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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—This lodge held its installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel on the 30th ult. There were present, amongst others, Bros. Davis, W.M.; E. Mallett, S.W., W.M. Elect; C. Dairy, J.W.; Rumball, S.D.; Bye, J.D.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Waygood, I.P.M.; Whitby, I.G.; Morrison, W.S.; Heaphy, D.C.; Walls, P.G.O. Midx., A.D.C.; and Past Masters Pope, Hopwood, P.G.S.B. Midx.; Harris, Taylor, Green, Themans, and Kennett. The visitors were Bros. J. Smith, P.G.P.; Holden, P.P.G.C. of Midx.; Hill, W.M. United Strength; Hurst, P.M. 1512; Linton, J.W. Dobie and Brownrigg; Mathias, 228; Syer, Montefiore; Arlett, Gresham; Cox, Acacia; Harris, Joppa; Watson, Belgrave; Harding, Chaucer; Dunn, 813; Moss, 1706. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Smith, the ceremony being well performed. Bro. Themans having taken the chair by the W.M.'s request, passed Bros. Broadhurst and Cox to the Second Degree most ably. The ceremony of installation was then commenced by the W.M., who appointed Bros. Hopwood as S.W.; Kennett as J.W.; Stuart as D.C.; and Themans, as I.G., to assist him in carrying out the ceremonies. The duty of inducting a new Master into the chair of K.S. is at all times and to all brethren a most pleasing one, and in this instance the old and beautiful ritual appertaining to the ceremony was given by Bro. Davis in a manner that clearly manifested to the numerous and appreciative auditory present that it was to him indeed "a labour of love." The officers invested were Bros. C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Carter, Treasurer (19th time); Stuart, Secretary; Whitby, S.D.; Morrison, J.D.; Heaphy, I.G.; Walls, W.S.; Clark, D.C.; Ashton, Assist. Secretary; Robinson, Organist. Two pleasant episodes then took place, viz.: the presentation of a very handsome jewel to the outgoing Master and the handing in of the centenary warrant, which has recently been granted to No. 141, by H.R.H. the Grand Master. The Faith was founded in 1774 under a dispensation from his Grace the Duke of Atholl, Grand Master, and has enjoyed an uninterrupted career of prosperity ever since. Previously to the lodge having been closed, the sum of ten guineas was voted to head the list of Bro. Ashton as Steward to the R.M.B.I. in February next. The banquet, which was served in the Pillar-Room, reflected great credit upon Bro. Clemow and assistants, and at its conclusion the preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the Present and Past Grand Officers" having been coupled with the name of Bro. Joseph Smith, that veteran P.G.P. made a very exhaustive reply. He remarked, en passant, that he had visited the Faith nearly forty years ago, and had been a constant visitor for fourteen years in those early days of his Masonic career. The only brethren he recognised as being familiar to him in the old days at the Gun Tavern, at which hostelry the Faith was for some time located, were Bros. Carter and Hopwood. No. 141 was a very good example of the rapid strides that metropolitan Masonry had made in recent years. When he first visited the lodge some twenty to thirty members composed its strength, and they used to on occasions partake of a very humble repast, "mutton and trimmings" being a staple dish; but now they mustered upwards of 100, and some eighty of them could, as in the present instance, sit down to the luxuries of a well-served and costly banquet. He had been delighted with the way in which the I.P.M. had carried out the installing of his old friend, Bro. Mallett, who that day had made his debut in the character of W.M., and which role he was thoroughly competent to enact. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and having been duly honoured, Bro. Mallett briefly responded by thanking them all for the very handsome manner in which his health had been received, and which honour he hoped he should continue to deserve. He would endeavour to discharge his duties conscientiously and efficiently, and he hoped that his year would be as successful as that of his predecessor, Bro. Morris Davis. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by the Rev. Bro. Holden in a very lengthy and

eloquent speech. He expressed his best and warmest thanks for the manner in which he and his co-visitors had been received by the members of the Faith Lodge that day. Amongst the great and valuable privileges Freemasonry possessed was the right its members had of visiting each other's lodges, and by which means many friendships were engendered, and the prosperity of the Order always enhanced. He personally had experienced very great pleasure in witnessing the manner in which the beautiful ritual of the installation had been given by the I.P.M., who had evidently thought that "what is worth doing is worth doing thoroughly well," and as a young Mason Bro. Davis was deserving of the warmest encomiums that could be passed upon his "work." In conclusion he hoped that the W.M. would have a most happy and prosperous year. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by the I.P.M. and Bro. Stuart. In giving "The Officers," the W.M. spoke at length on the services rendered to the lodge by the Treasurer and Secretary. With regard to the other officers, from Bro. C. Dairy, S.W., who was a most indefatigable officer, downwards, they had all endeavoured to do their duty well, and he hoped that this attention would in due time entitle them to gain the high and honourable position which he that day had been inducted to. In conclusion he addressed a few kind words to each. This toast having been warmly received was acknowledged by all the officers present. The proceedings were enhanced by the dramatic and vocal contributions of Bros. Holden, Hurst, Moss, Walls, Leftly, Davis, sen., and others. Bro. Longst: ffle having discharged his duty, the brethren separated until the last Tuesday in the present month.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Edward Jones, W.M.; Henry Legge, S.W.; W. T. Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Kellaway, S.D.; S. T. Lucas, J.D.; Edward King, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; Thomas Cohu, P.M.; John Kent, Charles Cann, R. E. Bright, Samuel Haynes, Thomas Fisher, J. G. Chillingworth, jun.; W. Figs, F. Fellows, W. F. Poulton, H. A. Pratt, H. A. Carter, C. Gale Sparrow, R. J. Dart, Thomas Agutter, and others. The minutes of the lodge were read and confirmed; a report of the Committee for revising the bye-laws was submitted to the lodge; some alterations and additions being made they were ordered to be printed and circulated, subject to the approval of the Grand Secretary. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the charity box to a distressed brother. The lodge was then closed in due form.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The installation meeting of this dramatic and musical lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday afternoon under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Tinney, W.M. The lodge was very numerously attended, the list of brethren present including the following members of the lodge and visitors.—Bros. E. Stanton Jones, P.M. and Secretary; C. Coote, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Midx.; J. Weaver, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Midx.; George Buckland, J.W.; Charles Coote, jun., Treas.; Edward Frewin, P.M.; Charles S. Jekyll, I.P.M.; Charles Harper, jun.; Joseph Perry, John M. Ball, Henry Snyder, Henry J. Tinney, Julian Egerton, Joseph Baker, Edward Terry, S.W.; William J. Castell, Leopold Silberberg, Joseph Horton, Edward Swanborough, S.D.; Henry Lazarus, Gustavus R. Egerton, James Greenhill, James Romberg Poulter, William Meyer Lutz, Steward; Arthur Thomas, Harry Cox, I.G.; Abraham Henson, William Smith, Charles Wellard, J.D.; Robert Soutar, John Maclean, Frederick Delevanti, Org.; James Charles Hambleton, Edmund Rogers, Charles George Alias, John Henry Pearson, Charles Beckett, James R. Jekyll, Louis Herman, Charles Francis Fogarty, Charles Harcourt, Alfred Phinney, Walter Hopkins Smith, Henry James Carter, C. Tinney, C. R. Powell, E. J. F. Bell, Lionel Brough, Llewellyn Winten, P. le Conte Castell, R. Dodson, J. Beveridge, H. J. Callcott, J. T. Hatcher, W. J. Kent, F. Pritchard. Visitors: Bros. G. A. Low, 1589; Bristo, 1364; H. Whaley, 1670; W. Hilton, 780; White, 101; Robertson, 228; W. C. Heaton, 1451; O. Vincent, 1549; T. Smith, 969; W. Goss, 780; C. Thompson, 969; G. F. Smith, 186; H. Massey (Freemason); G. W. F. Loftus, Social, 93, Norwich; A. Barrett, 1705; W. Wellsch, 1589; N. Reed, 1671; A. Moore, 862; Maybrick, 1491; J. McLaren, 4; E. R. Cutter, 231; E. H. Stamwitz, 435; J. Barrett, 185; Kingston, 862; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; J. B. Monckton, Pres. B.G.P.; and G. Cox. The installation was the only ceremony to be worked, and this was performed in an admirable manner by Bro. W. A. Tinney. Bro. Edward Terry, S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Tinney, and by him was installed in the W.M. chair. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. G. Buckland, S.W.; E. Swanborough, J.W.; Wellard, S.D.; H. Cox, J.D.; M. Lutz, I.G.; Maclean, D.C.; Delevanti, W.S.; E. Rogers and J. Gilbert, Orgs.; C. Coote, Treas.; E. S. Jones, Sec. After the delivering of the address to the Master, Wardens and brethren, Bro. Tinney sat down amidst great applause. The lodge then transacted some formal business, and after closing down, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a sumptuous banquet was awaiting them. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung by the musical brethren, and the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Bro. J. B. Monckton, in replying for the Grand Officers, congratulated the brethren on having the ceremony of installation so ably performed as it had been by Bro. Tinney, who also had given the addresses so fluently and perfectly. He observed that even so great a Mason as Bro. Hervey, who was present at the working, had said that he never saw the installation done better. It must be gratifying to Bro. Tinney, to hear praise from such a quarter, and it must also be very gratifying to Bro. James Weaver, who had been the instructor of Bro. Tinney. So much for the working of the lodge; but he had also to

make a remark on the way the banquet had been served. After a very long experience of Masonic banquets he must say he had never sat down to a better banquet than had now been supplied by the new management of Freemasons' Tavern. The W.M. next proposed "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Asaph," and said it must be a source of great gratification to the brethren that this fund was in so prosperous a state. That satisfactory position was owing to their having so admirable a president as Bro. Stanton Jones, and to the lodge being a working lodge. In this lodge they did not go in for knife-and-fork Masonry except once a year, on which occasion they were glad to meet the brethren of other lodges. They aimed high; they wished to provide for a time when the brethren of the lodge might apply to the Benevolent Fund and receive a satisfactory answer. They did not strive for self-gratification; and he was glad to hear from Bro. Monckton, the President of the Board of General Purposes, that very many new lodges started on the same principle. Those were the true principles of Freemasonry. Bro. E. Stanton Jones acknowledged the toast and thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast in time for the professional brethren, who were obliged to leave early, to hear the toast proposed. He was pleased to inform the brethren that the fund was progressing surely and steadily, and he thanked the brethren for the liberal support which they gave to it. Freemasonry was very prosperous indeed, and this lodge had admitted into the Order brethren who were an honour to it. The Benevolent Fund deserves the heartiest support, and in saying this he would particularly address himself to the newly initiated, and remind them of the moment they were received into Freemasonry and exhort them to follow out their noble resolve and subscribe to the Benevolent Fund to the utmost of their ability. The contributions that evening amounted to £16 18s. 6d. Bro. W. A. Tinney, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." The W.M. in reply said: As you have already discovered by this time, "I am no orator, as Brutus was," but I am naturally a diffident man, and I find it very difficult to reply to the speech of my Immediate Past Master Tinney. He has spoken very kindly of me, and I really do not know that I deserve it or shall deserve it. I shall, however, try to do so; but really I consider this a red-letter day in my Masonic career, and I shall certainly never forget it. It is a date rather well remembered in English history. To carry out the most extraordinary simile a little further, when I leave here I leave to go to a certain cellar, and blow up a certain member of the house of Soutar. However, this is a digression, and I thank my brother, I.P.M. Tinney, very sincerely for the kind words he has expressed on my behalf. And I think the best way of getting out of rather a difficult task is to proceed to talking about him. I have the honour and pleasure of presenting our Bro. Past Master Tinney with this jewel. That he has performed his duties of Master ably I am sure every member of this lodge will admit, and I have very great confidence in having him near me during the ensuing year. I only hope that during that year I shall be able to perform my duties as ably as our Bro. Tinney has done, and that I shall give as much satisfaction and be as earnest in the cause of Masonry as he. I hope also that I shall leave this chair with as much honour as he does. (Hear, hear). I need not say that if I can perform those duties and attend to them as assiduously as Bro. Tinney, and if they are so favourably approved I shall be amply rewarded. Bro. Tinney replied, thanking the brethren for the gift of the P.M. jewel and assuring them that it would always be looked upon by him with the greatest pleasure. He never would have attained to his present distinguished position if it had not been for the assistance of his friends, the P.M.'s of the lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s." Bro. Charles Coote replied. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors." Bro. C. W. Thompson responded. The W.M. next gave "The Officers," and said he was sure that during his year of office he would have the best assistance of the officers of the lodge of Asaph. They were all good Masons, and therefore it was unnecessary to say any more concerning those brethren. Bro. Buckland, S.W., in reply, said that everything he could say had been anticipated in the excellent speeches the brethren had listened to. All the officers concurred in the remarks made with reference to Bro. Tinney. He might inform the brethren that during the seven years of the lodge's existence no less than five Masters had installed their successors. With such a prestige, and with its present healthy condition, he thought he might predict lasting prosperity to the Lodge of Asaph. Bro. Edward Swanborough said he could not sit down without thanking the brethren on behalf of himself and the junior officers of the lodge. They would support the W.M. in the same measure as they had supported his predecessors. No officer had been absent more than once during the past year, and this, he thought, would speak volumes for the officers. It showed not only the love they had for the Master, but for Freemasonry, and it was exceedingly pleasant to find that they had such dear brethren in the Lodge of Asaph. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. A beautiful selection of music was given in the course of the evening, under the direction of Bro. C. S. Jekyll, organist of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, by Bros. John Hodges, Barrett, G. Egerton, Bell, C. Tinney, Greenhill; and instrumentalists, Bros. H. Tinney, E. Stanton Jones, W. J. Kent, Julian Egerton, and Charles Harper.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—At the New Cross Public Hall, Lewisham-road, on Saturday last, was held the election meeting of 1559, and it was attended by many influential local brethren, as well as by all of its members who think as much (or more) of the ritual of Freemasonry as they do of the "right-you-are" portion; or, in other words, the knife and fork business. Still the muster was not by any means a large one, although as a matter of fact the lodge was attended by as many as was

strictly speaking, convenient, seeing how limited is the space in the room devoted to the purpose. It is a great pity in any case, that the ceremonies should be hampered by a lack of necessary space, and we can sympathise with the New Cross brethren in the predicament they find themselves placed, reduced to the bore of this particular room, and that, too, under certain circumstances which render the office of Secretary to 1559 anything but a sinecure. However, it is pleasing to note how the brethren, with one accord, unite heart and soul in the endeavour to make the most of indifferent quarters, and excellently do they succeed too. Now if the call could be arranged for 3.30 or 4, in place of such an inconveniently early hour as 3, there would be a full lodge from the commencement, and few, if any, late arrivals. In cases of some of the most zealous members it is found impossible to reach the scene of action in time to take part in the opening of the lodge, and there is nothing that makes a greater impression on a visitor than the assemblage of a full lodge at its opening. Having (in good part) delivered ourselves of this homily, let us narrate what we witnessed at New Cross last Saturday. On the tick of 3, most punctual of Masters, Bro. H. Keeble, P.M. 1275, and the present W.M. of 1559, entered the lodge and assumed the throne of K.S. After lodge had been opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bros. Wise and Fry, candidates for the last but greatest trial of a Mason's sincerity, were entrusted and withdrew. Lodge was then duly opened to the degree of M.M., after which the candidates were admitted. Bro. Keeble then, with due solemnity (and a due respect to the importance of rhetoric, conveying the full sense of the beautiful ritual to the ears of those who heard it for the first time), raised Bros. Fry and Wise to the Sublime Degree. It was evident the candidates were impressed—indeed, we have seldom witnessed a raising more impressively performed or more deferentially received. There being neither initiation nor passing, the annual business of the lodge was then proceeded with. That all-important task, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, was first proceeded with, and delighted we are to chronicle the fact that Bro. Walter Simmonds, J.W., was elected unanimously, and in returning thanks to the brethren for the honour conferred upon him evinced a modesty of demeanour that has made him a favourite with all who know him. Bro. F. Walters, P.G.J.W. Middlesex, was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. A. B. Church re-elected Tyler, and Bros. Ernest Smith, Cowley, and Swain appointed to serve on the Audit Committee for the ensuing year. On the proposition of Bro. Walters, it was unanimously agreed to purchase a Past Master's jewel of the value of twelve guineas, for presentation to Bro. Henry Keeble on his quitting the chair at the next meeting of the lodge in February next. This terminating the business on the agenda paper lodge was closed in due form, and an adjournment made to refreshment, where, after justice had been done to an ample repast served in Bro. Page's usual efficient style, the W.M., gavel in hand, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. Thielley, P.P.G.S. Middx. S.W., then gave in the absence of the I.P.M., "The Health of Bro. Keeble, the popular W.M.," which was received with "New Cross fire." Bro. Keeble, whose replies never run to a great length but are replete with happy sentiments, reiterated former promises to the effect that "having the love of the New Cross Lodge at heart, he should as one of its P.M.'s strive to exceed his endeavours as W.M., and that next to his mother lodge he was most wrapped up in and bound to 1559," remarks which pleased the brethren immensely. Never was toast more heartily drunk than that of the W.M. elect., proposed by Bro. Keeble, and, having some experience in civic banquets, can honestly say that never was Lord Mayor elect more enthusiastically received than was Bro. Simmonds when he rose to reply. Preparatory to his doing so, Bro. Louis Beck, S.D., W.M. of the Rothesay Lodge, treated the brethren to the "Rothesay March" (composed by himself), amid great applause. Bro. Simmonds rose to respond. "As a young Mason" said he "it had always since initiation been his most ardent wish to one day fill—and that worthily—the chair of W.M. He could scarcely credit it, so young did he feel as a Mason, that he had that evening been chosen to fill so high and honourable a post. It was the more difficult to realise that the height of his ambition had been reached from the fact that he stood before them as J.W. of the lodge, and he said it with feelings of deep sincerity, that he wished Bro. Thielley, S.W., now filling with credit the chair of W.M. in the Era Lodge, could have been eligible to assume a similar position in the New Cross Lodge. He (Bro. Simmonds) feared that from one point of view he would not make so good a W.M. as the brother who was leaving the chair, for Bro. Keeble was as efficient in the ceremonies as a W.M. could possibly be, and in this respect it was impossible for a successor to better him, (hear, hear), but in other respects he trusted the brethren would have no reason to regret having chosen him as their W.M. for 1877-8, for no one he assured them could feel more anxious for the future success of the lodge, nor could any one be more willing to devote all the spare time he could find than himself. The brethren had but to say the word and anything he could do at their wish for the good of the New Cross Lodge should be done, and he wished them a happy year under his gavel." To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Govan Macdonald, P.M. 1158, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, replied at some length, as did likewise Bro. J. Clark, 1423, who told the brethren that he was so impressed with the manner in which work was done at 1559, that he hoped soon to become a joining member, an intimation which invoked cheers. "The officers" replied individually to their toast; and after the W.M. had passed high encomiums on the merit, ability, and energy of the "Secretary" Bro. Grummant, the honoured official made a remarkably modest reply, in which he denied all merit and

ability, but acknowledged that he was ready and willing to devote his energies for the good of Freemasonry, but in particular to his mother lodge. We noticed present Bros. Keeble, W.M.; Thielley, S.W., P.P.G.S. Midx.; W. Simmonds, J.W.; Louis Beck, S.D.; H. Green, J.D., P.M. 1275; T. Grummant, Sec.; F. Walters, P.G.J.W. Midx., &c.; Bro. Macgillivray, Swain, Stiers, Ernest Smith, Thornton, Knibbs, Cowley, Mass, Beckles, Wise, Fry; also visiting Bros. G. Macdonald, P.M. 1158; J. Clark, 1423; and D. Smith, 1326.

SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE (No. 1539).—This lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Thursday week, when lodge was opened by Bro. W. Ramsey, W.M. The installation ceremony was the only business on the paper, with the exception of a motion for altering the bye-laws by changing the month for the election of the Master. Bro. M. S. Larlham, P.M., installed Bro. North Ritherdon as Master, and the following brethren were then appointed officers for the year:—Bros. Wm. Ramsey, I.P.M.; T. L. Greene, S.W.; Ross, J.W.; A. J. Murray, S.D.; E. Seale, J.D.; Martin, I.G.; Allen, Steward; Charteris, W.S.; Larlham, Treasurer; E. Clarke, Sec.; and Bro. Geider, Tyler. The list of brethren present comprised the names of Wm. Ramsey, T. L. Greene, North Ritherdon, M. S. Larlham, A. J. Murray, A. Martin, J. H. Allen, E. Seale, F. J. Tims, R. Monnington, W. J. Holland, James E. Platt, R. Richardson. Visitors: James Stevens, P.M. 1426; H. J. Pellew, 26; C. Stuart Barker, jun., W.M. 1632; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D.; Midx., 142; William S. Webster, P.M. 231; H. Massey (Freemason), P.M. 619; Richard Tarrant, 1348. After the work of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. The W.M. before proceeding with the toasts of the evening presented Bro. Greene, the I.P.M., with a P.M. jewel, and said that it must always be pleasing to Bro. Greene to have a self-approving conscience with respect to the discharge of his duties as Master of the lodge during the past year; and the brethren hoped he might long live to wear the jewel and to be among the members of the lodge. Bro. Greene in acknowledging the gift said it was his wish also that he might be so spared, and in accepting the jewel he had great pleasure, as it was an evidence that for sixteen months, during which time he had been Master of the lodge, he had performed his duties impartially and to the satisfaction of the brethren. He had certainly performed them conscientiously, and he left the chair with an exchequer better than he found it. He could not return thanks without expressing his indebtedness to those officers who had been so kind as to assist him with their advice, more particularly Bros. Larlham and Greene. He had also fulfilled his duty with regard to the charitable organization of the lodge, and he might mention that besides taking the position of Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions his intention was to represent the lodge, if it would allow him, for the old men and women next year. To the best of his ability he had endeavoured to fulfil the wishes of the brethren, but as he might not have been perfect he would conclude with the language of the poet, and remind them that "to err was human; to forgive Divine." After the loyal toasts had been honoured, Bro. Greene proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. said there were occasions when a dumb man wished to speak plain, and such was the case then with himself. He first cordially thanked the brethren for the toast, and next hoped that they might have a happy and prosperous year. The realisation of such a desirable object was in their own hands, not in his alone, but in those of all the members. There must be a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together. They must cultivate unanimity, discard animosity, and if there were any by-gones, let them be by-gones; the officers must endeavour to perform their duties satisfactorily and with the best of their ability. He would do the same, in order that they might make the lodge attractive both to members and visitors, and also to give encouragement to initiates, and that favourable impression which it was so desirable that they should have of Masonry. They should likewise give him encouragement and support by attending regularly, constantly, and punctually. If their Master was weak, or if they thought the officers were weak, let not the brethren stop away, and the officers would be sure to improve; while if they stayed away the officers would feel discouraged. If they all worked together in the true spirit of Masonry he was quite sure of the success of the lodge. Bros. James Stevens, Stuart Barker, W. Shakespeare Webster, H. A. Dubois, and other brethren replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and acknowledged in the warmest terms the hearty reception they had met with. Bros. E. Clarke, Larlham, and Ramsey responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s." The S.W., in acknowledging the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," said he believed the working of the lodge would be carried out perfectly under the W.M., and the officers would endeavour to do their duty. He could say for himself, and also for his brother officers, that they would do all they could to assist the W.M. in the ruling and governing of the lodge, and it should be their wish to see everything working in harmony. The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and to which Bros. Larlham and Clarke replied; and Bro. Murray, who had been Secretary the previous year, said that while holding that office he had done his best, and if there had been any deficiencies he trusted they might be pardoned. He thanked the W.M. for having promoted him to S.D., and said he should endeavour to rise higher. Bros. Seale, (Sunday Times) Allen, and Charteris also replied. By permission of the W.M., Bro. James Stevens, in very complimentary terms, proposed "The Press," and Bros. H. Massey (Freemason) and E. Seale (Sunday Times) having acknowledged the compliment, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held yester-

day week at Freemasons' Hall, when the following brethren attended:—Bros. C. E. Soppet, S.W.; W. E. Gordon Leith, J.W.; D. W. Dewar, Secretary; Cramer, S.D.; H. M. Sydney, I.G.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Percy Leith, S.D.; Joseph, Steele, C. E. Dampier, Geo. R. Mathews, P. D. Kain, John B. Stevens, Geo. T. Robinson, P. Talbot Robinson, W. H. Rowe, 1426; W. Browne Kidder, W.M. 12; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); Nelson Reed, W.M. 1671; and Charles Taylor, I.G. 1426. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., presided, in the absence of Bro. W. T. Raymond, W.M., and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, initiated Messrs. John Barnbrook Stevens, and Percy Douglas Kain, is to the mysteries of the Order. Before proceeding to the installation of the W.M., the motions which were on the paper were called on, and Bro. Sydney having withdrawn the motion of which he had given notice for voting a sum of money to the Indian Famine Fund, Bro. Hyde Pullen after explaining that several members of the lodge having, since they were initiated, removed to long distances in the country, but being still desirous to keep up their connection with the lodge, proposed "That brethren who have been members of this lodge, removing twenty miles and upwards from London, may continue their connections with the lodge as 'country members,' at an annual subscription of half a guinea, paying the usual fee when attending banquet." The motion was seconded by Bro. Percy Leith, G.D., and carried. Bro. Dewar then presented Bro. Charles E. Soppet, S.W. and W.M. elect., to Bro. Hyde Pullen for installation, and Bro. Percy Leith was called upon to fill pro. tem. the S.W. chair, and Bro. Kidder that of J.W. The installation ceremony then proceeded, and Bro. Charles E. Soppet was formally installed as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Pullen was invested as the I.P.M., and after the usual congratulations the brethren below the rank of Installed Master went through the ordinary forms, and the following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his officers:—Bro. W. E. G. Leith, S.W.; Cramer, J.W.; Hyde Pullen, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Sec.; H. M. Sydney, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; G. R. Mathews, I.G.; Josh. Steele, D.C.; and Bro. Potter, Tyler. Bro. Dewar performed the duties of D.C. Bro. Hyde Pullen delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and there being no further business before the lodge it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a charming repast, provided by the proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Best, under the supervision of Bro. E. Dawkins, the manager. When the cloth was cleared grace was sung by Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bro. J. Thornton, and Bro. Henry Parker, this trio also giving a pleasant selection of songs and music between the toasts. The speeches in which the toasts were proposed were very short and to the point. For instance, in giving the toast of "The Queen," the W.M. assumed that every brother knew all the good things that could be said of Her Majesty, and in proposing "The Prince of Wales," reminded them that Masons were all proud of having His Royal Highness at their head, as he was truly a Mason at heart, and did all he could to promote the interests of the fraternity. In giving "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the Grand Officers," he said that all Masons whose privilege it was to attend Grand Lodge could testify to the very able way in which the work was conducted, and that the Grand Officers were always ready and willing to render assistance to those brethren who sought counsel and advice. Two of these Grand Officers were present, and he could say without fear or hesitation that they were particularly anxious to render every assistance to the Craft, and more especially to the Royal Kensington Lodge. Bro. Percy Leith, G.D., replied, and while acknowledging his own readiness to render assistance, could not but feel the honour Grand Officers must feel in the fact that one of their number, Bro. Hyde Pullen, could perform the ceremonies with such fluency and elocutionary power as he had given a proof of that evening. Bro. Hyde Pullen proposed "The W.M." He said that the lodge might expect very great success in the coming year, for Bro. Soppet combined in himself all the good qualities which were essential in a Master of a lodge, and would endeavour to preside over the brethren in such a way that no exception could be taken to his rule. He had never missed one evening, had never neglected one atom of his duty, but had performed it thoroughly and absolutely well. Every member of the lodge would echo these words, and also the good wishes he (Bro. Pullen) would express for the W.M.'s year of office. It was only a little over twelve months that the lodge was consecrated, and most of its members were young Masons. Nevertheless they had so performed their duties that he was sure they would each in his turn follow the example of the W.M., and so would bring the lodge to a very eminent position. In acknowledging the toast, the W.M. said that after such expressions as those used by Bro. Pullen he had a very difficult task to perform. But he could say with sincerity that he was truly sensible of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the brethren calling him to fill the distinguished position of W.M. of the Royal Kensington Lodge. The event would always remain in his memory as a most conspicuous honour, and would be handed down to his children as such, and he trusted also to his children's children. He should during his year endeavour to the utmost to please the brethren in every respect. If he should fail he hoped they would tell him, but he wanted to give happiness to every member of the lodge. His earnest endeavour would be to promote the interests of the Royal Kensington Lodge, and the welfare and happiness of each of its members. The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M.," Bro. Hyde Pullen, who, he said, had endeared himself to every member of the lodge, had done the work in a masterly manner during the past year, and had set an example to the brethren which they would not be slow to follow. Bro. Pullen having replied, and assured the brethren that it gave him great pleasure

to be of any service to Freemasonry, the W.M. proposed "The Initiates," and to this Bro. Stevens and Kain replied. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and, as a proof that many young Masons of the present day were striving hard to attain to the highest positions, stated that Bro. Nelson Reed, whose working he had been privileged to see, was Master of a lodge, although he had been only two years a Mason. Bro. Browne Kidder, who was the first to reply, said he had been much pleased by what he had seen of the W.M.'s work in investing his officers. Bro. Pullen's working had filled his mind with feelings which would not pass away. The lodge had given great proofs of its energy, and while that lasted the lodge must rise to the highest eminence, more especially when it was under the guidance of such a P.M. as Bro. Pullen. It was a good example for the young Masons to follow. He hoped the W.M. would have a most happy reign, for he knew he would discharge his duties with efficiency, and to the satisfaction of the brethren. What he had witnessed that evening had been a great treat to him, and to all the other brethren who had the privilege of seeing it. Bro. Nelson Reed and the other visitors also replied. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Master." No words of his (the W.M.'s) could ever express how thoroughly the brethren appreciated the style in which the installation had been performed. Those below the chair could not for a moment feel as he (the W.M.) did. Some few years ago he passed through a degree that made a lasting impression upon him, and the ceremony he had just gone through he should also never forget. He could not himself, nor could any of the brethren sitting round the table, find words to express their appreciation of the service rendered by Bro. Hyde Pullen, who was known throughout the Craft as a tower of strength, for he could perform ceremonies which few other brethren could. In returning thanks Bro. Hyde Pullen said it must ever be a pleasing reflection for him that he introduced into the world of Masonry the Royal Kensington Lodge. Bros. Hyde Pullen and Dewar acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Pullen also replied for "The Masonic Charities." The W.M. in proposing "The Officers," said he was happy in knowing that he was assisted by good officers, and he was proud of them. No one could be otherwise than proud of Bro. Leith, S.W., who had done his duty in the past year as J.W. in such an admirable manner that he inspired every one with confidence that he would be a great assistance to the Master in the ensuing year. Bro. Cramer, J.W., had shewn great zeal in discharging his portion of the official duties of the lodge, and in helping in every possible manner to give effect to the ceremonies. Bro. Sydney was also a very good officer, and the same could be safely said of Bros. Robinson and Matthews. They would be thoroughly up to the mark during the year. Bro. Matthews, although a young Mason, had shewn great perseverance in order to gain the position he had. Bro. Steele, whom they were all proud of, was a thorough Mason at heart, and now that he was in the Masonic temple would ascend the ladder, and in due time occupy the honourable position that the brethren had placed him (the W.M.) in that evening. He was very proud of having such officers. If he had felt for one moment that he had not the good feelings of his officers he did not know what he should do. He was sure they would do everything in their power to help him, and when his year of office came to a close he should glide into the ranks of the P.M.'s with honour and credit. The officers having replied, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, and closed the first year of the Royal Kensington Lodge with feelings of the greatest confidence in its future success.

BARNSTAPLE.—Loyal Lodge (No. 251).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Monday last, the W.M., Bro. J. Brewer, in the chair. The meeting was very numerously attended, not only by its own members, but also by several visiting brethren from South Molton, Bideford, Ilfracombe, and other places, on the occasion of the initiation of Viscount Ebrington, the eldest son of Earl Fortescue, who is also a Mason, as well as was his late grandfather, the late Earl of Fortescue, who was Provincial G.M. of Devon from the time the late Sir Charles Bamfylde (grandfather of the present Lord Poltmore, who granted this lodge its warrant of constitution), resigned his office, after holding it for 44 years, which took place in 1819. The late Earl held it from that time up to his death in 1862. Since then the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., has held the office with great credit to himself, and satisfaction to the Craft. Viscount Ebrington was present, balloted for, unanimously elected, and duly initiated. The following were present at the lodge:—Bros. J. Brewer, W.M.; W. C. Oliver, P.M., as S.W.; D. Nicklin, J.W.; R. P. Morrison, S.D.; Rev. T. Russell, P.M., P.P.G., J.W., 251, 489, as J.D.; J. R. Chanter, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. List, Treasurer, P.M.; W. Young, I.G.; R. Ashton, Secretary; H. J. Hancock, Tyler; C. S. Willshire, P.M.; J. Harper, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. Edwards, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Hancock, P.M.; T. Ebsworthy, P.M.; F. Symons, P.M.; W. H. Brewer, P.M.; J. Gaydon, J.D.; C. E. R. Chanter, 251; T. S. Herbert, 251; C. Ford, 251; N. Saxson, 251; F. T. Hussey, 251; W. Boyle, 251; E. Mugford, 251, Steward; T. Wadham, 251; J. Martin, 251; W. J. Bowden, 251; and T. Davies, 251. Visiting brethren: J. T. Shapland, P.M. 421; T. Hancock, P.M. (Ilfracombe); H. W. Tatham, P.M. 1425; S. Cruwys, W.M. 498; J. Hodges, 489; G. Pollard, 489; J. Ascott, 489; S. F. Ireland, 1021 (Hartington); G. Heathcat, 180; J. C. Cornish, 105; R. C. Leach, 507; W. Harvey, 853.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Oct. 31st, about 30 brethren being present; amongst them Bros. Col. William Stuart, P.G.W., &c., W.M.; Capt. E. Green, I.P.M.; W. Finlison, P.M., S.W.; Cookson, P.M., acting J.W.; Coombs, S.D.; Allan, J.D.; Thody, I.G.;

Dr. Prior, P.M., Sec.; Alderman Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Alderman Bull, P.M., Steward; Piper, Organist; and G. Reynolds, Tyler; also P.M.'s G. P. Nash, Whyley, Billson, and Bros. Rev. Fawcett Ward, P.M. 1304; Harris, Verey, Young, Stafford, Thompson, Warren, Capt. Glubb, Pick, Kilpin, Ayres, A. H. Allen, and a visiting brother, the Rev. R. Winning, 1304. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Young was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bro. Allen was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Robt. Broughton-Smith, 511, P.M. 1007, P.M. 1560, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Leicester and Rutland, &c., was balloted for and elected a joining member of the lodge. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when their unanimous choice fell upon Bro. William Rhys Williams, M.D., of Bethlehem Hospital, Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Williams was initiated in the Stuart Lodge, some 16 years ago, and has continued a subscribing member ever since; this choice of Master does great credit to Bro. Williams and his mother lodge. Bro. Alderman John Sergeant, P.M., was elected to the important office of Treasurer, of which post he has fulfilled the onerous duties to the great satisfaction of the brethren, and therefore of his own, for many consecutive years. Bro. George Reynolds, the old and respected Tyler, of very many years standing, was also unanimously re-elected. The brethren having raised a subscription amongst themselves, lodge voted ten pounds as an addition to it, and thus the Stuart Lodge is able to contribute to the Indian Famine Relief Fund the very handsome sum of £55. Other items of routine business having been transacted, lodge was closed, and about 29 brethren sat down to a most excellent supper.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first meeting since the installation of Bro. H. J. Butter, as W.M. of the above lodge, took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at Bro. Tucker's house, the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and although there was a decided falling off on the part of the visitors, yet the number of members present was most gratifying. The lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was taken for Bro. Major Charles Pattison, a near relative of the late distinguished Mason who was the patron of the Pattison Lodge, and for Bro. Richard Pidcock, P.M. 916, and both were unanimously elected. Mr. F. W. Upson was then approved of, and initiated into the mysteries of Masonry; the eloquent style of the W.M.'s work being breathlessly listened to. The important duties of Deacon were undertaken by Bro. McDougall, who with the rest of the officers were most efficient in their various stations. Bro. E. Denton gave the E.A. charge in good style, and the impression altogether was most salutary as to the future, both of the W.M. and his officers. After a letter of thanks had been read from Mrs. Priestley, thanking the brethren for their aid in getting her daughter into the Girls' School, and Bro. Coupland had been appointed as one of the committee on the Hill Testimonial Fund, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquet, which was served by Bro. Tucker in excellent style, he receiving later in the evening the hearty commendations of the W.M. and approval from the brethren for his happy effort. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, as was that of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Lord Holmesdale," who is well and deservedly beloved in the province. In proposing the toast of "Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the P.G. Officers," the W.M. drew attention to the number of P.P.G. Officers who were members of the lodge, observing, amid some merriment, that Past officers were better than present ones, because they had won their spurs. Bro. Coupland, whose name was coupled with the toast, said that as he was now only a past officer he had no especial claim to the toast more than the others present. They must all recollect the recent visit of Bro. Eastes to the lodge, and he could tell them, that if they were pleased with Bro. Eastes, that brother was as much pleased with them. (Cheers.) He, Bro. Eastes, had expressed to him his satisfaction at the excellent way in which the management of the lodge was carried out, and spoke highly of the order, regularity, and good feeling that evidently prevailed among them. (Applause.) He had had the honour of serving under Lord Holmesdale, and no one who saw the great and unvaried interest he took in things Masonic in the province of Kent but must acknowledge him to be the man eminently fitted for the distinguished position he held as their Grand Master. (Loud cheers.) Should they lose him it would be a loss not easily remedied, and he trusted, as he felt sure he did, that their good brother would long be spared to rule over them. (Applause.) Bro. Coupland, after a brief account of the progress of Masonry in Kent, gave 43 as the number of lodges in it, with about a total of 2000 members, and concluded a pleasing address by calling upon Bros. Smith and Denton to respond as well, both brethren doing so briefly. Bro. Vincent, the I.P.M., then proposed in glowing terms "The Health of their esteemed W.M." He claimed it to be the toast of the evening. In the course of his remarks he said they might remember at the late installation banquet, where he had the privilege of first proposing that toast, he told them he had bequeathed them as a legacy on his retiring from the chair a Master of whom they would be proud, and he thought he had done so, and that his prediction had been fulfilled that night, for he felt sure they were one and all proud of him. It was at all times a difficult and arduous task to work up to such a state of perfection in performing the various ceremonies as to fully satisfy the expectation of such a lodge as the Pattison, whose former Masters had made for it a name for excellence second to none in the province, but how much more so one whose time was, like Bro. Butter's, occupied with important duties outside the lodge, where his very minutes were worth gold. They had seen the manner in which he

had performed the ceremony that night, and it would show them what they had to expect from him during his year of office. He proposed his health, which was most enthusiastically drunk. Bro. Butter in reply, said if he rightly conceived the duties of the chair, one of them was to say as little as possible, but this night they must excuse him if he trespassed upon them a little longer than usual. He thanked them for their reception of the toast, and Bro. Vincent for the flattering manner in which he had spoken of him. He felt proud to occupy the position they had placed him in, and deeply proud because of the unanimous vote that had been given him. If there had been one dissentient he should never have sat in that chair with the same unmingled feeling of pleasure and pride with which he now occupied it. (Cheers.) Bro. Vincent had spoken highly of what he had done in the lodge, but he did not desire to be praised for it, because it was simply his duty. There were a great many who were praised for acts done, mostly because they had been successful, and there were others who did a little and were perhaps unsuccessful, and they were not praised, but he looked to the motive, no matter how small the action, or how unsuccessful, if the motive was a good one, and sprung from the heart. (Applause.) A man should be judged by his motives, not by his acts, and while he did not claim any merit for doing his duty to their satisfaction, he trusted they would at all times, whatever his mistakes, or his successes, look not so much to the results, as to the motives by which he was actuated. (Loud cheers.) He then proceeded at length to speak of his determination to carry out his duties impartially, and begged of them, should he at any time give offence to any one, or hurt their feelings in any way, to believe it to be unintentional, and unpremeditated. Order and regularity must reign in the lodge, without it there could be no government, and to show that he should do his duty impartially, he should first of all call Bro. Coupland to account for asking Bro. Smith and Denton to respond on behalf of the P.G. Officers, when his name alone was coupled with it. (Cheers and laughter.) This would show them that if he took to task so exalted a brother as Bro. Coupland, they must not expect to get off themselves, should they commit a breach of duty. (Applause.) He trusted, however, the same brotherly love and good feeling which now existed would long remain, and concluded, a brilliant reply by again thanking them. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Gore, and Burr. "The Past Masters" were ably represented by Bros. Ellis and Vincent, and Bro. Hayes responded for "The Officers." Bro. Tucker's health was drunk most heartily, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures of the evening. The officers present besides the W.M. were Past Masters Ellis, Vincent, Penfold, Coupland, Henderson, and McDougall; J. D. Hayes, S.W.; W. B. Lloyd, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec.; H. Mason, I.G.; C. Cooke, Organist; and R. Lester, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. S. Gore, S.W. 829; J. G. Whomes, P.M. "Union of Malta," and a provincial officer there; E. B. Burr, 1158; A. Hiscock, 13; W. Lacy, 700; J. Wilkins, S.D. 700; J. Ingle, 700; E. W. Crewe, 13; J. Steward, 147; W. A. Watkins, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

ORMSKIRK.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 1403).—The installation meeting, or festival of St. John the Evangelist, was held on Wednesday evening, 24th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, there being about sixty brethren present, including P.M. Bro. the Rev. Philip Hains, M.A., and other visitors. The regular preliminary business having been gone through, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. John B. Forshaw, was duly installed Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, the Installing Master being Bro. J. Baxendale, assisted by Bros. J. B. Lambert and G. Gould, the full ritual of the sublime and impressive ceremony being gone through in a most masterly manner. The ceremony of installation having been completed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. P. Draper, S.W.; John Winstanley, J.W.; Wylde, P.M., Treasurer; J. Hiram Taylor, Secretary; Jos. Hill, S.D.; W. Whittle, J.D.; R. Jenkinson, I.G.; Nunnerley, Tyler; J. Orritt and R. Orritt, Stewards; and P.M. Bro. Bromley was elected M.C. After the whole of the lodge business had been disposed of, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous and well-served banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John B. Forshaw, at whose expense the festive board was spread. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured; and in the course of the proceedings I.P.M. Bro. George Gould was presented with a splendid P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge, in token of their appreciation of the efficient and valuable services rendered by him to the lodge. The jewel was presented by P.M. Bro. S. Wylde, who spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Gould's abilities as a Mason, and of his public and private virtues as a gentleman. It had been his privilege and delight to initiate Bro. Gould into Freemasonry, and he now felt doubly honoured in having been chosen to be the instrument of so soon presenting to him a P.M.'s jewel, which carried with it the respect and hearty good wishes of every member of Lodge 1403. Bro. Gould briefly thanked Bro. Wylde and the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services as a member of the lodge, and promised that so long as he had health and remained in the neighbourhood the lodge should have his best service. The proceedings throughout were of a most interesting and truly Masonic character.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).—A general meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Present, Bros. W. T. Christian, W.M.; Groom, S.W.; W. G. Hallows, as J.W.; Pinder, P.M.; F. Hallows, S.D.; T. Franklin, S.D.; J. H. Cambridge, I.D.; J. M. Hallows, as I.G.; J. Upward, Organist; Gilchrist, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge

was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees and resumed to the First. Bros. Stringle and Burnard were candidates for passing, and being present were examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Stringle and Burnard were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. Rubery and Stockwell answered the usual questions entitling them to be raised to the Third Degree, the lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bros. Rubery and Stockwell were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, according to ancient form and custom. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and several names were handed to the Secretary for initiation at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed in due form, with solemn prayer, and adjourned until Saturday, the 1st December. Amongst the brethren and visitors present were the following: Bros. C. B. Carter, Wm. Moffatt, C. Crouch, P.M. 1297; H. Jones, 996; John Bell, 70; J. E. Simms, 1445; C. Carter, 1507; A. Sheppard, 1592; and others.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd November, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, Notting-hill. Present: Bros. Penn, W.M.; Smout, sen., S.W.; Smout, jun., J.W.; Spiegel, S.D.; Wood, I.G.; Savage, P.M., Preceptor; also Bros. Murlis, W.M.; Michell, P.M.; Parkhouse, Boulter, Lichtwitz, Woodmason, Crab, Linscott, Whitaker, Hopton, Bartell, sen.; Bartell, jun.; Kelly, Newland, Hawes, Adkins, and Hood. On the pressing invitation of the brethren, Bro. Michell, P.M., worked the installation ceremony, and installed Bro. Penn, the W.M. elect at the mother lodge, in the chair of King Solomon. Considering that Bro. Michell came to the lodge quite unprepared, the ceremony was performed in an impressive manner, which gave satisfaction, and a cordial vote of thanks was proposed and carried, to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Penn then passed to the Second Degree Bro. Adkins, after which Bro. Savage took the chair, and worked the ceremony of raising Bro. Mitchell, P.M., being candidate. Before closing the lodge it was proposed by Bro. Savage, and seconded, to offer the best thanks to Bro. Murlis, the present W.M. of the mother lodge, this being the last time that he would be present as the W.M. and founder of the mother lodge and this Lodge of Instruction. Without him there would have been no prosperity in this lodge, by his exertion there are now 60 members, of which 20 to 25 regularly attend.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—A strong meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present amongst others Comps. Cottebrune, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; Weaver, H.; Hill J., Buss, P.Z., Treasurer, acting S.E.; Foulger, P.Z., acting S.N.; Lawrence, P.S.; Downie, acting 1st Assistant, Payne, P.Z.; Sutton, P.Z.; Cubitt, P.Z.; Bolton, P.Z. The visitors were Comps. Stuart, P.Z. "Crystal Palace;" Walls, P.S. Jerusalem; Maidwell, 657. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Cottebrune with the assistance of his officers exalted Bros. Buckhurst, J.W. 157; and Benson, J.W. 1613, the beautiful and impressive ceremony being most ably performed. Their being no other business before the chapter it was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. The preliminary toasts having been honoured Comp. Buss proposed "The Health of the Acting M.E.Z." He said that it was exceedingly melancholy to think that Comp. Scott, who was installed First Principle of their chapter on the 26th March last, and who had discharged his duties so well on that occasion should have passed away less than three weeks afterwards. However, his place had been well filled that evening by Comp. Cottebrune, whose working left nothing to be desired. The acting M.E.Z. in reply said that he felt flattered at the eulogy passed upon him by the father of the chapter. In the course of his response he told them that by a singular coincidence he had been exalted in the chapter on that identical evening just twenty years ago. He considered it the duty of every Past Principal to be in a position to assist in working the chapter should any necessity arise. He felt pleased at having been called upon to preside that evening, although he very much deplored the melancholy circumstance that had occasioned it. "The Exaltees" followed, and having been duly honoured, Comps. Buckland and Benson replied in appropriate terms. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors" the acting M.E.Z. made some very kind and flattering remarks upon the Masonic capabilities of the companions who had visited them that evening. Comp. Stuart, P.Z., in reply expressed the great gratification he had experienced that evening in witnessing the masterly manner in which the arduous ceremony of exaltation had been carried out. He had visited many chapters in his long Masonic career and he could confidently assert that he had never seen better Royal Arch "working." In conclusion he also expressed his personal thanks for the very hospitable manner in which he had been received and entertained at the banquet table. Comps. Maidwell and Walls having also replied, the M.E.Z. then gave in very happy terms "The Health of the Second and Third Principals," which was responded to by Comp. Hill, J., in the absence of his colleague, Comp. Weaver, H. "The Past Principals" followed, and was suitably acknowledged by Comps. Buss, Payne, and Foulger. In introducing "The Health of the Treasurer and Acting S.E.," the acting M.E.Z. took occasion to dilate upon the great services rendered to the Royal Arch Degree in general and to the Domatic Chapter in particular by Comp. Buss, the father of No. 177, who held at that moment those two responsible offices. They were all aware of his great zeal and the careful manner in which he used their funds, and in conclusion the speaker hoped that he, Comp. Buss, would be spared

many years to watch over their interests. Comp. Buss, having made one of his neat and humorous replies, "The Officers" was given, and having been duly acknowledged the Janitor was called upon to discharge his duty, and the companions shortly afterwards separated. During the evening Comps. Stuart, Walls, Maidwell, and others entertained the companions. The next meeting of the chapter will be held on the fourth Thursday of the present month.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The November meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Little Britain. Those present were Bros. E. H. Thiellay, W.M.; T. Cubitt, P.M., S.W.; G. Newman, J.W.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; P. M. Holden, M.O.; Wm. Stephens, S.O.; P. L. Simmonds, J.O.; W. Wilkinson, Reg.; E. L. Shepherd, I.G.; G. Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. E. Bumpus, Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28; Captain R. W. Williams, H.M.C.S., W.M. Star Lodge; and Major W. E. Williams, Cadogan Lodge, No. 162, P.M. 1538. The result being unanimous in their favour, they were advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons. A ballot was taken for Bro. Henry James Green, Era Lodge, No. 176, as a joining member, which resulted in his favour. One brother was proposed for advancement at the next meeting, which will be held the first Tuesday in January, 1878. The lodge was then closed. The brethren dined together at the Holborn Restaurant.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A quarterly communication of Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall on Monday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of the brethren. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, occupied the throne; and Brothers William Mann, Past Grand Warden, and D. M. Nelson, Senior Grand Deacon, acted as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. The other officers present were Bros. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Depute Grand Master; Col. A. C. Campbell of Blythswood, Substitute Grand Master; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; the Rev. A. Thomson Grant, Grand Chaplain; W. Hay, Grand Architect; A. Hay, Grand Jeweller; Daniel Robertson, Grand Bible-Bearer; J. Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; G. F. Russell Colt of Gartsherrie, Grand Sword-Bearer; C. W. M. Müller, Grand Director of Music; Robert Davidson, Grand Organist; Captain Hills, Grand Marshal; Dr. Beveridge, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen City; Dr. Loth, representative of the Grand Lodge of France; G. H. Thoms, Proxy Provincial Master of South Australia; William Officer, representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt; Brother Roger Montgomerie, M.P.; J. Harry Anderson, Queensland, &c. Letters of apology were read from Lord Inverurie, Provincial Grand Master of Kincardineshire; Bros. Boyd, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire (East); and J. H. Neilson, Dublin; and others.

The minutes of Grand Lodge and Grand Committee were confirmed. A number of these referred to the recent changes of the officers, and to the receipt of letters expressive of confidence in the Grand Secretary, and thanks for the prompt attention he had already given to their interests; from the Provincial Grand Lodges of New Zealand, the West India Islands, and Queensland; the Provincial Grand Secretaries of India, Jamaica, and Grey Town; from the Right Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of lodges at the Cape of Good Hope, in Turkey, China, India, Australia, Mauritius, and other parts of the world. The receipt of these communications was recorded as an evidence that the recent changes in the business departments of Grand Lodge had been approved by that important branch of the Scottish Craft—the Colonial lodges.

It was resolved to exchange representatives with the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and St. John's of Hungary, and to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Cuba. In regard to the latter it was explained that it had been formed at Havannah in August, 1876, by the united action of thirteen lodges, who, resisting the pretensions of the Cuban Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, claimed the right of exclusive jurisdiction over all business concerning the ancient institution of St. John's Masonry within the island of Cuba; that the new Grand Lodge had been recognised by the Grand Lodges of New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, and that a commission as representative had been issued in favour of the Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Consideration was given to an application for a commission to Bro. R. Mackintosh Balfour, the newly-appointed Grand Master of India. It appears that in 1836, Bro. Dr. James Burnes was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Western India, and that in 1846 his commission was extended over the three Presidencies, including Aden in Arabia, with the title of "Grand Master of the Scottish Freemasons in India." On the retirement of Bro. Burnes this arrangement ceased, and Bro. Captain Moreland was made Provincial Grand Master of Western India. In 1874 he applied to Grand Lodge for the same powers as had been possessed by Bro. Dr. Burns. This was granted, and in the commission subsequently issued in favour of Capt. Moreland he is designated "Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India," including Aden and the territories adjacent thereto. Bro. Moreland now leaving Bombay for a more congenial climate,

and Bro. Balfour being appointed his successor, a new commission was applied for; and after deliberation Grand Lodge agreed to grant it, similar in every respect to the previous commission.

Bro. Ernest Emil Rosenorn, W.M. of the Lodge Christian, Chamberlain to the King and President of the Municipality of Copenhagen, was appointed as representative to the Grand Lodge of Denmark, in room of the late Bro. Carl Frederick Simony.

Grand Lodge ordered that new charters be issued in favour of the following lodges:—"St. John," Invercargill, New Zealand; "St. Augustine," Waimate, New Zealand; "Bonnie Doon," Colombo, Ceylon; "St. Clair," Adelong, New South Wales; "St. Andrew," Launceston, Tasmania; and "Edinburgh," Mudgee, New South Wales. The reinstatement of the Lodge "Clyde," No. 408, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was reported. The bye-laws of the following lodges, as altered by the Laws Committee, were approved:—"St. Augustine," Waimate; "St. Andrew," Queenstown, Cape of Good Hope; "St. Leonard," Loanhead, No. 580; and "St. John," Girvan, No. 237.

Lord Inverurie, Provincial Grand Master of Kincardineshire, was appointed to instal Bro. Wm. Boyd as Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire (East).

The following were then nominated as the Grand Officers for the next year:—

M.W. Grand Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart; W. Depute Grand Master, Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce; W. Substitute Grand Master, Colonel A. C. Campbell of Blythswood; W. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. F. A. Barrow; W. Junior Grand Warden, the Right Hon. Lord Inverurie; Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Cashier, Bro. David Kinnear; Grand Chaplains, Bros. the Rev. W. H. Gray, D.D., and A. Thomson Grant; Grand Senior Deacon, Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart; Grand Junior Deacon, Sir George Douglas Clerk, Bart., of Penicuik; Grand Architect, Bro. William Hay; Grand Jeweller, Bro. Alexander Hay; Grand Bible-Bearer, Bro. Thomas Halket; Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. John Coghill; Grand Bard, Bro. James Ballantine; Grand Sword-Bearer, Bro. G. F. Russell Colt of Gartsherrie; Grand Director of Music, Bro. C. W. Maxwell Müller; Grand Organist, Bro. Robert Davidson; Grand Marshal, Bro. Captain Hills; Grand Tyler, Bro. William M. Bryce; Outer Guard, Bros. James Baikie; Grand Stewards, Bros. F. S. Melville (president), John Haig, Fife, (vice-president), James M'Laren, J. Turner, A. N. Clarke, Wm. Mann, Chas. Mackenzie, George Bryce Brown, A. Mitchell, Dr. Middleton, Duncan Monteith, Dr. John T. Loth, Alexander Ballantine, F. L. Law, D. H. Y. D. Copland, George McLean, Richard Wilson, Dr. George Dickson, Thomas Swinton, F. B. Niblett, Malcolm M'Nab, H. Munro, J. J. Muirhead, R. S. Brown, A. Henry, G. Robertson, H. R. Hendrie, J. Bell, of Castle Creavie, J. Walker, T. Ford, Henry Welsh, Robert White, A. Muirhead, W. L. Mair, J. Fleming, H. E. Gordon, H. J. Coventry, W.S.; W. H. Mackenzie, R. F. Shaw-Stewart, W. Stevenson, J. Masterton, George G. Russell, John Bryce, R. Morison, John Davidson, Dr. James Carmichael, John Dick, Peter Sinclair, James Crichton, and William Edwards, Edinburgh; Wm. Smith, T. Halket, and John Munro, Glasgow; Colonel David Guthrie, of Carlogie, and J. B. Smart, Panmure, Carnoustie; Geo. Lyon, Forfar; David Small, C. F. Roger, Alexander Henry, J. Berry, William M'Donald, and Alexander Kelt, Dundee; C. F. Matier, E. P. Albert, and W. Smith, C.E., London; J. Macduff, Perth; J. Goodsir, Aberdeen; T. Field, Lochend; Gilbert Farie and George Miller, Bridge of Allan; R. Dudgeon and Murdoch Mackenzie, Musselburgh; W. Caldwell, New Zealand; J. A. Breysig, Portobello; E. G. M. Sellentin, Leith; Major E. A. Ryan, R.A., Kent; Alex. Duff, Stow; Dr. A. M. Millman, New Galloway; James Mackie, Hamilton; William Smith, Arbroath; Hall Grigor, Inverkeithing; Thomas Pringle, Auchindinny; William D. Chambers, Ayr; James Murray, Loanhead; Dr. John Falconer, Lasswade; A. B. Cairns, Edinburgh; W. H. Bickerton, Glasgow.

Those brethren proposed as office-bearers intimated their readiness to accept office; and the Grand Master, in thanking the brethren, remarked that he considered it proper to remain in office for another year, so that he might see the completion of the alterations in Grand Lodge which had been commenced during his reign.

Intimation was made of the resignation of Brother Hislop, Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand, and Grand Lodge accepted of the resignation, and expressed regret thereat, and thanks for the services rendered to the Craft by Brother Hislop. Brother Judge Hardy has been nominated by him as his successor. It was unanimously agreed that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased by £100—making it now £400. The salary of the Grand Cashier was again fixed at £200. It was remitted to the Board of Grand Stewards to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the festival of St. Andrew. After consideration, it was resolved that the assistance to the brethren who were sufferers by the late fire at St. John, New Brunswick, should take the shape of a private contribution among the members of Grand Lodge. After disposing of some other business—the meeting lasting for four hours—Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street London.—ADVT.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Dr. Hamilton, Grand Superintendent of Jamaica, acted as M.E.Z., Comp. J. M. P. Montagu as H., and Comp. S. Rawson as J.; Comps. John Hervey, S.E., Capt. N. G. Phillips, S.N.; J. A. Rucker, P.S.; James Glaisher, 1st A.S.; Dr. W. Rhys Williams, 2nd A.S.; A. J. D. Filer, S.B.; Robinson, D.C.; Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G. Supt. Surrey; Henry Murray (China); C. Hutton Gregory, J. C. Parkinson, E. S. Snell, H. J. P. Dumas, Joseph Smith, A. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Registrar; H. D. Sandeman, Benjamin Head, Robt. Grey, Thos. Fenn, C. A. Murton, E. J. Barron, J. M. Case, H. G. Buss, C. A. Cottebrune, Col. Creaton, Jonathan Taylor, Z. 933; P.Z. 177; Peter Wagner, H. 185; Charles Godtschalk, P.Z. 1255 and 156; F. Driver, Z. 742; S. B. Boucher, J. 262; T. S. Carter, Z. 403; Hyde Clarke, P.Z. 10; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.Z. 1383 and 784; Charles F. Hogard, J. 141; H. Sutherland, Z. 1118; Walter E. Gompertz, J. 141; Robt. Lyons Campbell, Z. 43; E. Letchworth, Z. 1237; H. Read, P.Z. 733; J. McDougall, H. 913; George Lambert, P.Z. 187; Walter Hopekirk, P.Z. 742; Major Shadwell Clerke, P.Z. and J. 1383; E. J. B. Burnstead, Z. 79; Raphael Costa, P.Z. 214; Thomas Cochran, P.Z. 10; Frank Richardson, P.Z. 8; James Lewis Thomas, Z. 13; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1066; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason); W. Hyde Pullen, F. Adlard, P.Z. 214; H. C. Levander, P.Z. 76; J. Mason, H. 73; C. Burmeister, Z. 538; Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, P.Z. 404; and Thos. Bull, Z. 145.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th July to the 16th October, 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance Grand Chapter	£295	18	10
„ „ Unappropriated Account	181	11	11
„ Subsequent Receipts	307	3	0
	£784	13	9
By Purchase of £300 Consols @ 94½ and Commission	£283	17	6
„ Disbursements during the quarter	185	0	4
„ Balance	116	19	0
„ „ In Appropriated Account	198	16	11
	£784	13	9

which balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Hugh George Colvill, as Z.; Thomas Hawken, as H.; John Richard Collins, as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, to be called "The Saint Petrock Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, in the county of Cornwall.

2nd. From Comps. John Chambers, as Z.; William Nash, as H.; Richard M. Blaker, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge Light of the North, No. 1308, Dalhousie, to be called "The Egerton Chapter," and to meet at Dalhousie, Punjab, in the East Indies.

3rd. From Comps. Major William Edward Williams, as Z.; Henry Keeble, as H.; Thomas Perridge, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich, to be called "The Star Chapter," and to meet at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, in the county of Kent.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received the following petition:—

4th. From Comps. Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Sawyer Somerville Burney, as Z.; Frank Richardson, as H.; Richard Philip Leeson, as J., and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, London, to be called "The Bayard Chapter," and to meet at No. 33, Golden Square, London.

This petition is regular in form. It is however contrary to the usual custom of the Grand Chapter Committee to recommend an application for a chapter from so young a lodge, but under the peculiar circumstances of the case the subject is referred to the Grand Chapter for its consideration.

The Committee, have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, praying that the petition for a chapter to be attached to that lodge, which was negated at the last Grand Chapter, might be again submitted to the Grand Chapter, and that the Committee would recommend Grand Chapter to reconsider its decision.

The Committee taking into consideration the peculiar and special circumstances of the case; recommended that Grand Chapter be asked to reconsider its former decision in this case.

On motion duly made and seconded the first three petitions were unanimously granted.

The recommendation with respect to the Bayard Chapter was then considered.

The M.E.Z. said that on many occasions when he had the honour of filling the Z. chair it had become his duty to propose the granting of a charter for a chapter under circumstances like the present. In some cases he had

found there were reasons for granting the charter, in others there were not; and he would now therefore ask Grand Chapter to adopt the recommendation of the committee, and consider the circumstances of this case.

Comp. C. Hutton Gregory said he begged to recommend warmly to the favourable reception of Grand Chapter the petition which had first been referred to. He had no connection with the petition either directly or indirectly, but he knew the source from which it came, and the elements of which the intended chapter was to be composed. He was quite aware that it was a very wholesome rule that chapters should not be authorised unless the lodges with which they were connected had been established for three years. The reason of that was that they did not wish to have a chapter established if there was not a chance of its succeeding, and unless a lodge was established three years Grand Chapter should be very chary about granting a charter. Many young Masons might be ambitious to enter a chapter as soon as they possibly could, but in the case of the Bayard Chapter the companions should consider whether there were circumstances that would induce them, although the prayer had not been actually recommended by the Committee, to grant the petition. The Bayard Lodge was the outgrowth of another lodge which had been very successful, devoting itself more to Masonry than to Masonic entertainment, though in saying this he did not mean to reflect on those that thought that there should be some conviviality about Masonry. The Bayard Lodge was really a chapel of ease to the Friends in Council Lodge, which had produced the Friends in Council Chapter, which in its turn numbered almost as many members as the lodge itself. The Bayard Lodge had met with such success that it numbered seventy or eighty members, and during the first year of its existence it had made itself a Vice-President of the three Masonic Charities. When a lodge was so well established, and so many of its members were craving to become Royal Arch Masons, they might be sure there was no objection to the prayer of this petition being granted. A reason for the rule laid down by Grand Chapter was that there should be a sufficient number of advanced Masons in the lodge who could go up to the chair. Now in the Bayard Lodge there were a number of P.Z.'s, to insure having the three chairs filled for eight years; and among the petitioners there were three or four Past Principals. Under all these circumstances he thought Grand Chapter would be desirous to encourage this Order, and he thought that if Grand Chapter granted this charter it would be conducing to the good of the Order. He looked upon this as so much a question of principle that he had not first attempted to get a seconder of his motion.

Comp. S. Rawson, as the first Principal of the Friends in Council Chapter of the present year, could bear witness to what Comp. Gregory had said. That chapter was becoming so numerous that it was desirable that another chapter should be formed for the convenience of the companions. The proposed chapter might be said to be an offshoot of the Friends in Council Chapter, and he had much pleasure in seconding Comp. Gregory's motion.

Comp. Joseph Smith referred to the proceedings at last Grand Chapter, when the petition for the Wanderers Chapter was before the companions, and it was resolved by a very large majority that Grand Chapter should not break through its rule of five or six years ago. Up to this time Grand Chapter had adhered faithfully to that rule. Now, if the petition before Grand Chapter was granted, Grand Chapter could not refuse in future similar petitions, and he, for one, should make no opposition at other times to them. Companions must bear in mind that plenty of new lodges were coming into existence, which would want chapters attached to them, and so far as the number of their members went it was very natural they should ask for chapters. New officers were very anxious to bring all their friends into a lodge in the first year, and to his mind the members in a lodge, in the first year, were no criterion of the prosperity of a lodge. After a year and a half's existence a new lodge would be numerous, and this would be a ground for asking for a chapter. Surely it would be better for Grand Chapter to confine itself to its rule, for he was sure that if many charters were granted some of the chapters working under those charters would suffer. Arch Masonry was not like Craft Masonry; there was not the same zeal exhibited on behalf of the Arch, and it would be difficult to get the new chapters supported, and some would come to grief. If there were so many working brethren in this new lodge who wanted to go into the Arch there were hundreds of other chapters which they might join. He was not at all opposing the present petition, but merely wished to point out that there should be some consistency, and that having made a rule six years ago and adhered to it ever since it should be adhered to now. If this petition was granted he should vote in favour of granting the petition for the Wanderers Chapter.

In answer to Comp. F. P. Morell, the M.E.Z. said that though the rule mentioned which had been recommended by the committee had been observed by Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter still retained power to grant or refuse any petition brought before it. Every petition ought to be considered on its merits. If they found a petition was supported and that there was reason to suppose that the formation of a new chapter would do good to the Order in general, it was for Grand Chapter to consider whether they should grant any particular petition. Grand Chapter would abrogate its own power if it refused a petition simply because it was according to rule. If, seeing reason for granting a petition, it granted the petition Grand Chapter retained its power.

Comp. McIntyre, Registrar, being called upon for his view of the matter, said he saw nothing in the regulations to limit the power of Grand Chapter. There might be special circumstances in some cases for not following the three years' rule, and where there were such circum-

stances Grand Chapter had the power to depart from the rule.

Comp. C. Hutton Gregory asked whether if the chapter were now granted, the companions of the new chapter would take it as from that night, or whether the motion of this evening would require confirmation at next Grand Chapter.

Comp. McIntyre said it was rather a curious question, from the mode in which the matter had been treated by Grand Chapter Committee. In the ordinary case when the committee recommended a charter to be granted, the charter issued immediately on the recommendation being adopted. But in this case the committee did not recommend the granting of the charter, but merely recommended Grand Chapter to consider the question. From the way the committee had framed their recommendation, it was difficult to see what they meant. One would have thought that the committee if they had meant not to recommend the granting of the charter would have said so in so many words, but they referred the matter to Grand Chapter for its consideration. They steered clear of saying they did not recommend it.

Col. Creaton, President of the Committee, said they felt they could not recommend it, and they shifted the responsibility of granting or rejecting it on the shoulders of Grand Chapter.

Comp. McIntyre referred to the Royal Arch regulations to show that if a charter was recommended and Grand Chapter granted it, the warrant was forthwith to issue; but he added that it appeared to him that if it was not recommended, but referred to Grand Chapter for consideration, if Grand Chapter then granted it the grant would require confirmation at next Grand Chapter.

Comp. H. J. P. Dumas said that the three years' rule was adopted for the purpose of securing a proper supply of Principals to fill the three chairs. In this case it had been shown demonstrably and without any doubt that there would be no lack of Principals for a long time to come; therefore the letter of the law had been complied with.

The charter was then granted.

The renewed petition of the Wanderers Lodge for a charter for a chapter was then read, and the M.E.Z. called any companion to state the circumstances why it should be granted.

Comp. Hervey, E., thought the best way would be to read the petition. He then read the petition, which set out very strong circumstances, among others being the large number of members of the lodge; that their Masonic age ranged from thirty-five years downwards; that many were old Past Principals; and that there were large numbers of them who could fill the Principals' chairs.

The M.E.Z. said he was in the chair on the last meeting, and it was not then shown with sufficient clearness that there was a good supply of P.Z.'s to fill any vacancies in the chair. The members that were proposed for the three chairs had never held chairs before.

Lieut. General Brownrigg, Prov. G. Sup. Surrey, said he had been asked to support this petition, and as a very old Mason and a still older soldier he felt the greatest interest in it. He objected as a rule to regimental lodges specially attached to regiments, but where lodges and chapters were formed in large garrisons such as London he thought the institution most excellent, and that they should be supported. He was an honorary member of the Wanderers Lodge, and had seen the admirable way in which the work in that lodge had been done. He could say he never saw a set of men in his life who were more fit to have a chapter attached to the lodge than those brethren. Therefore, he earnestly recommended it for the reconsideration of Grand Chapter. In the case of soldiers it was rather exceptional. They were men who had not the amusements that many other classes of society had, and the very occupation of Masonry did them, and did Masonry, a great deal of good. (Hear, hear.)

Comp. C. A. Cottebrune seconded the motion, and the petition was unanimously granted.

Lieut. General Brownrigg thanked Grand Chapter for the grant.

Comp. John Mason, H. 73, moved that in order to harmonise the regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter with the laws of Grand Lodge, and to accord with a recent decision of the Grand Registrar in reference to the powers of Grand Superintendents of districts or provinces,—that paragraph 37, page 12, of the R.A. regulations, commencing at the words "they are also empowered," be expunged, and the following regulation substituted:

"The Grand Superintendents may summon any chapter or companion within their district to attend them within the limits of such district, and to produce the charter, books, papers, and accounts of the chapter, or the certificate of the companion."

"If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the chapter or companion may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Supreme Grand Chapter. The decision of the Grand Superintendents shall be final unless an appeal shall be made therefrom to the Supreme Grand Chapter, but no appeal shall be entertained unless transmitted to the Grand Scribe E, within three calendar months from the date of the decision appealed against."

"The Grand Superintendents are also empowered to visit the several subordinate chapters in the province or district, to see that the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter are observed."

In doing so he said it was quite clear that an error had been made, or that the law was defective. He would not take up the time of Grand Chapter by going into details, but he thought it was desirable where the regulations of Grand Chapter could be brought into exact accordance

with the laws of Grand Lodge it should be done. He had no doubt that if there was any opposition to his proposition he would be met with the observation that where anything was not specifically provided for in the Royal Arch regulations, it was to be governed by the Book of Constitutions.

Comp. H. C. Levander seconded the motion, which, after a slight discussion, was carried.

Comp. Benj. Head, in withdrawing his motion for granting 300 guineas to the Indian Famine Fund, observed that he was happy to say that the Duke of Buckingham had stated that no more funds were necessary. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Chapter was then closed in the usual form, and adjourned.

MESSRS. SPIERS AND POND'S NEW HOTEL.

On Thursday afternoon, a private view was given of Messrs. Spiers and Pond's New Hotel, at Holborn Viaduct. The new hotel is fitted with every convenience.

This new Hotel, built in connection with the City Terminus of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, contains 170 bedrooms, and twenty-two reception-rooms, in addition to large coffee-rooms, smoking and billiard-rooms.

Among the other conveniences at this hotel there is a fine hall adapted for Masonic requirements, elegantly fitted by Bro. George Kenning, and well suited for lodges whose members number from fifty to sixty. Adjoining this lodge room is a fine banqueting room, entirely distinct from the rest of the building.

The carpets throughout the hotel are of the finest and newest description, and the patterns vary only with each floor. The carpet in each room has a border made to harmonise with the body of each carpet. The kitchen has been arranged on the top of the house, fitted with the most modern appliances, and, like all the rest, is in keeping with the requirements. There is also a complete service on each floor, in communication with the kitchen above, by means of a series of lifts; besides which there are passenger and luggage lifts, communicating from the bottom of the building to the top. The clocks in the hall have been synchronised, and Greenwich time is repeated throughout the building, day and night.

Each article of furniture has been designed by special artists, and the following firms have been employed in furnishing the hotel:—Mr. J. B. Richards, Messrs. Blythe and Sons, and Messrs. Clariss the furniture; Messrs. Benham and Son, the kitchens; Messrs. Jones and Dray, the kitchen utensils; Messrs. Peyton and Peyton, the bedsteads; Mr. G. T. Horrell, the bedding; Messrs. Howell and James, the linen and the clocks; Messrs. Lovatt and Co., the blankets; Messrs. Lapworth brothers, the carpets; Messrs. Treloar and Son, the linoleum and matting; Messrs. Watson, Walton, and Dawney, and Messrs. Dan Walters and Co., the curtains; Messrs. Ponzini and Co., the looking-glasses; Messrs. Elkington and Co., the plate and cutlery; and Bro. George Kenning, the Masonic lodge room.

ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

MASONIC SCHOOL V. GRANGE PARK F.C.

The first match of the present season was played on the ground of the Grange Park at Ealing, on Saturday last, November 3rd, and proved a most evenly contested and enjoyable game. The ball was kicked off by the Masonic captain at 3.45, and was soon returned into neutral ground, where some good scrimmaging took place, till the Grange Park were at last driven behind their goal-line, and Ellis obtained a try for the School, which, however, Mr. Gardner failed to convert into a goal. After a deal of good play by the forwards on both sides, Mr. Gardner had the ball cleverly passed to him, and managed to get through the Grange forwards, but was pushed into touch. On the ball being again thrown out, Godsmark again passed in good form to Mr. Gardner, who obtained a 2nd try, the place by Scurr resulting in a goal. Half time was now called, and up to the call of "no sides" the Grange Park obtained one try and three touches, while they were compelled to touch down twice in self defence. The school thus won by one goal, one try, and two touches to one try and three touches. For the school, Parker C. and F. Godsmark played well, while the low collaring of Hart was very effective.

MASONIC.—C. Godsmark (capt.), F. Godsmark, Sparkes, Howard, Molineaux, E. Wood, H. Wood, Eastland, Davies, and Hamson (forwards); Ellis and Parker, (quarter-backs); Mr. Gardner and Scurr (half-backs); and Hart (back).

MASONIC SCHOOL V. TOTTRIDGE PARK COLLEGE.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, a victory was gained by the Tottridge on the Masonic ground, after a hard fought game. The ball was kicked off at 3.15 by Godsmark, after which a number of good scrimmages ensued, the Masonians being decidedly heavier in the forward play, although the Tottridge proved themselves rather sharper on their feet as regards back play. When "no side" was called Tottridge had scored 2 goals and 1 try to nil. For the visitors, W. Stiles, J. Bell, W. Bell, H. Macintosh, and R. Bankes played well; while for the Masonic School, Parker, Mr. Humphrey, G. Gardner, and Hart, did good service.

TOTTRIDGE.—Mr. Prosser, J. Bell, (backs); W. Stoler, (captain), W. Bell, (half-backs); H. Macintosh, R. Bankes, (quarter-backs); Mackenzie, H. Kemper, C. Pearson, A. Hull, J. Lamming, C. Gibb, E. and Bayley, (forwards.)

MASONIC.—Hart, (capt.); Parker and Ellis, (quarter-backs); Mr. Gardner and Scurr, (half-backs); Godsmark, (captain); Mr. Humphrey, Sparkes, H. Wood, Davies, Dark, Hickman, Mr. G. Gardner, Molineaux, and Howard, (forwards).

Masonic and General Tidings.

PHOENIX LODGE (No. 173).—A report of the meeting, which takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, will appear in our next.

The appointment of Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W.P.G.M. Cornwall, as Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Cornwall, in the room of Lord Vivian, is officially notified in the *Gazette*.

The installation of Bro. Walter Simmonds as W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, 1559, will take place on Saturday, February 2nd, 1878, at the New Cross Public Hall, under auspicious circumstances.

The opening of the Wigan New Town Hall was commemorated on Wednesday, by the presentation by Mr. Thomas Knowles, M.P., as representing the inhabitants, of a subscription whole-length portrait of the Mayor, Bro. Walter Mayhew, painted by Bro. Captain Charles Mercier.

A Masonic Club has been established in connection with the Surrey Masonic Hall, which offers the following advantages: Freemasons only as members; No joining fee; a billiard, card, and reading room; subscription only 10s. 6d. per annum; proprietary, so that members have no responsibility.

A meeting of the Committee of the forthcoming Masonic Ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution took place on Friday.

Bro. Lorenzo Dow, the distinguished and eccentric preacher, was made a Mason in St. Alban's Lodge, No. 6, Bristol, R.I., on Christmas Day, 1824.

In New York City there are seventy Lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple. The *N. Y. Courier* says truly, that the revival of work in many of the city lodges is an evidence of better times.

The Caxton Celebration and the Wiclif Quincentenary of the past summer are to be commemorated this month by the publication of a curious *Biblia Pauperum* by Messrs. Unwin Brothers, of the Gresham Press. The *Biblia* will contain thirty-eight wood blocks illustrating the Life, Parables, and Miracles of our Saviour, with typical subjects from the Old Testament, engraved in 1470, which appear never to have been used, and which were discovered at Nuremberg in 1832. These blocks will be accompanied by illustrative readings from Wiclif's New Testament, printed in Caxton type on paper made in imitation of that used in the fifteenth century. Dean Stanley will contribute a preface to the volume, which is to be dedicated to Mr. Gladstone, and the proceeds are intended for the "Caxton Commemoration Fund."

A USEFUL MASONIC COMPANION.—Bro. G. Kenning, of Fleet-street, London, has just issued his "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book" for 1878, which is not only as full of valuable and interesting information as ever, but is even more compact and elegant in appearance than before. No more useful and comprehensive handbook to Masonry could be desired, and the popularity which the "Cosmo," has obtained amongst the whole of the fraternity at home and abroad has been well deserved when the labour, care, and expense connected with the compilation of such a work are borne in mind. Its completeness as a Masonic book of reference is shown by the fact that it contains useful particulars of every grand Masonic body throughout the globe, a full list of lodges, chapters, K.T. encampments, &c., with their places and times of meeting, date of consecration, names of principal officers in England, Scotland, Ireland, and upwards of 20 other countries. It appears from the list of English lodges that the oldest in this neighbourhood is St. George's, No. 32, meeting at the Adelphi Hotel, which was formed 150 years ago, and the youngest is the Wilbraham Lodge, meeting at Walton, which was consecrated only a few weeks since. This Kenning Masonic annual should be possessed by all Masons both at home and abroad.—*Liverpool Mercury*.

MASONIC SONGS.—We are indebted to the Editor of the *Freemason*, 108, Fleet-street, London, England, for a very handsomely got up little book of Masonic songs, by Bro. Edward Philpotts, M.D. The songs are set to well-known airs, and are meant to fill a want which is felt in all lodges, where it is the custom to adjourn for refreshments for a short time, at which many with good voices are precluded from taking part on account of their not knowing or remembering the words of a song. This little work handed round among the brethren on such occasions could not fail to obviate this difficulty, and the songs sung would be appropriate because they are all Masonic and "fitted" to popular airs. We commend this book to our readers, and recommend its introduction. We do not know what is the price of the book, but have no doubt that any brother remitting 50 or 60 cents to the above address will have a sample copy forwarded to him.—*Canadian Masonic News*.—Price, post free, in the United Kingdom, 3s. 2d; Colonial and Foreign parts, 3s. 6d.—Advt.

NORTHERN BAR LODGE No. 1610.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, at Freemasons Hall, but owing to the assizes, only 3 members were present, which caused the adjournment of the lodge to Monday, the 12th inst.

Miss Emily Mott, the eminent vocalist, announces her fifth grand evening concert at St. James's Hall, on Friday, the 7th proximo. Mr. Sims Reeves and Mr. E. Lloyd's names are amongst those announced to appear on this occasion. Tickets may be obtained at the Libraries, and of Miss Emily Mott, 190, Kennington-road.

Viscount Ebrington, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Fortescue, was on Monday last initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, in the Loyal Lodge, No. 251, Barnstaple.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Islington Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday next, the 13th inst., by Bro. J. L. Mather, Preceptor. The place of meeting is 23, Gresham-st., and the time of commencement 7 o'clock.

The next regular meeting of the Eureka Chapter, R.C., takes place at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavillion, Brighton, to-day (Saturday), at 4 o'clock p.m., several candidates for the 18° will be in attendance, and the Chapter is likely to be honoured by the presence of several distinguished members of the Supreme Council.

The installation meeting of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, takes place on Tuesday next, at Cannon-st. Hotel. The lodge will be opened at 4.30. A report will appear in our next.

We are informed that the fifteen sections will be worked in the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, on Tuesday, the 4th proximo. Further particulars will be given prior to the meeting.

HIPPOPHAGY.—The consumption of horse-flesh as food is still increasing in Paris. According to a return by the Paris committee for promoting the use of this flesh for food, the Paris butchers sold to the public during the third quarter of 1877, 433,310 kilos, against 373,410 kilos in the corresponding period of 1876, showing an increased consumption of 69,900 kilos.—*Medical Examiner*.

The "Cosmopolitan and Masonic Calendar" is—well, not to let out a secret, cosmopolitan and Masonic.—*Fun*.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Members of this lodge, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., W.C., on Monday, the 26th November, commencing at seven o'clock, Bro. Woods, 145, in the chair.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	.....	Bro. Morphew, SW. 2585.
2nd "	.....	Bro. Hancock, J.W. 1687.
3rd "	.....	Bro. Wood, 173.
4th "	.....	Bro. Docker, S.D. 1687.
5th "	.....	Bro. Belfrage, S.D. 179.
6th "	.....	Bro. Bentley, P.M. 190.
7th "	.....	Bro. Watts, P.M. 1201.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	.....	Bro. Beck, W.M. 1687.
2nd "	.....	Bro. Lowrie, S.D. 1556.
3rd "	.....	Bro. Bubb, P.M. 180.
4th "	.....	Bro. Farwig, S.D. 180.
5th "	.....	Bro. Pulsford, P.M. 1158.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	.....	Bro. Cameron, P.M. 180.
2nd "	.....	Bro. Burrell, P.M. 1446.
3rd "	.....	Bro. Parsons, P.M. 180.

The following stand over:

Reports of Lodge of Truth 521, Huddersfield; Lodge of Truth 1458, Manchester; Southwark Lodge of Instruction; Albion Chapter Rose Croix.

ERRATA.—Page 463 of our last issue, under the heading, "The Bedford and Hall Moons," sixth line, second paragraph, read "planet," instead of "planets;" on seventh line read "Le Verrier," instead of "le Verrier;" ninth line read "found," instead of "formerly."

THE "FREEMASON" INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

The total received by us in aid of this Fund amounts to
£166 2s. 5d.
which sum has been handed over to the Lord Mayor. The list is now closed.

Public Amusements.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—Her Majesty's Opera House was opened on Monday last, for an autumn season, that bids fair to be very successful, and we sincerely hope it may be, for Mr. Mapleson the enterprising lessee, deserves the support and encouragement of all lovers of the lyric drama. Want of space prevents us giving more than a passing notice of one of the operas produced this week, namely, "The Ballo in Maschera." This favourite piece of Verdi's was performed on Wednesday, when Signor Runcio made his first appearance, taking the part of "Riccardo." Any acquisition of the lyric stage just now is something for which we ought to be thankful, and the reception accorded to Signor Runcio went far to prove the keen appreciation of English audiences when anything like sterling merit is brought before them. The new tenor possesses a remarkably rich, sound, and well trained voice, somewhat lacking in power perhaps, but this was only perceivable once or twice during the evening, and may fairly be attributed to slight nervousness. Mlle. Caroline Salla as "Amelia" earned for herself no small share of the applause bestowed on all who took part in the opera, by a very large and highly gratified audience.

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

SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER.
No. XII.
BRO. ROBERTSON AT SCARBOROUGH.

Bro. Robertson, who is both a regular John Bull and a first-rate Mason, is also, as many of us are aware, a very active brother amongst us. His voice may always be heard pleading for our charities; his presence is always to be seen in cheering reality at our banquets. He is in our opinion a very loyal citizen and a very good Freemason, and while few are more useful, certainly none are more ornamental. He always makes a fair speech, and very often a good hit, and is an acquisition to the Lodge of "Caution," and a very pleasant member of the family circle. The world has gone easily with him; he has few cares, and, indeed, he enjoys both the position of wealth and contentment, the possession of a happy home, a "placens uxor," dutiful children, and, above all, a comfortable balance at his banker's.

There is only one point on which we don't agree with him, which is his dislike of a foreign tour. He does not like, he avers, either foreign lingo or foreign cookery, foreign railways, or foreign hotels, and so he resolutely stays in England and declines to cross the "treacherous main," or surrender himself to the mercy, as he says, of "Foreigners, Sir." We think that he is wrong in such opinions, and feelings, as we have found, as all, we opine, may find, much of good and interest and happiness for themselves in foreign scenes, and amid kindly foreigners of many nationalities, but as stern chroniclers of truth, we are bound to relate exactly and historically what Bro. Robertson says, and what Bro. Robertson thinks.

Accordingly, this year, true to his resolution, which is to him as a law of the Medes and Persians, he has been spending his holiday at Scarborough.

He says that he has been very comfortable, and that he has enjoyed himself very much, the more so as he met there Bro. and Mrs. Hampton, Bro. and Mrs. Wrightson, and Bro. and Mrs. Potts. He has driven about, and bathed, and made excursions to Hackness, and fished in the bay; yes, and he cooked the fish he caught, and declared they had "a relish about them." He has often amused himself by pointing out the superiority of Scarborough to foreign watering-places, and as he no doubt thinks so, it would be a pity to disturb his equanimity, and shake his opinion; his good national John Bull creed.

And to say the truth, we think that Scarborough has many attractions. It is a place of great freedom of action and extent of resources, that is, supposing you are sociable, batheable, fishable, and what not, or flirtable as young ladies say, nobody interferes with you, nobody jostles you, nobody minds you; you are free to come and free to go, and your place is speedily filled up, and you are never missed, and soon forgotten. What more can any one want?

We would, however, suggest one or two amendments in the staple amusements of Scarborough. What can be more ridiculous, not to say idiotic, than the evening promenade on the Spa? A host of young gentlemen line the sides, smoking execrable tobacco, dressed in every variety of the groom-boy species, and puff vigorously in the faces of the female promenaders, whose dresses they joke about, whose figures they criticise, and into whose faces they perseveringly stare. Like the eels, we suppose that the ladies get accustomed to it and like it, for they certainly throng the Spa, evening after evening, patiently and persistently, amid a rising cloud of vile tobacco smoke. They always say, when remonstrated with, "Everybody goes, so we must go."

Dear creatures! how perverse, and yet how persevering they are!

Does any one suppose for a moment that that is the real reason? No. They have a bonnet or a dress, or a figure or a face, or a very neat pair of boots to display, and so they haunt that most unromantic spot.

Bro. Robertson, like ourselves, sits above and smiles, as he sees Amy and Minnie, and Florry and Katy, thus sporting themselves, and he says, as we say, "thus runs the world away, my masters." The young fill the scene, and throng the promenade, and grace the hour, and settle the dresses, and rule the roast, and we old boys can only sit by, somewhat silently and pathetically, as we conjure up before us those bright and laughing faces, which once adorned our "Gathering of the Clans," which once brightened and beautified our little landscape.

Bro. Robertson likes Scarborough so well that he means, if T.G.A.O.T.U. spares his life, to go there another year.

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY, EXETER-HALL.
—The prospectus of the 46th season has just been issued. The season is to commence on Friday, the 23rd of November, with a performance of Mendelssohn's *St. Paul*, with Mesdames Edith Wynne and Patey and Messrs. Vernon Rigby and Santley as principal vocalists. This will be followed by Handel's *Judas Maccabæus* on the 14th of December and the same composer's *Messiah* on the 21st of December. The after Christmas concerts will be occupied by Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Crutch's *Palestine*, Costa's *Nauman*, Haydn's *Creation*, and Macfarren's *St. John the Baptist*. The great novelty of the season will be the production, for the first time in England in a complete form, in the concert orchestra of Rossini's celebrated oratorio, *Moses in Egypt* (*Mose in Egitto*). Bro. Sir M. Costa continues as conductor, and the principal vocalists already engaged are Mesdames Lemmens Sherrington, Edith Wynne, Osgood, Blanche Cole, Anna Williams, Julia Elton, and Patey; and Messrs. Vernon Rigby, E. Lloyd, Cummings, L. W. Thomas, Herr Henschel, and Mr. Santley.

THE MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL.—On behalf of Her Majesty, the Premier has offered a Knighthood to the Mayor of Liverpool, Alderman A. B. Walker, in recognition of his munificent gift of an art gallery to the town and the manner he has for two years filled the office of chief magistrate.

Reviews.

"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." We often receive these reports from America, and we always peruse them with interest, for though it is possible that such proceedings have a sort of sameness, and that there is nothing novel or exciting to note in these official reminiscences, yet we seem to gather thereby a clearer glimpse into the progress of the Craft than is possible by any other means. We congratulate our Pennsylvania brethren, as, indeed, all our fellow Craftsmen in the United States, on their orderly proceedings and their remarkable advance, and we wish them sincerely all prosperity in the present, and all prestige in the future. One only point strikes us, namely, the conflict and divergence of decisions "ex Cathedra," and which we feel will never be obviated until one great American Grand Lodge becomes a final court of appeal and decision for all American Masons. We are aware how great in America is the feeling for State rights, but we cannot see why such should not be consistent with a Grand Lodge. Each State could still retain its State Grand Lodge, as "Pennsylvania State Grand Lodge," and would issue certificates countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and would simply have the names registered and the issue noted in Grand Lodge Registers. The Grand Lodge would be supported by the fees on the annual appointment of officers, by a small registration fee on all certificates and on all Masons, as well as fees, perhaps, for lodges to wear lodge jewels, which is a reform much needed in England. We only speak, however, as "Amici Curie," and with every deference and respect for our worthy brethren in America.

"The Westminster Papers."—W. Kent and Co., Paternoster-row.

We read the "Westminster Papers" always with some little interest, and all chess and whist players will especially find in them much to note and much to commend. The dramatic tales are also very readable, and we cordially commend the "Westminster Papers" to all who, like ourselves, still can find pleasure in games of skill.

With respect to whist, we are among those who, though we much like Cavendish and Clay, have not forgotten the older teaching, altogether, of Hoyle and Mathews. "Barrin" the difference between long whist and short whist, and the necessity of some corrections of play in consequence, we are among those who still believe in old Mathews.

"Mirth."—Tinsley Brothers, 8, Catherine-street, W.C.

"Mirth" is a new candidate for public favour, edited by H. J. Byron, and terms itself a "Humorous Magazine." We have perused No. 1, and think that the interesting little stranger is likely to find much of patronage and many readers. It boasts among its contributors the names of J. R. Planché, J. Albery, E. L. Blanchard, G. A. Sala, R. Reece, H. J. Byron, H. S. Leigh, W. S. Gilbert, J. Hollingshead, G. Turner, and others. We give the introductory poem, by J. R. Planché, as alike pleasant to read and suggestive of the tone and temper of this fresh literary venture, to which we wish success.

"MIRTH. A new humorous Magazine! Preserve us! Another can the Public really need?

It is enough to make Minerva nervous,

They seem so fast each other to succeed;

"Follow," perhaps, would be the better reading,

For some, tis said, succeed without succeeding.

Well! That's the Publisher's affair, not mine;

From standing in his shoes, kind stars protect us!

The Editor declares the prospect fine—

The prospect's always fine in the prospectus!

With a strong staff, his fun at all he'll poke,

But what I have to do I find no joke.

He has asked me to write "An Ode to Mirth,"

For love—at least he hasn't mentioned money;

Now if there be a wet blanket on earth,

It's asking a poor fellow to be funny,

The wag! He knew an ode from me requesting

Would prove his own capacity for jesting.

I don't refuse—I never could say no,

So, snatching up a pen in desperation,

I turn to Milton, who wrote long ago

An Ode to Mirth, which had some reputation.

It's safe to pilfer from a grand old poet.

For now-a-days not one in ten would know it.*

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"An Ode"—an odious fancy of the Editor's—

"Or other composition." Ugly word!

Suggest ve most unpleasantly of creditors!

But stay! a thought to me has just occurred,

'Stead of an "Ode to Mirth," suppose I should

Invoke Mirth's great good Genius, Thomas Hood!

Matchless Past Master of our craft! O let

Me strive to pay to thee a tribute fit!

In thy imperishable coronet,

Beside the flashing diamonds of thy wit,

Shine pearls as pure as ever pity shed

Over the poor, the suffering, and the dead.

Best humourist! Beneath thy wildest fun

The kindest current flows of human feeling,

While splitting sides with some outrageous pun,

Into our hearts insidiously stealing

By tropes which seem intended but to tickle us,

Extracting the sublime from the ridiculous.

Let thy pure spirit point and guide the pen

Of each contributor to England's Mirth;

May they be wise as well as merry men,

And show of real wit the sterling worth.

In verse or prose, didactic or dramatic,

Never a bore—howe'er c-pig-rammatic.

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NOTES ON ART, &c.

A ROYAL AUTHOR.—The King of Sweden and Norway has completed a dramatic poem, entitled "*Minne fran Upsala*," the scene of which is successively laid in the Cathedral, in Odin's Grove, and in Old Upsala. This drama, to which Ivar Hallström has written the music, is now under rehearsal, and will be shortly performed.—*Academy*.

The will and codicil, both dated August 21, 1877, of Mdle. Theresa Carolina Johanna Titiens, late of No. 51, Finchley New-road, St. John's-wood, who died on the 3rd ult., were proved on the 25th ult. by Alfred Markby and Charles Green, the executors, the personal estate in England being sworn under £16,000.

MISS GLYN'S READINGS.—Miss Glyn proposes to read from *Hamlet* at her residence, 13, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, on Friday evenings, from November 9 to December 14 inclusive.

SKETCHING CLUB COMPETITION.—On the 31st October the fourth annual competition between the sketching clubs of the Schools of Art in the metropolis took place at the Dudley Gallery, Piccadilly. Five sketching clubs engaged this year in the competition—viz., the South Kensington (male and female), Lambeth, West London, and the Gilbert (St. Martin's); and a total of 202 sketches in oil, water colour, chalk, clay, and plaster were contributed. Sir John Gilbert, R.A., Mr. W. F. Woodington, A.R.A., and Mr. A. Legros, who were the judges, made the following awards:—The Lambeth Club received the award of honour for producing the best aggregate of work. The prizes of 3/ (the money for which is provided by the different clubs) were awarded as follows, for the best sketch in each of the subjects named:—For Figure, "A Critical Moment," Mr. H. G. Glindone, Gilbert Club. Landscape, "A Grey Day," Mr. J. W. Wilson, Gilbert Club. Sculpture Miss H. Montalba, South Kensington Club. Animals, "On the Look Out," Mr. Montefiore, South Kensington Club. Design, "A Decorative Panel," three prizes of £1, each to Mr. C. Reich and Mr. W. Swain, West London Club, and Mr. Pearce, Lambeth Club.

Cleopatra's Needle is to remain at Ferrol during the winter, while the question of salvage is being decided by the Admiralty Court. The sister needle, which has been offered to the Americans, will probably ornament the New Country before long, as an anonymous New Yorker has promised the £20,000 required for transport expenses. The obelisk, however, is not regarded with particular reverence across the Atlantic, and the New York *Christian Union* grumbles at £20,000 being expended on "a venerable old carved block of syenite."

A School of Art is to be established in Hyderabad by Sir Sa'ar Jung, who intends to place it under the direction of an Italian artist.

A Library for Ladies only has been opened in St. James' Square by the London Library.

The Annual Exhibition of Drawings by the students of the Female School of Art, Queen Square, which was held at the school last week, showed a marked improvement on previous years. Formerly the pupils seemed to concentrate all their energies on flower painting—by no means the highest branch of their art—but now figure-subjects occupy a large place, and the studies from life are boldly and carefully executed, while the "time-sketches"—charcoal heads completed in four hours—are particularly well done. The most interesting pictures, however, are the productions of six ladies who accompanied Miss Gann to Italy last spring, although these sketches might have been worked up a little more, and not left in so unfinished a condition. Modelling is also represented, and there are the ordinary outline drawings, botanical studies, &c. The students have carried off their usual share of medals, and altogether the institution gives every sign of steady progress.

The Collection of Portraits of the Photo-Mezzo-tint Exhibition, which were sold by auction on the dissolution of the firm of Messrs. Fradelle and Marshal, has been purchased by Mr. Albert E. Fradelle. Although the Gallery will not be open as heretofore, Mr. Fradelle is still engaged in adding to the collection for the purpose of making the series of portraits historical in character.

A Submarine Telephone has been sunk at the harbour of San Francisco, and connected with the Science Academy for the purpose of making experiments. It was found to transmit sound perfectly, as the experimentalists clearly distinguished the movement of a great body passing over the instrument, and the cry of sailors hauling in the ropes, proving the entry of a ship at the Golden Gate. As, however, the tide interfered with the telephone it was moved, and a net full of rock cod was suspended over it, when the noise of the fish struggling to escape was quite audible, while sounds were heard as if the fish uttered cries such as "Ga a," "Ke-a," "Pi-a," "Ta."

LIVERPOOL.—In answer to the numerous letters that the publisher has received from brethren in Liverpool, we beg to state that the *Freemason* is to be obtained in Liverpool on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Office, 2, Monument-place; at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street; and at the Landing Stage.

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Will Bro. W. Eagle, of Lodge 160, North Britain, be good enough to send his present address to the Publisher, 198, Fleet-st., London.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Foreign Correspondence;" "Grand Commandery of Ohio;" "The Mystery of the Bible Dates, Solved by the Great Pyramid;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Lecture by J. Fitzroy Townsend, LL.D.;" "Michigan Freemason."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

AUSTIN.—On the 5th inst., at Queen's-road, Finsbury-park, the wife of Mr. Edwin Austin, of a daughter.

CARPENTER.—On the 3rd inst., at 38, Harley-street, the wife of R. S. Carpenter, of a son.

HARRISON.—On the 4th inst., at 22, Minster-yard, Lincoln, the wife of C. A. Harrison, of a daughter.

WHITEHOUSE.—On the 4th inst., at Dormar Villa, Leamington, the wife of Robert S. Whitehouse, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BESLEY—ADAMS.—On the 3rd inst., at Christ Church, Cheltenham, by the Rev. J. F. Fenn, Rector, R. St. John, son of the late Thomas Besley, Carysfort, Dublin, to Mary, daughter of the late John Adams, Silver-spring, county Cork.

DEATHS.

DREW.—On the 4th inst., at 7, Cheriton-villa, Folkestone, Amelia, daughter of the late Amos Drew, aged 53.

KERSHAW.—On the 5th inst., at 4, Alexandra-villas, Finsbury-park, Robert Kershaw.

MASON.—On the 4th inst., at 1, Ongar-road, Brentwood, John Mathew Mason.

SMITH.—On the 4th inst., at 31, Bancroft-road, E., William, husband of Jane Rebecca Smith, aged 32.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1877.

OUR LODGE MEETINGS.

Our lodges are gradually re-opening after the summer "Siesta," and our good brethren are gradually collecting in the Little Village. One by one our well known assemblies are opening their doors to their faithful associates, and the season of London Masonic life is just about to begin "de novo" in full vigour and living reality. No doubt as a general rule all such re-meetings are more or less depressing. Each new season of Masonic work as it commences during November, mentally takes us back to other days and scenes, to pleasant associations which have closed for us to kindly faces now no longer with us. There are very few lodges indeed, in which our first gathering does not tell us of friends who are wanting, some who no longer sit at our sides, or grace our meetings. But such is after all the solemn and inevitable law of life, the normal condition of our existence. We are and we are not; we come and we go; we appear on the busy scene, and we disappear to-day, to-morrow; and we who are the most active, and the most eloquent, as well as the most sedate and the most silent, must in turn yield to fate, and meet the taciturn Boatmen as he ferries us across the dark and dismal lake. Few lodges there are, in which the ranks are not thinned, in which changes great and many do not appear, in each succeeding year. "Buffer Jones" as we liked to call him, we miss greatly. He was one of the kindest of men and the best of Masons. Higgins of the silvery voice no longer charms us with the melody of his strains, or that merry laughter of the heart. Poor old "Fig." Kitson no more lays down the law; Balsom no longer returns thanks, Tippetts no longer explains the "working tools," and Chester no more gives us a recitation. Johnson and Jowler, Thompson and Twentyman, Carter and Currier, Mavers and Maitland, Wood and Walker, all have gone and past, are no more to be seen at refreshment, their seats know them no more, and we miss them hourly, and mention them mournfully, and moralize upon them sentimentally. Now we have not written all this in a feeling of morbidity, nor even of misplaced mawkishness. No, we are rather anxious to impress upon our readers the reality of lodge life, and represent to most of them that it may be governed by exceptional circumstances and surrounded by special attributes, that it is, after all, only more or less a true feature of what existence and the world really are to us all alike. Yet we need not take a too high nor a too hazy view of our lodge work, etc., but if we think seriously for one moment we shall see, we think clearly enough, that like everything of earth, the most prosperous of our lodges has the same abiding law to contend with, of change and chance, of uncertainty and of decay. In life, as we know, these things happen every day in the progress of our feet, and foolish are we if we complain of what constitutes a great part of the probation of mortality. No worldly lot is exempt from change, no human condition is free from the depressing influences of fading hours and vanishing friends. If we look round our little home circle we see at once how too surely such is the dominating law of all our race. For how few of us are there but must often look wistfully at times, for faces which have vanished, and listen tenderly for voices which are hushed, and who must indeed feel amid the losses we deplore, and the dear friends we lose, how true still are these words of the poet,

"There's not a joy the world can give
Like that it takes away."

Without then being unreal or hyperbolic, the extremes always to be avoided, when we talk of Freemasonry or anything else, let us all learn to look upon our lodge meetings as a pleasure as well as a privilege, as enjoyment as well as duty. Our lodges are meant to be the abodes of friendship, and honour, and innocent hilarity, and

social satisfaction. From them we should sternly banish all that detracts from, defames, destroys, degrades the great and goodly plan of Freemasonry. In all such meetings the quarrels and the controversies of a bitter world should not enter, obloquy and slander should be utterly unknown. To suppose that any brother deliberately, in a lodge meeting defames another brother's fair character, is to suppose him the slanderer, to be a recreant Mason, one who has no business to be present, one who is no fitting associate of just men and of true Masons. And if, alas, we are but mortal, and the weaknesses and baseness of earth still cling to us as men and even as Masons, let us trust that the friendly and refining influences of our lodge meetings, may tend to improve and to elevate, to amend and to edify us all.

PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND PURSUIVANTS.

A question has been raised in our columns as to whether a Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant holds past rank, and may wear the clothing. We have already expressed our humble opinion that he may, and we still adhere to it after careful consideration of the Book of Constitutions. We are, however aware that some difficulties exist on the subject, and we are now prepared to advert to them. Undoubtedly the analogy of Grand Lodge is against the custom, as in the list of precedence no Past Grand Pursuivants are to be found. But yet, we venture to think, that the analogy for once, strange to say, does not hold good, and for the following reasons: The office of Grand Pursuivant is a late office, that of Assistant Grand Pursuivant later still. The former dates from 1840 downwards, which, we believe, was about the date of the appointment of the office of Grand Pursuivant; the office was not a changeable office—one brother held it so long as ten years, and, therefore, no necessity arose for a Past Grand Pursuivant. Indeed, down to 1861, when the office of Assistant Grand Pursuivant was established, we believe, no Past Grand Pursuivant had existed. There is undoubtedly a resolution of Grand Lodge governing the appointment of Grand Pursuivants and Assistant Grand Pursuivants, by which that office does not give past rank. As one of our correspondents points out such is given by vote of Grand Lodge alone. But the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers does not merely rest on a resolution of Grand Lodge; it is governed solely by the Book of Constitutions, and by the words of that wise code of laws is clearly expressed and as clearly understood. At 51, sec. 2, (edit. 1873), we find this unmistakable provision on the subject:—"The Grand Wardens and subordinate Provincial Grand Officers (except the Treasurer who is to be elected) are to be annually appointed by the Provincial Grand Master, and such officers are respectively to be invested in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and shall possess within their district, the rank and privileges of Grand Officers; but they are not by such appointment members of the Grand Lodge, nor do they take any rank out of their district, though they are entitled to wear their clothing as Provincial Grand Officers, or Past Provincial Grand Officers, in all Masonic meetings." Now though it might be true that this law is as old almost "totidem verbis" as 1815 (William's edition), and preceded the institution of a Grand Pursuivant by Grand Lodge and "a fortiori," that of the Provincial Office, yet such a law is the law regulating all Prov. Grand Officers, and must, therefore, be now construed as dealing with all such officers, be they what they may, proper Prov. Grand Officers. The effect of this law is this, that all Provincial Grand Officers, annually appointed and invested, "shall be and are entitled to wear their clothing as Prov. Grand Officers, or Past Grand Officers in all Masonic assemblies." There is no exception made, and under this plain and simple law, (despite the differing analogy of Grand Lodge), we hold strongly that a Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant has as much right to wear his clothing, (having been properly invested by the Prov. G.M.) as any other Prov. Grand Officer. For see what must be the consequence of any other view. Either we must interpret

the law non-naturally, and say that it does not apply to all Prov. Grand Officers, while it says itself it does, "subordinate Provincial Grand Officers," or we must give to law the gloss of a resolution of Grand Lodge, which two things are essentially distinct. And though it might seem that Grand Lodge is bound by its resolution relative to Grand Pursuivant and Assistant Grand Pursuivant, it does not follow that the Prov. Grand Lodge is to; especially when the letter of the law relative to "subordinate Prov. Grand Officers" is so distinct. As we have had so many letters on the subject, we have thought it right to say this much in justification of our own expression of opinion, though such an opinion of course is only that of humble "private authority," and has no value except that of a careful study of our invaluable English Book of Constitutions. If any of our good brethren still think that we are wrong, we shall be most happy to insert their counter opinion in the *Freemason*.

PROFESSION AND PRACTICE.

We are often greatly amused by the wonderful difference existing among men in this world of ours, as between Profession and Practice. It is very remarkable even in common life, and great and petty things. The patriot, for instance, who denounces corruption sometimes does not object to a quiet little job. The philanthropist, so generous and genial abroad, is often churlish and peevish at home; while those who denounce loudly the vices of the hour, and the wrong doings of society, have a skeleton in their closet, which they are particularly anxious shall not have the light of day let in upon it. And even in Freemasonry with its high aims and loud assertions, how often do we witness the "outcome" of this grave inconsistency, and lucky for us it is, if it is not worse. The brother who is so glib in extolling the excellency of brotherly love may write an anonymous letter or disseminate an atrocious scandal. The orator who "discoorses" so finely on morality, may be somewhat shaky in past and present; while the man of many words and zealous efforts, the Freemason "par excellence," always so ready and so pleasant in the lodge and among the brethren, may make a sorry husband, and betray many of those most unamiable weaknesses, amid his nearest and his dearest, to which poor mortality is too prone. But here comes in our only consolation, if consolation it can rightly be esteemed. All this that we have depicted with feeble pen is but the way of the world, the "custom of humanity." Since the beginning of the world, through stirring ages and startling epochs, profession and practice have been two widely different things. And so they still are, so they are likely to continue, as long as this Dispensation lasts, and time and life fulfil their weird, and move on to the consummation of all earthly scenes. This great and essential difference seems to be innate with us all in our several callings and accompanies us in our varying lots. The parson and the lawyer, the soldier and the sailor, the citizen and the artist, the man of leisure, the disciple of literature, the philosopher and the poet, all classes and all callings alike, demonstrate identical inconsistency in words and acts, and are controlled by the same normal condition of moral being equally inconsistent, equally blameable. Yet why should we be astonished? As nothing here is perfect, so imperfection must remain the badge of all our tribes, as long as we loiter on this bank of the Great River, and before we pass over "to the other side." Do not then let us affect surprise. Let us never be startled even when the profession and practice of men and Masons are widely different, and often very antagonistic. Our very inconsistency is an unavoidable humiliating token of man's fall, of man's weakness, and of man's decay. But this we can do, we can be on our guard against the "fustian" of the "feeble-forcibles," we can shut our ears to the "bunkum" of "small-torks," we can grieve when we see too clearly alas, how a brother forgets his profession in his practice, and above all, when as before the Order and the public, he claims the character and talks of the teaching of Masonry, and yet acts deliber-

ately in defiance of every law of our brotherhood both in the letter and in the spirit. We who profess fairness, kindness, honour, and morality, are often, after all, but very little men indeed when measured by the true standard of right and wrong because often petulant and personal, tale-bearing and treacherous, malicious and malignant, unscrupulous and untrustworthy.

THE WOULD-BE FACETIOUS.

"Wut," as the Scotch say, is a very good thing, but the facetiousness of the professed joker becomes often a great ingredient of Boredom. Nothing is so dreary as the man who will carry the "cap and bells" on all occasions, who expects you to laugh, in season and out of season, whose jokes are bad, and whose merriment is hollow. Of all nuisances deliver us, from that asinine individual on whose face rests eternally an unmeaning grin, and who seeks laughter from senseless jests, or pointless and suppositious irony. We have laughed heartily in our time, and can still enjoy the company of the genial, the cheery, and the witty, and we are not indisposed even to a good roar, when we hear something worth laughing at, the real witticism of the intellectual, and the "jest" of the truly intelligent. But we cannot profess even to smile at vapid jocosity, inane talk, or vulgar innuendoes. Just as there is nothing so pleasant and so enjoyable as genuine wit, so there is nothing so intolerable and so debasing as affected facetiousness, or vulgar twaddle. The man who, like a great gander on a common, is always running about with his mouth open, and "have you heard the last joke," is about as brainless and as as braying a donkey as one wishes to encounter in one's sublunary existence. We therefore think it well to put our readers on their guard against these pretenders to wit, who, though in truth "motley" is their "only wear" do not display in their cachinnations, the occasional "flashes" of the "poor fool." Heavy and unintellectual, pointless and spiritless those words which they would try and make you believe have the semblance of wit, are only marked by personality or jejeune trifling, deserve not even the appellation of facetiousness, and never approach the confines even of the category of wit. The poet once expressed a fervent wish to a kind heaven to save him from a "candid friend." We quite agree with him, but we would also make a petition that we may be preserved from those most "dull dogs," who, trading on the brains and capacities of others, are the most tedious of companions, and the most uninteresting of associates. Such are they who live on stale "Joe Millers" and petty scandals, and think that if only they can be personal enough, they may make themselves amusing, if only they can combine vulgarity and conceit at the same time, they may be considered intellectual, and dub themselves wits. Alas! for those who have to listen to their idle words, or wade through their dreary essays. True wit, we are always ready to laugh at, but the would-be facetious we avoid, the forced and unnatural witticism of the dullest of mortals we consider the cruellest of insults to men of understanding, to brethren of sense.

A FRATERNAL PRESENTATION.

We had intended calling attention to a fraternal presentation to a very worthy and distinguished transatlantic brother, Chas. E. Meyer, but in some unaccountable way the "copy" forwarded by a kind Irish brother, became, strange to say, missing from our editorial sanctum, and so we can only refer to it in a leader to-day. It will be seen that in our correspondence columns the week before last, we alluded to the receipt of the report, which, however, for the reasons assigned we have been unable to reproduce. Bro. Chas. E. Meyer is a brother whose great merit is well known in Philadelphia and America, and who has many warm friends also in England. We have to thank him, which we do sincerely, for many fraternal courtesies and kindnesses, and we can only wish him all health and happiness, to enjoy the well earned recognition of faithful service, and to retain, as we know he will do, the regard of admiring friends and the affection of trusting brethren.

THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

"The Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Ireland has unanimously passed the following resolutions.—Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Ireland has received official notification that the Grand Orient of France has altered the first article of its Constitution from its previous form, and omitted therefrom, as one of its fundamental principles, belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul, the Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby resolves that the Grand Orient of France having, by such alteration, rendered admissible as members within its jurisdiction persons who do not believe in the existence of a personal Deity, has thereby caused a breach in the foundation of ancient Masonry, and acted in violation of the first great principle of the Order, and therefore the Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby declares that it cannot continue to recognize the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic body, and it hereby directs all lodges working under the Irish Constitution to decline receiving as Masons all persons hailing from the Grand Orient of France, or from any subordinate lodge under its jurisdiction." An attempt has been made to identify the Order of Freemasonry in the United Kingdom with infidel and revolutionary societies bearing a similar name on the Continent. This repudiation is likely to be regarded with general satisfaction." We are glad to quote the words of our contemporary the *Times* with reference to this important resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge. We shall recur to the subject fully for special reasons in our next.

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.]

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have received a copy of the following resolutions, agreed to by the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the 1st inst., and which have been sent to the Masters of lodges to be read to their members.

Such commendable alacrity is most pleasing to all who are anxious to unite in protesting against the admission of disbelievers in a personal God into our ranks.

No time should be lost by all regular Grand Lodges in withdrawing their representatives, and in firmly refusing any fellowship whatever with the Grand Orient of France, or any such.

As Freemasons—believers in God and future rewards and punishments—we can have nothing to do with any so-called brethren who do not require a belief in God by candidates as a primary and essential qualification for membership.

Indeed, if a candidate cannot declare his belief in God, his only position is outside the lodge, and always so to continue, until he can conscientiously answer that he puts his "trust in God," and his life is such as to prove that morally he seeks to shape his deeds accordingly.

Obliterate the necessity of a belief in God from our old charges and ceremonies, and the whole character of the society becomes meaningless, and unworthy of support.

We recommend those brethren who voted (or would have voted if present) against the suicidal resolution of the Grand Orient, either to unite with the "Supreme Council of France" (a Craft Grand Lodge, &c.) or to form a new independent Grand Lodge, its first article being "Elle a pour principes l'existence de Dieu."

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of Ireland.

Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall,

Dublin, 2nd November, 1877.

Sir and Brother,

I have to inform you that at the stated communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, held on the 1st inst., the resolution, a copy of which is appended, was unanimously adopted; and I am directed to request that it may be read at the next meeting of your Lodge, and duly recorded on the minutes.

By order,

SAMUEL B. OLDHAM, D.G. Sec.

Whereas the Grand Lodge of Ireland has received official notification that the Grand Orient of France has altered the first article of its constitution from its previous form, and omitted therefrom, as one of its fundamental principles, a belief in the existence of God, and the immortality of the soul, the Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby resolves—"That the Grand Orient of France having by such alteration rendered admissible as members of lodges within its jurisdiction individuals who do not believe in the existence of a Personal Deity, has thereby caused a breach in the foundations of ancient Masonry, and acted in violation of the first great principle of the Order; and therefore the Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby declares that it cannot continue to recognize the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic Body, and directs all lodges working under the Irish Constitution to decline receiving as Masons any person hailing from the Grand Orient of France, or from any subordinate lodge under its jurisdiction."

CONSTITUTION DE L'ORDRE MAÇONNIQUE EN FRANCE
ARTICLE L'ER.
ORIGINAL FORM.

La Franc-Maçonnerie, Institution essentiellement philanthropique, philosophique et progressive, a pour objet la recherche de la vérité, l'étude de la morale universelle, des sciences et des arts, et l'exercice de la bienfaisance.

Elle a pour principes l'existence de Dieu, l'immortalité de l'ame, et la solidarité humaine.

Elle regarde la liberté de conscience comme un droit propre à chaque homme et n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.

Elle a pour devise; Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité.

AMENDED FORM.

La Franc-Maçonnerie, Institution essentiellement philanthropique, philosophique et progressive, a pour objet la recherche de la vérité, l'étude de la morale universelle, des sciences et des arts, et l'exercice de la bienfaisance.

Elle a pour principes la liberté absolue de conscience et la solidarité humaine.

Elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.

Elle a pour devise: Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité.

THE TEMPLARS IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of the *Freemason* of the 6th ult., our learned and most accurate Masonic historian, Bro. Wm. J. Hughan, referring to my address to the Templars of Canada, states:—"It is not correct that the Earl of Eglinton granted a warrant to work the Knights Templar Degree in Ireland, by authority of the Mother Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland, and that R.W. Bro. Jas. H. Neilson had fully exploded such a notion in the columns of the *Freemason*." I would beg to draw the attention of Bro. Hughan to an article in the *Freemason* of the 30th December, 1876, under the signature of "Bro. H. Neilson, Upper Mount-street, Dublin," in which he quotes the warrant in question, granted by and holden from the Royal Mother Kilwinning Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Kilwinning Chapter of High Knights Templars, Ireland, with a note of the late Grand Secretary for Ireland, Bro. Fowler, to which is also added one from the present Secretary and Registrar, "That the Grand Chapter of Knights Templar was held by virtue of the full power granted by the Royal Mother Kilwinning, as expressed in the body of the warrant." Bro. Neilson adds to this:—"The warrant referred to is dated 27th October, 1779, and is at present in the custody of the Irish Chancellor. From the original lodge minute book it appears the first time the High Knights Templar degree was conferred was on the 1st May, 1780." (Signed) J. H. Neilson, Upper Mount-street, Dublin.

This statement in the *Freemason* by Bro. Neilson was my authority as to the introduction of the Templar Order in connection with Freemasonry in Ireland.

I am myself but a searcher after truth, and feel flattered that one so thoroughly informed as our Bro. Hughan should have noticed my efforts to elucidate the vexed question of the Templar Order in connection with Freemasonry.

I am, dear Sir and brother, fraternally yours,

WM. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE,
Great Prior Canada.

PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND PURSUIVANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With respect to the discussion at present taking place in your columns regarding these officers, will you allow me to remark that if the bye-laws of a Provincial Grand Lodge declare Past Pursuivants of that P.G. Lodge to be Past Officers of the same, then no doubt can be entertained of the right of those Past Pursuivants to assume the clothing and status of Past Provincial Grand Officers, because the bye-laws of Provincial Grand Lodges must be sanctioned by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who thus confirms the permission given by the Provincial Grand Master by means of these bye-laws to Past Pursuivants to wear the clothing and take the status of Past Provincial Grand Officers.

But in cases in which the bye-laws of a P.G. Lodge do not mention Past Pursuivants, I apprehend that without the special permission of his Prov. Grand Master, no Past Pursuivant of that P.G. Lodge can lawfully wear the clothing and claim the status of a Past Provincial Grand Officer. I entertain no doubt of the power of a Provincial Grand Master to accord such permission.

I remain, yours fraternally,

PAST DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

OBJECTIONS TO PUBLICATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It will be with surprise and a certain degree of regret that you will hear that one of your correspondents was bullied—in a friendly and Masonic spirit, by the way—for sending in an account of the proceedings of a certain lodge, without having first asked the consent of the W.M. It was, indeed the W.M. himself who remonstrated with your correspondent, whom he referred also to a certain law in the Constitutions, to the effect that no brother, under pain of a certain penalty, must report the proceedings of a lodge without special sanction. That there exists such a law we do not dispute, but that was made prior to—and in my opinion, overridden by—the sanction of Grand Lodge for us to report matters of moment to our Masonic brethren occurring in Grand Lodge.

It shows a retiring disposition, and one, perhaps, to be commended, for a brother to object to his name appearing in print. I see, however, no just cause for such objection, but on the contrary, think it beneficial to the Craft that the business of the various lodges, as set forth in the agenda papers, should receive publicity in Masonic jour-

nals; for, of course, there is the guarantee of your editorial experience and discretion that nothing detrimental to the interests of Masonry shall escape your attention.

But the key to the objection in the particular instance I have named appears to be in the fact that a difference—in common parlance a "split"—was mentioned in the report as having existed between the lodge and the landlord of the hotel at which it was held. As even this was fair matter for comment, and also information to the readers of the report, I do not think that your correspondent—who, by-the-by, is connected with the Press—was to blame for mentioning it. In some lodges we know that the brethren are most anxious that their "proceedings" should go forth to the Masonic world, and to them it is often a matter of regret that the Secretary or some other brother has not the time or inclination to give a fair epitome of their doings.

ONE OF YOUR CORRESPONDENTS.

THE "COSMO."

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I always look out for the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," and expect it daily for 1878. It is a most useful publication, and as you are so fond of Latin I will call it a "sui generis," which means "nothing else like it," so that the Calendar is bound to sell, and is equally bound to please.

NEMO.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to welcome the "Cosmo" so early, and think it reflects credit upon your establishment. It is very wonderful to note how few errors creep into such works, which require immense care of compilation.

We ought, it appears to me, to be very grateful for those labours which tend to give the Craft and High Grades so useful and correct a vade mecum.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

COSMOPOLITAN.

RED TAPE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Why is it that our charity organisation societies will pour such "bolusses" of unfeeling red tape down our poor throats? Why will they make sensible people doubt their utility and question their work?

Mr. Wightman Wood, Hon. Secretary of the Strand Charity Organisation Committee, writes to the *Times*:—"M. de Lally-Tollendal, whose death in very distressed circumstances you commented on last Thursday, was the great nephew, and not the great grandson, of the famous but unfortunate Count de Lally, the opponent of the English arms in India. We have in this office his own statement in writing to this effect. I may add that M. de Lally had for the last eight years been in receipt of precarious assistance from societies and private individuals, but he was one of those unfortunates whom it is impossible to keep permanently afloat outside a poorhouse."

Is this the proper view of a sad episode? Is the statement in fact true?

Yours fraternally,

CHARITY.

LOOSE RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last impression appears a letter signed "P.M.," censuring the members of Eccleston Lodge for not making due enquiries at West Cowes before admitting a candidate to that lodge. As the proposer of the candidate allow me to give a few reasons in answer to "P.M." why these enquiries were not made.

That the candidate was personally known to myself and other members of Eccleston Lodge. That he had been a near neighbour for many years. That he was of good repute, never having heard a word against him. That I did not consider it necessary to go to West Cowes for a reference, he having resided there only a few months, when I had known him as a respectable resident of Pimlico over 15 years.

In conclusion, allow me to say if "P.M." had made a few inquiries himself (outside his exclusive circle) before censuring our lodge, he would have found the candidate quite worthy to have been admitted to a country lodge, as we considered him a fit and proper person to be admitted to a London lodge.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. B. BEEKHAM.

LODGES AT TAVERNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the *Freemason* of Oct. 13th, 1877, a letter signed "Sigma," appeared on the subject I called your attention to nearly two years ago, viz: "The holding of Lodges in Public Houses. The sentiments of "Sigma" are endorsed by every Mason, and if a feasible plan could be only devised to obviate the nuisance and free Freemasonry from the yoke of the publican, it would be a boon to us all. We are under the present regime, becoming a Society of winebibbers and gormandisers, instead of carrying out the principles of the Craft we all profess to admire. Why, asks "Sigma," should this be? and every true-hearted Mason echoes the same query. The answer is still more plain than the question, when next at your lodge, watch carefully the movements of the "host." See the light-hearted way in which he attends the convivial board, when the wine stewards' book is freely used, stay that Guiding Star of his Masonic principles, an I you will find mine host of not such an agreeable temperament, in

fact everything not in accordance with the views of mine host must be immediately abolished from the lodge. Undoubtedly, the publican element is supreme, and unless the axe is laid to this Upas tree of Freemasonry, no man who has the slightest self-respect will enter our ranks. Let us build our Halls. How do the "Congregationalists" manage with their fine edifices we see rise here and there, beautiful and artistic in their appearance, it is by the various members of the churches combining together. They possess a large church fund in London, from which the smaller churches are assisted, and all receive help without paying interest for their money. And why not, brother Masons, unite and do likewise. Are we too weak to form a general fund from which our smaller lodges can borrow their monies without interest, to raise a small hall for the use of lodges in any given district, and remove all ceremonies from the taint of the public house. After our solemn meetings our brethren can adjourn to where they may think proper, but let there be no lodge held in a public house. In my own humble way I would willingly put my shoulder to the wheel.

It was not my intention to have made my letter so long, but I cannot rest upon so warm a subject. I feel the need of immediate action.

Yours fraternally,

A SINCERE MASON.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire took place at the Town Hall, at Devizes, on Friday, the 2nd instant, under the banner of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.

The brethren of that lodge, duly appreciating the honour of the visit, had been most assiduous and successful in their endeavours to give their visitors a befitting reception. The assembly room at the Town Hall had been fitted up with great good taste as a lodge room, and here lodge was opened by the W.M. of 663, Bro. Raymond, at 1.30. At 2 o'clock the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, and his Provincial Grand Lodge were announced, and on entering were received with the usual honours. Amongst those present were Lord Harry Thynne, P.G.W. of England and P.G. Supt. (Royal Arch) Wilts; and the following brethren:—E. Turner Payne, P.G.D. England; Henry C. Tombs, G.D. Eng., and P.S.G.W. Wilts.; Rev. T. Ravenshaw, P.G.C. Eng.; S. G. Homfray, P.G.A.D.C. Eng., and D.P.G.M. Monmouth; William Biggs, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts., and P.P.G. Sec. Berks. and Bucks.; F. H. Goldney, P.S.G.W. Wilts.; Captain Bradford, P.G. Treas. Wilts.; John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts.; Gen. Doherty, P.P.S.G.D. Wilts.; Wm. Pickford, P.P.S.G.W. Mon.; William Nott, P.P.G. Reg. Wilts.; J. L. Whatley, P.P.J.G.D. Wilts.; John V. Foone, P.S.G.D. Wilts.; Robt. Sokes, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts.; T. Graham, P.P.J.G.W. Wilts.; Col. Magrath, P.G.S.B. Wilts.; and others.

After the roll of the lodges in the province had been called, and the Provincial Grand Lodge had been duly opened, the R.W.P.G.M. called upon the acting Grand Sec., Bro. Henry C. Tombs, to read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge held at Warminster in November last. This was done, and such minutes were duly confirmed.

A letter was read from Captain Bradford, P.G. Treas., expressing regret that the state of his health compelled him to ask the P.G.L. to elect another brother to fill that office. He then was called upon to read the accounts for the past year, which had been duly audited, and the same were now approved.

The next business was to receive the Charity Committee's report, which was read by Bro. Tombs. From this it appeared that they had voted £52 10s. to the Girls' School, and £50 to the Benevolent Institution, to endow in both instances the chair of the D.P.G.M. It also appeared that Bro. W. Nott, Secretary to the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee, has offered to represent this province as Steward at the next festival of the Girls' School, and Bro. S. Gauntlett to fill a similar Stewardship as regards the Benevolent Institution. The report was approved, and the two brethren named appointed as Stewards to represent the province.

In the absence of the P.G. Reg., Bro. Blackmore, his report was read by Bro. Commans, P.P.G. Reg., shewing a steady increase in the number of subscribing members in the province, which now stood at 419. The report, after analysing the income and expenditure of the various lodges, went on to recommend that a strict compliance be enforced with the bye-laws as regards the returns to be made by the Secretaries of lodges. The report was adopted.

The report of the Charity Organisation Committee was read by the Secretary, Bro. William Nott (Devizes), and stated that the committee was in thorough working order, and had to their mutual advantage established terms of reciprocity with many surrounding provinces. The number of votes for the Masonic Charities placed at the disposal of the committee by subscribers in the province had been in April—Boys, 176; Girls, 106; Aged Males, 250; Widows, 140; and in October—Boys, 219; and Girls, 103; there being no election in the autumn for the Benevolent Institution. The committee had supported 2 cases during the year both of which had been successful, namely a girl (Feltham), at the April election, and a boy (Shrapnel), in October, and had adopted the case of the late Bro. Joseph Burt, of Devizes, for the next election of the Benevolent Institution in May. The committee at its last meeting had resolved that as a general rule no petition for admission as a candidate from this province for either of the charities ought to be presented without being first approved by this committee, so as to secure unity of action and avoid any clashing of candidates. On the motion of

the P.G.M., seconded by Lord Harry Thynne, this report was approved.

W. Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.J.G.W., who at the last Provincial Grand Lodge had undertaken to compile a short sketch of the history of Freemasonry in Wiltshire, begged to thank the P.G. Sec., and the Secretaries of the various lodges in the province for their assistance in the matter, and stated that he hoped ere long to put such a sketch into print and distribute it amongst the brethren.

Bro. John Chandler was invested with a charity jewel. The R.W.P.G.M. expressed his regret at losing the services of so good and faithful a brother as Bro. Capt. Bradford, who had held the office of Treasurer since 1868, and who, though he had resigned that office, he hoped to see amongst them for many years. It was some satisfaction to propose a cordial vote of thanks to him. This he (Lord Methuen) accordingly did, and coupled with it a proposal that £10 10s be voted for the purchase of a jewel, to be presented to Capt. Bradford in commemoration of his services. This was seconded by Lord Harry Thynne, and carried by acclamation.

Bro. Bradford, who appeared very much overcome, briefly responded in suitable terms.

Bro. Fred H. Goldney, P.M. 626, P.J.G.D. Wilts, was then, on the proposition of the R.W.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Major Calley, unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The R.W. the P.G.M. having made his appointments, the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year were invested as follows:—

Thomas H. Chandler, 355, 663	Prov. S.G.W.
William Nott, 663	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. A. Law, 355	Prov. G. Chap.
Fred H. Goldney, 62 6	Prov. G. Treas.
Alex. Braid, 1295	Prov. G. Reg.
Henry C. Tombs, 355	Prov. G. Sec.
John Godwin, 355	Prov. S.G.D.
Thos. Raymond, 663	Prov. J.G.D.
S. Gauntlett, 632	Prov. G.S. Wks.
John Chandler, 355, 663	Prov. G.D.C.
S. N. Badham, 668	Prov. G. Org.
Alfred Plummer, 1533	Prov. G.A.D.C.
John H. Chandler, 663	Prov. G. Sw. B.
R. N. Fowler, 626	Prov. G. Purs.
John Savory	Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W.P.G.M. before closing Provincial Grand Lodge took the opportunity to congratulate the brethren on the progress of Masonry in the province. He more especially alluded to the increased support of the charities, towards which during the year Bro. Gauntlett had taken up £135 as Steward for the Boys' School, and Bro. John Chandler £120 as Steward for the Girls', and took the opportunity of heartily thanking those brethren for their services. He also thanked the brethren of the province for the very liberal support accorded to himself (Lord Methuen) as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, which enabled him to take up such a large amount as £282 to the festival in February last.

Bro. Capt. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth, expressed his hearty thanks to the Wiltshire brethren for the hearty way in which he had been received on this, his first visit to them, and offered them in return a hearty welcome to his own province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge and Craft Lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, served by Bro. Moore, the manager of the hotel, in his best style, and including contributions of game and venison from Lord Methuen, P.G.M., and from Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland was held under the banner of Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, Carlisle, on Saturday the 3rd inst. There was an exceedingly limited attendance, which was no wonder, when it is considered that it was market day at three out of the four towns where those three lodges hail from, namely, Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, Carlisle; Bective Lodge, No. 147, Keswick; and Kent Dale Lodge, No. 195, Kendal; the remaining lodge in the province being Whitwell, No. 131, Maryport, at which town, like all iron and mining centres, Saturday is naturally a busy day for business men. The day fixed, therefore, was a decided mistake, and it is to be hoped for the well-being and prosperity of Mark Masonry in the two counties that the like will not occur again. The brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Castle-street, at three o'clock, and amongst those present were Bros. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason, who presided in the absence of Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason; Jos. Nicholson, P.M.M., and Treas. 151, P.G.S.W.; W. Pratchitt, P.M.M. 60, P.G.J.W.; J. A. Wheatlepp, P.M.M. 60, P.G. Treas.; P. de E. Collin, P.M.M. 151, P. G. Sec. and Reg. of Marks; G. J. McKay, 195, P.G.M.O.; Dr. E. W. Henry, 60, P.G.J.O.; J. Cook, P.M.M. 60, P.G.J.D.; J. Gardiner, P.M.M. 151, P.G. I. of W.; G. Potter, W.M.M. 60, P.E.D.C.; W. B. Gibson, J.O. 151, P.G. Sword Br.; J. Barnes, 60, P.G. Tyler; G. G. Hayward, P.M.M. 60, P.G.I.G. England; Lieut. Fairtlough, R.A., P.M.M. 147, P.P.G.M.O.; Quartermaster Serj G. Noakes, 55th Regt., Secretary 60; H. Glendinning, 60; W. Jobling, 60; J. Haswell, 60; H. Stacey, 60; R. J. Nelson, 195; G. Turner, 195; T. Mandie, W.M.M. 151; J. H. Banks, J.W. 151; J. Quay, Sec. 151; and J. Abbott, 151. The minutes of the meeting held last year at Maryport having been read and confirmed, the report of the committee on the Provincial Grand Mark bye-laws was received, and said bye-laws were approved and confirmed, copies being distributed to the brethren present. The fees of honour were next re-

ceived from the retiring officers, and next the Treasurer's statement of accounts was received and adopted.

Bro. Wheatley having been re-elected Prov. Grand Treas., and Bro. Barnes Prov. Grand Tyler, the officers for the year were invested as follows:—

Dr. Henry, 60	Prov. G.S.W.
G. J. McKay, 195	Prov. G.J.W.
J. Gardiner, P.M. 151	Prov. G.M.O.
G. Potter, W.M. 60	Prov. G.S.O.
W. B. Gibson, 151	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. W. Cockett, 60	Prov. G. Chap.
J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 60	Prov. G. Treas.
P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151	Prov. G. Sec.
T. Mandie, W.M. 151	Prov. G.R. Marks.
G. W. Kenworthy, 151	Prov. G.S.D.
Nelson, 195	Prov. G.J.D.
Wivell, W.M. 147	Prov. G.I. of W.
F. W. Watson	Prov. G.D.C.
W. F. Lamony, 151	Prov. G.A.D.C.
G. Noakes, 60	Prov. G.S.B.
Godfrey, 195	Prov. G.O.
J. H. Banks, 151	Prov. G.I.G.
P. Dodgson, 151	Prov. G. Std.
J. Barnes, 60	Prov. G. Tyler.

This was all the business, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

There was no banquet, and the proceedings were quiet and tame to a degree.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

This Benevolent Association was formed in the month of November, 1875, under the auspices of the Metropolitan (Victoria) Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, for the purpose of enabling members of the Craft, ladies, and Lewises, or their nominees to become life subscribers or life governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, at Croydon, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at Battersea Rise, by payment of the small sum of one shilling per week.

The second annual meeting of the association was held at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 2nd November, at 8.30 p.m., after the closing of the Lodge of Instruction, Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, the Preceptor of the lodge, and President of the association, being in the chair, and a large number of the committee and members of the association being present.

The minutes of preceding meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Rosser was elected a member of the association, and a ballot was taken for the sum in the hands of the Treasurer, Bro. Simpson being the successful member.

The Honorary Secretary, Bro. W. W. Snelling, stated that he had much pleasure in reporting to the members the progress of the association. He reminded them that the association as originally formed was intended to have been a terminating one, and would have terminated on that day, being two years from the date of its formation, but by a resolution of the members at the last annual meeting it was determined to make the association a permanent one, so that members could join at any time without payment of back subscriptions, and this had been a great success. During the two years of the existence of the society the working expenses had amounted to £7 2s. 10d. only, for printing and postage, and had thus been covered by the entrance fees of 1s. per share. The amount received from the members during the two years was £400 4s. 0d., and after payment of expenses the whole had been appropriated, whereby seventy-seven members had become life subscribers or life-governors of the charities—thirty-two having subscribed to the Institution for Aged Freemasons, twelve to the Widows' Fund, eight to the Boys' School, twelve to the Girls' School, and thirteen had not yet determined to which fund they would subscribe.

The various institutions had not only benefited directly through this association, but also indirectly, as many of the members on being successful in the ballot had agreed to represent their lodges as Stewards at the annual festivals. Bro. Snelling was himself going up as Steward at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, and hoped that the brethren would add to his list. The number of annuitants now on the funds of the Institution at Croydon was 284, the males receiving £40 and the widows £32. There were nearly 200 boys in the Boys' School, and about the same number of girls in the Girls' School, and for each of these institutions a sum of upwards of £10,000 per annum had to be made up by the contributions of the Craft, and as there were an increasing number of applicants for the various charities, which will necessitate the earnest exertions of every one having the interest of the Craft at heart, He trusted that those members who had been successful in the ballot and had subscribed to one of the charities would not only become subscribers to the other charities, but induce their friends to join this association. He particularly recommended them to make their wives and children subscribers to the charities, as they would under the rules of the institutions have double votes.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers and committee, and was unanimously in favour of Bros. J. R. Stacey, P.M., as President; J. White, P.M. 228, as Vice-Preceptor and Treasurer; W. W. Snelling, 180, as Hon. Sec.; and Bros. Squirrel, Skelton, Webb, Abell, Denison, Larchin, Brock, Gush, Morgan, and Kearney as members of the committee. Bros. Tate, Daniel, Rosser, and Garratt were appointed Auditors, and a vote of thanks was unanimously given to Bros. Stacey, White, and Snelling, for their exertions on behalf of the charities.

The association will continue to meet at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, on the first Friday in every month, at 8.30 in the evening, after the closing of the Lodge of Instruction, when members of the Craft, ladies, and Lewises residing in the metropolis or in the provinces will be en-

rolled, and subscriptions received by Bro. Snelling, who will forward post free a prospectus of the association, and give every information to persons applying.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of subscribers to this school was held on Saturday afternoon in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. F. Collard Moutrie presided; and the other brethren present were Bros. H. Browse, E. C. Cox, Walter Hopekirk, Jesse Turner, Donald M. Dewar, A. Tisley, J. C. Dwarber, S. Rawson, John Boyd, William Hale, Capt. John Wordsworth, Hyde Pullen, Joyce Murray, H. Massey (Freemason); Benjamin Head, the Rev. Dr. Robert Morris, Thomas Smith, Capt. N. G. Phillips, J. M. P. Montagu, S. Rosenthal, F. J. Wain, W. Paas, C. G. Rushworth, Geo. P. Gillowe, Geo. Motion, John M. Stedwell, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The formal portion of the business, consisting of the reading and confirmation of minutes and of the Auditors' Report, occupied a considerable time, after which the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for bills passed. The petitions were then read. Six of these were on the list, and of these two were deferred for two months, for better reading, and one for a certificate of health. Three candidates were placed on the list for the April election. Cheshire and Staffordshire each presented a boy, by virtue of the perpetual presentation possessed by those provinces.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The Masonic Hall at Hamilton, Waikato, being completed, the ceremony of dedication took place on Thursday, 23rd August, Bro. R.W.P.G.M., G. P. Pierce, of the Irish Constitution, presiding.

The foundation-stone of this building was laid according to ancient usage on 9th Nov., 1876.

The building itself is of brick, containing a lodge room 30 by 20, and two ante-rooms, each 12 by 12, with a passage 6 by 12 between.

A large number of Masons assembled from various parts of the district, supplemented by the officers of the P.G.L. and brethren from Auckland, who availed themselves of the railway lately opened to Ngamawahia.

The lodge was opened in ample form by the P.G.M. and officers, after which a procession was formed, some 60 brethren marching to St. Peter's Church, where the Rev. Bro. Wm. Calder held Divine service. Returning to the Masonic Hall the ceremony of dedication was proceeded with.

An address was delivered by Bro. G. D. Pierce, P.G.M. New Zealand, P.C., which will be given in our next.

The labours being ended the brethren assembled at the town hall, where luncheon had been provided, to which ample justice was done. In the evening a Masonic ball took place, and dancing was kept up vigorously until 5 a.m. by some 120 brethren, their relatives and friends, the funds realised being devoted to the orphans' Home in Auckland.

Previous to the ceremony of dedication the W.M. of Lodge, Beta, 450, I.C., was presented by the brethren, of the lodge through Bro. G. S. W. Goldsbro with a Masonic Jewel, in recognition of his zeal in promoting the building of the hall and forwarding the interests of the Craft.

OPENING OF A NEW LODGE AT WINCHESTER.

About six months ago, the question as to the opening of a Masonic lodge at Winchester was mooted, which eventually culminated in a dispensation being granted for this purpose, and the Masons of South Canterbury, amounting to some twenty-five members of the St. John's and Caledonian Lodges, left town for Winchester.

On arriving at the scene of their labours they were most courteously received, and after partaking of the good things provided, they proceeded to the school-room to carry out their mission.

There were present in all forty-two members of the Craft.

The Winchester Lodge of the Canterbury province, of E.C. Freemasonry, was duly consecrated and dedicated to the Craft by the D.P.G.M. of Canterbury, Bro. H. Thompson, on behalf of the W.P.G.M., Bro. Donald, who was unable to attend.

The ceremony of consecration was ably carried out in a telling address from the Chaplain, Bro. Barclay, who drew the attention of the brethren to the centre point of the Craft, viz., their duties to the Grand Architect of the universe, as the Author of all good things, and their duties to their fellow men and brethren to dwell together in unity and charity, not the charity that gives money, but the Charity of fellow-feeling which would bring its reward with it.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. Thompson, being assisted by Bro. King, P.M., Bro. Williamson, P.M., Bro. West, and Bro. Watkins, then duly dedicated the lodge under the title of the Winchester Lodge, according to ancient usages and custom of a pre-historic description, showing the ancient position Masonry had taken in the advancement of the liberal arts and sciences, even in the ages of darkness when light was not so universally spread. The ceremony was very impressive, interspersed as it was at times by the assistance of addresses from the Chaplain.

Bro. Zeisler, W.M. 1137, ably presided as Organist, and the anthems which were rendered were so produced as to show the value of harmony.

The following officers were then duly installed for the ensuing year:—

Bros. P. M. J. King, W.M.; W. De Renzie, S.W.; G. Taylor, J.W.; W. Smith, S.D.; J. A. Young, I.D.; W. G. Walsh, C. Williams, Tyler,

The election gave unanimous satisfaction, and the lodge we may say, to quote Bro. H. Thompson's remarks, is a "ship well officered, well manned, well provisioned, and well found, setting out on a voyage, that with but due care could lead to success." He also gave praise to the brethren of the new lodge of their wisdom in electing a so well tried and able officer as P.M. King, as their first W.M., as they were under the ruling of one who could "instruct as well as employ."

The ceremony being concluded, and labour ended, the brethren adjourned under the direction of the J.W. Bro. Taylor, to refreshments, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, the chair being occupied by the W.M., Bro. King, supported on his left by Bros. Thompson and Williamson, on his right by the Rev. Bro. Barclay, and Bro. Ziesler, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. DeRenzie, supported on his right by Bro. Rutland, and his left by Bro. J. A. Young, when the usual loyal and Craft toasts were gone through, together with their hearty responses, not forgetting the Tylers.

Among the especial points of interest coming before us in connection with the Winchester Lodge, is the time-honoured custom of the labouring Craftsmen, to use their best endeavours in their several branches.

The pedestals, working tools, &c., were the productions of Bro. B. Wallis, of Timaru, doing great credit to the care and attention bestowed on them, manufactured by him, and giving great satisfaction.

INSTALLATION MEETING AT AUCKLAND.

Last week we had occasion to refer to the practical interest taken by a large body of the clergy in the welfare of the Craft, instancing the Chaplains of our Order; we might, however, if that had been the 'motif' of our remarks, have further pointed out the way in which they join in the actual working of the lodges. Nor is this less the case in the colonies than at home, and this week we have great pleasure in reproducing from the *Evening Star* (Auckland), of Sept. 21, an account of the installation in the chair of K.S. of Bro. the Rev. Charles Mosely Nelson, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's (cathedral) Church, Auckland, and chaplain to the bishop of that diocese:

The interesting ceremony of the installation of the W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, E.C., took place at the lodge-room, Star Hotel, when Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, M.A., was installed Master of the lodge. Bro. M. S. Leers, P.M., officiated as Installing Master, assisted by the following Past Masters:—Bros. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M., I.C., Lodge Ara; Dr. C. F. Goldsbro', Lodge Waitemata; M. Niccol, R.W.M. Lodge Manukau; E. T. Wildman, W.M. Corinthian Lodge (Thames); Rev. Dr. R. Kidd, P.G.C., I.C., Lodge Ara; W. J. Rees, Lodge United Service and Ara; W. R. Robinson, P.G.J.W., I.C., Lodge Ara; W. C. Walker, R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew; W. P. Moat, W.M. Lodge Rodney; A. Heather, W.M. Lodge Ara; W. Lodder, W.M. Lodge Remuera; J. Warren, W.M. Lodge Waitemata; H. G. Wade, Lodge Waitemata; J. W. Basley, W.M. Lodge Coromandel; W. P. Hayward, Lodge Waitemata; W. H. Skinner, Lodge Prince of Wales; F. G. Clayton, Lodge Prince of Wales; and G. M. Mitford, Lodge Prince of Wales.

After the installation, the officers of the lodge were invested by the W.M., viz.:—Bros. F. G. Clayton, I.P.M.; F. W. E. Dawson, S.W.; R. C. Dyer, J.W.; W. H. Skinner, P.M., Treasurer; M. S. Leers, P.M., Secretary; E. S. Wilcocks, D.C.; W. Rattray, S.D.; Major-Gen. J. W. Gosset, J.D.; W. S. Cellins, I.G.; C. Burton and L. D. Nathan, Stewards; C. Potter, Tyler. At the conclusion of the evening a large number of the brethren sat down to a banquet provided in excellent style by Host Davidson. The chair was occupied by the newly installed Master, Bro. C. M. Nelson, supported on the right by Bros. Wildman, Pierce, and Niccol; and on the left by Bros. Leers, Clayton, and Goldsbro'; Bro. Dr. Dawson, S.W., occupying the vice-chair. After the good things had been duly discussed, the following programme of toasts was gone through:—"The Queen and the Craft," by the W.M. The choir then sang the Masonic anthem "God Save the Queen." The next toast proposed by the W.M. was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England;" Bro. E. Harker then sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W.G.M.'s of Scotland and Ireland, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart and the Duke of Abercorn," was then duly honoured. Masonic anthem, "Hail Masonry." "P.G.M., I.C., Bro. G. P. Pierce; the D.G.M. (designate), E.C., Bro. G. S. Graham, P.M.; the P.G.M. (designate), S.C., Bro. Hon. F. Whitaker," proposed by Bro. E. T. Wildman, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Pierce. Glee, "Lutzow's Wild Hunt." "The W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge," proposed by Bro. F. G. Clayton, responded to by the W.M. Glee, "Two Roses." "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. W. H. Skinner, P.M., responded to by Bro. P.M. Leers. Song, Bro. Brett, "I fear no foe." "The Past Masters of the Prince of Wales Lodge," proposed by Bro. F. W. E. Dawson, S.W., responded to by Bro. P.M. Clayton. Duet, Bros. Wilcocks and Sharland, "Oft in the stilly night." "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. the Rev. Charles Clark, proposed by Bro. M. S. Leers, P.M., responded to by Bro. Rev. C. Clark. Part song, "German Rhine." "The Officers of the Prince of Wales Lodge," proposed by Bro. G. M. Mitford, P.M., responded to by Bro. Dr. Dawson. Song, Bro. Lodder, "When other lips." "The Brethren who had rendered the music," coupled with the name of Bro. Brett, proposed by Bro. R. C. Dyer, S.W., responded to by Bro. Brett. Recitation, Bro. Rev. C. Clark, "Over the hill to the poor house." "The Newly Initiated Brethren," proposed by Bro. E. S. Wilcocks, D.C., responded to by Bro. J. A. Beale. "The Entered Apprentice's Song," Bro. Harker.

"The Ladies," proposed by Bro. Dr. Ellis, responded to by Bro. J. H. B. Coates. Chorus, "Here's a health," &c. "All Poor and Distressed Masons."

After the banquet "The Host and Hostess" was proposed by Bro. W. P. Moat, W.M. Lodge Rodney, and responded to by Host Davidson.

The following brethren contributed their services as singers during the evening: Bros. E. Harker, Skinner, Sharland, Wethey, Wilcocks, Lodder, and Brett, accompanied by Bros. W. J. Rees and J. A. Beale.

WEST LANCASHIRE AND THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

The following circular was issued with reference to the above praiseworthy object:—

WITHINGTON, Oct. 13th, 1877.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—A service has been arranged to take place at St. Paul's Church, Withington, under the patronage of the Masonic Order, in aid of the Indian Famine Fund, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at four o'clock in the afternoon, which you are invited to attend. The Church, being situate in the West Lancashire Province, a dispensation will be obtained under the warrant of the Architect Lodge, Bro. G. D. Pochin, W.M. The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Lancashire; and Bro. the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Provincial Grand Chaplain of East Lancashire, will assist in the service. Brethren are requested to appear in the full regalia of Royal Arch or Craft clothing, and to assemble in the school-room, immediately near the Church, at 3.30 p.m. prompt. If it is your intention to be present, please sign the enclosed, and return to the address thereon by early post, so that arrangements may be completed for the reception and comfort of the brethren.

We are, yours fraternally,

GEO. WM. GROGAN, M.A., Rector
C. T. DRABBLE,
GEO. WHITEHEAD, } Church
JAMES TURNBULL, } Officers.
JOHN BRADSHAW,

About 100 brethren assembled, in response to the circular, and £57 were collected.

Bro. H. Bethell Jones preached an admirable sermon, which we intend to publish in our Christmas *Freemason*.

FRENCH MASONRY EXTINCT.

In the "Special Report of the Committee on Correspondence," rendered by Bro. Hon. Richard Vaux, Chairman of the Committee on March 1, 1876, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it was stated: "Your committee have also to report, that the so called Grand Orient of Italy, France, . . . are not in such a Masonic condition as to justify the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognising them as Masonic Grand Lodges, and such recognition is hereby withheld." The wisdom of this course was then apparent, for existing reasons, but we had hopes that the Grand Orient of France would mend its ways, and place itself within the pale of universal Masonry. Instead of doing this, however, by a suicidal act it has just made it impossible for any jurisdiction of Ancient Craft Masonry in the world to have any fraternal relations with it. It has ceased to be theistic and become atheistic. It has, under the pretence of being unsectarian, and giving entire liberty of conscience, banished both the name and idea of God from its constitution. Its candidates are no mere required to trust in God, but only in themselves. Belief in God, of all the landmarks of Freemasonry the most radical, and the last to be dispensed with, has been, by a vote of 135 lodges to 76, abolished by the Grand Orient of France. The French Rite will henceforth be the propaganda of atheism, materialism, and communism, triplet devils of the mind. Henceforth not a jurisdiction of Ancient Craft Masonry in the Masonic world can or will have intercourse with it. It is *jeu de se*, notwithstanding some sane brethren, like Bro. Hubert, editor of the Paris *Chaine d'Union*, spoke, wrote, and voted against the fatal measure.

This suicidal policy, we regret to say, is not the result of a sudden aberration of mind, or of a *coup d'etat*, but of a long, and persistent purpose. They say they have precedents for their action—that Buenos Ayres, Italy, and Hungary have led the way in ignoring the Grand Architect of the Universe, and they are determined to follow. There is now no Bible on the altar of a French, Italian, or Belgic lodge; and there is no recognition of Deity in their work. All is hap-hazard with them; there is no hereafter; the doctrine of the immortality of the soul is false; and they worship and respect nothing, except themselves. We never took any stock in so-called French Masonry, even in its best days, and we now bid it, not farewell, not adieu, but simply to go to its own place. There can henceforth be no relations between it and any body of pure Freemasonry in the world.

While all of the English-speaking Grand Lodges that may have had intercourse with France in the past will at once sever all connection with this organised body of atheism, and stigmatise its action, as they must and ought, we have no fears that the body of Freemasonry will suffer.

There always is danger in the multiplication of rites, for differences material and radical are sure to ensue. Such is the case now. The manipulators of thirty-three and ninety degrees cannot be expected to agree with the authorities having jurisdiction over the original three degrees. The former have erected a Tower of Babel, which has toppled over upon themselves, and threatened confusion in the Masonic world. They have struck a blow at Cosmopolitan Masonry, but one that will recoil upon

themselves. The evil will be local and transient. Wherever there are true Freemasons, speaking any tongue, and desirous of spreading true Masonry, the Grand Lodges of Great Britain or America will warrant them in doing so. The field now is the world, and let us go out and possess it, for it has been openly dedicated to the public.—*Key-stone*.

GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

We publish the following by request, with pleasure:—
Valle del Nilo, Or. d'Alessandria, Nov. 18, 1877.

To all and every Masonic power throughout the world.
R. W. Brethren,—As though the harmony which should always prevail throughout the Masonic world, were not unluckily too much troubled by so many occasional jars among the different Grand Bodies, or that the fatal influence of human wickedness upon every thing noble and sacred were not already a matter of sad regret, the Grand Orient of France, in their general meeting held at Paris in September last, in adopting by a great majority of votes the taking into consideration of the most unmasonic proposal, viz., the obliteration from their constitutions of the belief in God, and in the immortality of the soul, announced to the world a revolution which no true and loyal Mason can conscientiously ever subscribe to.

The most solid foundation of our Institution has always been an absolute affirmation of a Supreme, All-creating, All-foreseeing and Ever-rewarding Being. By eliminating this Divine principle, the grand edifice, which we are proud to raise to eternal truth, would consequently fall down to pieces, or to the best be changed into a true Babel, leading to us utterly to confusion and ruin.

If we are proud (and we are right in being so) in calling ourselves brethren, it is because we know we are the children of one and the same Father.

For him who denies the Divine paternity, the unity and brotherhood of mankind becomes altogether problematical, and, consequently, he can hardly see how the moral perfection, which is the principal object of all our exertions, can ever be actually attained.

Should the nihilism of Grand Orient of France prevail among us, all believers in God would of course shun our Temples, which keeping merely the name of Sanctuaries, would in fact be changed in so many receptacles, giving shelter to all the eccentricities of human mind, naturally too much inclined to deify itself.

Though the Grand Lodge of Egypt be comparatively one of the youngest Masonic Grand Bodies, it is by no means less inspired with the true Masonic principles than any other of its sister Grand Lodges. We have consequently found it proper and necessary to raise our voice against a danger threatening the whole Institution. Silence, in such an important circumstance, might be looked upon either as indifference, weakness or connivance.

The Grand Lodge of Egypt, conscious of its own right, and strictly adhering to the ancient traditional landmarks of the Craft, is very far from admitting of any alteration preventing the progress, and compromising the prosperity of the Order, therefore, we do declare positively to repel the unduly suggested innovation.

We flatter ourselves, you will accept this circular, and the decree inserted in our official report, as an unquestionable proof of our fraternal regards, and that you will approve of the feelings which have inspired our proceedings.

Praying our Almighty Father, who is in heaven, to bestow all His blessings on you, and to enlighten the mind and raise the heart of the Grand Orient of France.

I am, R. W. Brethren, fraternally yours,

F. F. ODDI,
Grand Secretary.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, November 16, 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, NOVEMBER 10.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Furtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
- " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.
- " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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, NOVEMBER 12.

- Lodge 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 222, St. Andrew's, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
- " 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden sq.
- " 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
- " 1610, Northern Bar, F.M.H., adjourned.
- " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
- Chap. 12, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
- Red Cross Con., 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hot.

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.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 166, Union, Westminster-palace Hot.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall-Tav. Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st. W.
 " 435, Salisbury, Cafe Royal, Regent-st.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st., Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot. Covnt.-Grdn.
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-street, Woolwich
 Constitutional, Bedford Ho., Shampton Bdg.
 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 Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Com. R.M.B. Inst. at 3.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
 " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-street.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limchouse.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun. Tav., Wapping.
 " 1505, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, 7, New-st., Portland Town.
 Mark Lodge, Old Kent, M.H. Masons Avenue, E.C.
 Rose Croix, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

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Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
 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 15.

Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, New Makt.H., W. Smithfld.
 Encamp. 128, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
 Bury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 " 1519, St. Dunstan's Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Chap. 92, Moira.
 Encamp. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 17, 1877.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 721, Independence, East-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bdg., Barrow.
 " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Mark Lodge, 165, Egerton, M.R., Rock Ferry.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.C., Birkenhead.
 Red Cross Conclave, 77, M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Prescott.
 " 281, Fortitude, The Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 606, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1232, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.M., Liverpool.
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Encampment Jacques de Molay, M.H., Liverpool.
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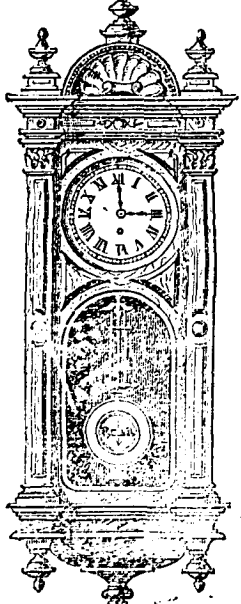
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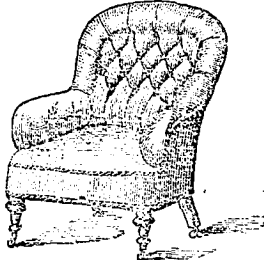
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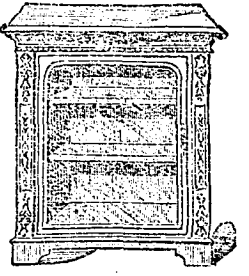


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