

He thought it was incumbent on all of them to use their best efforts not only to make the lodge prosperous but to combine the good feelings of hospitality and good fellowship towards one another. The other toasts were then given and the brethren separated.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—The last meeting of this local lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. Wellsman, P.M. 858, W.M.; Dalwood, S.W.; Dodson, J.W.; Low, W.S., acting S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Dwarber, I.P.M.; Tisley, Secretary; Bull, D.C. The visitors were Bros. the Rev. J. Gregory, P.P.G.C. of Suffolk; Kent, P.M. Domestic; Dodson, P.M. Joppa, Singleton, W.M. 858; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.W. 1381; Davies, 231, Ottawa, Canada; Sichel, Brussels; Foster, Portsmouth; Leaver, 1194. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Skelton, gave the lecture on the second tracing board, and initiated Mr. Robinson, the whole of the ceremonies being exceedingly well performed. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren partook of a well served banquet. The Royal and Craft toasts having been duly proposed and honoured, the "Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., who in the course of a very eloquent speech congratulated the lodge upon possessing so excellent a Master as Bro. Wellsman had proved himself to be. The St. Dunstan's, although one of the youngest metropolitan lodges, was not the youngest in point of work, or the last in promulgating one of the most glorious tenets in Freemasonry, namely charity, and their W.M. had done good suit and service in both these great Masonic essentials. He therefore charged them to receive the toast with all due honour and respect. The W.M. in reply briefly said that he scarcely knew how to thank them sufficiently for the manner in which they had responded to his health, so flatteringly proposed by Bro. Dwarber. He should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the I.P.M., as he believed his example was worthy of being followed, and because he had received great kindness at his hands. There was but one way of discharging the duties of the Master's chair, and that was to earnestly and diligently study the "working," in order that perfect harmony should characterise the whole proceedings of the ceremonials. In conclusion, he conscientiously believed that at the present time No. 1589 could challenge comparison with any lodge in London for its general state of efficiency and prosperity. "The Initiates" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. said that, although he quite endorsed the well-known remark of the Grand Secretary that "quality, and not quantity" was the Masonic desideratum, yet no lodge could hope to go on without the occasional incoming of initiates. However, a certain supervision was necessary, and whilst that continued to be exercised the better it would be for the Craft both now and ultimately. The gentleman they had initiated that evening was in every way worthy of their lodge, and would, he was confident, in time reflect great credit upon it. The Initiates having replied, "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the names of Bros. Gregory, Singleton, Davies, and Sichel as representatives of the London, Provincial, Colonial and Foreign Lodges as present that evening. This toast having been warmly received the brethren thus signalled responded in suitable terms. The next toast in order was "The I.P.M." and which drew from the W.M. a very warm eulogy upon the merits of Bro. Dwarber who he said was ever ready, ever anxious and ever willing to assist in any Masonic work. It was a great support to him as Master to have such an excellent Past Master at his elbow, one who had the interests of the lodge so much at heart that he the W.M., believed that when the time arrived and which day he hoped was far distant for Bro. Dwarber, to be absent in body he would be present in spirit. The I.P.M. in reply, said that he should always do his best not only for the St. Dunstan's Lodge, but for the Craft in general. He then gave a short account of the origin of the lodge, in which he stated that since its foundation three other parishes had formed distinctive lodges which proved the example set by the founders of No. 1589, was found worthy of imitation. In concluding he paid a high compliment to the services rendered him during his year of office by Bro. Moxwell in the honorary character of first Past Master. "The Treasurer and Secretary" in the absence of the former was acknowledged by Bro. Tisley in a neat little speech. "The Health of The Officers" followed and was responded to by Bros. Dalwood, Dodson, and Low. The proceedings were enlivened by Bros. Dodson, Walls, Bedingfield, Clemow, and Sichel.

ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—The first anniversary meeting of this young lodge was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., at the Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico, and was attended by a very large number of the brethren. Although only twelve months old the lodge numbers nearly sixty subscribing brethren, and from its connection with the club held on the same premises, and its popularity amongst the club members, it is not unlikely that it will number more than a hundred before the close of its second year. Among the visitors were Bros. Thomas Read, 913; G. R. Egerton, 1319; F. B. Davies, 87; C. Goolden, 1706; J. Wyer, 1314; J. F. Callet, 907; T. Simpson, 1178; A. Cameron, 180; R. A. Steel, 1197; R. E. H. Goffin, 1395; L. C. Reman, 186; R. Burlinton, 860; T. Peran, 860; T. Hardy, 190; J. B. Swallow, 382; Louis Beck, 1687; Wm. Grant, 126; E. C. Massey, (Freemason), J. Nelson, 1441; J. H. Lane, 1269; T. Holland, 172; J. W. Sedgwick, 180; and A. A. Drew, 890. The lodge was opened by Bro. Henry A. Hunt, W.M., supported by his officers, Bro. D. H. McLeod, S.W.; J. C. Flattely, J.W.; Wm. Vincent, S.D.; Samuel John, J.D.; J. G. Fisher, I.G.; Ed. Powell, D.C., and J. L. Coulter, P.M., and after the confirmation of the minutes and the presentation of the report by the Audit Committee, the W.M. Elect, Bro. D. H. McLeod,

late S.W., was presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and having been duly obligated was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. This portion of the ceremony was performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Hunt, but the remainder, including the orations, was performed by Bro. Coulter. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Flattely, S.W.; Wm. Vincent, J.W.; Beckham, Secretary; Sam. Jones, S.D.; J. G. Fisher, J.D.; Powell, I.G.; Egerton, Organist; Good and Taylor, D.C.'s; Johnson and Jackson, 2 Wine Stewards, and Bro. Wilson, Assistant Tyler. As soon as the appointment of officers was completed the ballot was taken for three initiates, namely, Mr. Fredk. Arnold, proposed by Bro. Jackson, seconded by Bro. Beckham; Mr. R. Cullingford, proposed by Bro. Beckham, seconded by Bro. McLeod; and Mr. Wm. Henry Bearns, proposed by Bro. Isaac, seconded by Bro. Beckham, and being found favourable to their admission, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. This, with the exception of the proposition of three fresh candidates for initiation at a future meeting, completed the business of the evening, and the lodge was therefore closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large room on the ground floor where the banquet-tables were prepared. A good deal of delay, however, took place before the viands were on the table, and it was not until a somewhat late hour that the last course was removed, and the Worshipful Master rose to propose the first toast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts of course led the way, and a verse of the National Anthem and the scarcely less popular "God Bless the Prince of Wales," were sung. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W., Pro Grand Master," followed by that of "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy G. M., and the rest of the Grand Officers" came next, followed respectively by the performance of the Entered Apprentice's song by Bro. C. Taylor, and "We have our brave hearts still," by Bro. J. L. Coulter, P.M. Honour was also done to the toast "Success to the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Coulter, P.M., who replied, and from whose speech it appeared that he had during his time taken up a considerable sum, amounting to some six hundred pounds, to the Masonic Charities. Prior to Bro. Coulter's reply, however, Bro. Daniel McLeod, the newly-installed Master, sung a song, entitled "Our own dear Lodge." It was well sung, and deserved the hearty applause it met with on all sides. Bro. H. A. Hunt, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in doing which he referred to the great ability and precision with which Bro. McLeod did his work in the ceremonies, which, he said, stamped him as a man who had taken Freemasonry to heart. Bro. McLeod was one of the originators of the Eccleston Lodge—the idea of founding a lodge in connection with the Grosvenor Club originated with him. He had greatly assisted the progress of the lodge, which beginning with eighteen members now numbered about sixty. Bro. D. H. McLeod, W.M. said: Bros. Senior and Junior Wardens and brethren all,—I scarcely know the terms in which I may reply to the eloquence which has fallen from the lips of the W.P.M. Hunt, on the present occasion, nor can I think that I am worthy of the high eulogium he has passed upon me, but nevertheless you have been pleased to elect me, and it is my duty to say that it is an honour I shall cherish to the last hour of my life. The honour that has been conferred upon me to-night I regard as one which can never be excelled in any sphere of life in which I may move. For a number of years I have been mixed up with friendly societies and other societies, but I have always looked upon Freemasonry as the best society in the world. There is nothing stronger in the universe than the bond of Freemasonry, and throughout the whole course of my career I have never experienced such a grasp as the grasp of Freemasonry; it makes us all actual friends. I have heard that it may take a church to hold one's acquaintances, but that the pulpit will suffice to hold one's friends. I have, however, formed more friendships in Freemasonry than in anything else I have been mixed up with. I wish to say one word on behalf of our lodge. I remember the time—scarcely eighteen months ago—when we met in a small room in this building to discuss the proposal of forming a lodge, when indeed we had but small expectation of obtaining a warrant. From that time to the present the most cordial good-will has reigned amongst us, and I must now express the hope that this perfect love and cordiality may continue among us for many years to come; may the spirit of Freemasonry also extend through the hearts of the people, and teach them that in it there is a bond which will unite all creeds, that will survive every shock, that will survive the wreck of ages and the crash of worlds. "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Hunt," was then proposed by the Master, who at the same time presented him on behalf of the lodge with a very elegant P.M.'s jewel, in the design of which the portcullis, the armorial sign of the city of Westminster, is introduced with excellent effect. Bro. P.M. Hunt having replied, various other toasts were proposed, including the "Initiates," "Visitors," and "Officers of the Lodge." Nor was the Masonic press forgotten. The W.M. spoke in brief terms of commendation of the *Freemason* adding that the well thumbed pages of the copy in their reading-room were the best evidence of the appreciation in which it was held by the members of the Eccleston Lodge. This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Massey, who responded on behalf of the press in general and of the *Freemason* in particular. The brethren did not separate till a late hour.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—This new lodge held its first regular meeting on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Finsbury Park Tavern. The officers were in full attendance and Messrs. James Hewling Thompson, George David Edmunds, Thomas Crane, and George Benjamin Carey were initiated, the duty being divided between Bros. Past Master Davis

and Pigot. Bros. Alfred Ayden, and Thomas Jackson, were accepted as joining members. A banquet followed, which was most admirably served by mine host of "The Tavern." We regret the crowded state of our columns precludes a lengthened report; however, we cannot help remarking that the perfect harmony which exists in this lodge might be well followed by many of the fraternity. The W.M., Bro. W. T. Purkiss is one we are ever pleased to greet, and his kind genial manner and smiling face secure him the universal respect of the brotherhood. The visitors were Bros. W. Wilkinson, 167; J. F. O. Wood, 1288; C. J. G. Wood, 1288; Fred Goode, 1677; Frank Bout, W.M. 1306; and James Cox, 1288.

TORQUAY.—Lodge of St. John's (No. 328).—The first meeting of this lodge, after the summer recess, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, October 1st. A number of members and visiting brethren were present, considerable interest being felt in the business of the evening, the principal event being the initiation into Freemasonry of Mr. Lawrence Hesketh Palk, eldest son and heir of Sir Lawrence Palk, Bart., M.P. for East Devon, and Lord of the Manor of Tormsham, Torquay. The W.M., Bro. S. Burton, presided over the lodge, supported by Bro. Piggot, I.P.M.; Bro. the Rev. R. Bowden, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; Bro. Harland P.M., 328, and P.P.J.D.; Bro. Watson, Sec., and P.M. 328, and P.J.G.D.; Bro. Greenfield, P.M., P.P.J.D.; Bro. Pratt, P.M., P.G. S. of W.; Bro. Warren, P.M., P.G.S.; Bro. Dand, P.M., P.P.G.D., &c.; Bro. Maclean, P.M.; Bro. Robt. Palk, 279, and others. The initiation was ably conducted by the W.M., who called upon Bro. Watson to give the address, and Bro. Harland the charge. Bro. Brooks, the Organist, effectively introduced portions of the musical compositions of Bro. E. J. Crow, of Leicester, and the officers being well acquainted with their duties, the ceremony passed off smoothly and successfully. The sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds as a donation to the Indian Famine Relief Fund. After the lodge was closed the brethren retired to the banqueting-room, where a substantial repast was served. After grace, the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the expressions of satisfaction at having initiated into the order a brother of the social status, ability, and promise of Bro. Lawrence Hesketh Palk were heartfelt and genuine. It was also pointed out to the newly initiated brother that a great sphere of Masonic influence and usefulness would naturally be within his grasp, and that as he pursued steadily the acquisition of Masonic knowledge and promulgated the genuine tenets and principles of the Order he might justifiably look forward to a future of great Masonic position and honour. Bro. Lawrence Hesketh Palk replied in a heartfelt and genial manner, thanking the brethren for all their good wishes and kind reception of him, and hoped that some of their flattering predictions might be realised, but that having for so short a time been initiated into the light of Freemasonry, he could not be expected to say much on that subject. The members of the lodge and the visiting brethren were all much pleased at the successful opening of the winter session of St. John's, 328, Torquay, Bro. Dand, from Exeter, replying on behalf of the visitors, and complimenting the lodge on its position and prospects.

LIVERPOOL.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—At the last meeting of this prosperous lodge, which was most numerously attended, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the W.M., Bro. John Williams, opened the proceedings, supported by Bro. R. Martin, I.P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; J. A. Edginton, P.M.; P. K. Thorn, P.M.; J. W. Williams, P.M., and a full staff of officers besides; Bro. May, P.M. 673; D. Jackson, S.W. 673, and several other visitors. There were altogether about 60 brethren present. An unusually large list of candidates appeared on the circular, and out of these six appeared, and were duly initiated most impressively by the W.M. The handsome sum of ten guineas was afterwards voted for the Girls' Institution in London, and five guineas for the Indian Famine Fund, which was subsequently augmented, by the private subscriptions of the brethren, to ten guineas. Relief to distressed widows was also unanimously voted. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the proceedings were brought to a close at an early hour. A lodge of emergency, in connection with the lodge, was held on Thursday, the 18th inst.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The usual monthly meeting of this excellently worked lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The W.M., Bro. George Stanley Willings, was in his place, supported by Bros. J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S.; W. Doyle, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.J.G.D.; Ellis, S.W.; Henry Fifth, J.W.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M.; A. Bucknall, I.G.; S. Bushell, S., and a large body of brethren. Two candidates were initiated and two brethren passed to the degree of F.C. in a most impressive manner by the W.M., who, although suffering from a severe cold, afterwards gave the explanations of the first and second tracing boards with a fluency and elocutionary power which elicited universal commendation. It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.G.S., seconded by Bro. Ellis, S.W., to vote the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the lodge in aid of the Indian Famine Fund. The brethren subsequently supped in the large dining hall, and after the brethren had spent a pleasant evening, during which toast, song, and sentiment prevailed, they separated at a seasonable hour.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—On Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., the members of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance. After no fewer than seven brethren had been passed to the Second Degree by Bro. John Houlding, W.M., Bro. W. Wilson, I.P.M., delivered a lecture on geometry as applied to Freemasonry, in which he showed

that during the past 2400 years the Craft had been the guiding power of all good actions, every line of the working tools of the Order having its mode of teaching men to improve themselves, and that the Great Architect of the Universe had made mankind one mighty brotherhood, with Himself as Mentor.

SOUTHELD.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Thursday, the 11th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past Grand Chaplain, the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 359, P.P.G.D., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., as I.P.M.; W. Chaplin, S.W.; S. Cox, P.M., as J.W.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), S.D.; W. Allen, jun., S.W. 160, as J.D.; G. F. Jones, I.G.; Mountain, Tyler; J. C. Hemman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. H. Lockey, J. Girling, W. Waterhouse, H. Hassall, T. Barrett, G. Berry, T. Hales, H. Hicks, W. H. Norman. Visitors: W. Bro. J. Tyrrell Leith, P.M. 549 and 1118, W.M. 1709, D.D.G.M. of Bombay; Bros. E. Hicks, 1 (I.C.); Dr. S. W. Fisher, M.D., 379; J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1248, P.P.G.O. N. and E. York; H. W. Hemsworth, P.M. 190 and 1193; H. Beecher, 1360. After the preliminary business, the W.M. raised Bros. A. Cole, E. Birkett, and B. McMay Johnstone to the Third Degree, and the ballot having proved favourable, he afterwards initiated Messrs. O. Benall and W. Griffin into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received, the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings and a very pleasant evening to a close.

WESTERHAM.—Amherst Lodge (1123).—The last meeting of this lodge for the present season took place on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel. Bro. E. J. Dodd, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. C. Banks, J.W.; C. J. Dodd, S.D.; J. Webb, J.D.; H. Jewell, Secretary; Smalman Smith, I.G.; T. J. Baker, D. C.; Owen, Steward; and in the absence of the S.W., Bro. C. C. Petley, P.M., officiated in that capacity. The W.M. was honoured by the attendance of several visiting brethren, among whom we noticed Bro. J. Dawburn, P.M., Perseverance, 213, P.G.S.B. Norfolk; Bro. F. W. Greenville, Royalty, 243, Island of Guernsey; Bro. E. Cox, P.M. Canonbury, 657; Bro. W. Cressell, Enoch, 11; Bro. T. C. Newson, Hervey, 1692; Bro. Damer Cape, Athenæum, 1491; and several other brethren. The work consisted of passing two brethren, which was performed in good style by the W.M., and Bro. R. N. Newson, P.M., gave an oration on the principles and tenets of the Craft, in his usually terse and forcible language, which was listened to with much attention by the brethren present, after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. After the cloth was cleared, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and in response to that of the visitors, Bro. Dawburn spoke most warmly of the kind reception he had met with by the brethren of the Amherst Lodge, and especially by the W.M., whom he had known from a little child, and the pleasure it gave him to see the progress he had made in Masonry, and the efficient manner in which he performed his duties. Bros. Greenville, Newson, Cox, Cressell, and Cape also responded, and the harmony and enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by the excellent singing of Bro. Smalman Smith, and the quaint and harmonious songs of Bro. Damer Cape. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, after the enjoyment of a very pleasant evening.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—On Saturday, October 6th, the members of this lodge assembled at their private rooms, Newton Heath, at 3.30 p.m. The Master, Bro. James Batchelder, took up his position, supported by his officers; the gavel having been accorded, the business commenced. All having been proved as "true and trusty," the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for two candidates for initiation, viz., Mr. W. H. Flynn and Mr. J. A. Vincent, and in each case a unanimous election was the result. Mr. James Smith, who was not able to present himself for initiation at the September meeting, was announced and admitted, and received the E.A. Degree from the hands of his proposer, Bro. Batchelder, W.M. Mr. W. H. Flynn was unavoidably absent; and the next business on the circular was therefore proceeded with, it being the initiation of Mr. J. A. Vincent, who was admitted into the mysteries of the First Degree by his friend, Past Master Rogers, of Strangeways Lodge, 1219. Several brethren having been communicated with since the last meeting with regard to their overdue subscriptions, and no response having been given, they were, prior to the closing of the lodge, excluded therefrom, in accordance with notice supplied to them. In passing, we shall not be deemed out of place in commenting upon overdue subscriptions; it is a circumstance unfortunately not uncommon, but we must not charge this negligence to brethren who are Masons at heart. For all who possess Masonry in the hidden spring of life will naturally assist the working of their respective lodges by paying their contributions when due—as we all know doubtless that old adage, "It's money makes the mare to go." Money also is required in Masonic ranks; and if only paid when due it would save Secretaries an enormous amount of trouble, and also assist Treasurers in discharging their respective engagements. Some, however, put off their payments from time to time; the amount increases, and, as a consequence, that desire of "to have and to hold" increases with it; and exclusion is the result. Such a course however, is unnecessary with those who look upon Masonry in that high and exalted manner which its teachings demand, and therefore exclusi on may

justly be termed the refiner of our Craft, separating the tares from the wheat. Bro. Kleinmann, through unavoidable circumstances, tendered his resignation, which was accepted. Bro. Taylor, J.D., proposed a candidate for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" were given from Lodges 295, 317, 521, 1161, 1219, and Revue Lodge, Boston, U.S.A. Charity was next exercised; after which the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then retired to the social board, where the usual Masonic toasts were heartily honoured. In due course came the last toast of the evening, and the brethren separated at 8.45 p.m.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—A strong gathering of the members of this lodge took place at the Albany Hotel, on the 9th inst. Amongst the principal officers present were Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; S. H. Knaggs, S.W.; Court J.W.; Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Works, I.P.M. and Sec.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, Treas.; Taylor, S.D.; Ashley, I.G.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, &c., D.C. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Clarke to the degree of M.M. with his accustomed vuvve and impressiveness. This being election night, Bro. S. H. Knaggs, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. Tomlinson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Harrison was re-appointed Tyler, and the Library Committee re-appointed. The members and visitors then adjourned to a well-served collation. The visitors were Bros. Cama, P.M. Dalhousie Lodge; Pedler, P.M. Dalhousie Lodge; Court, W.M. Phoenix, Hants; King, Dobie Lodge. The preliminary toasts were given from the chair briefly but pertinently. "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P. Grand Officers, Past and Present," was acknowledged by Bros. Wigginton, Horsley, and Walls. "The Health of the W.M." followed, and having been warmly received, was immediately responded to. "The Past Masters" met with a response by Bro. Wigginton, I.P.M. "The Health of the Visitors" afforded Bros. Pedler and Court an opportunity of congratulating the lodge upon the excellent "working" manifested that evening, and for the hospitable manner in which they had been received. "The W.M. Elect" came next in order. Bro. Knaggs, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was a very proud moment to him. He was scarcely a Mason of three years' standing, and consequently he was indeed fortunate at being elected to fill so high and responsible a position as Master, but he hoped, with the assistance of the Past Masters, to do credit to the position. "The Officers" followed, and it was acknowledged by Bro. Tomlinson and Ashley.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The election meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the Island Hotel, on Saturday, the 13th inst. Bro. E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M. 145, W.M., being absent, Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., initiated Messrs. Morton and Wheeler, the elections being unanimous. Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler. The usual twelve-guinea Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. E. H. Thiellay. Bro. T. G. Tagg, 1326, elected joining member. The work was well done. There were present Past Masters Bros. J. W. Balwin, P.G.P. Middx.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D.; Middx., Secretary; and the officers, and a large majority of the members. The only visitor was Bro T.C. Walls, P.G. Org, Middx. Refreshment followed labour.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, on Saturday, the 6th inst, when there were present Bros. W. J. Christian, W.M.; G. Halls, S.W.; W. B. Brand, J.W.; J. Purder, P.M.; F. Groome, Hon. Sec.; T. Franklin, S.D.; J. H. Cambridge, J.D.; W. G. Hallows, acting I.G.; Delvalli, W.S. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last regular lodge and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. Rubery and Stockwell, the candidates for passing, answered the usual questions. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the above brethren were passed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ballot taken for two gentlemen which proved unanimous in their favour. Being present, were initiated into Freemasonry, according to ancient rite. In consequence of a vacancy in the office of S.D. having occurred since the last meeting, the W.M. conferred the collar on the S.D., Bro. T. Franklin, that of J.D. upon Bro. J. Cambridge, and that of W.S. upon Bro. Delvalli. The remaining business having been got through, the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Saturday, the 3rd November.

INSTRUCTION.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The above lodge met at 101, Queen Victoria-street (the Club), on Monday, at 6 o'clock p.m. Among a large attendance were Bros. J. A. Reed, 1673, W.M.; Nelson Reed, S.W.; C. E. Smith, J.W.; Barnett, S.D.; M. Turner, 157, J.D.; Triggs, I.G.; Shand, Secretary, also Bros. Jos. Langton, 1673, Langton Lodge; Edell, London, 108; H. Woods, White, Bauman, Woolton, and others. Visitors: Bro. Smallpeice, P.M., Secretary to Emulation Lodge of Improvement; C. Sawyer, 1619; Eastgate, Ward, 1563, and others. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The ceremony of initiation and the lectures of the degree were worked respectively by the W.M. and Bro. Smallpeice. Bro. Langton proposed and Bro. Edell seconded that Bro. Smallpeice be elected hon. member of the Lodge of Instruction, which was carried. This being the occasion of selecting officers, Bro. Shand proposed that Bro. Smallpeice be elected Preceptor for the ensuing 12 months, which was seconded by Bro. S. W. Nelson Reed, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Reed proposed that Bro. Hogg be re-elected Treasurer, which was duly seconded and carried. Bro. Langton proposed that Bro. J. F. Shand be re-elected Secretary. In doing so he paid compliments for the energy, assiduity, and punctual attendance of Bro. Shand during the past 12 months. Bro. Edell, seconded, with some few well chosen words, expressive of appreciation, for the trouble and attention of the Secretary. Bro. S. W. Reed was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge will close till Monday, Nov. 12th, at 6 p.m.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—There was a numerous assemblage of brethren at the White Swan, Deptford, on Monday, the 15th inst., to hear the working of the Fifteen Sections. The duty of Interrogator was undertaken by Bro. Govan Macdonald, P.M. 1158, who appears to have quite recovered from his recent severe illness, while the answers were distributed between Bros. Catterson, Gibson, Waterman, Hutchings, Millburn, Shaw, Glester, C. Nash, Griffin and Church. This powerful cast is a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the working, and each brother was warmly applauded at the completion of his task. Bro. Shaw coming in for the lion's share both of work and applause. The usual complimentary vote of thanks to the Interrogator, and a brief reply from Bro. Macdonald, brought an instructive evening to a close.

Royal Arch.

INDUSTRY CHAPTER (No. 186).—On Thursday, 16th inst., the newly-elected Principals of this successful chapter were installed in their chairs, the ceremony being performed by Comp. Noehmer, P.Z. Chapter was opened by Comps. Tallent, Z.; Seex, H.; and Dyer, J.; after which the two last companions were installed as Z. and H. respectively, and Comp. Black was installed as J. The other companions who received the honour of appointment to office were Comps. G. Kelly, P.Z., Treasurer; W. Mann, P.Z., S.E.; S. E. Poore, S.N.; B. Taylor, P.S.; W. H. Hook, 1st A.S.; Kew, 2nd A.S.; Johnson, D.C.; and Longstaff, Janitor. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned from Freemasons' Hall, where the ceremonies took place, to Freemasons' Tavern, where an elegant banquet was provided. Among the visitors were Comps. E. J. Harty, P.S. 452; E. Wilson, 77; W. Werrell, P.Z. 766; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason). The customary toasts followed the banquet. Comp. Tallent, P.Z., in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," said although he could not do full justice to the toast, he was spared the necessity of giving utterance to his feelings by the companions being as fully aware as he was of the abilities of Comp. Seex. All the companions knew that he would go through his year of office with perfect satisfaction to the chapter, not only to those Royal Arch Masons present, but to all Royal Arch Masons, and bring credit on the degree. Comp. Seex was one of his offspring, and consequently, he was proud of Comp. Seex's attainments. It gave him great pleasure to see one of his own children in Masonry in the chair of M.E.Z., and he was sure when Comp. Seex had completed his year of office the companions would wish to see him in the chair for a still longer period. However, there were other companions to follow him who would equally do honour to the chapter, and the companions while wishing to retain Comp. Seex, would not wish to deprive the other officers of the opportunity of obtaining for themselves that lustre which was sure to be attendant on the working of Comp. Seex. The M.E.Z. responded, and said that it was a convenient position for a First Principal or a W.M. to be placed in to have a Past Principal or a P.M. to sound his praise, because it required very little exertion on the part of the person extolled to return thanks, and the toast was sure of a hearty reception. It relieved a First Principal of a great deal of trouble if he found that his endeavours and his desires to please were thoroughly appreciated by the companions, and that those companions were determined to support him by all the means in their power. Comp. Seex next proposed "The Visitors," and each of those companions was called upon to reply. The M.E. then proposed "The Assistant Chairs, H. and J." He was spared saying much of Comp. Dyer, because the companions had seen his work. Comp. Black, however, was a new Principal; but when they considered the way in which he performed his duties as W.M. of Lodge 186, and also those of the subordinate offices in the chapter, they could feel no doubt that his occupation of the J. chair would be marked by equal efficiency. Both Comp. Dyer and Comp. Black had the confidence of the whole of the chapter, or they would not have been elected to the chairs they now filled. He could not doubt that the ability with which Comp. Noehmer had installed them must have impressed them with the dignity of their offices. Comp. Dyer in reply said he felt that the position in which he was placed was one of very great importance, and which required an immense amount of study fairly to appreciate and also to carry out its duties. The way in which his installation had been worked out had impressed on his mind the mysterious character of Royal Arch Masonry. The degree did possess a mysterious character, as he believed its prototype was the old Jewish inner circle or centre, from which all our belief and aspirations had sprung. There was a great deal more in Arch Masonry than at first sight appeared. As Craft Masons we acquired an appreciation of charity; but when we entered Arch Masonry we reached a higher sphere, and began to understand somewhat of the circumstances surrounding that very great Order of human brotherhood called Masons. He would not enter, or attempt to enter, upon any dissertation on what might be considered to be the characteristics of Freemasonry. It was an Order above nationalities; it was a universal brotherhood, and in this respect he believed it had exercised a great influence on the destinies of mankind.

Comp. Dyer concluded by thanking the companions for electing him, and promising to do his best to render him self worthy of their suffrages when the time came to elect him as Z. of the chapter. Comp. Black, J., also replied. The toast of "The Past Principals" followed, and the M.E.Z. having honoured each of them by informing the companions of the merits of Comp. Tallent, Kelly, Noehmer, and Mann, presented Comp. Tallent with a handsome P.Z. jewel. Comp. Tallent, P.Z., said that when he entered Freemasonry, sixteen years ago, he had no idea he should have attained his present high position, but he went on working in order to obtain it. What he did was accepted in the spirit in which it was meant. He received the jewel just presented to him with the heartiest feelings of thankfulness. Last year he had the very pleasing duty of placing one upon the breast of an old friend whom he had the pride and pleasure of proposing. He now received one from another friend whom he also proposed; and he thought this was a very proud position to be placed in. As Z. of the chapter he had done his best, and he was sorry that at the last meeting he was unable to attend, being ill in bed. Comps. Mann and Noehmer also replied, and Comp. Taylor having responded for "The Officers," the Janitor's toast was given, and the companions separated.

WINDSOR.—Windsor Castle Chapter, (No. 771).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 18th inst. The Principals and officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Comps. E. Grisbrook, Z.; G. W. Dixon, H.; G. H. Powell, J.; J. Devereux, P.Z., Treasurer; W. S. Cantrell, Scribe E.; F. Fleck, Scribe, N.; J. O. Carter, P.S.; R. Roberts, 1st Assist. Sec.; Huckvale, 2nd Assist. Sec.; Ashby and J. Johnson, Stewards. The installation ceremony was ably worked by Comp. A. A. Richards, P.Z. Two candidates, Kennedy and Jefferies, were exalted by Comp. J. S. Tolley, P.G.O., the outgoing Z. The Auditors' balance sheet shewed that the chapter was in a sound financial position.

Red Cross of Constantine.

JERSEY.—Concord Conclave (No. 8).—The annual assembly was held on Friday the 28th ult., at the Masonic Temple. The conclave was opened by Sir Knt. E. Martel, M.P.S., being supported by Sir Knts. J. O'Flaherty, V.R.; A. Schmitt, P.S., K.G.C., Rec.; P. W. Benham, P.S.; J. Oatley, P.S.; W. Metherell, H.P.; C. D. Bishop, S.G.; W. H. Chapman, J.G.; J. Huclin, P.; and others. Sir Knt. H. Cook, Rec. 154, visitor. The report of the previous assembly was read and confirmed. A College of Viceroy was opened, when Sir Knt. J. O'Flaherty, M.P.S., elect, having retired, a Senate of Sovereigns was opened. The M.P.S. was admitted and presented to Sir Knt. Benham for enthronement, which was duly performed. The college was then resumed, when Sir Knt. W. Metherell V.E. elect, was re-admitted by the Rec. The college was then closed, and the conclave resumed. The Recorder invested Sir Knts. C. D. Bishop, as H.P.; W. H. Chapman, S.G.; J. Huclin, J.G.; J. O. LeScur, Pref.; E. Rivington, S.B.; F. P. Le Marquand, H.; J. Blampied, Treas.; and G. Rogers, Sent. A P. Sov's. jewel was presented to Em. Sir Knt. P. W. Benham, and never has that decoration been more nobly or worthily won than by our good Frater, who returned thanks for the enthusiasm and spontaneity with which the crowded conclave hailed him, as the Recorder attached the jewel on his breast. The Recorder presented also to Sir Knt. E. Martel a P. Sov's. jewel, as a token of fraternal regard and personal appreciation of many and valuable services the recipient has rendered, not only to the conclave, but to the province. The Recorder moved, seconded by Sir Knt. E. Martel, that the Ill. Sir Knt. W. James Hughan, P.G.V.C. be elected an hon. member of the conclave, which was carried by acclamation. The conclave being duly closed, the Sir Knights adjourned to supper.

Reports of Lodges 1276, 1287, 1325, 1327, 1512, 1608; Chapters 228, 248; Mark Lodge 104; Encampment William de la More; Royal Oriental Order of Sikha and B'hai, stand over till next week.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman on Wednesday, the 10th inst., was presented with a valuable gold watch, out of respect for his probity and independence of character; also a bronze statuette of Le Chevalier Bayard, in token and regard for a ready willingness to serve any private or public cause—"sans peur, sans reproche."

NEW THEORIES OF THE UNIVERSE.—Our readers will see by our advertisement columns that Dr. Bedford, who has been so successful in his study of the mechanism of the heavens, is about to reprint his new system of astronomy. It has been suggested that the moons of Mars shall be named Bedford, and Hall. Bedford, because he pointed these out 23 years before they were found, and gave a philosophic reason for their existence, and Hall, because he was the first to see them; the first seen to be named Bedford, and the second Hall.

Our readers will learn with regret of the loss sustained by Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in the death of his wife, which sad event took place on Monday last.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the natural exhalations of the skin, an alternative is required to expel them entirely from the body through some other channel. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommencing the most feeble. When from frequent chills or impure air the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated, these Pills present a ready and efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding disease is arrested at its outset, its pains and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by an illness.—ADVT.

CONSECRATION OF THE HARTISMERE LODGE, No. 1663.

INSTALLATION OF LORD HENNIKER.

Wednesday, 17th inst., may be marked a red letter day in the Masonic calendar of the Province of Suffolk, it being the day fixed for the interesting ceremony of consecrating the lodge recently formed at Eye under the auspices of Lord Henniker, who was installed as its first Master. The new lodge, being named after his lordship's title, is called the "Hartismere" Lodge. It seems that a lodge, named after "St. Edmund," existed at Eye some 35 years since, but in those days little attention was paid to the mystic Craft, and the lodge was allowed to drop, its title being transferred some years later to Lodge 1008, established at Bury mainly through the exertions of the present P.G. Secretary of the Province, Bro. W. H. Lucia. Consequently the brethren at Eye, on the revival of Freemasonry among them, found it necessary to find another name for their lodge, and they very happily selected that of "Hartismere," which not only represents the hundred in which Eye is situated, but also the title of the noble lord who is its first W.M.

A large gathering of the fraternity took place in the Corn Exchange, which had been prepared in due form. Visitors came from nearly all parts of the province, and additional interest was imparted to the occasion by the fact that the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England—a rank in Masonry second only to that held by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—and other distinguished brethren, would attend to perform the ceremony.

At about two o'clock the R.W. Deputy Grand Master entered the lodge room wearing the full clothing of his exalted rank, accompanied by the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, Past G.S. Warden, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, W.M. designate, Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, &c. The Deputy Grand Master took the chair, but immediately resigned it to Lord Donoughmore, who at once formed the lodge by appointing Bro. T. Phillips, P.G.S.W., as Senior Warden, and Bro. N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W., as Junior Warden; Bro. W. C. Eltham, P.G.S.D., acting as Senior Deacon; Bro. E. W. Wrightson, P.G.J.D., as Junior Deacon, and Bro. Whitmore, P.G. Pursuivant, as Inner Guard. After the lodge had been opened in the three degrees in an admirable manner by Lord Donoughmore, the R.W.P.G.M. resumed the chair, preceeding with the ceremony of consecration according to due and ancient form, being assisted by the V.W. Bro. Lord Donoughmore, P.G.S.W.; V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; and the following Prov. G. Officers.—Bro. the Rev. T. J. Hassall, rector of Wattisfield, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.G. Secretary; Bro. W. Clark, Director of Ceremonies; Bro. W. Paine, Assistant Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. J. Hedley Bevan, P.P.G.S.W., who ably performed the music incidental to the consecration upon the harmonium. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Geo. Abbott, P.G.S.B.; W. B. Jeffries, P.G. Steward; W. Daking, P.G. Steward; W. Dods, P.G. Steward; W. B. Syer, P.G.T.; J. Hedley Bevan, P.P.G.S.W.; N. Tracey, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Luff, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. G. Ransome, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Armstrong, P.P.G.J.D.; W. S. Westgate, P.P.G.D. of C.; F. B. Strathern, P.P.G.J.W.; F. Long, P.P.D. of C.; J. Hanky, S.D. 51, Essex; W. Pearl, P.G.J.W. Madras; S. H. Wright, P.M. 516, P.B.J.W. Luff; I. B. Aldis, P.P.G.J.D. Norfolk, and a numerous assembly of brethren.

After being saluted, the Deputy Grand Master addressed the brethren as follows:—Brethren, we are met to-day to consecrate a lodge, one of the most solemn ceremonies belonging to our profession. I have come here at the request of my friend and brother, Lord Henniker, to perform this ceremony for you, and it is with great pleasure I find myself able to fulfil my promise. Brethren, it is usual at the consecration of a lodge to say a few words, and mine will be few on this occasion. I wish to impress upon you two things. It is a first principle of Masonry that we should live in love and amity. The first thing to show that we have that love and amity is to be very careful how we exclude any one from our lodges. This is a subject upon which I have often spoken in my own province. My idea of the ballot box is simply that it shall guarantee a man to be well known, of good faith, and fit to be made a Mason, and that it is not to be used for personal pique and spite. I am sorry to say that in some of the provinces of England this cause of sorrow and regret has arisen. I do not say that such has arisen in this province, and I hope it never will. In consecrating a new lodge we ought to look at the purpose for which it is consecrated. In the first place, I hope it is to be used to bring brethren together in this particular district, and not to be used for purposes of mere conviviality; but that it will be used for the truly Masonic purpose of working together for benevolence and charity, for, after all, charity is the great watchword of our Order. In the second place, we all like to see Masons advanced, and advanced regularly, in the mystery of the art. How should they advance, and what should bring them on? Let the Provincial Grand Master watch those who attend and do their work thoroughly, for these are the men who ought to be pushed on in Masonry. (Applause.)

The ceremony was then conducted to its conclusion in the manner prescribed. At its close, the lodge having been properly constituted, a Board of Past Masters installed Bro. Lord Henniker as Worshipful Master of the lodge, and his lordship appointed and invested Bro. Alfred Cracknell as Senior Warden, and Bro. C. J. Fisher as Junior Warden.

The Worshipful Master then said: Before proceeding further with the business of the lodge I should like to make a few remarks. I think you will agree with me that we should thank most heartily my old friend, the Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale,

for his presence here to-day. (Applause.) I am sure his presence in this province will be fully appreciated, for I am glad to see so many brethren from other parts of the county here to-day, and I am sure we of the Hartismere Lodge shall not forget the day on which he consecrated this lodge. (Applause.) We shall feel proud that it has been consecrated by so good and true a Mason as his lordship, and it will be our duty to take extra pains to conduct the work in a proper manner. (Applause.) It is also my pleasing duty to convey our thanks to Brother Hervey, the Grand Secretary of England. (Applause.) It is quite unnecessary for me to dilate upon his good qualities. He is known throughout England as one of the most zealous Masons, and he is respected in every Masonic province within the country. (Applause.) I must also thank my friend Lord Donoughmore, the Past Senior Grand Warden of England, for having come from London to be present here to-day. I have served with him in a lodge in London as a Senior Warden, and I have never seen a lodge so well worked as his is. (Applause.) I must thank you for placing me in the position as Master of your lodge. I feel some diffidence in accepting that post, because it is some years since I was the Master of a lodge, and I find as each year goes on my engagements become more and more pressing; but I feel my labours will be very much lightened by having as my Senior and Junior Wardens Bro. Cracknell and Bro. Fisher, and the other brethren in the various offices, and I trust we shall be able, at the end of each year as it comes by, to say we have done our duty and conducted the work of this lodge in a proper manner; and then, as Bro. Hervey has said, we shall have done honour to the Craft, and can show the warrant with which he has presented us to-day unsullied and unstained as it is at present. (Applause.) His lordship then again thanked Lord Skelmersdale and the other distinguished officials for their attendance, and concluded by promising to do his best to conduct the lodge in a proper manner.

The brethren of the Hartismere Lodge then proceeded to the election of a Treasurer, and Bro. Bowser was unanimously chosen and duly installed in his office; as was also Bro. Woolnough, who was appointed by the W.M. as Secretary. Bro. Gedney was installed as S.D.; Bro. C. J. Fisher as J.D. and Bro. J. Rush as I.G.

The brethren from the various lodges in the province then expressed their congratulations to the Worshipful Master, and the installation ceremony was closed in the accustomed manner.

The brethren then formed a procession, and marched to the parish church, where Divine service was held. The church presented a beautiful appearance, the decorations recently placed there on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving having been allowed to remain. The service began by singing Hymn 188, after which Bro. W. P. Roberts, vicar of the parish, read the Litany, which was followed by the concluding prayers of the evening service. The sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. T. J. Hassall, rector of Wattisfield, from 1st Corinthians, xiii, 13: "The greatest of these is charity."

A collection was afterwards made, and devoted to the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

The banquet took place in the Assembly-room of the White Lion Hotel, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, who was supported on the right by Bros. the Earl of Donoughmore, W. P. Phillips, J. Hedley Bevan, W. H. Lucia, Prov. G.S., &c., and on his left by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; the Rev. T. J. Hassall, Prov. G.C.; and the Rev. W. P. Roberts, &c. About sixty brethren sat down. After dinner, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Healths of the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales," which was most loyally honoured.

The next toast was that of "The Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Carnarvon," in proposing which the W.M. remarked that there were several brethren present who knew his worth, and knew how little they could do without his services. (Drunk with Masonic honours.)

The W.M. said that now they had got through the toasts of obligation he would propose what he considered the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale." He was glad to see him in Suffolk. He believed it was the first time he had visited any of the lodges in the province, but he hoped they had given him such a reception that, though they could not expect him often, he might some day visit them again. (Applause.) It was needless to dilate upon his qualities as a Mason. (Hear, hear.) They had seen the way he conducted the ceremony, and he was sure it was a great satisfaction to those who lived in the province to see how well the heads of the Craft were up in the duties of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) I can assure you (his lordship continued) that so far as we are concerned—I think I can speak for the brethren of this new lodge—we shall not easily forget the kindness of Lord Skelmersdale in coming down here to perform this ceremony for us. (Applause.) He came at great trouble to himself, all the way from Yorkshire to Suffolk, and on the Great Eastern Railway the journey from Ipswich to Eye is not an easy one. (Laughter.) We Masons in the Province of Suffolk (for I am pleased to see so many Masons here from all parts of the county) fully appreciate visits from those high in office amongst Masons. (Hear, hear.) We, of course, try to the best of our ability to carry on our lodges in the province as well as possible; but it does do us good from time to time when some of the principal officers will come down and tell us when we are doing wrong, or that they appreciate the work we are trying to do as well as we can. (Hear, hear.) Lord Skelmersdale has been to the sister county of Norfolk, when my lamented friend, Bro. Walpole, was installed Grand Master, and now that he has visited the Province of Suffolk, I hope he will be able to give a good report of us to the Pro Grand Master of England. I do not wish to detain you long, because to dilate at any great length on a Masonic toast is a great

mistake. Amongst Masons, we all know everything we say we mean. I think it most kind of Lord Skelmersdale to come and see us to-night. I am sure he is heartily welcome, and we thank him for his kindness in coming here. (Hear, hear.) I think I may say for other parts of the province that they also thank him for coming amongst us, and are very pleased to welcome him in Suffolk. And if he should think proper to come here again, I think I may promise for this lodge and the province that he will receive the heartiest welcome that we Masons can give him. (Applause.)

The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, returned thanks to Lord Henniker for having proposed his health in such kind terms, and to the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast. He had told them in lodge and he wished to affirm it again, that it had been to him a great pleasure to be present to consecrate the lodge and to see how heartily the project for establishing the lodge had been received by the province in general. (Applause.) He had enquired who the brethren present were, and he found they were from all parts of the county, a circumstance which convinced him, if it were necessary to be convinced, how extreme was the pleasure felt by Freemasons throughout the province in having a new lodge added to their number. (Applause.) It showed him that the increase in the popularity of Freemasonry was not confined to Metropolitan and other popular districts, and that it was not the mere flash in the pan that some people had represented the present revival of Masonry to be. Two years ago people said it was a mere flash in the pan, and would soon go down again to the usual hum-drum level, but their worthy Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, would inform them that the increase in the number of lodges was steady, and that the number of Masons was increasing more and more every year. (Applause.) There were now something like 1600 working lodges in the country, and the average number of each lodge ought to be between 40 and 50, which would give a very large number of Masons throughout this country. (Applause.) They could not but reflect what a great and powerful body that must be, all bound together for one or two great causes. (Applause.) The thought of it made him feel that he was not worthy of the position he held amongst so great a number of good men, coming forward in the ranks of Freemasonry to do good as God directed them. His own experience showed that every one who became a Mason gained new strength, and had reason to bless the day he became one. In conclusion, he assured the brethren that if he should be spared to pay them another visit he should look forward to that visit with the greatest pleasure. (Applause.)

The Rev. W. Page Roberts proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities." (Applause.)

Lord Donoughmore, in the course of a humorous reply, said the rev. brother who proposed this toast in a very eloquent speech told them that he felt like a wretched child who had wandered from the fold of Masonry. (Laughter.) He was sure there was not one in that room who would not welcome his return to the fold. (Laughter and cheers.) It was a very difficult task for a single individual, and especially for one who had not the advantage of long experience—to return thanks for the great ornament of their Order—the Masonic charities. Many could look back to the time when the yearly subscriptions to the charities were much smaller than they were at present. Twenty years ago if anybody had been told that £5000 had been collected at the annual festival of the Boys' School they would have thought it a very large amount, but he asked them to look at the last two years, when the subscriptions were respectively £14,000 and £13,000. (Applause.) That extraordinary augmentation was undoubtedly due to the increase in the members and prosperity of the order; but while the metropolis itself was a large contributor, it was found that the outlying provinces had taken such pains to put their charity schemes upon a proper footing that the sum which had come in from them had very largely increased. This matter of organisation was one that had been under consideration for several years, and had been carried out with signal success; and though no such organisation at present existed in this province, he understood it was in contemplation, and he hoped sincerely, for the sake of the charities, that this contemplated scheme will some time or other be carried into effect. (Hear, hear.) He did not like to sit down without saying a word upon a subject not connected with the toast. The present meeting was not the first Masonic experiment in which he and Lord Henniker had been associated; and because of the great friendship he felt for him, and the interest he took in Masonry, he wished the greatest prosperity and happiness for the new lodge that had been founded that day. (Applause.)

The W.M. said he had next to propose a toast which was one usually known as a toast of obligation, but though it was a toast of obligation it was one which the Masons of Suffolk always drank with the greatest enthusiasm, namely the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Waveney." (Much applause.) His Lordship had taken great interest in this lodge, and he wrote him the kindest of kind letters the other day to express to him his regret that he could not be present on this occasion, not only because he would like to have met the Deputy Grand Master and others, but also because he most heartily wished the "Hartismere" Lodge the greatest possible prosperity. He was sure all the Masons in Suffolk held Lord Waveney in the greatest possible respect, and he hoped that some day or other they might have the pleasure of entertaining him in that lodge. (Hear, hear.) With that toast he should couple the name of his friend the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. (Applause.) He had promised for a long time to be present at the consecration of this lodge. They all knew he took intense interest in all Masonic affairs, and he was one of the most useful Masons in the country. He (the W.M.) had consulted

him throughout, and he had taken the greatest interest in the new lodge. There was one tie which when once broken in life could never be replaced—he referred to the loss of a parent. They all knew the respect and affection in which Bro. Martyn's mother was held, therefore it came home to them that night to express to him their most sincere sympathy in his great bereavement. (Hear, hear.) But he had not forgotten them in his grief, for since he (the W.M.) had been present he had received this telegram from him:—"Kindest and heartiest good wishes to you and our good visitors, and all the brethren of the Hartismere Lodge. Please propose my name as a joining member." (Applause.) He certainly should propose Bro. Martyn at the next meeting of the lodge, and he did not think he would get black-balled. (Laughter.) He thought he had said enough to show the great interest the Provincial Grand Officers took in their lodge; it was a great encouragement to the lodge that they had done so, and in the most hearty manner he begged to give the toast he had already proposed. (Applause.)

Lord Skelmersdale proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Hartismere Lodge." He did so not only as the W.M., but as an old friend of his own. (Applause.) He trusted that his reign of office might be a successful one and that the lodge would have a prosperous future before it. Their W.M. was far better known to them than to those at a distance, and he would not attempt to sing his praises to them. He looked upon him as a hearty Mason, a good brother, and a—(Lord Donoughmore—A jolly good fellow). He thanked his friend for the word. There were times when he was not so glad to see his (Lord Skelmersdale) face as on this occasion. This might be an enigma to them, but they had no doubt heard occasionally of the word "whip." His noble friend did not always respond to it as freely as a good hound should, but he was sure that in future he would repay him (Lord Skelmersdale's) for coming down here, by answering more freely to his whip. (Laughter.)

The toast was received with full Masonic honours, and the W.M. in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he would do his best to attend to his Masonic duties in compliance with his friend Lord Skelmersdale, who was a most efficient and energetic, but a most agreeable whip. Referring to Masonry in Eye he said from some cause or other many years ago the old lodge had been dissolved, but another had now been established, and he hoped it would increase in numbers and prosperity every year. He was happy to know that the officers were old and well-tried friends. He thanked the brethren for being present in such large numbers, and he especially particularised Bro. Lucia, the P.G. Secretary; Brother Clarke, their most indefatigable Director of Ceremonies, without whose aid he did not know what they should have done, as he never saw a man take so much trouble to make the whole arrangements go off properly as he had done that day—(hear, hear); Bro. Bevan for presiding at the organ, and all the brethren who had assisted in making the gathering a success. (Hear, hear.) Perhaps some particulars of the origin of the lodge may be interesting. It was originally called St. Edmund's Lodge from the fact that St. Edmund was shot at an oak at Hoxne. He acknowledged with thanks the present of the square used in the old lodge by Bro. F. Long, and also conveyed his acknowledgments to Bro. Woolnough, the Secretary, for his excellent arrangements for the comfort of the brethren. In conclusion he expressed a determination to use his best endeavours to make this lodge compare favourably with others in the province. (Applause.)

Lord Donoughmore proposed "The Health of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers of the Province," and remarked that the very efficient assistance rendered by the P.G. officers at the lodge to-day was but a type of the assistance invariably accorded. He coupled the names of Bro. Tracy and Bro. Wright with the toast.

Bros. Wright and Tracy responded. The latter said he had great pleasure in being present, not only as a past officer, but as a member of the "Perfect Friendship" lodge, for he believed the lodge established at Eye in 1845 was established at the recommendation of that lodge. He trusted that the lodge established that day would have greater prosperity and a longer life than the last one. He had also pleasure in being there because many of the members of this lodge had been initiated in a lodge with which he was closely connected, the "Phoenix," and in which he had had the honour of raising some of the brethren now present.

Bro. Fisher proposed "The Health of the Pro. Grand Chaplain and the Clergy of the Province," and

The P.G. Chaplain, in responding, expressed the great pleasure he felt, as a clergyman of the Church of England, in being a Mason, and in being present on that occasion. He thought if the principles of Masonry were better known (they could not be known without initiation into their mysteries) there would be a larger number of his profession amongst them. But they were forbidden to say what Masonry was, and the only way in which they could induce people to join them was to show by their lives what their principles were—(applause)—and then they would be able to put down calumny, and remove some of the notions that people had about them. He suggested a vote of thanks to Bro. Roberts, the Vicar of Eye, for the use of his church on that occasion. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. said he had great hopes of persuading the Vicar of Eye to become Chaplain of the Hartismere Lodge. (Applause.)

The Rev. W.P. Roberts returned thanks, and after expressing his wishes for the prosperity of the lodge, said in conclusion, "If the W.M. bids me serve him, my best services shall be at his disposal." (Applause.)

The W.M. next gave "The Stowmarket Lodge," with which this lodge was closely allied, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Reddar, who suitably responded.

The Vice-Chairman (Bro. Cracknell) gave "The Visiting

Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, which was drunk with full Masonic honours.

Bro. Hervey, in responding, congratulated those present upon the signal success of the day's proceedings, the only subject of regret being the absence of the D.P.G.M., of whom he spoke in the highest terms. Their worthy brother had just received the patent of the P.G. Superintendent of Suffolk, and he ventured to hope that Lord Skelmersdale would at no distant date pay another visit to Suffolk, and instal their good friend Bro. Martyn into an office which he ventured to predict he would fill most efficiently and most admirably. (Applause.) He announced that at the recent election of candidates for the Boys' School young Cox, in whose case Bro. Martyn and the province Suffolk took a great interest, was successful. He thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had received the visitors, and assured them that the brethren generally looked forward to the success of the Hartismere Lodge with great anxiety and with the full assurance that its prosperity was already secured. (Applause.)

Bro. Woolnough, after acknowledging the great assistance the new lodge had received from Bro. W. H. Lucia, the P.G. Secretary, proposed that gentleman's health.

Bro. Lucia briefly responded.

Several other toasts were drunk, and the proceedings were throughout of a most agreeable and harmonious character.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Masons of Devon was held in the Town Hall of Tavistock. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Tanner Davy, P.G.M.M., presided. The following were also among the officers present:—W. Bros. J. E. Curties, Past G.J.D. of England, P.P.J.G.W.; J. T. Shapland, P.G.J.W.; J. Matthews, P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; A. Bodley, P.P.G.J.O.; J. Brewer, P.G.J.O.; L. D. Westcott, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.T.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Patten, P.P.G.J.D.; J. M. Hiffey, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Dand, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Austin, Past G.J.D.; W. Browning, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Y. Avery, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Toms, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Croydton, P.P.S.B.; E. J. Knight, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Tonkin, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; R. M. W. Webb, P.P.G.O.; D. Cross, P.P.G.S.B.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. P. Phillips, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Browning, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; G. Godtschalk, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Belling, P.G.O.; R. Pengelly, H. Stocker, T. Searle, P.G. Stds.; J. Rogers, P.G.T.; Dr. H. Woodgates, W.M. 15; T. B. Richards, W.M. 23; Lieutenant W. H. Jolliffe, R.N., P.M. 107; Bros. H. Horton, J.D. 50; W. Allsford, J.W. 16; W. L. Sampson, R.M. 23; J. R. H. Harris, S.O. 91; H. Bridgman, M.O. 91; S. D. Nicholls, S.W. 23; B. B. S. Richards, J.W. 23; D. Stocker, J.W. 15; B. Blight, S.O. 76; W. Stephens, J.D. 23; R. J. B. Woolcock, I.G. 23; George H. Evans, J.O. 35; E. Hawke, S.W. 48; John Turner, M.A. 23; C. Rodda, O. 50; Elliot Square, J.O. 35; T. Smith, Tyler, 50; John Masters, 64; R. B. Twose, 50; W. Thomas, 50; J. D. Johnstone, St. 23; E. Handy, Tyler, 23; J. J. Daw, S.O. 23.

The Secretary reported that all the lodges in the province, with the exception of No. 26, had made their returns; some of which however would have to be corrected. It was with considerable regret he observed that No. 15 had lost so many names of old and valued members. The committee for procuring collars and jewels, after considerable deliberation, had decided to have them manufactured in the province, and entrusted the same to Bro. Clemens, of No. 64, and Bro. Croydton, of No. 35, and confidently left the consideration of the articles to the judgment of those brethren. In obedience to the vote of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Secretary had gathered all the information he could relative to the grants of money made for charitable purposes, and the result would be found in a statement sent to the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge with the report of the last meeting.

The Treasurer reported that the provincial fees due had all been paid, and the lodge returns and dues all furnished from the various lodges. The receipts were £46 18s. 4d., and expenditure £46 4s. 6d., including £10 to the Masons' Widow's Fund, and £28 6s. 6d. towards the new collars provided for the P.G. Officers. There was a balance in hand of 13s. 10d.

Both reports were received and adopted.

The P.G.M. confirmed all his officers for 1876-7 in past rank, and W. Bros. S. Jew, J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, and C. Godtschalk were appointed unanimously the Board of General Purposes. Bro. B. R. Twose was elected the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the following brothers were invested as officers:—V. W. Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, 35 (re-appointed), D.P.G.M.; Dr. H. Woodgates, 15, P.G.S.W.; W. Bros. Lieut. the Hon. W. H. Jolliffe, 107, P.G.J.W.; J. B. Gover, 50, P.G.M.O.; J. Galliford, 9, P.G.S.O.; T. B. Richards, 23, P.G.J.O.; the Rev. T. King, vicar of South Molton, 9 (re-appointed), P.G. Chap.; R. B. Twose, P.G. Treas.; V. Bird (re-appointed), P.G. Sec.; H. W. Thomas, 66, P.G.S.D.; S. R. Annis, 76, P.G.J.D.; J. Godfrey Evans, 35, P.G.D.C.; R. Blight, 76, P.G.A.D.C.; John Masters, 64, P.G. of Wks.; W. Allsford, 16, P.G.S.B.; R. G. Bird, 50, P.G.O.; R. Pengelly, 50, P.G. St. B.; T. Searle, P.G. Purs.; H. Stocker, 15, E. Hawke, 48, and J. H. Stephens, 48, P.G. Stds.; and J. Rogers, P.G. Tyler.

On the proposition of W. Bro. Godtschalk, seconded by W. Bro. J. T. Shapland, R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy was unanimously re-elected for the office of P.G.M.M. for the province for the ensuing term.

In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at the Bedford Hotel.

DINNER TO BRO. H. G. BUSS, A.G.S.

On Thursday evening, the 18th inst., the Past Masters of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, met at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, to entertain at a banquet their much respected and esteemed Bro. H. G. Buss, P.M. and Treas., as a mark of appreciation of his services, and to congratulate him on his appointment to the high position of Assistant Grand Secretary of English Freemasons. The chair was occupied by the present W.M., Bro. John Walker, and Bro. C. Atkins, P.M., filled the vice-chair. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the usual zeal displayed by the brethren. Then came the toast of the evening, proposed from the chair and seconded by the Vice Chairman, "Health and Prosperity to our esteemed Bro. H. G. Buss, P.M. and Treasurer, and wishing him long life and health to wear the honour conferred upon him of Assistant Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of England." The Chairman in continuation said, I cannot help speaking of his great kindness and genial nature, and his readiness at all times to help with a kind word of advice, and that in every case of difficulty or advice required it was always customary to say, "Oh, ask Bro. Buss, he will put you right;" in fact, the whole prosperity of the lodge may fairly be said to be owing to his perseverance and energy, and trusted that many years might be granted him to wear his well-won honours. Bro. Buss replied as follows:—I hardly know how to return thanks for the honour you have done me, and I shall ever remember this occasion with pleasant recollection. My connection with this lodge has extended over a period of 30 years, 25 years as its Secretary and 5 years its Treasurer. When I first joined it was in a very sickly state, and down almost to the lowest ebb, but by gradual perseverance I broke down the old ways, and by degrees brought it up to the proud position it now holds as Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the several Masonic charities, and in possession of a Benevolent Fund that will yet do still further good. Of course, since I joined Masonry the Order has wonderfully increased, from something like 544 lodges of 25 to 30 members to 1721, with 60 to 100 members, showing the great prosperity of the Order, and the vast increase of labour required to keep things in working order. I am also at present Secretary or Treasurer of as many lodges as there are fingers on my hands, and pleased to say that all are in a flourishing condition. I can only further express my sincere thanks at the honour you have done me, and say that whenever the welfare of the lodge requires consideration, I shall be only too pleased to exercise it. Bro. Buss then proposed "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. John Walker." The Chairman in reply said—I feel the position I hold almost too much for me on this occasion, as I seemed to have failed to do the justice to our honoured guest that he deserves, but all I have said has been from my heart, and if I were to say more it would not increase the personal respect I have for him. Brethren, I thank you. The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the Vice-Chairman, Bro. C. Atkins," which was received with much applause, and in return he said: I shall only be too happy on all occasions to further the welfare of the lodge, and I fully endorse all that has fallen from the Chairman respecting our esteemed friend and brother. The President then proposed "Prosperity to the Egyptian Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. P.M. Hare with much feeling. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Stedman, Bro. Parker, P.D.G.O. Middlesex, presiding at the pianoforte. Miss Hoare (pupil of Madam Sainton-Dolby) delighted the brethren with "Marjorie's Almanack," (encored) and "O, bid your faithful Ariel fly," both of which were given with great sweetness of expression by the talented young artiste. The "Anchor's Weighed" and the "Moss Trooper" were splendidly sung by Mr. Stanley Smith, and the duet "All's Well" was beautifully rendered by Bro. Stedman and Mr. Stanley Smith.

DINNER TO ILL. BRO. ROBERT HAMILTON, M.D., 33°.

The Supreme Council 33° entertained Ill. Bro. Dr. Hamilton, 33°, District Grand Master of Jamaica, at a banquet at the Café Royal, 68, Regent-street, on the 24th instant, to bid him God-speed on his approaching departure for the West Indies.

The Chairman, in giving the toast of the evening, expressed the great regret felt by all the members of the Supreme Council at the departure from among them of one who had for many years devoted himself with unceasing energy to the advancement of Masonry, and on behalf of the Friends-in-Council Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1383, presented him with a very handsome Past Principal's jewel, he having been the first Z. of the chapter, which now numbers upwards of seventy members, at the same time wishing him a long life to wear it, and expressing the earnest hope that he might be back at the council at some not very distant date. The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Dr. Hamilton returned thanks in a few most appropriate and heartfelt sentences. Later in the evening, the Chairman proposed "Health and Prosperity to Ill. Bro. Captain W. Portlock Dadson, 32°," who is about to leave for the West Indies, having received an appointment under the Colonial Office, and in doing so gracefully acknowledged the services rendered to the council during the time he had been Private Secretary to the Grand Secretary General, which was responded to by Captain Dadson.

Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Phillips, 33° Grand Deacon, occupied the chair, having the guest of the evening, Ill. Bro. R. Hamilton, M.D., 33°, on his right, and the other members of Supreme Council 33° present were Ill. Bro. Major-General H. Clerke, F.R.S., Grand Treasurer General; Ill. Bro. J. M. Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor and P.D. Prov. Grand Master for Dorset; Ill. Bro. Major

Shadwell H. Clerke, R.B.G., Grand Secretary General and Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales; Ill. Bro. Colonel A. W. Adair, Sov. Grand Inspector General, and P. Prov. G. Master of Somerset; and Ill. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman, B.C.S., P. District Grand Master of Bengal. Ill. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, 33°, Assistant Secretary to the Council, and Ill. Bro. Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadson, R.B.G.; 32°, Private Secretary to the G.S. General, were also present.

A UNIQUE MENU.

The following is a copy of the Menu used at the consecration banquet of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, on Friday, the 19th inst.

"Ye Details of ye Messe In ye Olde Englyshe Style.
 "Take ye Notice! O yez! O yez! O yez! O yez!
 "Bi'estymacion every noble man and gentle man, and suche lyke of thys br'athrthode, to have a messe full furnished of this Fa'ce as followeth:
 "Ye Fyrste Course for Dyncer (in propre proporcion)
 Potage of clere Jardiniere, lyke ye Frankes Potage of ye hare (apparente and presumptive)
 "Ye seconde ditto as followeth, Ye Fyshe, ycleped ye Codd, sauced wyth rare Oysters Ye Royall Turbot, sauced with boyled Lobsteres
 "Ye Thirde ditto as followeth, Ye Swete and Savourie Smelte Cutlettes of Downy Mutton, wyth Tom Ato Sauce Ye ever Sweete Bread (servyd hotte)
 "Bi way of reliefe there will be, Chykins (developede) wel boyled (withouten featheres) served wyth ye Antiente Ham Geese (younge) gentle roastede)
 Ye Grande olde Dyshe, as a seprate course, as followeth: Ye wel Rost Beefe.
 "Here wil follow (in course), Ye favourite Jegges of Mutton, Lykwysse ye Ryghte Royall Pheasantes.
 "Atte ye propre tyme loke out for, Ye Olde Englyshe Dyshe of Plumpe Pvdinges wyth a Modeste allowance of Sauce.
 "Ye Jellies & Creame shal folowe; & as a penance, brethren muste eche take an Ice Puddyng, and Deserte (before leaving).
 "Here fer ye patiente shal folowe ye Toastes.
 "Abercorne Hostelry, Great Stanmore.
 BRETHRE CHAS. Veal, Ye Manciple.

FOOTBALL.

MASONIC F.C. v. ST. PHILIP'S ROVERS F.C.

These clubs met for the first time this season at Battersea Park, the ground of the Rovers, on Saturday last. The lookers on, seeing that the Masonic were by far the lighter and less formidable team, thought there would be little to interest them, but as soon as the first scrimmage was formed they found that the Masonic carried more weight than a casual observer would at first imagine. Before many minutes were up Mr. Gardner had the ball, and "made off," but was soon collared by that unfortunate jersey, which soon became the mark for the Rovers to aim at. Hunt then got the ball, and was making his way for the Masonic goal, when he was met by Hart, who collared him in excellent style. At "half-time" the Rovers had two tries to nil. During the second half the Masonic forwards played well, Mr. Humphrey and Godsmark again making themselves conspicuous, while Messrs. Gardner, Brocklehurst, and Ellis not only made some good runs but collared their opponents well. For the Rovers, Hunt got away several times, obtaining no less than four tries. Adkinson, who was most unfortunate in his place kicks for goals, and Jackson played well.

ST. PHILIP'S ROVERS.—Hunt (capt.) and Featherstone (half backs), Sharpool and Daniels (quarter backs), Jackson, Rutter, Meachin, Adkinson, Pearce, Woodard, Tarpless, Dyson, and Grey.

MASONIC.—Hart (back), Gardner and Brocklehurst (half backs), Ellis and Parker (quarter backs), Humphrey, Godsmark (capt.), Scurr, Sparkes, Davies, Barrett, Molineaux, Howard, Wood, and Eastland.

COLLEGE HOUSE F.C. v. MASONIC F.C.

This match was played on the College House ground at Edmonton, on Wednesday last. The fine weather and the excellent play on both sides combined to make this one of the most enjoyable matches of the season. The Masonic having lost the toss kicked off at 3.15. The ball was at once brought back by Mr. Barter, who was collared, and so a scrimmage was formed. During the next twenty minutes a very even game was played, during which time an excellent scrimmage took place, ending in Godsmark obtaining and running in with the ball, which, unfortunately, Mr. Gardner was unable to convert into a goal. Play then went on without anything noticeable occurring for about ten minutes, when Mr. Brocklehurst got the ball, and after a short run had a Maul in goal with two of the College men, but was overpowered, and so only obtained a touch down for his side. The play of the College, who were evidently anxious to cancel what their opponents had gained, became much better at this point, but their efforts, however, were unsuccessful, and when time was called the school were winners by six goals, two tries, and three touch-downs to nil. For the Masonic, Messrs. Gardner, Godsmark, Scurr (who kicked all the goals), and Hart again distinguished themselves; while for College House, Messrs. Barter, Francis, Unwin, and Goodwin played excellently.

MASONIC.—Hart (back), Parker and Ellis (quarter backs), Gardner and Brocklehurst (half backs), Godsmark (capt.), Scurr, Sparkes, Davies, Molineaux, Howard, Barrett, H. Wood, Eastland, and E. Wood.

COLLEGE HOUSE.—Francis and Swain (backs), Barton and Hughes (half backs), Unwin (quarter back), Farmer, C. Smith, Tatton, Young, Staff, George, B. Smith, Cushen, Hancock, and Goodwin.

Masonic and General Tidings.

There appears in the Vienna *Friemauser* for October a very absurd and unwise article relative to the question of the French Grand Orient, and certain alleged views and words of our distinguished Bro. the Grand Secretary. The statements there made are utterly unfounded, as we shall show clearly in our next impression.

We have much pleasure in announcing that His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, has consented to take the chair at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be held on the 13th Feby., 1878.

The meeting night of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446, has been altered from Wednesday to Tuesday, at 8 o'clock p.m.

In consequence of the severe indisposition of the host, Bro. Seager, the annual banquet of the Star Lodge of Instruction will be held at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, instead of at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross, as previously announced. The date remains unaltered, viz., October 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

The Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13, meets for the future every Thursday instead of Friday evenings.

We are informed by a correspondent that an especially interesting ceremony took place at St. John's, Adelaide, South Australia, on the 19th of June, being the marriage of Bro. J. H. P. Hender, W.M. 583, D.G.P. The knot was tied by Bro. the Rev. F. Stanley Poole, M.A., Chaplain 583. It does not often fall to the lot of a Chaplain to officiate at the marriage of the Worshipful Master of his lodge, and we doubt not this fact was fully appreciated by the reverend brother. A very pleasing circumstance was that the whole of the guests present, with the exception of one, were Masons, and that all the ladies were wives or daughters of brethren.

DUNMOW FLITCH.—Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to accept a copy of the "History of the Dunmow Flitch," published by Messrs. W. Tegg and Co. A letter has been sent to the author, Bro. William Andrews, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, by the Queen's private secretary as follows:—General Sir Thomas M. Bidulph has received the Queen's commands to thank Mr. Andrews for sending a copy of his "History of the Dunmow Flitch," which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept.—Buckingham Palace, October 19, 1877.

Bro. Norris's grill room, 27, Leadenhall-street, is deserving the patronage of all who visit the city of London. He is master of his room, gives good food, unsophisticated drink, and, above all, a cheerful, kindly welcome. It reminds one of old times, when the host looked after his guests.

At a Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of British Burmah, held at Freemasons' Hall, Rangoon, on Friday, the 17th day of August, Bro. Henry Krauss, who had been constituted and appointed by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., was duly installed District Grand Master of British Burmah.

It gives us much pleasure to announce, and we are sure our brethren in Wigan especially will be pleased to learn, that the whole length portrait of Bro. Walter Mayhew, Mayor, subscribed for in commemoration of the opening of the New Market Hall, Wigan, is pronounced a most admirable likeness, and reflects the greatest credit on the artist, Bro. Captain Charles Mercier, of the 6th Royal Lancashire Militia. The portrait is to be uncovered on Tuesday next, the 30th.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.—The smallest amount yet received in one day in aid of the Indian Famine Fund was paid on Wednesday into the Mansion House, the whole subscription only amounting to £2300. Mr. C. B. Dowden, of Tuticorin, a member of the Mansion-House Committee, has received a telegram announcing that the arrival of cotton from the districts is completely stopped by the rain, and indicating a bursting of the north-east monsoon.—Miss Amy Sedgwick (Mrs. Pemberton) has kindly volunteered to give a reading and recital in aid of the Famine Fund, and the Lord Mayor has placed the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House at her disposal for the purpose on the afternoon of Tuesday next, the 30th inst.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.—The following we understand is to be the route of the civic procession on Lord Mayor's-day, the 9th of next month, as far as present arranged by the committee, viz:—Leaving Guildhall, to proceed through King-street, Cheapside, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Aldersgate-street, Barbican, Chiswell-street, Finsbury-square, Worship-street, Norton-folegate, Bishopsgate-street, Gracechurch-street, Cannon-street, St. Paul's Churchyard, Ludgate-hill, Fleet-street, Strand, to Westminster; returning by the Thames Embankment. The route is much longer than usual, but custom makes it necessary to perambulate the wards of the Lord Mayor Elect and the Sheriffs—which happen this year to lie in parts of the City widely apart. Contrary to usage, however, the procession does not pass the Mansion House.

BEYOND THE POWER OF THE POLICE.—The Channel rough.—Punch.

The Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors have given a donation of £21 in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

The reception given to the Prince of Wales on his recent visit to Devonshire has been acknowledged by a letter from General Probyn, the comptroller of his Royal Highness's household.

SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER.
No. X.
BRO. WHITTAKER AT NAPLES.

Bro. Whittaker, who is a very distinguished Mason,—great in fact “in everything and to everybody,” has been spending his holiday time at Naples. He returns home full of Naples and the Corso, Mount Vesuvius and St. Janarius, the Malocchio, and Maccaroni, Herculeum and Pompeii, the Sybils and the Brigands. Like Lord Alvanley he says he could hardly tear himself away from the “head-quarters of far niente, political apathy, maccaroni, tarantella and sunshine.”

Indeed, he adds that, like his Lordship, he too had “got to think that looking out of the window at the sea, sniffing up the afternoon breeze, driving up and down the Corso at night, and then supping lightly on fish and Lachryma Christi was the perfection of existence, and when a souvenir of more brilliant amusements, more exciting pleasures, and younger and happier days” flashed across his memory, he only “heaved a little quiet sigh,” drank another glass of Lachryma, and relapsed back into the vacancy of thought, from which it had momentarily aroused him.”

As we think Bro. Whittaker wrong in taking this morbid and melancholy view of life, and we disapprove of this sybaritic colouring of ageing epicureanism, we deem it only fair to the readers of the *Freemason* to mention the fact, and to express our disagreement with Bro. Whittaker.

Bro. Whittaker is an excellent fellow, but he is too much of the “haw-haw school” for us in every department of life, and, however much he does, and he has done Masonically a good deal, he might effect a good deal more, if only he would rouse himself to his duties, and nerve himself to his work. How many lodges there are up and down the land where one such brother “rules the roast,” and his “regime” is not always to the advantage of the lodge. He may be too dictatorial or too downright, too reserved or too matter of fact, too much given to routine, or too much addicted to nepotism—too fond of a clique, or too ready for a nice little job. Like Bro. Whittaker he may also be too languid, too grand to attend to minutiae, to deal with difficulties.

If Bro. Whittaker was a married man, we should have no doubt that Mrs. Whittaker would mend matters, if she was a woman of tact and sense, but as he is a confirmed old bachelor, we have no hope of him in this respect. Such as he is, such he always will be to the end of his days, till his kindly presence is missing, till his well-filled place knows him no more. He is one of those, not a few by the way, who do much, and might do a good deal more, if only he would, for the welfare of his brethren, and for the happiness of mankind. But no! The God that he worships is indifferentism and epicureanism, so he prefers to drawl through life, to saunter through existence, magnificent, patronising and unimpassioned, rather than apply himself earnestly to any one thing in this mortal world of ours.

A. Clough has depicted such a character when he says:—

Heartily you will not take to anything,
Whatever happens—do I see you still,
Living no life at all? Will you go on thus,
Until death end you, if indeed it does?
For what it does none knows. Yet as for you,
You'll hardly have the courage to die outright,
You'll somehow halve even it. Methinks I see you
Thro' everlasting limbos of void time
Twirling and twiddling ineffectively,
And indiscriminately swaying for ever.
Is there no teaching in these words for any of our readers,
nay for ourselves?

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes
and Queries.

PINE'S LIST OF LODGES 1731-3

I am unfortunately at fault just now in my researches respecting the “Origin of Freemasonry in America,” by the absence of any authorised lists of lodges for 1731, 1732, 1733. J. Pine published such annually, beautifully engraved, from A.D. 1723, but alas those of the years named, and several others are missing, and apparently not known to any Masonic student. Should any brother know of the whereabouts of “Pine's Lists of Lodges, 1731-3,” and can purchase them, I shall not mind the cost, and will then make their contents known most gladly to the readers of this paper, our other Masonic publications, as well as be able to decide a point or two, at present in abeyance. I would gladly give five pounds or more for those lists, for without them, there does not appear any probability of clearing up the question finally and positively. Certified transcripts would do, or a perusal of the lists, if they could not be sold.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ZACHARIAS JEPSON AND FREEMASONRY.

I can quite think with “Masonic Student” (whose signature I always hail with pleasure) that if the respected Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire can furnish evidence of Zacharias Jepson being a Freemason during the Seventeenth Century, “it would be an important fact in itself.” I noticed the statement myself, but considered it “a flight of oratory” at the time, and a guess, rather than a fact. If, however, it can be substantiated, it will be of real value to our annals of the Craft, though not an exceptional record; as Ashmole was initiated in 1646, and many others of position and importance during the period in question. Still, our Masonic records of the last century are very bare indeed as compared with those in Holland (so amply illustrated in my friend Bro. Lyon's Grand History of the Lodge of Edinburgh), that any additional information will be indeed most welcome to the Craft in general and in particular to “Masonic Student” and

W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

Reviews.

“The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar.” George Kenning 198, Fleet Street. (Price, Post Free, 2s 2d).

Time, with its revolving chances and changes again announces the appearance among us of this very valuable Masonic Vade Mecum, for the year of light and grace 1878.

At the hazard of being considered egotistical and encomiasts, praising our own wares, puffing our own commodities, we think it well to call the attention of the Craft to the fact, as a fact, and to say a few words in honest criticism and well earned praise, in favour of one of the most modest, most useful, and most important of Masonic literary undertakings. That the “Cosmo” has its utility and value, who can affect really to doubt or venture to deny? Well printed, full of information never before put together, it appeals to all governing bodies, as to all individual brethren, with a sense of completeness and correctness which challenges scrutiny and commands admiration. Never before in the history of Masonic literature have so many invaluable Masonic statistics, so large an amount of otherwise inaccessible Masonic information been put together for the convenience and information of the Craft. The list of contents is very striking in itself, really a study, and takes away one's breath, and strikes one's mind with the feeling of the time and trouble and expense which the preparation of this annual pocket-book has given to all who have had to do with it, and executed their work so carefully and so well.

We never could understand on what grounds any opposition could be offered or any remarks made, by any one, (be the brethren more or less ill-informed) in respect of so unpretending and yet to Freemasons, so valuable a little work.

The “Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar” stands on its own merits, and the public opinion of a numerous and critical brotherhood. It represents no party; it belongs to no clique; it has nothing to gain, and seeks for no support, except that which is honestly accorded to it, on its own value, as an unerring yearly record of Masonic and High Grade organisations, which until the “Cosmo” appeared, never were well known or accessible even to Masonic Students, to Grand Secretaries, to W. Masters, to the whole officialism, and rank and file of Freemasonry.

As it is, the “Cosmo,” as its name shews, seeks to represent, and does so effectively, from year to year, the whole extent of Craft and High Grade development in the world.

What more need we say of it? What greater praise can be given to it? To find fault with this fair and legitimate enterprise of George Kenning, because it is a great success, is unfraternal, to object to so much supplemental information being liberally provided for Freemasons, which is found in no other official hand-book or Almanac, is unreasonable. So let us hope we have heard the last of carping criticisms and defamatory handbills, and let us hail the re-appearance of the “Cosmo” with pleasure, and give it not only our “hearty good wishes” but substantial and fraternal support.

“A Portrait of Mr. Gladstone.” Alfred May.

Alfred May's Photogram of Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden, resting at the foot of a stately oak, in the midst of one of his woodcutting exploits, strikes us as very life-like indeed, and brings before us all effectively the well-known features of a distinguished statesman. It is one of the penalties of fame that every one wishes to know something about the inner life of those who are so much outwardly before the common gaze, and have mounted, with greater or less success, the slippery heights of public popularity and applause. Mr. Gladstone is one of those “individual men,” who seems in his retirement, to have as much interest as when in office for a very large class of Englishmen and Englishwomen. The legislator, who in his active career, was Prime Minister of England, (perhaps the highest of worldly posts), apparently retains amid the amusements of his retreat, at Hawarden, and his leisure hours, as much sympathy with numerous classes of his countrymen and countrywomen, as when he was leading the House of Commons, and directing the affairs of a mighty empire. The admiration and gratitude of us benighted islanders, for those statesmen who as “servants of the Queen,” and representatives of the people, have well served old England, are happily always very great, and we trust will always long continue to be the case in our passing generations. If public life has its trials and dangers, its temptations and troubles, it also has its reward, in the sympathy of confiding citizens, and the honest approval and regards of a true-hearted people. We are glad to call attention to the photogram.

Our well-known contemporary, the *Civilian*, contains the following note in its issue of the 20th inst., which will no doubt interest our readers in general, and the friends of Bro. Markham Tweddell in particular:—“We understand that H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., President of the Royal Society of Literature, has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of Mr. Emra Holmes's ‘Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers.’ The Prince, through his courteous secretary, Mr. Collins, also informs Mr. Holmes that, although it is not strictly according to precedent for members of the Royal Family to accept dedications of books, His Royal Highness will, having regard to the charitable object you have in view, be glad to accept the dedication of your new volume.” Our brother civil servant proposes to give the proceeds of his second series to the aged Masonic friend for whose benefit his first book was published, and no doubt Prince Leopold's patronage will greatly add to the success of the new literary venture.

M. Gounod is writing on opera on the story of Abelard and Heloise. It will be called “Maitre Pierre.”

NOTES ON ART, &c.

THE VAN LOON PAINTINGS.—Some erroneous statements have been circulated respecting the sale of the Van Loon collection of paintings at Amsterdam. The facts are that when it became known that this famous gallery was to be in the market, negotiations were begun on behalf of the Dutch Government for the purchase of the whole, in order that it might be retained in Holland, the most desirable thing which could have happened. Owing, it is said, to the tardiness of the national authorities in coming to a decision in the matter and some difference of opinion about the price which might be accepted, the time passed, and the Rothschild family bought the entire collection for four millions of francs. The collection is to be divided into five parts, one of which will fall by lot to each of the branches of the family, who divide the cost equally. One lot consists of the two magnificent Rembrandts, the life-size full-length portraits of M. Daey and his wife, both clad in black. The lady wears a cap, with a falling veil, and holds a black feather fan. The husband, William Daey, magistrate of Alkmaar, is about 28 years of age, and represented in nearly full front view, in a black velvet dress, with a pendent lace ruff, pale gray silk stockings, bows of lace on the front of his dress, and white rosettes in his shoes. His right hand is in his breast. The left hand is extended, as in the act of speaking. It is signed and dated 1634. The lady's portrait is dated 1643. Both portraits are finished to the highest degree. They were purchased of one of the descendants of the family in 1798 by M. R. Princenaar for 4000 florins, and sold in the year following to M. Van Winter for 10,000 florins, or more than £1000. They now cost the fortunate drawer of the lot more than £30,000. The remaining portion of the collection comprises pictures by Van de Velde; with a landscape by Berchem; a fine Dow; a “Garden Scene,” by De Hooghe; two small Paul Potters; an Emanuel de Wit; a “Cow,” by Cuypp; “Lot and his Daughters,” by P. Wouvermans; “A Lady and a Cavalier,” by Terburg; a portrait, and “A Lady and Cavalier,” by Metsu; “A Peasant Girl,” by N. Maas; four beautiful flower pieces, by Van Huysum; “View of a Church,” by Van der Heyde; a delicately-finished Jan Steen; two pictures by the brothers Wenix; by I. Van Ostade; “A Kermesse,” by A. Van Ostade; a landscape by Berchem; two landscapes by Both; large landscape by Wynants, with figures by Wouvermans; “Rams and Cattle,” by Krel du Jardin; fine Verkolie, “A Drummer, Lady, and Cavalier,” a fine small A. Van de Velde; another, in which this artist worked with Moucheron; a Van Tol; a good Lingelbach; “Anthony and Cleopatra,” by G. de Laisse.—*Athenaeum*.

A School of Science, Art, and Literature for Ladies has been established at the Alexandra Palace for the convenience of residents in the neighbourhood. Mr. Lindsay Sloper is the director, and the course includes lessons, both public and private, in music and singing, languages, drawing and painting, mathematics, history, geography, &c., from well-known professors. There are three terms, and students are admitted free to the Palace on the days of their lessons, a similar admission being given to the lady who accompanies them.

Driving by electricity is the latest invention across the Channel, according to the *Live Stock Journal*. An electro-magnet is placed under the coachman's seat, from which one wire is carried along the reins to the horse's bit, and another to the crupper, so that the whole length of the animal's spine forms part of an electric circuit. A sudden shock, which the driver can administer at discretion, will, it is said, arrest the most furious runaway, while a series of small shocks will stimulate a “screw” to marvels of pace and style.

Copies of the photographs taken during the late Arctic Expedition are to be presented to the British and South Kensington Museums, the United Service, Royal Artillery, and Royal Engineer Institutions, and other Government collections. The originals are now being exhibited by the Photographic Society.

The dome of St. Peter's, at Rome, is again causing considerable anxiety for its security, as the fissures and cracks in the upper part of the dome and its supports have much increased of late. A commission from the Russian Academy of Fine Arts has recently examined the dome, and it was found that almost every part of the structure was more or less cracked or dislocated. Bands of iron have been placed round the dome in previous years and marble tablets dove-tailed into the cracks, but numbers of the latter have been broken or torn by the widening of the fissures.

Sir Paul Pindar's house in Bishopsgate-street, now divided into two houses, is shortly to be pulled down. The beautiful ceilings, however, are to be preserved, and one or more will be given to the South Kensington Museum.

A monument to the late Mr. Margary is to be erected at Shanghai. It will consist of a Gothic cross of red and green Ningpo stone on a granite base, supported on a pedestal of granite steps, and ornamented by shields bearing the Margary arms and those of the Municipality.

Journalism is likely to have a patron saint, as the *Turin Journals*, backed by the devout Roman *Voce della Verita*, propose to petition the Pope to nominate St. Francis de Sales guardian of Catholic writers. “Sales” is an appropriate name for a commercial venture.

The Charing Cross Publishing Company are about to publish a novel by the late Peter Boyle, Esp., compiler of “Boyle's Court Guide.” The novel is entitled “The Red Knight of Germany.”

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T. D. HARRINGTON, Ottawa.—If you will forward to the publisher a list of the copies that have been miscarried, duplicates shall be sent by return mail.

J. Majewski's communication is too decidedly political for our neutral pages.

ERRATUM.—In the report of the meeting of The Great City Lodge, 14th line, for "to the number of seventy," read 141.

BOOKS &c. RECEIVED.

"New York Dispatch," "Loomis's," "Musical and Masonic Journal," "Die Bauhütte," "The Masonic Review," "The Hebrew Leader," "Keystone," "Il Risorgimento." "Later Lyrics," by Bro. J. C. Carpenter, Ph. D.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

JUPP.—On the 21st inst., at White Lodge, Turnham-green, the wife of G. H. Jupp, of a son

PEARSON.—On the 21st inst., at 33, Russell-square, the wife of C. Fellows Pearson, of a son.

PECK.—On the 18th inst., at Yalding, Kent, the wife of Awdry Peck, of a son.

VEAL.—On the 18th inst., at 8, Oxford-road, Gunnersbury, W., the wife of Richard Henry Veal, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HENDER—WILLIS.—On the 19th June, at St. John's, Adelaide, S. Australia, by Rev. F. Slaney Poole, M.A., Chaplain 583, E.C., Bro. J. H. P. Hender, W.M. 583, D.P.G. and S.N. Chapter, 583, E.C., to Agatha Jotham, daughter of James Willis, Esq., Balmattun, Victoria, Australia.

YEOMAN—ABERY.—On the inst., at the congregational church, Leyton, by the Rev. Dickerson Davies, Pastor, Kossuth Mazzini Yeoman, second son of Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman, West Hackney, to Hannah Ann Abery, second daughter of John Abery, Esq., Poplar Villa, Leyton.

DEATHS.

PECK.—On the 19th inst., at Yalding, Kent, Christina Louisa, the wife of Awdry Peck, Esq., aged 23 years; and on the 18th, Leonard Awdry, their infant son.

SINCLAIR.—On the 20th inst., Bro. George Sinclair, Treas., 813, at his residence, 81, City-road, and of 20, Southgate-road, aged 51. Deeply regretted

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1877.

THE INCREASE OF ACCOMMODATION AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

We are among those who venture to think that the attention of the Board of General Purposes may well be directed to this very important subject, and as soon as possible. Our Metropolitan Charitable Institutions require necessarily more accommodation; it is a want alike overpowering and imperative, to which we are of opinion, honestly, that the Executive of the Order may justly be asked to give friendly consideration and attentive heed. For many reasons, too many to dwell on now, it would be greatly to be deplored, if the Committees of our Metropolitan Charities had to go elsewhere to find a "local habitation" though not a "name." We repeat, it would, in our humble opinion, be greatly to be deprecated in the best interests of Grand Lodge and the Charities themselves if in consequence of not being able to find sitting and standing room in Freemasons' Hall, they should be compelled to obtain a place of their own, for the joint accommodation of their officials and offices. It would be a great blunder, and worse than a blunder, as it would cause a severance which it would take long years to heal over. We think that all will admit that Freemasons' Hall is the most convenient and central spot for the offices of our great Charities. To say nothing of the convenience of all metropolitan and provincial brethren, it would, as matters are, constitute a grave scandal, if the present arrangements had to be broken up, because no accommodation can be obtained at Freemasons' Hall, if the Committees had to go out of Freemasons' Hall and seek those convenient arrangements for official work, which they have a right to expect to have provided for them, (on payment of rent), in Freemasons' Hall, the great centre of English Freemasonry. We feel certain that if such a feeling of abstention and negation is persisted in in respect of our Charities, it will be alike very unwelcome to the Order at large, and may be productive, sooner or later, of some unpleasantness. There are those amongst us, high in influence, who have shown in times past that they object to all unwise parsimony, and needless difficulties of all kinds, and we feel convinced that if they will only turn their minds to the subject, a plan of increased accommodation might be devised, by which this great want might be remedied and satisfied. We venture then sincerely to express our hope, that this question of increased accommodation at Freemasons' Hall may be considered on its own merits alone, and then we are satisfied what the result must be. Even supposing that some fresh building should be required, we have plenty of money, and the convenience would be so great, "pro bono publico," as to outweigh entirely any question of cost or change. It has indeed been said that we have no room to build on to our Board Room, &c., but why not purchase the building next to Freemasons' Hall and convert it into offices, with a large room on the ground floor and a library above? The present Secretarial offices of the schools can easily be utilized for the G. Secretary's office. With regard to a hall of assembly on polling days, we think, as an immediate amendment of the inconvenience, the Charities had better in future obtain the great dining hall for polling days, which would add greatly to the comfort of the brethren. If our suggestion is carried out as above, the new accommodation would give us a central hall, surrounded by the offices of the Institutions. Of course when we touch upon this question, we feel that we are treading after all only on the fringe of it, so to say, and that behind it all is a far greater question, which will have some day to be taken up. Can we not utilize the tavern for ourselves and disassociate Freemasons' Hall from all connection with a house of entertainment? But the moment we attempt to ask a few that subject, unutterable difficulties bristle on the surface, and we prefer to leave it to wiser heads and more accurate judgments to deal with and decide.

ONE OR TWO FALLACIES ABOUT CHARITY VOTING.

We do not suppose that anything we are about to say, will have any effect on our ardent reformers, because like reformers in general, they do not need arguments, and they do not want logic. They have made up their mind, whether on imperfect data or not matters nothing, and they are in this respect like the infallible Church, "Roma locuta est, Causa finita est." Now we dislike infallibility and Popes of all kinds, and believe rather in right reason and common sense, and so we think it well to deal with one or two curious and striking fallacies to-day, in respect of Charity Voting. It is said, "why should a case come up several times, and if the system be not bad, why is not the candidate elected?" The whole system of voting being governed, so to say, by the unit of individualism, and the great "factor" being personal interest (in the best sense), we cannot possibly lay down any canon of why or wherefore in that respect. Either the case is weak per se, or is weakly supported, or it fails to interest, or it appears not to be so urgent as another case to the individual mind of A. It is utterly hopeless to attempt to reason, as if B's view of the most distressing case ought to be accepted by A, or even that the view of any committee you can name is to dominate the personal appreciation of A, C, D, E, etc. We who have carefully looked into the working of our charities, feel sure of this one great fact, despite much "tall talk," and unreasoning sentiment, that the strong cases on the whole get in, and the weak cases go to the wall, and that if we could only ensure individual conscientiousness on the part of the voters, we should have fewer evils to complain of, and no abuses to redress. Whenever we see a case unsupported, we may be sure of this, that for some reason or other, the friends of the orphan have not been in earnest, or the district has not its sufficient number of votes, and is therefore practically powerless in the struggle. It is idle, and we must add hypocritical, to attack the system when the fault is not in Charity Voting at all, but in the "laches" of individual brethren. By proper organization and needful exertion, no good case need be beaten. Let us remember this, and we say so confidently, after a close observation of Charity Voting, for many years. So too, it is an astounding fallacy to suppose or to assert, that there is any unfairness, because some brethren exert themselves for particular candidates alone. It is in the nature of things that it should be so, and very well it is that it is so. To argue, as some seem to do, that the Committee is to select for you, is in our opinion an aggravation of any existing weakness in the system, and may be productive of the grossest jobbery, against which the only safeguards are public criticism and organized voting. In the last Boys' election, the weakest case positively was one put on in express defiance of the laws of the Institution by a grave blunder of the General Committee, though it received a large amount of individual support, and a repetition of such cases, if successful, would make the Boys' School a "mockery, a delusion and a snare;" in every respect a burlesque on our wise laws, and a reproach and ridicule to the subscribers and to Freemasonry. In saying this, as Masonic duty compels us, we do not wish to interfere with the sad claim of a poor orphan, for whom we feel much sympathy.

BENE NOTANDA.

There is perhaps no Emporium of Masonic literature and trade better known to the Craft and the public than No. 198, Fleet-street. Not only is it historically famous as whilome the abode of honest Izaak Walton, but for many years it has been identified with the familiar name and remarkable enterprize of George Kenning. Thither, as from 1, 2, 3, Little Britain, emerge those packages which convey his æsthetic productions and skilful handiwork to the four quarters of the globe, and brethren of all nationalities and creeds give him their friendly orders and receive from him their valued consignments. No. 198, Fleet-street, is also the headquarters of our English Masonic literature, whence the *Freemason*

and the *Masonic Magazine*, the *Cosmo*, and the *Rosicrucian*, and other works of various kinds minister to Masonic intellectuality and study, amongst our English, nay Cosmopolitan Craft. Many are our good brethren who casually look in, from time to time, at 198, to honour us with their pleasant patronage, and to cheer us with their zealous support. But we were favoured the other day by an unexpected visitant, a young Roman Catholic priest. Whether in the haze of the evening he stepped into 198, Fleet Street, by pure mistake, or whether, like Eve, he was attracted by the Masonic Symbolism in the window, (forbidden fruit), we cannot profess to decide. Sure enough in he came, though none could be more startled *primâ facie* than ourselves. We quickly supplied his needs and parted in mutual courtesy. "Wonders will never cease," we said to ourselves. We poor Freemasons, excommunicated by popes, anathematized by cardinals, charged by archbishops, denounced by bishops, we yet are not altogether bug-bears to the inferior clergy. Such is the force of truth that it dissipates error and masters prejudice." Well, the object of this little article is not to find fault or scold, but to do a little bit of business and comfortable advertizing at the same time. We beg to announce to the Roman Catholic Clergy and laity, that though we are Freemasons, we shall always be happy to meet their wishes in the way of legitimate trade, as we have often done before, and we venture to think that a visit to our show-rooms at 1, 2, 3, Little Britain, may soften some antagonisms, and remedy many misconceptions. The trade orders of all our customers will always be courteously received and punctually executed, and though as regards our Roman Catholic clients, we have nothing to do with their peculiar tenets, we shall be always most happy to receive their cash payments.

THE OBELISK.

We shall all be glad to hear that the "Cleopatra" is safe, and that the munificent enterprise of our esteemed Bro. Erasmus Wilson will (D.V.) be crowned with success. To that worthy member of our Order, the best thanks of all admirers of antiquity, of all lovers of artistic memorials, are most justly due, and we are pleased to think that to the patriotic and enlightened appreciation of one of our own body, England is indebted mainly, for the acquisition and preservation of this very interesting relic of ages past and gone. We beg to congratulate Bro. Erasmus Wilson sincerely on the happy result of his most commendable and public-spirited undertaking. The one only cause of regret, which so to say, tinges the whole scene with a darker colouring, is the loss, as is much to be feared, of the gallant boat's crew and officer of the "Olga." We shall all deeply deplore so great a calamity in itself, and so deep an affliction to many suffering families and remaining relatives, as we fear that their chance of safety in such a gale and with such a "sea on" is, alas! very slight indeed. We shall most heartily rejoice if our gloomier anticipations as regards the fate of the boat's crew should turn out to be unfounded. We can only hope that thus it may prove to be.

THE USE OF LATIN IN OUR LEADERS.

A worthy correspondent takes us to task courteously both for the use of Latin, and for the non-translation of the words we employ. We apprehend that though, as a general rule, it is not advisable to interlard English with Latin yet that every now and then such quotations relieve the dullness of a disquisition, and improve the monotony of style. We will, however, in future translate the Latin words we employ, except in the case of familiar quotations, though we confess that such a proceeding has the appearance of pandering to ignorance. The last quotation complained of came from *Punch*, and as *Punch* did not consider it needful to translate it for its readers, neither did we for ours. There is a good little story in the *New York Dispatch*, which we "give in," as they say:—"What!" asked a youth, timidly, of an eminent philologist—"what, sir! is the meaning of the phrase,

'*modus operandi*'?" And the great linguist, whose mind was saturated with the literature of ancient Greece and Rome, replied: "It is Latin for 'How the old thing works'!"

IMPOSSIBLE.

We have seen it stated in a creditable journal, that in a certain large town in England, (name kept back), in a recent case before the Borough Magistrates, a brute of a fellow, who is alleged to have kicked his wife into a state of insensibility, was "bound over to keep the peace towards her and all her Majesty's liege subjects for twelve months." Can any of our kind correspondents throw any light upon this report, which we deem so unlikely and so unjust to the town, that we are inclined to relegate it at once to the "limbo" of live "canards" and large cabbages? There must be some explanation forthcoming of a statement, which if true, would constitute a burlesque on the administration of justice amongst us, and would offer a premium to ruffianism, of which we have just now, in some shape or another, a great deal too much.

ANOTHER DREADFUL COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

One of the most dreadful explosions which has ever occurred in the history of coal-mining, took place on Monday, at Dixon's Colliery, Upper Blantyre, near Glasgow. Of the 219 poor fellows unaccounted for at the time of the explosion, very few indeed, it is feared, can be saved. As Freemasons and humanitarians, we cannot but feel the deepest sympathy for the terrible blow which has fallen on a mining district and the irreparable loss entailed on hundreds of mourning families.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The motion brought forward by our Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, at the last monthly meeting of the Boys' School Committee, is one deserving of the careful consideration of the brethren; and while I have no desire to offer an opinion on the particular case in question, of which I know nothing, perhaps I may be allowed to say a few words on the general principle involved.

The almost daily increase in the number of our lodges consecrated, necessarily brings into our ranks a flood of new members, and while there are doubtless many among them worthy, it cannot be denied that, for the purpose of entitling the new lodge to the (somewhat worn out) title of "young and flourishing," the admission of candidates is rather indiscriminate. I know instances in which persons have joined the Craft simply to call themselves Masons, and for their own ends, and having been raised to the rank of M.M. ceased to subscribe to a lodge or in any way connect themselves with Masonic work or Institutions. We all know of a case which has brought considerable scandal on the Craft in which even the initiation fee itself was refused to be paid. There are few brethren whose remarks on the subject of new members should carry greater weight than those of our respected Grand Secretary, and it would be well for the Craft generally, and rulers of lodges in particular, if more serious attention were paid to the sound advice he gives at the consecration of new lodges, in which he so frequently takes the leading part.

The increase to our ranks during the past three or four years, is such as to cause much anxiety to those who trouble to look forward to the future of our Charitable Institutions. The number of applicants for their benefits most necessarily increase yearly, and I am not losing sight of the great things that have been recently done by the brethren, when I express my fear that the hope of future support, in proportion to our augmented numbers, will be a vain one.

If this view is correct, then Bro. Woodford's motion is an important one for the future of the Craft, for if justice is to be done, it will surely be necessary to reduce the rights of candidature to the narrowest consistent limits, and to give those who have supported the Institutions in the past a prior claim on their benefits.

By simply subscribing to a lodge, a brother (if in no other way), aids the Charities, through the medium of amounts which are voted from the lodge funds for Stewards' Lists; but the means of contributing through Subscription Societies among us are now so convenient that there is little excuse left for such "watery" help.

At the meeting I am referring to, a brother remarked that "putting a child on the list was not electing him, that remained with the Craft." Exactly so, but I would remind him that the Committee is appointed in order to

make the necessary investigations into the circumstance of each case, and to submit for final election only those which have a legal right to our support.
I am, yours fraternally,
EDW. BLINKHORN, 1471.

THE ROYAL INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to several letters I have received from brethren who have subscribed for copies of the engraving of the Grand Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., I should like to state that in a letter to me this week Bro. Edward J. Harty, the artist, states most positively that the engraving "will be finally completed by the first week in December. I have the plate in London and two first-rate engravers working on it, ever since I had it proved by Messrs. McQueen—these men are simply adding what is called 'tone' to the plate, namely more effect of light and shade, &c." This work will, of course, be an additional outlay for Bro. Harty, and proves that his anxiety to produce a picture worthy of the great historical and Masonic event it is to commemorate has found its expression in deeds.

In common with my many friends who have subscribed for copies through my recommendation, I am vexed at the long delay, and yet, after all, it appears that when published in December next the work will be accomplished in a very short time indeed, considering the magnitude of the painting, &c.

In that case the error was in promising it so much earlier, and so all we have to do as subscribers is to exercise an important Masonic and general virtue a little longer—viz, patience, and rest assured that we shall be ultimately rewarded on seeing a picture, alike worthy of the subject and the distinguished body of subscribers. Meanwhile the plate may be seen at 213, Regent-street, London, W.
WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

PAST GRAND PURSUIVANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much surprised at your editorial note appended to a correspondent's letter in a recent number of your journal in which you state that Prov. Grand Pursuivant carries past rank, as this is quite contrary to my idea of the Book of Constitutions and the practice of Grand Lodge.

In the list of members of our fraternity, at the beginning of our regulations for the government of the Craft although Grand Pursuivant are mentioned I cannot find this title of Past Grand Pursuivants, from which I gather that there is no such title in Grand Lodge, and consequently can be none in Prov. Grand Lodge. This is further carried out by the fact that at the annual appointment of officers the Grand Master (acting under clause 4 of "The Grand Master" in our book of Constitutions) invariably confers past rank specially upon the brother who has served as Grand Pursuivant during the proceeding year. The same clause will answer Bro. Owen's question in your last number, as to "Why is this not done in the Provinces?" as it specially states that "nothing therein contained shall empower Provincial Grand Masters to make similiar appointments in their respective provinces."

I am, yours fraternally,

V. A. M.

[We do not think that our view is wrong. We will look into the matter carefully and recur to the subject.—Ed.]

CLEOPATRAS NEEDLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Now that the little bark "Cleopatra," laden with the famous "needle" has escaped from the jaws of the yawning deep, though not without the sad loss of six brave men's lives, may I be permitted to suggest that the names of these ill-fated mariners together with a representative of the ship in which the treasure was borne should be engraved on the base of the obelisk.

Perhaps Mr. Joseph Bonomi or some other archaeologist would also furnish an appropriate inscription in the hieroglyphic character.

I am, dear Sir and brother,

Yours fraternally,

C. S. 201.

NATIONAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As your columns are so generously placed at the service of brethren advocating the claims of the distressed, allow me to solicit the assistance of my brethren (who are subscribers to the National Benevolent Institution), in securing the election of Miss S. N. Hodgson, in her 70th year, daughter of the late Bro. William Hodgson, an old and esteemed Mason, formerly of Truro. Our noble Masonic charities, valuable and extensive as they are, do not provide for the aged and infirm daughters of deceased Masons, and, therefore, I venture to ask that voting papers filled in for Miss Hodgson, be sent me, or polled on her behalf. The annuity of £25, which the Institution affords, would prove a great boon to her, for she has literally out-lived her friends, and the money she managed to save during her vocation as mistress of a small school in Truro, is all but melted away, and when the last sovereign has been used (which must be very soon), I cannot see any prospect before her but the "Big House, with the closed doors," unless successful in this application for the annuity. I shall be happy to reciprocate any aid kindly granted me (for her) by assisting a candidate for either of our Institutions in a similar manner, as I am most anxious to see the poor soul elected, who is, by adoption, a sister of yours.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

Truro, Cornwall, Oct. 20th, 1877.

"FREEMASON" INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly permit me to trespass on the space in your columns with the object of furthering your endeavour to enlist the sympathies of the brethren in the above calamitous visitation. I must unite with "1426" in expressing some little disappointment in the fact of your generously-headed list of subscriptions apparently "hanging fire" as it does, but I am inclined to think that perhaps the appeal has appeared after (in the case of many lodges) the first meetings of the season had been held, after which, as we all know, an interval would occur, which may account for the inaction. Again, many brethren will, ere your Fund had commenced, have probably sent their personal assistance through other channels. At the same time there is no doubt but that a very creditable sum ought now to be forthcoming from our body generally, and I applaud very much your action in the matter.

Some week or two since a letter appeared in your columns from Bro. Cooke, indicating a very good plan of co-operation, that of one of the officers of each lodge or chapter to take the initiative and make an all-round collection after lodge, limited to some small stated sum per head. This was done at 1589 Lodge on Friday week, and resulted in the sum of twenty-five shillings. Would that every lodge could do the same. I very much hope to see the "Freemason Famine Fund" acknowledgments show a good bold front in your next. The cause is too well known to need recapitulation.

It may occur to you that I would do well to take action in my own lodge before urging others, but to somewhat justify myself, I may remark that my humble mite was included in one of the sums acknowledged in your first list.

Yours fraternally,

A CONSTANT READER.

CONSECRATION OF THE SUB-URBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

On Friday week a lodge, bearing the title of the Sub-Urban Lodge, and numbered 1702, was consecrated at the Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore, Middlesex, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, Prov. Grand Chaplain Middlesex, as Chaplain; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., as D.C.; Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., as S.W.; Bro. Frank Green, Grand Steward, as J.W.; and Bro. Sadler, P.M. 147, as I.G. The Sub-Urban Lodge is to be a summer lodge. Ten years ago the Urban Lodge, 1196, was consecrated at St. John's Gate, London, by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, and the then Grand Secretary of England; Bro. W. Gray Clarke, was one of the spectators. The Urban Lodge derived its title from the Urban Club (a well-known literary and artistic club, meeting at St. John's Gate), which derived its title from "Sylvanus Urban, gent.," of the Gentleman's Magazine, who with a number of the celebrities of a century back, held pleasant evenings at the same rendezvous. The Urban Lodge was intended more particularly as a lodge for literary brethren and for those literati who wished to become brethren in Freemasonry. Dr. J. E. Carpenter was the first Master, and in the course of the ten years' existence of the lodge it has had 100 members. This lodge is a winter lodge, and it was conceived by several of its brethren that a summer lodge in connection with it would be a desirable feature. Hence the Sub-Urban Lodge, for which a petition asked for a warrant, naming Bro. Japheth Tickle, I.P.M. 1196, as the first Master, and Bros. Hawkesley and Roberts, as the first S. and J.W. respectively. The Abercorn Arms, Stanmore, was chosen for the locality, and perhaps a more desirable position could not have been selected, as, in addition to the beautiful landscape round about, and the accommodation afforded by Bro. Veal, the proprietor of the hotel, the neighbourhood abounds in historical associations. The arrangements made by the brethren who had the management of the day's proceedings were perfect, although they entailed a vast amount of care and thought. Bro. Veal did his best to make everyone comfortable; and as the Urban Club and the Urban Lodge have always been celebrated for a quaint though apt bill of fare and list of toasts, Bro. Hawkesley had printed a very choice specimen of these productions for the use of the Sub-Urban Lodge, thus keeping it in perfect harmony with those two celebrated compositions which are preserved with great carefulness by all who have the privilege of joining in the meetings of those two bodies.

The ceremony of consecration commenced shortly after three o'clock, and after the lodge had been opened, Bro. Hervey said he much regretted the absence of Bro. Little for more than one reason. One, and the most cogent, was that his health did not permit him to venture upon a consecration just now. Another was that had he been present, no doubt as connected with the province of Middlesex and being very well known to the Craft in that character, he would naturally be a better exponent of the ceremonies of the day than he (Bro. Hervey). He regretted exceedingly Bro. Little's absence on account of his ill health. Bro. Little had written to him saying he could not attend because he was too unwell to do so, and he requested him to perform the ceremony for him. This was the reason of his (Bro. Hervey's) being now in the chair, and he trusted if there was any little lapse in the course of the ceremony of the day that the brethren would attribute it not to his want of desire to perform the ceremonies in a way which would be satisfactory to the brethren, but to the fact of his being only a substitute for another. Now, he had so many times addressed the brethren on the same subject as he was about to speak upon on the present occasion, and there were so many brethren present who had heard him make

the same observations before, that he felt some difficulty in his way. To say anything new he felt to be almost impossible, and it was very disagreeable to those who had attended consecrations before to have constantly the same tale told to them—to be admonished again that it was very desirable that those whom they admitted to their lodges were proper men, and also to be reminded that it was far better that a candidate who was not acceptable to every brother of a lodge should be withdrawn from the list than that blackballing should be put in operation. This was one subject on which he had several times addressed the brethren; and he had also frequently mentioned at these meetings the strong objection there was to such an event occurring as a brother indulging in a petty spite, if he might so term it, and the uncharitableness of blackballing those who might be put forward as candidates for initiation, because being soured by not being put into office when he estimated his own capabilities at a higher rate than the W.M. in the chair estimated them, he resolved that the W.M. should have no work to do during his year of office. Such a step was most undesirable, and it constituted such a meanness on the part of a brother who so acted that he (Bro. Hervey) could not help saying that he could conceive nothing more despicable, uncharitable, or unmasonic. He did not fear anything of the kind being resorted to in this lodge, and he hoped the members ran no risk of having amongst them a brother capable of such conduct. A word to the officers of the lodge, with whom, excepting the Secretary, he had not the pleasure of being acquainted. He would recommend them so to perfect themselves in the duties of their respective offices that the W.M. should have no cause to complain, either with respect to their attendance at the proper time, or the manner in which they carried out their duties. There was a time when probably there might have been some excuse for brethren not performing the duties of their office properly, but there was none now, for there was scarcely a locality around London where there was not a good lodge of instruction; and old Masons were well aware that there was a spirit of emulation now existing among members of the Craft which did not exist twenty-five or thirty years ago. Every member of the Craft now had the opportunity of learning his duties; every member surely could devote sufficient time and attention to make himself, if not perfect, at any rate efficient in the duties of the office that might devolve upon him. It was no very serious effort of memory for a brother to get up the duties of one of the minor offices; and if he had got up such duties, one could readily imagine that he would feel desirous of doing what he could to render himself acceptable to the members of the lodge, with whom his fate, if he might so term it, was bound up, in order that when the period of his own election to the chair came round he might then be unanimously elected. Such a brother would also wish, if a candidate came up for initiation on the day when he was installed, that he might be able without any hesitation to give him his degree, and also give him his other degrees during his year of office. He (Bro. Hervey) said this on account of the W.M., because it was a thing which the W.M. could not so readily say to the officers of his lodge, or say it so boldly as an old member of the Craft like himself (Bro. Hervey), who had gone through various offices, performed many duties, and found himself occasionally with Deacons who did not know the work, and Wardens who did not think it worth their while to perform the duties of their respective chairs. On a recent occasion he made an observation on another subject, a subject which did not interest the Craft generally, though it interested the lodge particularly. He did not know upon whom the duties of Treasurer of this lodge would fall, and he therefore said it on behalf of an unknown brother—that he would recommend the brethren around the room to pay up their subscriptions on the day they fell due. The Treasurer of course was expected to keep his lodge out of debt; and if he wished the lodge respectable he must keep it out of debt. He said this without any disrespect to the members of this lodge. How was he to keep the lodge out of debt and respectable if the brethren did not pay their subscriptions, unless indeed, he paid the money out of his own pocket? If he did not choose to do that the lodge fell into disrepute, and could not command that attention when it met that it otherwise ought to do. There was an amount of difficulty about the whole affair which the members of the lodge might obviate by the very easy method of paying their subscriptions when they fell due. Now the subscriptions of a lodge fell due and were payable on the installation day. It was all very well for a brother to say, "Oh, I shall not pay to-day: I shall pay six months' hence;" but did a brother who said that mean to sit down to the banquet and enjoy himself that day, and intend the Treasurer to pay for him then, and during the period that the subscription remained unpaid? In the interest of the Treasurer and for the well-being of the lodge he hoped the brethren would remember that the dues were payable on the day of installation, that without those dues were paid they were not doing their duty to the lodge, or assisting in keeping it in that position in which it ought to be kept, and they were not fulfilling that kindly feeling to the Treasurer which ought to be manifested by every brother of a lodge towards every other.

The Rev. P.M. Holden, Prov. G. Chaplain Middlesex delivered the oration. He said: The science of Freemasonry of which you are professors was in the first ages of the world undoubtedly a system of pure religion; and when mankind, ever fond of the material in preference to the spiritual, degenerated into idolatry, and fell off from the worship of the Creator to the worship of the creature, "the sun, the moon, the stars, and all the host of heaven," they engrafted upon the ancient principles of the Masonic Order their own crude and perverted notions and practices. In the family of Seth the belief in the goodness and mercy of Jehovah, the doctrine of a future state of rewards and punishments, and the necessity of moral purity as a quali-

fication for eternal happiness, all of which are foundation stories of the Masonic Order, were long maintained. Among the Egyptians and Indians, pompous ceremonial observances very soon shrouded and altogether withheld truth from the uninitiated; but still the religious worship, no matter the form it assumed, was placed on the foundation which Jehovah himself had laid; and thus into whatever part of the globe the descendants of Shem, Ham, and Japheth migrated, they carried with them some notion, some knowledge of the one true God. And if Masonic principles more or less distorted as the degradation of ignorance and licentiousness entwined them, this accounts for the science of Freemasonry not being exclusively the possession of any one branch of religion, though indeed the system being a system of ethics and inculcating the purest morality, assimilates so far as I can judge, and it seems to me with no other religion so completely as with Christianity. And if you demand the reason of this assertion I merely reply that both Christianity and Freemasonry inculcate the same grand principles, viz, "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction," to do justice, love mercy, practise charity, and walk humbly with our God; for be that, however, as it may, of this thing we may all feel quite certain, that had the superstructure of Freemasonry been erected on any other foundation than "the glory of God and the good of man," had it been instituted merely to exalt human wisdom, or to promote human greatness, it would long since have crumbled into dust and been buried in the archives of the past. This being so, it can excite little surprise or wonder that the authentic records of Freemasonry are to be found in the Sacred Volume alone, and we pronounce this to be Freemasonry's fairest gem; for were its precepts at variance with the precepts of the Sacred Law it ought most decidedly to be rejected at once as unworthy of credit or of the attention of intelligent beings. And let me further say—fearlessly and distinctly say—that no brother can possibly be a good Mason who does not make the Word of God his frequent study, or, to use an expression more familiar to you, who does not diligently use the Sacred writings, which are given as the rule and guide of our faith. For be it remembered, that the true Mason is but a builder whose task it is to build up body, soul, and spirit into a holy temple, acceptable to God; and to accomplish this he must listen to the voice of the Great Architect of the Universe speaking at him from his Holy Book; he must patiently listen to this voice and obey its behests; the chief corner stone of his foundation should be "Holiness to the Lord;" thereon he must lay each stone of his spiritual house, carefully and accurately adjusted by the level and the square, till the whole is completed, and the capstone is brought forth with the exultation of a wise master builder, who at last shall hear the salutation, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Now, in this building all that is most excellent in classical and mediæval art will find its appropriate and proper place. The strength, beauty, and repose which distinguish the classical will be visible in manly bearing and upright dealing, in the absence of any churlish spirit, and in a graceful interchange of all kindly offices; whilst the lofty aspirations and the solemn sense of the eternal and the infinite will be no less fitly represented by unshrinking devotion to duty, by self-sacrifice, and by the constant communion with the "Great Father of Spirits." In the ceremony of setting apart and consecrating this moral edifice we by-and-bye shall use incense, corn, wine, and oil. Each had its meaning. Let our prayers ascend on high in a fragrant incense; may we be thankful for the fruits of the earth, corn, wine, and oil, and temperate in their use. And whilst in the enjoyment of the blessings which they typify and symbolise, may we never forget the distressed. Brethren, the sum and substance, I am well aware, of these remarks has been repeatedly brought before you all in the Masonic teaching you are privileged to enjoy. If, therefore, it is our aim as Masons to promote the glory of God and the good of our fellows we must not only cherish all friendly dispositions and liberal sentiments, but we must embody them in deeds, so as to be clearly felt and acknowledged by all—love to God for His own sake, and love to the brethren for God's sake, being the two grand characteristics of our profession as Masons. And here let me testify with joy and satisfaction to the truth, for it is one, that as a body Masons have not been backward to acquire and carry out into practice the duty of brotherly love. With them, brother helps brother; many up to their ability, and beyond it, have proved by their self-denying liberality that charity is indeed the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. Your private and local works of mercy; your General Fund of Benevolence; your noble Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Masons; your excellent Boys' School; your most admirable Girls' School; your princely grants of assistance from time to time towards the relief of those who are overtaken by sudden calamity and misfortune—these things speak for you as Masons trumpet-tongued, with far greater eloquence than any words of men. And did not these evidences exist, Masons would be utterly unworthy of the grand principles which they profess. But they do exist, and are flourishing still more and more; and if any scornful enquirer asks what may be the practical use and good of Freemasonry, you may reply, with becoming pride and satisfaction, "circumspice." The outside world, in its ignorance, may sometimes ridicule and misunderstand you; but what of that? "Do right, and fear not." And would you strive to obey the Great Architect of the Universe and love one another, forget not the virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice; for the state of prosperity, in which Freemasonry now is, is ever a very dangerous one, which makes a man very likely to forget himself in respect to his conduct. Because His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the heir to the throne of this mighty empire, reigns over you as your Grand Master, with his Royal brothers

for his principal officers, because the great and the noble press into your ranks and participate in your mysteries; because your loyalty to your Queen is undoubted, be not elated or "vain in your own conceits." Although the numbers ranged under your banners are increasing with such marvelous rapidity, this, remember, is not necessarily any indication whatever of strength. Numbers, vast numbers, do but indicate weakness and danger when they are unarmed and ill-disciplined; and even one ignorant, or far worse still, one intemperate Mason may do the society to which he obtains accession almost irreparable injury; for men do not, and they will not, pause to discriminate, but they will ascribe to the system the errors of the professor. And remember that a thousand eyes jealously watch you, Argus eyes that will not fail accurately to detect any variance brethren your profession and your practice. Let us then, as worthy men and Masons, endeavour to apply the principles of our ancient and beautiful Order to our lives, and model our conduct upon the sublime principles which it teaches, inculcates, and enforces. As the poet says—

"So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death;
Thou go, not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed,
By an unfaltering trust; approach thy grave
Like one who draws the drapery of his couch about him,
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

Before I sit down, allow me to thank you, Worshipful Sir, and all the brethren present, for the very kind and flattering manner in which you have been pleased to listen to this, the humble effort of a very humble individual in the discharge of a most pleasing duty at the consecration of this new lodge. (Great applause.)

The remaining portion of the ceremonial, according to ancient form, was proceeded with after this address, and the petitioners for the warrant were constituted into a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., then presented to Bro. Hervey, Bro. Japheth Tickle, P.M. 1196, who was thereupon installed as Master of the Sub-Urban Lodge, 1702, for the year ensuing. Bro. C. E. Hawkesley was invested as S.W.; Bros. Roberts, J.W.; J. B. D. Wall, Secretary; Wm. Radford, S.D.; Charles Willett, J.D.; J. L. Mather, I.G. (pro tem); H. Llewellyn Winter, Organist; and Bro. Middleton, Tyler. Bro. Hervey delivered the address to the W.M.; Bro. Howe, the address to the Wardens; and the Rev. P. M. Holden that to the brethren. Bros. Hervey, Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex; Little, D.P.G.M.; the Rev. P.M. Holden, W. T. Howe, Frank Green, J. L. Mather, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction founded by the W.M. during his year of office in the Urban Lodge; Dr. J. E. Carpenter, and Winter, Mus. Bac. Cambridge, were elected as honorary members of the lodge.

Dr. Carpenter was among the brethren who returned thanks for the honour of being elected as an honorary member, and in doing so said that though the compliment was unexpected as far as he was concerned, he was vain enough to think it was not altogether undeserved, because he was the founder and first W.M. of the Urban Lodge, out of which the present lodge had sprung. Bro. S.W. whispered that he was the grandfather. Well, he did not mind being called the father, and he hoped he might live to be the grandfather, but that would only be when a lodge arose out of the Sub-Urban, as the Sub-Urban had arisen from the Urban. It was rather a strange coincidence, though not an unpleasing, one that this lodge should be consecrated just ten years all but a day after the Urban Lodge was consecrated, the latter having been consecrated on the 10th October, 1877. In those ten years the Urban Lodge had had close upon one hundred members, and still had over sixty subscribing members. He would hope that the Sub-Urban would be equally prosperous.

Lodge was thereupon closed and the brethren adjourned to a delightful banquet, supplied by "Brethere Chas. Veal, ye Mangle."

Banquet having been disposed of, the W.M. at once proceeded to propose the toasts, and after "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, the W.M. in proposing "The M.W.G.M." said that it was to the condescension of his Royal Highness in granting the warrant of the Sub-Urban Lodge that the brethren were indebted for meeting together that evening. If his Royal Highness, who was heir presumptive to the throne of England became as excellent a monarch as he had been a Grand Master he would earn the gratitude of all Englishmen.

Bro. Hervey responded to the toast of "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that for nearly twenty-four years past he had been returning thanks for the toast of "The Grand Officers," and he did not find that he was a bit better prepared to do so now than he was when first called upon to undertake the duty. He found a difficulty with the beginning of the toast; he found a difficulty with the middle of it; and he found a difficulty with the end of it; consequently he was always in a difficulty from the beginning to the end. But he could not but appreciate the kindness with which the W.M. had given "The Health of Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and he was sure if those noblemen were now here they would equally appreciate the kind sentiments which the W.M. had expressed towards them. The other Grand Officers who were now standing up with him and those who were not here were as appreciative of the W.M.'s cordiality. The brethren had met there that day for the purpose of introducing a new lodge into the Craft, and he trusted that by it a new link was formed in the chain of lodges which would shed credit on the Order. Whether such credit was

shed upon it must depend upon the brethren during the next year, because it was materially on the way in which the W.M. conducted the business of a lodge in its first year of existence that the question of its being a flourishing and prosperous lodge in after years and an ornament to the Craft rested. When he said "flourishing and prosperous" he trusted the brethren would not imagine that he was wishing to see the lodge numbering a vast concourse of brethren—brethren whom they might not know, but who were brought in merely for the purpose of swelling the ranks and funds. When he spoke of prosperity he looked to the character of the initiated or joining brethren. He was sure that under the rule of the present W.M. there would be a steady superintendence exerted as to what members were brought in. Lodges did not prosper in proportion to their numbers he thought. They might prosper in funds; they might have more to spend on their banquets; but the great thing he looked to was the tone of a lodge, the character of the members, and the feelings which those members entertained one to the other. They ought to be as they professed to be, a band of brothers; they ought to be, if he might venture to use the term, a small family; for a lodge was a family, and it was ruled over as much by the Master and Wardens as a family was ruled over by its father and mother. The brethren should never introduce a man to the lodge whom they could not introduce to their own table. They ought to see that those men they introduced to the Craft were such as they could hail as friends, meet as brothers, and when they parted with them, feel that they parted as those they were sorry to leave, from whose society they felt it difficult to sever themselves, and to whom they could look to in a time of distress, not only for material help, but for that which probably was of much more account, counsel in their afflictions, and sympathy in their sufferings. These were the men they ought to bring into their lodges, and if they were to confine their ranks to such men the Order of Freemasonry would be looked up to even more than it was now. The brethren would feel they had among them those who would always sympathise with them in distress and always rally round them. He trusted those were the brethren he would find in this lodge when he came again among those who were now present. He sincerely trusted that he should come again, and all the Grand Officers of the Order would be equally rejoiced to find another lodge founded on the basis he had portrayed. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. then gave "The Right W. Prov. G.M., Col. Burdett," and when this had been enthusiastically received he followed it up with the toast of "The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. R. W. Little, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers." The W.M. said it was with great regret that he found he had to propose Bro. Little's health in that brother's absence. He was respected far and near throughout the Craft, but more especially by those who were constantly in communication with him. He (the W.M.) called upon him on the previous Wednesday to see if his health would permit him to be present; but he then said that it would be quite impossible, and that it would be a great unkindness to press him. Bro. Little said he regretted that he could not come, more particularly because he had had the honour of consecrating the Urban Lodge, and when he (the W.M.) told him that many of his old friends were sure to be present, he expressed still more regret that he would not be able to attend. At the same time the lodge had Bro. Little's best wishes for its success and prosperity. Although such a notable brother was an absentee that evening, the brethren were honoured by the presence of other well-known brothers, who well and worthily filled his place—Bros. Howe, Green, and Holden, the last of whom had kindly acted as Chaplain, and the other two as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Bro. Green had been personally known to him (the W.M.) for some years, and he hoped the brethren would often see him among them. Bro. Howe was not so well known to him, but the brethren were greatly honoured by his presence, and he hoped that that brother also would often come and see them. Bro. Holden was well known, and therefore, did not require any adulation. The solemn and interesting manner in which he undertook the duties of Chaplain left an impression on the brethren which would not easily be effaced. As Bro. Holden would have to reply to another toast, he would not call upon him for a reply to the present.

Bro. Howe, in a very brief speech, said he was quite taken aback when he found himself elected an honorary member of the lodge. He hoped to visit the lodge on a future occasion, and to find it in great prosperity.

Bro. Frank Green said it had afforded him much gratification to see Bro. Tickle installed in the chair of this lodge. He felt that the lodge had started on the high road to fortune, and that it would prosper in the future. Everything depended on a good start in such matters. It very seldom happened in Freemasonry that lodges which started on a good foundation, carried on with real animation and integrity on the part of their founders and first officers, failed. He was convinced that the Sub-Urban would not fail.

The W.M. next said that this was an age of digressions, and he was going to digress from the routine toasts and now propose "The Consecrating Officers," and he did that because he felt he had been guilty of an omission, although it was an involuntary one, and that involved an involuntary injustice to one to whom this lodge was largely indebted for its ability to meet there that evening. They were largely indebted to Bro. Holden, Prov. G. Chaplain, for his condescension in honouring them with his presence. They were also largely indebted to Bro. Hervey for the imposing ceremony they had witnessed. But they were even more largely indebted to Bro. Nunn, because without his valuable counsel, aid, and assistance they might not have been able to meet so successfully and happily as they had met. He (the W.M.) did not know whether he was

transgressing or not, but he was anxious to do honour to whom honour was due, and although Bro. Nunn was really one of themselves, it would be idle for them to disguise the fact that they were largely in his debt. He, therefore, had great pleasure in coupling his name as well as that of Bro. Holden with the toast, and he would call upon the brethren to drink the toast with a great deal of fervour and cordiality.

The Rev. P.M. Holden in reply said, he could only say that if he had been of any material assistance he was very glad. He had assisted Bro. Hervey on many occasions, and Bro. Hervey had so thoroughly drilled him that he was very much indebted to him for giving him instruction. If he were a prophet he might venture to say there was a great future before the lodge, as it was composed of the right elements, for he had noticed very great attention to details. It showed that the brethren connected with it were thoughtful men, men with brains, and these were always very thoughtful men to associate with, and they would be certain to insure the success of the lodge. He was very much pleased to be present, as it was one of those occasions when he made very kind and valuable friends, with whom he was always glad to renew an acquaintance.

Bro. Joshua Nunn said he had hardly expected to be called upon, being a member of the lodge. He hoped that the lodge which had so well commenced that evening would increase in prosperity. He felt assured that it would be a successful lodge, and Bro. Holden had struck the right note when he told them that the success of a lodge depended on the elements of strength within it. Instead of the lodge being honoured by what he had done for it, he considered it a great act of condescension on their part to have singled him out as one of those to whom thanks were due. Before sitting down he would propose a toast. On the list of toasts they had the line from Othello, "We cannot all be Masters." That was a very good remark to make on an occasion like the present. It was true we could not all be Masters, but they might all aspire to having that rank some day. If they referred to the programme they would also see on it, "They have sent me such a man as I could have wished for." In the present instance nothing more appropriate could have been said. In the first place they had a gentleman who held a position in society, a leading professional man, one who was anxious about Freemasonry, who was a Past Master of his mother lodge, and who desired to do well in every position in which he might be placed, and who now wished to bring his friends around him in the village of Stanmore in a lodge called the Sub-Urban Lodge. It was a very great pleasure to him (Bro. Nunn) to bring the toast of the W.M. before the brethren, for he was quite sure the brethren could not have a better Master or a brother who could better than he embody in himself all the requirements of W.M.

The W.M. next proposed "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province." Referring to Bro. Vincent, W.M. of the Abercorn Lodge, he said that that lodge recommended the petition of the brethren who sought for a warrant for the Sub-Urban Lodge. He also included Bro. Charles Veal in the toast.

Bro. Osman Vincent thanked the W.M. in the name of the W.M.'s of the lodges of the province. As regarded himself, he was exceedingly pleased to be W. Master of the lodge which signed the petition which had enabled the Sub-Urban Lodge to meet. He congratulated the lodge on having selected the charming retreat of Stanmore for its meetings. Judging by his own experiences in the Abercorn Lodge, they would meet with every assistance from the worthy host of the Abercorn Arms, and it would be their own fault if they were not comfortable. He was sure they would be comfortable. He was sure of one thing, that on the foundation laid that evening they would raise a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder.

Bro. Charles Veal said that as he had gone through all the offices of a lodge he felt he would be able to assist the brethren, and as they had favoured him with their patronage he should be most happy to do everything in his power for them.

The W.M., as the time was pressing and the brethren were desirous to get back to town by the last train, next gave "The Visitors."

Bro. Dr. Carpenter said he had been reminded that time, tide, and trains waited for no man, but he would be guilty of great disrespect if he did not reply to this toast. As he had said in the lodge, he felt a very great deal of pleasure and gratification at the unexpected compliment paid to him by electing him an honorary member. He was afraid that to the lodge the compliment would be an expensive one, (laughter), for he had been so highly satisfied with the reception he had met with that he should exercise his prerogative, and frequently come among them. He was quite sure nevertheless that the brethren would be glad to see him. The brethren of 1196, who joined this lodge, felt that they had joined another 1196, which he thought was established for a little extraordinary Masonry, for an outing in the summer, and for the furtherance of the good of the Craft. As the father and founder of 1196 he could say that its members were good boys, and were not going to desert their mother although they joined the Sub-Urban, but would do their duties to her and in due course he hoped become Masters of the Urban Lodge. The W.M., Bro. Tickle, would of course become P.M., and how many other lodges would he become a P.M. of, if he lived to be as old as he (Dr. Carpenter). Bro. Radford and Hawksley he knew would remain in 1196 and become P.M.'s of that lodge, and they would also go through the chair of the Sub-Urban. He was sure that there was nothing but friendship, brotherly love, and true Masonic feeling between all the brethren of the father lodge and the son lodge, and he hoped in due time to be a grandfather.

Bro. J. L. Mather knew the W.M.'s working very well, and was sure that with his gentlemanly manner, his

urbanity, and his knowledge of Masonry, the lodge could not do otherwise than prosper. He (Bro. Mather) had to thank him for many kindnesses and courtesies. He was sure that Bro. Hervey's advice as to the admission of members would be duly regarded.

Bros. Maddifer and Taunton having replied,

Bro. Titcomb said as an old inhabitant of the place he thought Stanmore ought to be congratulated on the brethren coming there. He thought also that the brethren ought to be congratulated on choosing such a lovely spot. There were many such spots in the neighbourhood, and they had an historical interest. Not far from the house in which the brethren were assembled was the body of Cassibelaunus, and here Boadicea, Queen of the Iceni, was defeated by Suetonius. A little distance below, Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, held his court: and the monument was at the church that the late Queen Dowager lived and died at Stanmore. They had Harrow close by; Whitechurch with Handel's organ; and St. Alban's at no great distance. The brethren would also get a hearty welcome at the Abercorn Arms.

The W.M. then rose to propose "The Officers," but said there had been so much purple and fine linen that evening that he supposed he was so dazzled and puzzled when the Grand Officers departed that he committed a piece of rudeness by neglecting to respond to the toast of his own health, which was so handsomely and undeservedly given by Bro. Joshua Nunn. He felt it a great compliment to preside as the first W.M. of a lodge of such distinguished Masons. Bro. Holden who occupied the high position of Grand Chaplain of the province, came to his side and said that this had been the pleasantest Masonic evening he had ever spent in his life. Now he thought this was the highest compliment that could be paid by one Mason to another. He appreciated most highly not only the efforts of Bro. Hervey, but of the other brethren, as well as of the Wardens and Deacons, for the edification of the visitors. He always felt it a very great difficulty and hardship to respond to this toast, but he thanked the whole of the brethren who had departed and those who were present for the way they had received it (Hear, hear.) The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Health of the Officers," to whom he was greatly indebted for their co-operation and assistance in the formation of the lodge. Not the least was he indebted to Bro. Hawksley for the handsome and learned literary production which had been placed before the brethren, in the shape of a bill of fare and list of toasts. He had on two occasions visited the Urban Club, which was held at the Old Jerusalem Gate House, out of which club the Urban Lodge sprang. Bro. Hawksley had likewise had the same privilege and honour, and it was the learned programmes which had been placed before them on those occasions which excited in their breasts that emulation which had resulted in the literary production and the beautiful imitation of old style printing by Bro. Hawksley. When he (the W.M.) saw the proof of the programmes he was as much surprised as the brethren were when they saw them on the table. To Bro. Wall, the Secretary, to Bro. W. Radford, and Bro. Chas. Willett, the excellent Wine Steward, who had contributed so much by his exertions to the enjoyment of the evening, he and all the brethren were much indebted. (Hear, hear.) He thought he would not be doing justice unless he asked the brethren to join him in another toast. They knew how a lodge was indebted to a good stoker. An engine, however well constructed, would be a very poor machine unless it had some person who knew how to apply the coals and keep the steam up. Such a brother, he believed, they had, and should have in their kind-hearted, genial, and worthy host, Bro. Veal, and he thought he should have failed in common justice if he had allowed the brethren to separate without drinking his very good health.

Bro. C. E. Hawksley, S.W., in reply said the officers were much flattered by such a recognition of their services prior to the formation of the lodge. He trusted that at the end of the forthcoming season the brethren would be better able to judge of those services. He was a promoter of the lodge; but although promoters of companies were now looked upon as blacklegs it was different with lodges, and he was glad to see that his efforts in promoting this lodge had been brought to a happy consummation. With reference to the W.M.'s observations as to the programmes, he could not claim credit for these personally, although he took the initiative. He had the support of a very worthy brother connected with the Urban Lodge in the production of the menu, and if he might judge from the compliments he had received on all sides it was an uncommon one, and new to Freemasonry. The printing part he had taken some pains with, as he was desirous that things if possible should not fail on his account, and that this meeting should be brought to a happy issue, and that nothing should be lost sight of.

Bro. Veal was happy the brethren had been so well satisfied: those who were now present and those who had already left had equally expressed their satisfaction, and it had afforded him much pleasure. It was rather a bold undertaking in a little village like Stanmore to provide for a lodge, but he hoped the way in which he had done it would bring the brethren there again; and he should be very happy to receive them.

Bro. Winter, Organist, said that music was a great thing to have in a lodge. They must have order; with order they must have harmony; and if they had music they would have both harmony and order.

The brethren then separated.

The following visitors were present at lodge and banquet:—Bros. C. Stuart Barker, W.M. 1632; J. E. Carpenter, P.M. 1196; W. T. Buck, 1196; E. Barge, P.M. 167; I. H. Webb, S.W. 1607; G. Watts, I.P.M. 194; W. Celladaver, J.W. 504; R. H. Pearson, P.M. 1196; G. Tidcombe, jun., S.W. 1549; John Hervey, G.S.; Frank

Green, W.M. 1567; Osman Vincent, W.M. 1549; W. F. Taunton, 1762; Charles Daniel, W.M. 65; T. G. Willett, 902; H. L. Winters, Organist 1549; H. F. Middleton, 1549; Frederick Hunt, 889; H. Sadler, P.M. 147; Chas. Veal, P.M. 1549; W. T. Home, A.G.P. of England; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (*Freemason*); John L. Mather, P.M. 65; Rev. P.M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, presided. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. Henry Murray, Past District G.M. China, in the chair of Junior Vice-President.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M., China; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Smith, C.E., P. G. Steward, W. Stephens, C. P. Cobham, J. M. Klenck, C. F. Hogard, H. Bartlett, Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; W. Mann, Capt. J. Wordsworth, A. J. Pritchard, Richard Eve, Alfred Sturgeon, Josh. G. Defriez, Geare Adamson, W. C. Holland, C. J. Reed, W. H. Perryman, Fred J. Blake, Chas. Scarell, T. L. Green, Henry Sewell, C. J. Poupard, Wm. Russell, A. M. Cohen, Geo. R. Corner, Geo. Spinks, S. R. Speight, C. G. Dilley, Samuel Gumman, H. Bishop, William Sugg, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S.; W. Dodd, C. B. Payne, G.T.; and W. Sadler, P.M. 147.

The brethren first confirmed grants made at the last meeting of the lodge to the amount of £110. They afterwards proceeded with the new cases, of which there were twenty-seven on the list. Four of these were deferred and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with £550, which was composed of one grant of £100, (£100); two grants of £50 each, (£100); two of £40 each, (£80); four of £30 each, (£120); one of £20, (£20); three of £15 each, (£45); eight of £10 each, (£80); and one of £5, (£5).

The lodge, which sat three hours and a half, was then closed and adjourned.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

MADAME WORRELL-DUVAL'S CONCERT.—A fashionable audience assembled at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington, on Thursday week, which was not to be wondered at when the strength of the programme was considered, including as it did such well-known names in the musical world as Bro. Turle, and John Harrison, (as conductors), Miss Matilda Roly, Miss Mary Davies, Madame Osborne Williams, Miss Emma Buer, Mr. Stedman, Mr. Henry Guy, Mr. J. L. Wadmore, Mr. C. E. Tinney. Madame Worrell-Duval received an ovation on each appearance. She first sang a new song entitled "In the Twilight," (composed for and dedicated to her by Mr. Milton Wellings), "O Roberto, che adore," "When the heart is young," and also joined in duet and trio with Mr. Guy and Mr. J. L. Wadmore. The concert was in every respect a great success, which was not a little augmented by the manner in which the Stewards, (Bro. Wm. Worrell and Bro. J. R. Williams) looked after the comfort of the audience.

DRURY LANE—"England" having proved a monetary failure, as we anticipated, "Amy Robsart" has been substituted.

PRINCESS' THEATRE—"Jane Shore" will shortly take the place of "Guinea Gold" at this Theatre.

HAYMARKET THEATRE—"Engaged," the new play by W. S. Gilbert, is pronounced a great success. We shall notice it in full next week.

ADELPHI THEATRE.—After enjoying a long run "After Dark" makes room for "Formosa," in which Miss Leighton will sustain the part of the fair but frail one.

PARK THEATRE.—On Monday, the 15th, Madame St. Claire took her benefit at this Theatre. The piece selected was "Romeo and Juliet," Madame St. Claire playing "Romeo" and Miss Lucan, her daughter, attempted "Juliet." Both ladies made their first appearance in the parts named, the latter her first appearance on any stage. Need we say more? The house was full, and the reception cordial.

EGYPTIAN HALL.—Large audiences continue to fill nightly the small but tastefully decorated Hall in which Messrs. Maskelyne and Cook give their truly wondrous entertainment. The entertainment is divided into two parts, in the first, after two or three ingenious tricks, we are introduced to the marvellous automaton "Psycho" and "Zoe," the former plays whilst like an old clubman, and the latter sketches the likenesses of celebrities with a facility and accuracy that would not shame the talented artists of *Vanity Fair*. The secret by which these automaton artists are worked has puzzled the longest heads of our day, and in truth we cannot foresee the day when the longest head will not be puzzled, especially by the performance of "Zoe." The second part of the entertainment is devoted to an exposition of spiritualism, so called, and we recommend all, whether spiritualists or not, to see it—for sceptics will be confirmed in their scepticism and believers in the imposture be converted.

MOORE AND BURGESS, ST. JAMES'S HALL.—The nature of this entertainment is almost too well known to need comment, it certainly defies criticism. We can only say that the old attractiveness has not fallen off and that the demand for seats is as great as ever, and further, that the anticipation of the audience is fully realised before the entertainment closes.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the General Committee was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Colonel J. Creaton, presiding. There were present Bros. H. Browse, W. F. C. Moutrie, Major E. H. Finney, C. G. Rushworth, A. H. Diaper, John Boyd, J. A. Rucker, and R. W. Little, (Sec.). The minutes of the various committees were read and confirmed. A petition was received and the candidate placed on the list; the Chairman was authorised and requested to sign cheques. The business was of a purely formal character.

SCHOOLBOY PHILANTHROPY.

In connection with the fund now being raised at the Mansion House, on behalf of the sufferers from the Indian Famine, we have much pleasure in giving publicity to a form of effort which if largely imitated could not but be productive of the most satisfactory result. On Wednesday morning six boys, representing the pupils of Finsbury College, were introduced to the Lord Mayor by the Bro. Dr. McAuslane, as the bearers of a contribution from the College. The following little address was read by Master Hill:—

"Finsbury College, 17th Oct., 1877.

"To the Right Honourable Lord Mayor.

"My Lord,—May it please your lordship, we, the pupils of Finsbury College, having had our attention drawn to the disastrous famine now raging in India, are desirous of adding our small contributions to the sums which have been and are being placed in your lordship's hands, for the relief of the suffering arising therefrom.

"An appeal to the College has yielded a sum of £13 1s. 6d., which amount we respectfully desire that your lordship will be pleased to receive and to add to the General Fund now raised for that purpose.

"We have the honour to be your lordship's obedient servant,"

"T. HILL, W. BELLAMY,

Secretaries of the College."

His lordship was evidently much struck by the juvenile deputation, and replied as follows:—"I have received many deputations, but I have never received one more interesting than this. This act of yours is an evidence of the moral training you receive under Dr. Cave. I am very pleased to see you, and heartily thank you on behalf of your suffering fellow creatures in India." The Lord Mayor very heartily shook hands with the boys as they left. If every middle class school throughout the country would follow the example, a large sum would doubtless be raised, and, better still, a spirit of active benevolence on behalf of suffering would be developed at an age of all others the most susceptible.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 2, 1877.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Audit Com., Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Ho., Hampton-ct.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
" 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
Chap. 177, Gaveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H.
Red Cross, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-

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.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Ho., Greenwich.
" 1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

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 Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-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.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C. 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-street, Woolwich
 Constitutional, Bedford Ho., Shampton Bdgs.
 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.
 Islington, 23, Gresham-street.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.
 Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
 Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Confidence, Greyhound Tav., Milton-street, Cripplegate.
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
 Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
 " 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
 " 1351, St. Clement Dances, 265, Strand.
 " 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Village Club.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
 " 1539, Surrey M.H., S.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thom as-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
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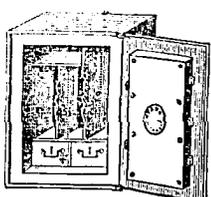
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 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
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 " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
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 St. John's do., M.H., Liverpool.
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 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.
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 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
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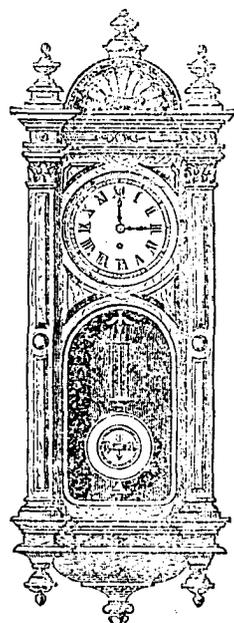
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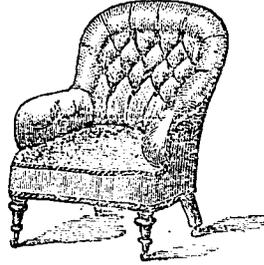
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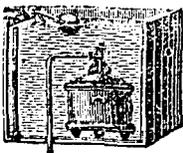
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