried unanimously.

The District Grand Master in the chair nominated six brethren as the District Grand Stewards, and seven brethren as the District Grand Lodge Committee for the ensuing year.

The business for the evening being ended, the District Grand Lodge was closed in form at 8 p.m.

## FIRST THINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The "City of Brotherly Love" has led the way in every Masonic movement on the American continent. Philadelphia had the first Master Masons' Lodge in America, in 1730—"The Hoop, Water Street"—which was No. 79 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England; the first Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Daniel Cox, appointed by the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of England, in 1730; the first Provincial Grand Lodge, in 1732, of which Bro. William Allen was elected Grand Master; the first Masonic Hall, erected on Lodge-alley, west of Second-street in 1754: the first Royal Arch Chapter—Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3 (the minutes of which are in existence of the year 1767, and which mention prior minutes); the first Grand Chapter—the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania—organized in 1795; the first subordinate Commandery of Knights Templar—Philadelphia Encampment, No. 1, chartered February 14th, 1714; the first Grand Commandery, organized May 12th, 1797; and the first Masonic Periodical in America—"The Freemason's Magazine"—started in 1811. It is thus evident that all of the degrees of both Ancient Craft and Chivalric Masonry were first worked in America in the "City of Brotherly Love," and that here, also, Light was first dispensed among the Brethren by the Masonic Press. Philadelphia has richly earned the title of the "Mother City of Freemasonry in America."

## THE LODGE AND THE WORLD.

When Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker (a member of the New Zealand Cabinet), on November 28th, 1876, was constituted Provincial Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand (Scottish Constitution), in the course of the address he delivered at the banquet afterwards he used this striking language: "I recently came from a place where there was a gathering of about the same number, but it was of a widely different character (the New Zealand House of Representatives). Here we are met in fellowship. There, there was nothing of the kind, and we fought—if I may be allowed to use the expression—like cats and dogs. But leaving politics out of the question, if I could take you there with me, you would see something which would surprise you, and I feel altogether greatly relieved in coming out of a house like that into a community like this, where we all feel alike. It is totally unlike what I have left, and I feel a certain amount of recreation in being amongst you. (Cheers.) I feel that I have come to a reunion of brethren, and feel that it is a happy occasion on which men of different religious beliefs and different political opinions can meet on a common platform, where all their endeavours are directed to one object—the benefit of each other and the benefit of the community—(cheers), without bickering or quarrelling, seeking the same end, the benefit of the Craft, and through the Craft of the world."

The consecration of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, and the installation of Bro. C. Stuart-Barker, jun., as W.M. will take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday next, the 24th inst., at 3 o'clock. The ceremonies will be conducted by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, D.P.G.M. Middlesex, assisted by Bros. Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G. Chaplain Middlesex, and Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., and P.D.P.G.M. Isle of Wight. The musical arrangements will be under the conductorship of Bro. W. H. Hook, S.W. 186 and 1426.

The Confidence Lodge of Instruction has been removed to the "Whittington," Moor-lane, Fore-street, where, under the able preceptorship of Bro. Gotthel, the lodge will meet every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

EASTER MONDAY REVIEW.—At a meeting of the Dover Town Council a letter was read from General Parke, stating that, in compliance with the Mayor's request, a review of the troops would take place on Easter Monday.

Mr. C. C. Rowe, the well-known manufacturer of oriole gold jewellery, has extended and improved his premises at No. 88, Brompton-road, South Kensington. The elegant productions of Mr. Rowe's establishment do not need recommendation from us.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—Out of seven candidates who offered themselves for the collectorship of this institution, Bro. George Knill was unanimously elected.

Bro. Captain Mercier has retired from active connection with the Hospital Saturday Fund.

On Wednesday, at the Hereford Quarter Sessions, the magistrates passed a resolution petitioning the Privy Council for the prohibition of the importation of live cattle from foreign countries during the prevalence of the cattle plague on the continent.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

An amateur dramatic performance in aid of the Masonic Charities, which was originally arranged for April the 21st, is postponed until Saturday, May 5th. The theatre chosen is the Opera Comique. We understand their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have graciously consented to honour the performance with their presence.

ERRATUM.—Lord Limerick's name was inadvertently printed for that of Lord Carnarvon in a part of the report of Grand Lodge which appeared in our last. We are very sorry we have led any kind copyist into this little mistake.

The installations in connection with the Antient Union Lodge, No. 203, Liverpool, and the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1292, West Derby, Near Liverpool, took place on Thursday last, the 15th inst. Reports of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY AND POCKET BOOK.—This is the title of a comprehensive Masonic book of reference, published annually by Geo. Kenning, 198, Fleet Street, London. The issue for 1877 is before us, and is indeed a vade mecum for brethren who want to keep posted, and who may desire to refer to facts and statistics from time to time. This little work purports to contain full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the Globe; and most certainly it supplies an important want in the Fraternity.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

The fourteenth anniversary of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales was celebrated at Windsor on Saturday.

It is said that the Prince of Wales intends setting the fashion of holding fancy dress balls during the season.

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE TOWN CLERK OF MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Thursday evening a very massive and handsome silver double inkstand was presented to Br. Jno. T. Belk, bearing the following inscription, "Presented to Jno. T. Belk, Esq., by the officials connected with the Borough Surveyor's Department, as a token of their appreciation of his uniform kindness and courtesy during the eight years he held the office of Town Clerk of Middlesbrough. March, 1877."

The ordinary Half yearly General Meeting of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company will be held on Thursday the 29th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-Street. The chair will be taken at half past two by Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson.

THE SHAKESPEARE NATIONAL MEMORIAL.—The 23rd of next month, the anniversary of the illustrious poet's birth and death, has been fixed for laying the foundation-stone at Stratford-on-Avon. The sub-committee met recently, and drew up a preliminary programme. It will be subject to alteration, but indicates the probable course of proceedings. Colonel Machen, D.G.M., of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, conferred with the committee as to the part to be taken by the Freemasons on the occasion, and it is understood there will be a very large assembly of the fraternity.

The Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday evening, at Willis's Rooms, at the Festival of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, when subscriptions to the amount of over £2000 were announced. Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Grimsby, carried in the largest list, consisting of over forty guineas.

GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.—The following Grand Officers have just been elected: Bros. Saml. J. Powell, of Bayou Sara, Grand Master; Edwin Marks, D.G.M.; Wm. R. Whittaker, S.G.W.; A. L. Abbott, J.G.W.; A. W. Hyatt, G. Treas.; Jas. C. Batchelor, M.D., of New Orleans, G. Sec.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—The Khedive on Wednesday last formally presented to the British nation, through the British Diplomatic Agent and Consul-General at Alexandria, the Obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—On Thursday morning a partial eclipse of the sun took place. It was not visible in England.

It is stated that the office of Black Rod, vacant by the death of Sir A. Clifford, has been accepted by General Sir W. Knollys; and that the salary has been fixed at £2000 per annum, with the residence within the precincts of the palace of Westminster.

ACCIDENT TO LORD DUFFERIN.—A Reuter's telegram from Ottawa says:—The Earl of Dufferin met with an accident while walking on Wednesday, March 14. His lordship slipped and fell on the pavement, breaking a rib, and straining his ankle in the fall. The physician attending his Excellency pronounces that no serious result is to be anticipated from the accident.

The Bishop of Salisbury will, in consequence of illness, be unable to hold the confirmations which were fixed to take place this week in Dorsetshire.

It has been resolved in Dublin to send a deputation of Irish artisans to the Paris Exhibition, as had been done in the case of English artisans to the Philadelphia and Vienna Exhibitions.

A Shock of an earthquake, stated to have lasted a minute, was felt on Sunday morning in the island of Mull, and in the smaller islands of Coll and Tiree, Scotland.

The oldest Mason in England is stated to be Bro. Norris, Warden at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon. He was born January 21, 1790, and made a Mason in the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, on March 10, 1812.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

The FREEMASON has a large circulation in all parts of the Globe, its advantages as an advertising medium can therefore scarcely be overrated.

ADVERTISEMENTS should reach the Office, 198, Fleet-street, London, by 12 o'clock on Wednesdays.

## NOTICE.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

COLONIAL and FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS are informed that acknowledgments of remittances received are published in the first number of every month.

It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

## TO OUR READERS.

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## NEW POSTAL RATES.

Owing to a reduction in the Postal Rates, the publisher is now enabled to send the "Freemason" to the following parts abroad for One Year for Thirteen Shillings (payable in advance):—Africa, Australia, Bombay, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, China, Constantinople, Demerara, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Jamaica, Malta, Newfoundland, New South Wales, New Zealand, Suez, Trinidad, United States of America, &c.

## Answers to Correspondents.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Record for Western India." "Church Memorial on Intemperance." "Masonic Advocate." "Keystone." "New York Dispatch." Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

BARRETT.—On the 11th inst., at 2, Wilton-villas, Forest-hill, S.E., the wife of Richard H. Barrett, of a daughter.  
BROWN.—On the 10th inst., at Caversham-road, N.W., the wife of J. R. Brown, of a son.  
LISTER.—On the 6th inst., at Stanningley Rectory, the wife of the Rev. E. C. Lister, of a daughter.  
PERCY.—On the 9th inst., Countess Percy, of a son.  
WHITEHEAD.—On the 10th inst., at Barming House, the wife of C. Whitehead, Esq., of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

CLAY.—On the 10th inst., at St. Marylebone Esq., of Seymour-street, Portman-squares, of Burleigh House, Loudoun-

## DEATHS.

CAMPBELL.—On the 10th inst., at Hastings, John Archibald, aged 35.  
COE.—On the 11th inst., at Langton-road, Vassal-road, North of his residence, Frederick Coe, in the 62nd year, will kindly accept this intimation.  
HOBART.—On March 7, at 96, Phythian-street, Liverpool, Sarah, the wife of Bro. R. N. Hobart, one of the best known and most appreciated brethren in the Liverpool district.  
SLACK.—On the 13th Jan., at Rangoon, of cholera, Bro. Capt. Slack, of the British ship Mendora.  
THOMPSON.—On March 8th, at 125, Park-road, Liverpool, Bro. W. H. Thompson, of the Dr. Grey and Ripon Lodge, N. interest.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 17, 1877.

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

It will be seen in our correspondence last week that the Secretary to the Board of Inland Revenue has, in reply to a query, stated that *for all payments above £2 stamped receipts must be given*. We therefore think it well to call the notice of our W.M.'s and Treasurers of lodges to this serious and pressing question, since, as Freemasons, we always obey the laws of the land, we must not actually, or even by implication, appear to break them.

## THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Our last Quarterly Communication passed over, amid a brilliant gathering, with great unanimity and éclat. Our Royal Grand Master was unanimously and enthusiastically re-elected, and duly proclaimed by our distinguished Bro. Sir Albert Woods. Our most esteemed Grand Treasurer, to whom the best thanks of the Craft are due, was also unanimously re-elected, with loud demonstrations of hearty acceptance and applause. The grant of £4000 for the two life-boats, as a grateful act of recognition, was unanimously agreed to, and the picture of our Royal Grand Master, painted by Bro. Desanges, a gift of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, was unveiled amid the hearty cheers of Grand Lodge. The needful business was transacted, two appeals were decided after the lucid explanations of our distinguished Grand Registrar, and then the Grand Lodge took up the notices of motion. Our Excellent Bro. Hatch could not find a seconder to his motion, which, as we ventured to say last week, was inopportune, and could hardly be seriously argued (with all respect to our good brother) and so it fell to the ground. Bro. Mallam wisely withdrew his motion, and the proceedings of Grand Lodge, which had begun in peace and goodwill, ended in hearty unanimity and concord, to the entire satisfaction of all present. Long may our Masonic Parliament pursue the even tenour of its way in all of genial harmony and brotherly love.

## THE CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We rejoice much to hear of the successful result of this examination as regards the Boys' School. Out of 28 candidates 26 passed, a very large proportion, and of these 26, 1 was on the senior and 25 were on the junior list. 14 of the 25 juniors gained a place on the honour list, 2 in the 1st class, 3 in the 2nd class, 9 in the 3rd class. Such a report perhaps tells us, as well as anything can tell, especially to "experts," as to the quality of the work and the steady "all-through system" of the school: and we congratulate the executive and the master, Dr. Morris, on this striking test and happy evidence of meritorious labours and scholastic attainments.

## THE HEBREW QUESTION IN GERMANY.

We are somewhat taken to task by a writer, C.H., in the *Bauhütte*, March 10, for the ignorance in England, and editorially of the exact state of affairs in Germany. But if he will read with reference to this question the articles over again carefully, he will see that we only wished to make "assurance doubly sure," as we had ourselves no doubt whatever of the real position of the controversy. No doubt much ignorance exists in England as to the exactness of the allegations made, simply because so many contradictory statements are put forward, and by German Masons, too, in England and the United States, in letters to newspapers, in articles in

magazines. It is, then, a fact, as we understood it, that the "Great Countries Lodge" of Germany is the only Grand Lodge in which Hebrews cannot be admitted to initiation, though they can be admitted as visiting brethren. Under all the other seven Grand Lodges and the five separate lodges Hebrews are admitted into Freemasonry. The Great Countries Lodge, the "Gr. Landes Loge von Deutschland," still formally excludes Hebrews, inasmuch as the required majority of two-thirds was not forthcoming at the last effort to alter the Constitution. This is exactly how we understand the case to be, but we wrote "ad referendum," and for information, as we were unwilling to seem dogmatically to contradict others who affected to be well acquainted with the present state of German Freemasonry. We are still in hopes that the "Great Countries Lodge" will, like the other Grand Lodges, do away with (on the grounds of justice, fairness, true toleration, and Cosmopolitan Freemasonry), the exclusion of Hebrews, and then, as far as we are ourselves concerned in England, our interest in the matter will cease. For we cannot go along with C. H. in attacking the High Grade System, because it is a High Grade System. We believe that Freemasonry teaches us toleration, and that we should be tolerant of the High Grade System, or of anything else from which we differ. We speak freely on the subject, as we are only pure Craft Masons ourselves, and do not belong to the High Grades. But we do say this distinctly, that the High Grades have as much a right "ipse facto," to exist, as Craft Masonry, and though C. H. evidently does not like the High Grades, that is nothing to the point, as it is only after all the expression of private judgment "quantum valet." We cannot dogmatise on the subject, and seek to excommunicate High Grade Masons, because we dislike their teaching, for when we do so we only imitate the bigotry of the Ultramontanes. As for waging a war against the Gr. Landes Loge von Deutschland, because it maintains the teaching of a High Grade system, and has united it with symbolical Masonry, we have no mission to do so, inasmuch as it is a legal Grand Lodge, and has a right to make its own laws, and use its own system. Neither do we wish to enter into the actual contest between Bro. Schiffmann and the Great Countries Lodge. Bro. Schiffmann is no doubt a most honest and conscientious brother, and on the abstract question of actual intolerance we heartily go with him, but we do not see our way, to join those who are attacking the Gr. Landes Loge, not for what it has done, but for what it is per se. We disapprove heartily of its existing constitution, and wish it speedily amended, and trust that the necessary majority of two-thirds may be ere long obtained, but we do not attack any system because it is a system which we differ from, and with which we do not sympathise. Vain, then, would be all our professions of unlimited toleration! In fact, we go back to our old position. The whole mischief arises from the attempt to combine two antagonistic systems. We repeat what we said before, that High Grades and Craft Grades cannot be governed by the same authority, and must be separated, and then no such question can arise. We in England are very practical, and merely look at things from their concrete side. We wish equal rights for all, and while we regret deeply the exclusion of the Hebrews as a great mistake, and as a greater wrong, we feel that the High Grades, (though altogether beyond Craft Masonry), have a right to be tolerated and upheld as well as anybody else.

## A BREACH OF PROMISE.

The newspapers record an amusing trial which has taken place at Bodmin before Mr. Justice Hawkins, and which suggests some considerations which strike us as alike novel and improving. The case, says the report, was principally remarkable for the age of the intended bride and bridegroom. The plaintiff was not pressed as to her age, but she admitted she was more than 70. The defendant avowed himself to be 67, and volunteered the informa-



tion that the plaintiff was ten years older. She is the widow of a cabinetmaker, who died five or six years ago, leaving her three small houses near Penzance, in one of which she resided. According to her account she had known the defendant in her youth, and met him again at a friend's house in April last. Some one then, whether in jest or earnest did not appear, suggested a match. The idea seems to have impressed the defendant, for about six weeks after he called and proposed to the plaintiff, who, after a little coy hesitation, consented. The defendant then went to live as a lodger in the house next door to the one the plaintiff occupied. The banns were put up, the ring bought, and a wedding dress and bonnet, which were paid for by the defendant, as were also the wedding-cake, some pounds of beef, and a gallon of brandy for the wedding feast. The two had a tiff some days before Tuesday, the 1st of August, for which the marriage was fixed, and again on what was to be the last Sunday of their unmarried life, when the defendant dined with the plaintiff, and she made a beefsteak-pie, and he declared it was not fit to eat and that it made him ill. The plaintiff said, however, that this was a mere lovers' quarrel, and that the first she heard of the defendant's intention to cry off was that on the Monday night he declared to some one that "it was as broad as it was long, and that his name was Walker." On the Tuesday, when he should have got up and gone in a fly to church, he stopped in bed and declared he was too ill, until the driver, tired of waiting, drove away, when, according to the plaintiff's account, the defendant suddenly recovered and got up and took himself off. The laughter which had greeted this strange tale, and the still stranger appearance of the no longer youthful plaintiff, and the fervent way in which she affirmed that on the first of August she was quite ready and willing to marry the defendant, and added, "but, of course, when he would not have me, I could not have him," was redoubled when the defendant went into the box to give his version of the affair. With regard to his pecuniary position, he declared that he only had a Post Office annuity of about a £1 a week; that he had been lame for some years and wanted some one to look after him, and thought "Nanny" (the plaintiff) would do, but that the match was broken off entirely by her as she found she had enough to do to look after herself; and that it was all a joke on her part which he thought had been carried too far. He hinted further that the too high seasoning of the Sunday pie was done purposely by the plaintiff, and he described by voice and action his sufferings from this cause. The defendant admitted in cross-examination and after some pressing, that he had a sum which might be £700 in Bolitho's bank. Witnesses were called on both sides to confirm the stories told by the two principals. At the close of the case the jury very speedily announced that they agreed as to their verdict, but not as to the amount. After three hours' consideration they fixed this at £10. An application was made for an order that the plaintiff should have her costs, but this was strongly opposed on the ground that the action should never have been brought. The learned Judge reserved his opinion as to this for further consideration. We confess, when we perused this striking account of a very peculiar trial, we felt not a little nervous and alarmed. Is there no limit, we "asked mentally," to the age, when some fair complainant can sue that deceptions bided, man? If a stout "old gal" of 76 can get £10 damages from a compassionate jury of her fellow countrymen, what will an alert and ancient party of 80 obtain? It seems that there is no limit as to age, so that practically no one is safe, though we had previously understood that above 44, at any rate, the man might plead the "statute of limitations." In this, however, we are clearly wrong, and we hope that the result of this last trial will be a warning to all gay Lotharios and unprincipled deceivers, whether Masons or others, who seem sometimes to forget that age has its privileges as well as youth, and that an injured female of 76, injured in loss of affection, prestige, &c., &c., that is despite her many years, can still claim pecuniary damages from a fickle and faithless young man

## 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.]

## SERGEANTS' INN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Has it ever occurred to any of your readers to endeavour to secure Sergeants' Inn as a Masonic Hall for the lodges in the City of London?

If the complaints are well founded about want of accommodation at Freemasons' Hall, why not form a City company and make that historical hall the centre of our Masonic City life and work?

Yours fraternally,

CIVIS LATOMICUS.

## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite agree with the remarks in Bro. C. Tombs's letter in your last number, and unless it can be shown that all the girls are pretty sure to be married to men who will be able to keep a first-class cook (which is very unlikely) there is no doubt they would all be very much better qualified to "add" to the happiness and comfort of a home of their own by being able, if required, to cook a plain dinner, or to instruct their own cook how to do so. There are too many ladies now who can pretend to talk French, &c., but are perfectly at a loss how properly to order a dinner, much more to cook one. The importance of this deficiency in their education is being so thoroughly acknowledged, that hundreds are now taking lessons and adding this useful knowledge to their previously acquired accomplishments.

I shall be glad to see some other brother's remarks on this important subject, and then, after a free discussion, we shall be glad to see an article or remarks from you, Mr. Editor.

It is scarcely fair on your part to rise up in arms at once, as you have done at the foot of Bro. Tombs's letter, for he says distinctly he does not find fault with the education given, but wishes that this practical education should be added, and "not to leave the other undone."

I am, yours fraternally,

CHAS. FENDELOW.

[We think that there is some mistake about the children not learning to cook. We quite agree that a knowledge of cookery is most desirable.—Ed.]

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On looking over the *Freemason* of March 10, 1877, I found, in page 99, a clerical error, at least I suppose so, of such importance, that it should be rectified:—

"In a congregation held at Oxford on Saturday last the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Bachelor of Arts were conferred on Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Donoughmore. S.G.W." (P.S.—"Bachelor" is more in use now).

It should be MASTER OF ARTS, for none but a clergyman can be B.D.

I am sure you will excuse my pointing this out to you. Yours most fraternally,

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAW, M.A.,  
P.M., P.Z. 1235, P.P.S.G.W., and P.P.  
G. Chap. Derbyshire.

## TO HUNGARIAN BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the following appears in the "Hajnal" of February, and is the only "morceau" not translated into German, perhaps some kind Hungarian brother will translate it for the benefit of yours fraternally,

CARPATHIANUS.

A „Freemason” egy hire szerint Ujseeland nagymestere engedélyt adott egy új páholy alakulására „Kumará”-ban. E hír magában véve nem reudkivüli; de érdekessé teszi az, hogy „Kumara” egy nem rég felfedezett aranytermő vidék mintegy 80 mérföldnyire Hokitikatól, s már is 7000 lakossal bír, kik közül 50-nél többen szövetségünk tagjai.

## A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to throw out a suggestion which may effect three objects:—

1st. To promote economy in the expenditure of our Charities.

2nd. To give a pleasing variety to our festival entertainments.

3rd. To further the improvement and the happiness of our Boys' and Girls' Schools.

The engagements of skilled professionals to conduct the musical portion of the entertainments at our three festivals costs the Charities close on £100 a year.

Instead of this arrangement, why should we not have, say a dozen of our boys and of our girls previously well trained, brought in to sing part songs, &c., with a simplicity and sweetness for which children's voices are pre-eminently proverbial.

And as a large portion of the company on such occasions consists of ladies, and all the company have many opportunities of hearing professional performances, it is to be supposed that the presence and the efforts of our Masonic children would awaken special interest and produce a most pleasing variety.

To the children themselves it would be a great treat and

a stimulus to their progress in music, while to the funds of each Charity it would certainly be a great relief.

The adoption of this plan would probably add to the funds of the Charity rather than take from them. And I may add, that an institution with which I am connected effected this change with great pleasure to the children and their friends, and decided profit to its funds.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in your issue of March 10th, that you hope to comment on the last Quarterly Communication in your next. May I be allowed to suggest that it will be interesting to your readers to be informed whose portrait has just filled up the tenth compartment of Freemason's Hall. Many doubtless will know, and others will imagine, but the fact would certainly be best confirmed in your world-wide columns. The portrait emanates from the Lodge of Friendship; there are many bearing that name; am I right in presuming it is Lodge of Friendship, No. 6? I am sorry to trouble you, but the report of last Grand Lodge does not appear definite on these points.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. J. 1458.

[The portrait is that of H.R.H. our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales.—Ed.]

## MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Just one line to say that in my reply to "R.W.O.'s" question as to P.P.G. Stewards, I did not intend to offend him, but finding, from the tenor of his letter, that I have unintentionally done so, I apologize accordingly.

I take this opportunity to inform "Rough Ashlar" that he can get a cheap edition of the Book of Constitutions, at Grand Sec's. Office or through the publisher of this paper. I agree with him that a copy should be given to initiates, and during my Mastership of two lodges I always handed one to the initiate to keep.

Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN.

P.M. 33 & 452.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

I notice in yours of last Saturday a letter from "F.L.E.J.," in which he states that the ritual of initiation is not complied with unless a copy of Constitutions, as well as the bye-laws of the lodge, are handed to each initiate for perusal at his leisure.

If this is correct, I am afraid the ritual is often neglected, as in my own case, and many others I know, the bye-laws of the lodge only have been presented; and should it be necessary to have both, as "F.L.E.J." asserts, I shall feel obliged if either "F.L.E.J." or any other brother will kindly give the page, &c., in the Book of Constitutions where the instruction for so doing is given, so as to enable me to draw our W.M.'s attention to this neglect. I may also inform "F.L.E.J." that I have never seen but one copy, and that in the hands of our W.M.

Yours fraternally,

STEWART.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will any brother kindly inform me what are the essential points to be observed in the investment of a Steward, for instance, is it necessary that the brother, after he has received his appointment from the W.M. elect, and accepted it by post, that he should be present at the installation, or any lodge night afterwards, and be invested in open lodge? Or is it necessary that his name should appear in the minute book as having been appointed? and oblige, yours fraternally,

J. D. T.

[As a rule Stewards are invested with the other officers. A record of his appointment by the W.M. appears, of course, on the lodge minute book.—Ed.]

A correspondent of the *Masonic Record* of Western India sends the following:—

Dear Sir and Brother,—Could you or any of your readers give me correct advice as to how I should act in the following case?

There are two lodges working within a short distance of each other. One, the senior, under the E.C., the other under the S.C. Mr. A. is proposed for initiation in the former, and is blackballed. Shortly after he is proposed accepted, and initiated in the latter. Would I, if I were ruling the Lodge E.C. at the time, be justified in refusing admission to Bro. A. in case he came as a visiting brother, or would I be obliged to admit him? If I could, have this point settled authoritatively through the columns of your valuable journal, I would be much obliged. It is one which might arise, and has therefore exercised me much.

[We should say you must ad

Multum in Parvo;  
and Qui.

MASONIC TOASTS DRUNK AT HOLLOWELL ON THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN.

1st.—George Washington, the Illustrious Grand Master of America, may his Masonic virtues never forsake him in this world, and may they be productive of a rich inheritance in the Grand Lodge above.

2nd.—The Fraternity throughout the Globe. May they be wholly governed by the principles of their profession, act on the square of conscientious motives, and live within the compass of truth.

3rd.—The Clergy. As our institution is grounded on the immutable doctrines of religion and mortality, may the ambassadors of Christ without the pale of the fraternity be charitable in their sentiments.

4th.—The Widow's Son. May all Masons be faithful, and, if necessary, suffer martyrdom in defence of a good life.

5th.—The Virtuous Fair. As they appear to Masons as so many Queens of Sheba, may Masons be viewed by them as so many Solomons.

6th.—All Distressed Brethren. In every brother may they find a protector, and in every misfortune the balm of charity.

7th.—May every Free and Accepted Mason rise in the East, find refreshment in the South, be dismissed in the West, and then admitted into the middle chamber to receive the reward of a good man.

8th.—May the fragrance of a good report like a sprig of Cassia bloom over the head of every departed brother.

[Can any brother tell us where Hollowell is?—J.H.T.]

## GRAND LODGE. A SKETCH.

By our V.P.C.\*

"What's in a name?" But, before proceeding to press so obviously pertinent a question, it would be as well, perhaps, to answer another that has, or might have been, put to the Editor of the journal to which I have the honour of forwarding these occasional jottings, as to whatever earthly (or unearthly†) reason there should be for their appearance at all when there is so lucid a report given by the (other) regular contributor to the journal in question? Well, it is for that very identical reason—that it is so lucid—that this other report is compelled to see the light. Whether the London fog is to blame is not yet precisely ascertained, but there can be but little doubt that it is the active cause of this present necessity. A thing that is outside cannot at the same time be in, and—

"Nice or nasty,  
Vicey-Varsey,"

as the sublime poet has remarked. Consequently, the reporter's head in [London, having] fog outside, is preternaturally clear within, and the proceedings represented by him, whilst understood by his London brethren, are not always so clear to us in the country, who have no fog without, and, consequently, plenty —; but perhaps I have said sufficient on this score to make my meaning pleasantly clear to all as to the appearance of these sketches, and I will therefore proceed to again put the question, "What's in a name?" to which, this time, instead of digressing, I most truthfully answer—"Ah! what, indeed? Surely—

"The Clothes ‡ by any other name would look as sweet, But parallels (however far and in whatever direction) produced would never meet!"

I don't know who said this, but it exactly expresses what I mean—namely, meet the approbation of everybody, which brings me to the consideration of a most important discussion recently started in your correspondence columns respecting the levels, perpendiculars, or taus-t'-other-way-up, on our aprons; or, what is the same thing at this present juncture, what came of it.

I feel sure that the worthy brother who started that discussion was quite right, and the Constitutions, antiquated as they are, quite wrong; because what is level must be perpendicular to something, but then only when it is the other way round, or else it would still be level; so I got my housekeeper to carefully turn mine the other way up, thinking that if Grand Lodge did not know what was right, I would show them. I didn't a bit mind an absurd conundrum of some profane brother,—"Why is our brother's apron like a certain advertised economical commodity?" Answer: "Because it's compressed T's" (of which absurdity he gave, as explanation, that the T's had each compressed tails). But could it be believed that those "scrutinising" gentlemen, chosen for their nice discrimination, insisted on my apron being restored to its normal condition? It was useless remonstrating that I did not wish to state that its name or mine was either Normal or even Norval; equally fruitless to point out that, looking at it from my point of view (§) the T's were all right, and that if the objectors put themselves in the same position it would be the same to them. Nothing would do but that it must be altered. Wasn't there just a hint for pins? and won't those scrutineers who see to the hats, &c., remember me? that's all!

However, at last I got in, but only to find standing room, and barely that; and it was quite evident that something of an unusual character was about to occupy the attention of the brethren.

The election of our revered and beloved Prince as Grand Master was of course unanimous; but I was shamefully cut out from making a speech that it had taken me at least a month to compose, and six weeks more to learn for the occasion. I tried in vain to catch the eye of somebody or other who might give the Chairman a hint that a really country brother wanted to have a share in the talking, but I could not succeed. However, the speech will do for some other occasion, and when I come to think of it, I might say with our own immortal one (I mean respecting the eulogy I should have uttered)—

"To paint mosaic gold,  
Gild the tip-tilted petal of the lily pure,

\* Our Very Provincial Correspondent.

† Qy. By Our Printer's Devil.

‡ Qy. Clothing.—O.P.D.

§ Certainly! (Remark by O.P.D.)

¶ From above. (Remark by O.V.P.C.)

Wash white the leopard, take ink spots from the nigger,  
Restore the elephant his teeth decay'd,  
Letting 'I wish' wait on 'I couldn't if I would,'  
Like the cat i' the attic's!"

and a lot more of the same lofty sentiments.

My reason, if you would like to know it, that I really wanted to say something, was because Jones of our lodge said that P. Pry Smith (meaning me) was like the sailor's parrot—might be "a beggar to think," but stopped at that, for he hadn't much to say. Doubtless it's just as well as it is, for if I had succeeded they might have quoted somebody else, and declared that I, like a good many other speakers, could only—

"Grate on my scrannel pipes of wretched straw

Whilst th' hungry sheep looked up and were not fed." That, however, won't hold true so long as this old mill can grind up the aforesaid "wretched straws" into anything like toothsome "chaff."

We soon after this got to the main business of the evening, the confirming the minutes about our Grand Master's Memorial, when the entire assembly was so unanimous that I could only exclaim "Othello's occupation's gone," and make up my mind to bury my bauble, or war-hatchet, or thyrus, or tomahawk, or calamus, or pipe, or stylus, or—ah! the last is about my style I think, so I'll e'en stick to that.

But this retirement I soon found to be denied me, for in an appeal case the Board of General Purposes found it necessary to become particular as to what peculiar kind of cases their attention could be generally called.

And then an old friend made an awfully generous proposal, to build a temple that would hold everybody, and please everybody, in or out of any given number of years, at any cost, without putting anybody to any expense; it was to be on the Thames Embankment, or anywhere else. I was going to propose Goodwin Sands as an eligible and easily accessible spot, and one, too, susceptible of a good deal of solid improvement; but as nobody seconded my friend's proposal it fell to the ground, into

"The basement story of a vision,

And left not a wreck behind."

It was a pity my amendment couldn't have been put in its place, for the spot I've mentioned would have at least made the wished for "wreck."

Another brother was for tacking on a wing to somebody else's house, by way of dissipating a little spare cash; to which said dissipation Grand Lodge was in far too proper a frame of mind to lend an ear, and so having closed in proper shape we broke up and retired, feeling if not "sadder," most certainly "wiser men" than on previous occasions, to describe the work and talk of which accurately makes me fain to use the words of honest Jack Falstaff,

"What! only a ha'porth of sack  
To all this bread?"

## THE LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The first anniversary meeting of this prosperous association was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The annual report and balance sheet disclose the simple fact, that in the first year of the operations of this association the large sum of £247 has been presented to the charitable institutions through its agency.

Bro. J. G. Stevens, the President, in his opening remarks, explained the objects of this, and kindred associations, to be that every member, by subscribing 1s. per week for something like 4 years, would become a Life Governor of one of the charities. The appropriations in this particular association have averaged two per month since its formation, and such a result must be highly gratifying to the charities, and equally so to all those who have obtained a Life Governorship through its instrumentality. The working expenses of this, the most expensive year of the association's operations, have amounted to only £4 14s. 6d.; the committee are to be congratulated on having achieved so grand a result at so small an outlay.

The committee and officers were unanimously re-elected, and after two ballots being taken adjourned to dinner, presided over by the working President, J. G. Stevens, the vice chair being occupied by the Vice President, W. A. Thorp, the Chairman being supported by the Treasurer, Bro. C. Lacey, Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., and Terry, R.M.B.I.; and a company of over 30 members of the Craft in the neighbourhood.

After the usual toasts, the President proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association," coupling [the name of the Treasurer, Bro. Chacey, who duly responded, and remarked upon the advantages to be derived through its agency; as a fact he had himself been enabled to become Vice-President of one and Governor of the two other charities by such means.

The next important toast was "The Charities," and in proposing it the President paid a high tribute to the three Secretaries, more especially to Bro. Terry, who had obtained the splendid sum of £13,000 at his last festival, and the President further stated that he hoped Bros. Binckes and Little would not be downcast at such a grand result but would go in and get if possible £20,000 each.

Bro. Binckes being obliged to leave, Bro. Terry responded for the three Charities, and was warm in his commendations of the association under whose auspices they had met, relating his experience while Hon. Secretary of three similar associations, and trusted that the brethren would rally round and bring this to a successful termination; and as an encouragement to brethren in all positions in life he would state, as a fact, that a most distinguished peer of the realm thought it not beneath his dignity to subscribe his 1s. per week to one of these associations. He also said the popular opinion is that Freemasons are a

selfish race of men, but the proposals now under consideration for commemorating the safe return of our M.W. G.M. from India is sufficient answer to this, and abundantly shows the catholicity of Freemasons.

The toasts of "The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Sec.," and others, brought this, the first annual meeting, to a conclusion.

## CONSECRATION OF THE CROYDON MARK MASTER'S LODGE, No. 198.

An important addition to the number of lodges on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England was made on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. On the strong recommendation of the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master for Middlesex and Surrey, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, a charter, or warrant, was granted to several members of the Macdonald Mark Lodge, No. 104, whose residences are in the locality of Croydon, and the V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W. and Grand Mark Secretary, was appointed by the M.W.G.M.M. to consecrate the new "Croydon" Mark Lodge, No. 198.

An influential gathering of distinguished members of the Order attended to support the Consecrating Officer, amongst whom were the V.W. Bro. Frederic Davison, Dep. Prov. G.M.M.; the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., and P.M. 104; the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M. 104 and 139; the V.W. Bro. B. C. Dibdin, P.G.O.; the W. Bro. W. H. Binckes, Asst. Grand Sec.; W. Bros. Spencer, Poore, F. Cozens, G. Yaxley, J. Close, J. K. Pitt, and G. Lilley. Past and Present Grand Officers; Bros. Sheadd, Nicholls, Brown, Griffiths, Legg, Pocock, Purvis, Long, Lake, Haddock, and others.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge-room, Bro. Binckes, as W.M., appointed Bros. Meggy as S.W., and Stevens as J.W., and proceeded to open a Mark Master's Lodge, and then called upon the Assistant Grand Secretary to read the new warrants and inform the brethren as to the proceedings taken in respect of the formation of the lodge.

The principal officers designate having been approved of by those present, Bro. Binckes in his customary effective style performed the full ceremony of consecration, and completed his work by formally dedicating and constituting the Croydon Lodge to the purposes of Mark Masonry. Bro. F. H. Cozens, Grand Organist, then played the concluding (Hallelujah) chorus.

After a brief interval the ceremony of installation was commenced, and Bro. George Yaxley, the W.M. designate, was duly installed into the chair of A. by Bro. Binckes. The S.W. designate, Bro. John Close, and J.W. designate, Bro. J. K. Pitt were severally invested, and the offices of Overseers and Deacons were filled. Bro. Thomas Meggy assisted the Installing Master in the delivery of the addresses to the officers.

A list of thirteen candidates was placed on the summons, of whom nine brethren were in attendance, and these were introduced, and, at the request of the W.M., advanced to the honourable degree by Bro. James Stevens, with full ceremonial and musical accompaniment.

The whole of the impressive business of the consecration, installation, and advancement was carried out with all that perfection which the well-known working ability of Bros. Binckes, Meggy, Stevens, Poore, and Dibdin would ensure, and the satisfaction of the brethren of the new lodge was not only heartily expressed in words, but was confirmed by the unanimous election of those brethren as honorary members.

The presence of the Deputy Prov. G.M.M. was suitably acknowledged, and Bro. Davison received a cordial Masonic salute.

The thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. H. W. Binckes for his services as acting Secretary.

Several propositions for advancement were received, and after some few matters of routine business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to partake of banquet, under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. Yaxley. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening spent by the numerous brethren who had the good fortune to be present on this auspicious occasion.

The increase of lodges connected with the Order of Mark Masonry has been, under the genial sway of several noble and eminent Grand Masters, very great during the past few years, and from the zeal and efficiency of the Master and Wardens of the Croydon Lodge, we augur that the new addition to the strength of the Order, though the last on the minute roll, will not be the least in point of importance for the degree.

## THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

We have been requested to publish the following communication:—

8, Bloomsbury Place, London, W.C.,  
5th March, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,

A Committee having been appointed by the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to carry out the objects mentioned in the accompanying resolutions, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the petition, and respectfully request you will submit it to the consideration of the members of your lodge. Should it meet with their approval, I shall be glad if you will sign the same and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours fraternally,  
S. V. Abraham, P.M.

Resolved unanimously:—

1. That it appearing by the Book of Constitutions of the Three Grand Lodges of Freemasons in Germany, held at Berlin, that those only professing Christianity are eligible to become members of the Craft, or to join the subordinate lodges in Germany; this Lodge of



Freemasons, assembled under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, with every feeling of fraternal regard for their brethren in Germany, hereby enters its most solemn protest against any law which prevents any properly qualified person from joining the Order on account of his religious belief, such exclusion being, in the opinion of this lodge, contrary to the fundamental principals of Freemasonry.

2. That with a view of obtaining the repeal of what appears to be a most obnoxious law, a petition be prepared for presentation to the Grand Lodge of England asking them to take such steps in the matter as in their judgment they may think advisable, and that such petition be first submitted to the various lodges in Great Britain, requesting their co-operation.

3. That a Committee of six be appointed for the purpose of carrying out the above resolutions, and that the sum of £5 is hereby voted for defraying the preliminary expenses.

That the Committee consist of Bros. Victor Myers, W.M.; Gulliford, S.W.; Lazarus, P.M., J.W.; S. V. Abraham, P.M.; Pollitzer, P.M.; Lewis Jacobs, Treas.; Matthias Levy, Hon. Sec.

The following is a copy of the petition:—

To the Most Worshipful H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England; The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. Grand Master; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; the Present and Past Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of England.

We, the undersigned, Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Members of the various Lodges, make declaration as follows:—

That it has come to our knowledge, that certain lodges under the Constitution of the Grand Lodges in Germany, held at Berlin, exclude from the benefits of Freemasonry all persons except those professing Christianity.

And it appearing to your petitioners that many good and worthy men are thus necessarily debarred from entering into the Order or enjoying its advantages, and that the Craft is likewise deprived of the assistance and usefulness of many intelligent and influential persons:

Your petitioners beg to call the attention of Grand Lodge thereto, and most earnestly and respectfully solicit that Grand Lodge will take the same into their serious consideration, and will use such means as may be deemed by them most advisable to secure a permanent and satisfactory alteration of the laws of the said Grand Lodges of Germany, which laws, your petitioners humbly submit, are in their present rendering contrary to the first principles of Freemasonry.

Signed, W.M., on behalf of the  
Lodge No.  
March, 1877.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution held its monthly meeting on Wednesday last, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, V.P., presided. There were also present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, Hyde Pullen, John G. Stevens, S. Rawson, E. J. Barrow, Charles Lacey, William Hale, A. J. Duff Filer, A. H. Tattershall, William Stephens, George Bolton, G. M. E. Snow, H. G. Warren, H. Browse, Thos. Cubitt, J. Levy, F. Adlard, Joshua Nunn, Benj. Head, Joseph Smith, E. C. Woodward, J. M. Case, John W. Dennison, Charles G. Hill, J. Newton, L. Stean, Charles G. Rushworth, A. A. Richards, Wm. Hilton, John Constable, J. A. Farnfield, H. Massey (*Freemason*), John Bellerby, R. W. Little, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. R. Gallant, William F. Nettleship, and James Terry, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported the death of three annuitants, Bro. Richard Graves, London, after having received £66 annuities, Bro. S. M. Shrubsole, Faversham, £333, and Mrs. Morton, London, £80.

It having been reported that the recent heavy rains had materially damaged the buildings at Croydon, the House Committee inspected and reported upon the same, and after some slight discussion it was resolved that the repairs be done at once.

One widow's petition for the grant of half of her late husband's annuity was accepted, and the prayer thereof acceded to.

The following report of sub-committee appointed on the 14th February, 1877, to inquire into the duties and emoluments of the future collector was then put in and taken as read:—

Your sub-committee beg to report that in pursuance of directions given to them at the last meeting, they met on the 20th February last, and carefully considered the question as to the appointment of a collector, and his duties and emoluments; and they unanimously agreed to the following:—

1. That a collector should be appointed.
2. That he must be a Master Mason.
3. That his age should not exceed 40 years at the time of his appointment.
- 4.—That his duties be to collect all the annual subscriptions and donations remaining unpaid upon the Steward's lists at the Anniversary Festivals, and to give receipts for the same.
- 5.—To attend at the office on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the year, between the hours of 11 and 2, to see the subscribers and donors.
- 6.—To keep the alphabetical register of the subscribers and donors, as well as of lodges and individuals.
- 7.—To attend the office and render assistance when re-

quired by the Secretary, and the state of the collection will permit.

8.—To give security for £500 in some approved Guarantee Society.

9.—To be paid a commission of 4 per cent. upon all sums actually received by him—and not upon any amounts received by the Secretary.

Your Sub-committee accordingly recommend the foregoing for the favourable consideration of the Committee, with a view to its adoption by them.

JOHN CREATON, V. Patron,  
Chairman.

All the clauses of this report were then discussed, and the only material alteration made in it was the fixing of the collector's commission at 5 per cent. instead of 4 per cent.

The elections then took place. There were seven candidates, but the choice of the brethren unanimously fell on Bro. George Knill.

Bro. George Snow asked the chairman whether he had received any lottery books containing shilling tickets for life-governorships. He had received them, and he thought it was a very derogatory practice to adopt, and hoped it would be put a stop to.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, it was decided to have the usual Stewards' Festival at the Asylum at Croydon.

Bro. Joshua Nunn moved, according to notice, "That the sum of £100 be paid to the widow of Bro. William Lane, late collector." In addition to what he had said in Bro. Lane's favour at the last meeting, when he gave notice of this motion, he said in form that he thought that two years ago Bro. Lane, of his own free will and at his own suggestion, benefited the Institution to the amount of £170 by giving up two per cent. of his commission on certain amounts of subscriptions. He was entitled to five per cent., and he took only three per cent. The action of Bro. Lane's widow since her husband's death had been such as to meet the high approbation of the brethren, and any good they could bestow on her was well merited.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

On Bro. Farnfield's report as to the difficulties being thrown in the way of the Institution with respect to acquiring the piece of ground in front of the Asylum at Croydon, the brethren resolved to abandon the idea of taking it.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. HANNAH.

On Friday, the 9th inst, an interesting meeting of the Freemasons of Warrington was held at the Lion Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., P.J.G.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland. The following brethren, forming the Testimonial Committee, were present:—Bros. Thomas Tunstall, W.M. 148; Charles Crosier, W.M. 1250; W. S. Hawkins, P.M.; W. Richardson, P.M.; D. W. Finney, P.M., P.Z.; W. Woods, P.M.; R. Brierley, P.M.; Joseph Pickthall, S.W. 148; John Armstrong, S.W. 1250; S. R. Young, J.W. 148; Galloway, S.D. 1250; Thos. Sutton, Treas. 1250; S. E. Johnson, and James Hannah.

After a substantial tea, the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which Bro. Bowes made the presentation as follows:—Brethren,—I am charged with a very pleasurable duty this evening. I believe I have received the compliment on the ground that I am the oldest Mason present. In any case, and whatever may be the reason of the selection, I very willingly undertake the pleasing task. Brethren, we have in our midst tonight a brother whom we one and all wish to honour. True, that brother is not of rank and opulence, but he is a brother who has done his duty, and we wish to prove to him that in the eyes of Masons there are occasions when all are equal if they deserve to be so. Acting for the then W.M., Bro. Hephed, well do I remember admitting our friend James Hannah to Masonic light. In due course I passed and raised him, and from that time to the present he has deserved well at our hands. Faithfully and zealously he served us in the humble, but highly important, capacity of Outer Guard and Janitor; and now, when his ordinary avocations press so heavily upon him that he feels he can no longer serve us with credit to himself, like a good man and true he resigns into the hands of the rulers of the Craft his emblem of office. As a man and as a Mason, Bro. Hannah has won the good opinion of us all, and we are determined, therefore, that he should not sever his official connection with us without some mark—some substantial mark—of our sincere esteem. The feeling is spontaneous and general, and does not emanate from individuals, but collectively from brethren in a corporate capacity. Bro. Hannah, I know you will believe me when I say it affords me extreme gratification to be the mouthpiece of the brethren on this occasion, and also the medium of handing to you this handsome and costly gold watch, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. James Hannah by the Freemasons of Warrington, in recognition of many years' faithful service as Tyler and Janitor.—William Sharp, Z. 148; W. H. Robinson, W.M. 148; Chas. Crosier, W.M. 1250." May you long be spared to wear it, and when time with us shall be no more, may we all meet together in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever.

The chairman's remarks were endorsed and echoed by the brethren present, they one and all testifying to Bro. Hannah's obliging manners and gentlemanly bearing.

Bro. Hannah, with evident emotion, acknowledged the handsome testimonial at length and most feelingly. He assured the brethren that he was deeply grateful for the many kindnesses he had experienced at their hands. He

had always striven to do his duty, and he was truly thankful that in his endeavours he had met with the approval of the brethren seated round that table. Some of those present had come some distance to take part in the proceedings of the evening, and however much he tried he should utterly fail to express in words his deep and heartfelt gratitude to them, one and all. It would be invidious to mention friends individually when he had so many, but he knew they would excuse him if he singled out the chairman. Again and again thanking them, and in the heartiest possible manner, for the handsome and costly gift they had that night presented to him, he sat down amid general cheering.

After a number of personal toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the brethren separated in harmony.

#### FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

At the annual meeting of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, E.C., the following members were duly installed and invested as officers:—Bro. L. Boor, W.M.; Bro. W. Holmes, S.W.; Bro. W. M. Stanton, J.W.; Bro. W. B. Sealy, Treasurer; Bro. H. M. Moore, Secretary; Bro. J. Cann, S.D.; Bro. M. Sedgwick, J.D.; Bro. J. Kissel, I.G.; Bro. H. Hargreaves, Tyler. The brethren at a later hour sat down to a really first-class repast prepared by Bro. J. Tregea. The chair was taken by the W.M., who, after justice had been done to the good things provided, proposed the following loyal and Masonic toasts:—"The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," "The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and the Most Worshipful Grand Masters."

Bro. Sealy, P.M., then proposed, "The retiring Worshipful Master of the Southern Star Lodge, Past-Master Bro. J. C. Moutray," and this having been honoured according to Masonic custom, Bro. Squires, P.M., proposed "The Newly installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Boor, and the Officers invested this day," a toast that was enthusiastically received.

Bro. W. M. Stanton proposed "The Installing Officer, Bro. Sealy," coupled with the Supreme Council of New Zealand, 33rd Degree, of which our esteemed brother is a worthy companion.

Bro. Sealy, P.M., responded, and in so doing gave a clear and interesting account of the rise and progress of the Supreme Council of New Zealand.

Bro. Lightfoot proposed "The Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson," coupled with the name of the First Principal, Bro. Squires, who responded to the toast, and thanked the brethren present for the hearty manner in which it had been responded to.

Bro. Moutray proposed "The Sister Lodges of Blenheim and Wakefield—Lodge of Unanimity and Forest Lodge."

This toast was followed by "The Visitors," "The Ladies," "The Host," and "All poor and distressed Masons."

#### Obituary.

##### FUNERAL OF SIR DONALD M'LEAN.

The funeral of Sir Donald M'Lean, which took place Jan. 8th, at Napier, was essentially Masonic. It had been intended to give it a military character, and the Artillery Volunteers were ordered to assemble with gun carriage, prepared to carry the coffin, and a firing party was told off, but at almost the last moment the military display was countermanded. The Odd Fellows walked in procession to the cemetery, also a few Foresters, and a considerable number of Good Templars and members of the Hibernian Society, but at the gate of the cemetery they mingled with the crowd, leaving the Masons to conduct the burial ceremonies for their District Grand Master. The two lodges, Scinde and Victoria, the former of the Irish, and the latter of the English Constitution, met together at the Masonic Hall, and heard the lodge Burial Service. About three o'clock they formed a procession, and marched to the late residence of Sir Donald. There were above 80 Masons, including several Royal Arch. Each lodge formed separately. The Scinde, being the senior, went first; but the conduct of the proceedings was under the care of the Victoria Lodge, as Sir Donald held his appointment as District Grand Master under the English Constitution. The whole was under the management of the acting W.M., Bro. Alexander Kennedy. The body was carried in a hearse, preceded by Mason Douglas M'Lean (Sir Donald's son), chief mourner, and among others Captain Archibald M'Lean (Sir Donald's brother), Messrs Archibald M'Lean, Ormond, Hart, Kinross, and Gillon. A great many Maoris, male and female, were present, amongst whom were several influential chiefs, including Te Hapuka, Reuatu Tarehu, and others. These, as well as many Europeans, availed themselves of the opportunity to see the body, which was lying in state prior to removal for burial. There was a large concourse in the cemetery and on all the elevated ground surrounding; it was difficult to compute the number, but it was generally estimated at about 3000. After an impressive service by the Rev. Mr. Sidney, the Masonic service was read by Bro. the Rev. D'Arcy Irvine, principal master of the Grammar School and the Chaplain of the Victoria Lodge. It was very solemnly rendered, and listened to with profound attention by all present. A lambskin apron was thrown into the grave, and also a sprig of acacia. The grand honours practised by Masons at burial ceremonies, and a hymn, were sung with harmonium accompaniment. After the concluding prayer, the Masons marched in procession back to the Masonic Hall, and closed the lodge.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 23, 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 17.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 " 1597, Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hot., Staines.  
 Red Cross Con., Villiers, Northumberland Arms, Isleworth.

#### 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 19.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.  
 " 8, British, F.M.H.  
 " 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 " 185, Tranquillity, Cannon-street Hot.  
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
 Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
 Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden T'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-st.  
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.  
 Lodge 30, United Mariner's, Guildhall Tav.  
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hot.  
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.  
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
 " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, 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 21.

Lodge of Benevolence.  
 Grand Stewards.  
 St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
 Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 Oak, F.M.H.  
 Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.  
 Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot.,  
 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched-friars.  
 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., Docks.  
 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.  
 Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st. (See advt.)  
 Mark 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
 Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew's, 68, Regent-st., W.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, "Whittington," Moor-lane, Fore-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 Edgecumbe, 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 22.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.

Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.  
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
 Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.  
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.  
 Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H., Basinghall-st.

#### 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.  
 Liberty, 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 23.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
 " 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.  
 " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 " 1601, Ravensbourne, Catford Bridge.  
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, 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.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

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 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
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 Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
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#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21.

Lodge 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.  
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1086, St. Lawrence's School, Liverpool.  
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
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 De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
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