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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 12).—At the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Monday, the 4th inst., there was a large assembly of members and visitors to do honour to the occasion of the installation of Bro. Daniel Nicholls into the chair and office of W.M. of the lodge. Bro. W. B. Kidder, W.M., presided, assisted by his officers, who, with one exception, were present, and supported by Past Masters Bros. J. B. Lemaitre, Joseph Clever, George Angold, Dudley Rolls, Sydney Rolls, Raynham Stewart, A. H. Lilley, H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M.; and the following lay brethren: Bros. W. J. Beedel, E. B. Kidder, jun., G. Snellgrove, Botenback, G. Hudson, F. Canton, L. Delavaux, J. W. Clever, J. Kent, Caleb Stranger, M. F. Cooper, A. Porter, C. Reif, Fountain, Meen, and others. We noticed the following brethren amongst the visitors present: Bros. L. Wood, Royal Oak, 971; T. L. Green, Villiers Lodge; Ambrose D. Bird, Royal York, 7; Mortimer J. Davis, P.M. 12; A. F. Rowley, P.M. 917; Curlier, P.M. 11; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; J. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution; F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School; Massey (Freemason), and other distinguished brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read, Bro. Frederic Cantor was passed to the Second Degree; after which Mr. David Matthews was balloted for, and being approved, was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. Bro. David Nicols, W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and having given his assent in due form to the ancient charges read by the Secretary, was obligated, and thereafter presented to and approved by a Board of Installed Masters and duly installed into the chair of K.S. After being proclaimed and saluted in due form by the brethren on their return to the lodge, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers, who were invested by the Installing Master as follows:—Bros. W. H. Bateman, S.W.; H. Mower, J.W.; L. Ruf, Treasurer; A. Snellgrove, Secretary; Coombs, S.D.; Rudderforth, J.D.; E. B. Kidder, jun., I.G.; Boutenbach, D.C.; Gilchrist, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. W. B. Kidder, who delivered the addresses to the officers, lay brethren and Master in a deeply impressive manner. On the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Nicol, V.M., in a short but appropriate speech, presented to I.P.M. Kidder a handsome P.M. jewel, which had been voted to him by the lodge as a mark of their appreciation of his able management of the lodge during his term of office. Bro. P.M. Kidder in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in placing the jewel on his breast, and assured them that it would ever be esteemed by him in the highest manner. He trusted that he might be spared to live long among them and that he should have the pleasure of seeing a similar jewel presented to many of the brethren now before him. The business of the meeting being now concluded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served in Bro. Painter's best style. On the cloth being removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and very heartily responded to, the intervals being pleasantly enlivened with some excellent vocal music by Bro. Lester, Mr. Thompson and Bro. Hubbard, the musical arrangement being under the direction of Bro. C. Warwick Jordan; M.B., Oxon. In reply to the toast of "The rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," Bro. Sandeman said: I have much pleasure in responding to the toast that you have proposed; I am sorry to see so few Grand Officers standing up with me to such a toast, but such as do stand with me are worthy Masons, so that I feel well supported, though by very few. In responding for the Grand

Officers there is always a suspicion that the speaker gives vent to self praise and laudation, but as I am a Past Grand Officer, I may perhaps, speak more openly than I otherwise could. No one knows until he has received the purple apron, the amount of work that is entailed upon him if he really does his duty and does it well. There is really a good deal of hard work and very important work to perform. I think I may without fear of being contradicted, just say one word on behalf of the Grand Officers, whose names are proposed with this toast, and I think that if the whole body of Freemasons had been polled, the choice would have fallen on the very men whom the Grand Master has appointed. In Golden-square we see a deal of work which is done by the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Skelmersdale, who works most assiduously, and I am very glad to say these few words in their praise. In conclusion I should like to congratulate the lodge in having you, Sir, as the Master for the coming year. We are all devoted to No. 12 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, we Past Masters have all felt pleasure in filling that chair, and in asking you to fill it we have given expression to the confidence we feel that you are every way fitted to rule over this lodge. Bro. P. M. Kidder: It is my especial privilege this evening to be entrusted with the gavel for the purpose of proposing a toast—a toast that I am sure will accord with your feelings—"The Health of the W.M." In proposing that toast it is to me a source of great gratification to feel that the choice of the lodge has fallen upon a very worthy brother, and I am sure that for the same reason the toast will be received by you with equal gratification. It is especially gratifying to me to feel that I had the honour of assisting him into the proud position which he now holds. It is gratifying to me to know that I have effectively discharged that duty; otherwise you would not have responded in that hearty manner to the toast of the Worshipful Master. I am certain you will drink it in the most cordial manner, and wish him alike success and happiness during our year of office. Bro. Nicol, W.M.: I have to return thanks, to you certainly Bro. P.M. Kidder, for the honour you have done me this evening. This is a proud day for me, and one which I can never forget. I shall ever strive to perform the duties of my office, with credit to myself and satisfaction to the brethren. From my heart I thank you for the honour you have done me in placing me here, and for the good wishes you have just expressed towards me. "The Health of the Past Masters" was next proposed and duly honoured. The W.M. then in a short speech presented to Bro. Ruf, the Treasurer of the lodge, a handsome testimonial that had been accorded him by the brethren, in the shape of a handsome silver tea and coffee service. Bro. Ruf had been Treasurer of the lodge for eleven or twelve years. The lodge was his mother lodge, and he was now the father of it. He had always performed the duties of Treasurer with the greatest ability, and it was with the best wishes for his happiness and as a mark of affection for him and appreciation of his good qualities that this testimonial was presented to him. Bro. Ruf returned thanks, and in the course of a few appropriate remarks, stated that it was now twenty-one years since he had been installed Master of that lodge, but it never entered into his mind that he should ever be presented with such a mark of the esteem of the brethren. "The Health of the Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Secretary," and other officers were also proposed and responded to, and the toast of "The Success of the Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who responded with his accustomed eloquence.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—On Thursday, the 31st ult., the brethren of this old lodge met at the Guildhall Tavern for the installation of the new W.M., Bro. George Phythian, who was unanimously elected at the last regular meeting of the lodge. The proceedings of the day commenced with the opening of the lodge by Bro. E. F. Storr, W.M., the other officers of the lodge being in their places. The list of brethren present during the evening comprised the names of Bro. E. F. Storr, W.M.; George Phythian, S.W.; W. Ashwell, J.W.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M., Treasurer; T. R. Eames, P.M., Secretary; John Holman, S.D.; Thomas P. Collings, J.D.; George Bird Gates, I.G.; W. R. Greaves, Organist; W. Neats, W.S.; A. J. Partridge, P.M.; Thomas White, P.M.; C. W. Gray, P.M.; John McLachlan, George Britton, Richard Catling, Charles W. Crowe, E. Hollands, A. J. Prothero, G. Waterall, R.M.; Thomas Fairweather, Jno. Harper, J. J. Slater, George Jones, James Norman, J. M. Thredder, W. H. Wise, jun., W. H. Keer, E. Y. Jolliffe, James Miller, H. S. Crawford, P.M.; Alex. Austen, George Salter, P.M.; Geo. Scott, B. Pears, jun., Mark Hubbard, O. Sargent, E. R. Curtice, A. M. Dorman, W. Buszard, J. H. Batley, Visitors, Newington Bridges, W.M. 1669; H. Birdseye, 715; Francis Fellows, 192 and 1679; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1671; H. Phythian, P.P.G. Sec. Middlesex; H. Edmonds, 1679; E. H. Thicclay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; J. Reinhardt, J.W. 23; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); D. Rees Copestake, P.M. 869; Fred. Keily, 1293, P.P.G.P. Middlesex; and James Curtis, 145. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the lodge of emergency of the 10th inst., Bro. Partridge, P.M., ascended the W.M. chair, and duly installed in very impressive style Bro. George Phythian as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. After the usual greeting, and the admission of the brethren below the rank of Installed Master, and the observance of the customary ceremonies in the Three Degrees, the following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge for the year ensuing:—Bros. Ashwell, S.W.; Holman, J.W.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M., Treasurer; T. R. Eames, P.M., Secretary; Collings, S.D.; Gates, P.M., J.D.; G. Britton, I.G.; W. C. Greaves, Organist; Gray, D.C.; Neats, P.M., W.S.; and Parkinson, Tyler. After the delivery of the charges, the W.M. commenced his year's work by fluently initiating Mr. James Miller. The report

of the Audit Committee was then read and adopted, and Bro. Storr, I.P.M., was presented with a massive and elegant P.M. jewel. Bro. Storr, in thanking the brethren for the gift, said it was not for the pecuniary value of the jewel that he prized it, but for the memorial it was of the brethren's estimation of his services to the lodge; and he trusted he should be spared for many years to do what he could for his mother lodge which he loved so much. Bro. Storr afterwards moved that ten guineas be given to the Boys' School; ten guineas to the Girls' School; and ten guineas to the Benevolent Institution; and the motion, having been duly seconded, was carried unanimously. The W.M. then informed the brethren that they had already a Steward for the Benevolent Institution. Ever since he had been a member of the lodge it had sent a Steward to each of the Institutions every year; but this year, for the first time, there was still a vacancy for a Steward for the Boys' School. He hoped however that the lodge would be true to its old traditions, and that a brother would come forward and offer himself to supply the vacancy. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Fairweather immediately rose and said he should be very happy to take the office upon himself. (Cheers.) Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The toasts were afterwards proposed, and "The Health of the Queen, the Grand Master, the Pro and Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," received all the honours customarily awarded to princes and rulers. Bro. E. F. Storr, I.P.M., next rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said that in doing so he should be speaking the sentiments of every brother when he mentioned that the chair of the lodge was now filled by one whose working, as they had seen that night, would do him credit as W.M. of the Neptune Lodge. The W.M. was like himself (Bro. Storr,) but young in Masonry. The W.M. was initiated next after him and had passed close to him in every office in the lodge. He felt therefore that they were like twin brothers. The W.M. he was proud to say had the assistance, as he himself had, of every officer, all of whom esteemed and loved him; and at the end of his year of office he would be able on taking a retrospect of it to say that he had had a very happy year. His (Bro. Storr's) sun set that night, and Bro. Phythian's rose. He hoped that it might shine in splendour and set without a cloud. The W.M., in the course of acknowledging the toast said it was now between seven and eight years that he first occupied the chair on the immediate right of the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Waterall. He was quite astounded at the rapid manner in which he had moved from that position to the chair he now occupied. When he first entered the lodge there was but one brother that he knew, and that was Bro. George Jones, the oldest subscribing member of the lodge. Bro. Jones assisted Bro. Muggerridge in resuscitating the lodge in 1849, and he had been what the Audit Committee thought one of the best paying members, for they always had his money, and he very seldom came, having attended only three times since he (the W.M.) was initiated. Bro. Jones introduced him to the lodge. He had much pleasure in acknowledging that Bro. Jones taught him all his business experience; it was to Bro. Jones he went from school, and when he wished to become a Mason, knowing that Bro. Jones was one he asked him about it, and received for answer that he could not do better than join the Neptune Lodge. Bro. Jones proposed him, and their late lamented Bro. Ashwell seconded him. Both as a lad and a man he had always experienced the greatest kindness from Bro. George Jones, and as that brother had favoured the lodge with his presence that evening, he thought he could not do better than propose "Prosperity to the Neptune Lodge," and couple it with the name of Bro. George Jones, the oldest subscribing member. Bro. George Jones replied, and said he had not the slightest idea when he came to the lodge that evening that his name would have been proposed. Unfortunately, the oldest member next to him, Bro. Partridge, sen., was not present. He (Bro. Jones) was the oldest subscribing member, having been initiated in this very month, in 1848. He could merely re-echo the sentiments of all who had passed into the lodge since then, that it had been a happy thirty years, for he had always enjoyed himself when he had spent an evening with the brethren. True, during the last few years he had not been often at the lodge. Domestic and other circumstances called him away; but he had great pleasure in being there that evening, and especially in seeing his excellent old friend, Bro. George Phythian, holding the highest position in the lodge. When he (Bro. G. Jones) joined, they used to have ten, twelve, or thirteen members; now, however, they had sixty or seventy. He was very delighted at being present, and he hoped to be spared some few years yet to have the pleasure of coming again. The W.M. proposed "The Initiate." He knew that the brother who had been initiated that evening was one who would reflect honour on the brethren's choice, because he had been proposed and seconded by two of the most distinguished and respected members of the lodge. Bro. Miller, in reply, said he was not able to reply as he felt, but he could inform the brethren that he was highly pleased with the ceremony he had gone through, and he was certain he should never regret the step he had taken. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," said that no brother who like himself had been a member of the lodge for seven or eight years could fail to know the great value of the P.M.'s. No brother could appreciate more highly than he did the very valuable assistance the P.M.'s rendered to the officers of the lodge. They were ready and willing at any moment to give their time towards teaching the brethren. To mention but one instance: Bro. Gray had spent a great deal of time in coaching him (the W.M.) up in his work, and although he was sorry to say he was not quite perfect in it yet, he hoped to be better. If any question arose in the lodge, the Masters and brethren looked to the P.M.'s for advice and aid, and during his (the W.M.'s) year of office he should refer to them, and ask for their support. Bro. Past Master Storr had presided

over the lodge in a manner which he (the W.M.) could not hope to excel, but he should strive to emulate it, and he sincerely trusted that when the time came for him to give up the gavel to his successor he should leave the chair with the same good feeling that accompanied Bro. Storr that evening. The toast having been most warmly received, Bro. E. F. Storr, I.P.M., who was called on by the W.M. to reply, said he had filled the important office of Master of the Neptune Lodge to the best of his ability. He was now among the ranks of the P.M.'s, and he felt very proud to be one of such a distinguished body as the P.M.'s of the old Neptune Lodge. If, as the W.M. had said, he had performed his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, he was amply rewarded for any pains he had taken. He had endeavoured to live in the affection of every brother of the lodge, and without wishing to be egotistical, that evening he had studied the comfort of the brethren individually, and of the lodge in general. He had learned by the jewel the lodge had presented him with that the brethren appreciated his endeavours. He should ever look upon that jewel with pride and gratitude. He did not mean to say he had earned the jewel as other P.M.'s had, but he had done the best he could, and if he had not met with the approval of the brethren, he was sure the brethren would not have been unanimous, as they were, in voting him that token of regard and esteem. It was not the pecuniary value of the jewel that he prized, but the brethren's affection, of which it was a memento. It was with this feeling that every P.M. looked upon the jewel which was presented to him, and he trusted that the W.M. would be spared to win a similar honour. Although he (Bro. Storr) was the youngest of the P.M.'s, he knew he spoke the sentiments of every P.M. when he said God speed the lodge, spare the Master, grant that his year of office might be one of success, and that he might live in the esteem and affection of the brethren. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. F. Keilly, in the course of his reply, remarked that he had experienced great pleasure in finding the lodge sent three Stewards to the festivals of the Masonic Institutions. It had struck him as highly honourable that when a Steward was asked for the Boys' School, Bro. Fairweather with such promptitude and readiness offered himself for the office. Bro. H. Phythian observed that when the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. George Jones he referred to a long time ago. He (Bro. Phythian) thought he could carry the W.M.'s recollection back a little further. Some years ago he and the W.M. were talking on various subjects, and the subject of Freemasonry cropped up, and they thought as several friends were Masons why should not they be Masons themselves. The W.M. told him that if he would go in and see what Masonry was like, and then tell him, he would go into it as well. He (Bro. H. Phythian) did go into it, and he was so very much taken with it that he could not help telling his brother that he would like it too. The result of the experience he got was shown by his brother being in the W.M. chair now. Bros. E. H. Thiellay, Copestake, Birdseye, Curtis, Edmonds, Fellows, Nelson Reed, and Reinhardt also acknowledged the toast. Bro. Isaac Wilcox, P.M., responding as Treasurer to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he had held the office for a number of years, and he hoped that the brethren would never find at their audit that they were in a worse position than they were that evening. The Neptune Lodge during the years he had been Treasurer had had its ups and downs like other lodges; but he thought the brethren had seen by the feelings with which many P.M.'s had gone through the chair that they had been actuated by one desire, that the prosperity of the Neptune Lodge might go on increasing. The Masters of lodges had a great and important duty to perform; not only to do the work well, but to keep down the expenditure during their year of office; and he ventured to say that no lodge had had better men to discharge these duties effectually than the Neptune. The lodge might rely on its present Master to emulate those who had gone before him. Bro. T. R. Eames, P.M., replying as Secretary, said that when he undertook the duties of his office he did so with a view of performing them to the best interests of the lodge, and he flattered himself and the lodge that he had done it satisfactorily. As long as he held the office of Secretary he should endeavour to perform its duties with satisfaction to the lodge. He was very much pleased to have to speak that evening, because the W.M. was an old schoolfellow of his. The W.M. had said that Bro. George Jones was the only member of the lodge he knew when he came into it, but if he would remember he (Bro. Eames) and the W.M. came together at King's College. He was, therefore additionally happy to be invested again as Secretary, when his old schoolfellow presided as W.M. The pleasant party then broke up. The brethren were entertained during the evening with some excellent singing by Bros. Pearce, Hubbard, Reinhardt, and Edmonds, who were accompanied on the piano by Bro. W. C. Graves, Organist.

OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE (No. 28).—This old lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 28th January, when there were present Bros. J. G. Wilson, W.M.; Paas, P.M.; G. H. Wright, P.M.; Tighe, P.M.; Horwood, P.M.; Loveridge, P.M.; Farmaner, P.M. 485; Crombie, P.M.; Shearman, P.M.; Richard Bell, J.W.; C. T. Church, I.G.; T. J. Thomas, S.D.; Stoncham, Hainsworth, C. D. Miller, W. R. Thomas, W. W. Rust, E. Bumpers, J. Davy, Lloyd, Corthorne, Ellis, Jones, Sadler, Cope, Scott, and Watkins. Visitors: Bros. Pike, 9; Probyn, 18; J. W. Abbott, 21; Brunning, 21; Fairweather, 22; Ward, 22; Faulkner, 22; Holman, 22; Lord, 25; S. Taylor, 28; W. J. Cooper, 43; T. Grove, 55; S. White, 101; R. Williams, 176; W. T. Jones, 181; J. B. Barker, 185; J. Terry, 228; Jas. Lovett 526; G. S. Smith, 534; Ingulski, 534; Potter, 657; J.

Llewellyn, 657; A. B. Evans, 738; Rawlinson, 754; D. Ormond, 827; J. Mabe, 869; J. Forsyth, 868; T. Kendal, 1018; J. Williams, 1150; A. Lester, 1309; F. West, 1328; F. W. Kibble, 1426; Stamer, 1429; A. H. Miller, 1441; Thos. Stephens, 1475; Jackson, 1474; Penne, 1572; Allman, 1601; G. Taylor, 1613; G. S. Flack, 1615; Chapman, 1622; Nelson Reed, 1671; Stein, Geo. Clark, R. F. Carter, Geo. Rawlinson, Montem Smith, F. Binckes. Bro. C. D. Miller was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. Farmaner, P.M. 485, was then duly installed as W.M. of the Old King's Arms Lodge, by Bro. Tighe, P.M.; when he at once proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, as follows: Bros. I. G. Neilson, I.P.M.; T. J. Thomas, S.W.; C. T. Church, J.W.; D. Crombie, P.M. Sec.; W. R. Thomas, S.D.; J. Hainsworth, J.D.; W. W. Rust, I.G.; G. H. Wright, P.M., D.C. Bro. Paas having been previously elected to the office of Treasurer, was formally invested by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Thos. Woodstock having been duly proposed and seconded was elected as Tyler and invested with his sword of office. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Bro. P.M. Tighe, for the able manner he discharged the duties of Installing Master. Several other matters connected with the lodge having been transacted it was closed in due form, until the fourth Monday in February, emergencies excepted, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the large room of the Freemasons' Tavern, and great credit is due to the proprietor, for its variety, excellence, and attendance. No less than 48 visitors attended to do honour to the W.M.'s installation. A most pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by a beautiful selection of songs which was provided consisting of solos, duets, and trios, rendered in a most effective manner by Bros. A. Lester, Montem Smith, and others. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were proposed and responded to with the accustomed zeal, and the brethren separated, happy to have met, sorry to part, and happy to meet again.

LODGE OF FAITH No. (141).—The last meeting of this old lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street on the 29th ult. There were present Bro. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumbold, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Whitby, S.D.; Morrison, J.D.; Heaphy, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, W.S. (*Freemason*); Clark, D.C.; and Past Masters Davis, Pope, Taylor, Themans, Waygood. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers initiated Mr. Abrahams in a very painstaking manner. There being no other business before the lodge it was closed, and the members and visitors, numbering over sixty, adjourned to the banquet. Amongst the latter were Bros. Miller, P.M. 766, 1586; Faija, S.D. 1540; Van Raalte, J.D. 917; Butt, I.G. 907; Jones, S. 1431; Davis and Hayett, late 141; Dunn, 813; Yates, 948. At the conclusion of the banquet, which was well served, the W.M. gave the preliminary toasts, briefly but to the point. The I.P.M. in proposing "The W.M." took occasion to remark that the members were to be congratulated on having elected Bro. Mallett to fill the onerous position of Master in so large and influential a lodge as the Faith was universally acknowledged to be. He, the I.P.M., looked forward to a very prosperous year of office for their W.M., and in conclusion he charged the brethren to drink the toast with all due honour and warmth. The W.M. having briefly acknowledged the compliment proposed "The Health of the Initiate," who had come, he said, that evening well and worthily recommended, and who would he believed do credit to the lodge of his choice. Bro. Abrahams having returned thanks in a few well chosen sentences, the W.M. gave "The Visitors." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," each of the visiting brethren responded by praising most highly the "working" and hospitality of the lodge. "The P.M.'s," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," then followed in quick succession. The latter toast was acknowledged at length by the S.W., Bro. Dairy. During the proceedings Bro. Davis, sen., Themans, Walls, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at an early hour after passing a most agreeable evening.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).—The regular meeting of this old lodge for the annual installation of a Worshipful Master was held on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, and never since its centenary meeting, two years ago, has so large and distinguished a company assembled to do honour to its meetings. There was no business before the brethren but the confirmation of the minutes of the election meeting, the installation of W.M., the appointment and investiture of officers, and the reception of the report of the Audit Committee. The list of brethren present comprised Bros. James Williams Lambert, W.M.; Wm. Beattie, S.W.; Fred J. Macaulay, J.W.; W. Stainton Moses, Chaplain; Wm. Batty, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.M. Secretary; George Powell, S.D.; James Lewis Thomas, P.M., D.C.; R. G. Scarth, P.M.; Fred Thomas Dubois, P.M.; G. A. Rooks, P.M.; F. C. Yockney, A. V. Haines, Mansfield Turner, F. S. Hobson, D. Calvert, H. A. Dubois, Chas. H. Evill, F. G. Bailey. Visitors: Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; J. Collison Macartney, M.P., P.M. 12, Ireland; Col. H. Somerville Burncy, P.M. 1615; Magnus Ohren, P.M. 33; Peter Laird, P.M. 12; F. W. Levander, W.M. 1415; Wm. Ganz, P.G.O.; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (*Freemason*); John Strapp, P.M. 33; Fred Webb, P.G.R., Surrey; Thomas Green, Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; John Davis, W.M. 33; R. F. Austin, Studholme; John O. Carter, Etonian, P.M.; Thomas Higgs, P.M. 106; Montagu Gosset, P.M. 66; H. Finlay, 33; F. B. Archer, P.M. 94; C. E. Saunders, 29; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; R. F. Gould, P.M. 92; H. W. Hunt, P.M. 463; W. Smallpiece, Secretary, 969; John D. Blake, P.M. 8; James Glashier, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, S.G.D.; Henry Kent, 33; Faulkner Leigh, 404; J. Harc,

359; Fred. Plummer, 211; J. Large, 771; John Boyd, P.G.P., P.G.S.; and Dr. Davies. Bro. J. W. Lambert, W.M., presided, and the other officers named above were in their places. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Lambert, W.M., proceeded to instal Bro. W. Beattie, S.W., who holds the important post of Assistant Locomotive Superintendent of the London and South-Western Railway Co., in the chair of W.M.; and Bro. Lambert, as an old pupil of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, acquitted himself to the complete satisfaction and admiration of the brethren. The Board of Installed Masters numbered over thirty. Duly placed in the W.M. chair, Bro. Beattie proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. F. J. Macaulay (Assistant Secretary of the London and South-Western Railway Co.), S.W.; George Powell, J.W.; W. Batty, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Sec.; W. Stainton Moses, S.D.; F. S. Hobson, J.D.; A. V. Haines, I.G.; James Lewis Thomas, P.M., D.C., and Rawles, Tyler. The ceremony was accompanied by an organ performance, beautifully rendered by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org. Bro. Lambert delivered all the addresses, and at their conclusion received the hearty applause of the brethren. Bro. Batty, P.M. and Treas., then rose to move that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Lambert, and assured the W.M. that he never felt greater pleasure in proposing a P.M.'s jewel to a retiring Master before. All the brethren knew that Bro. Lambert had won the esteem and regard of every member of the lodge, and the proposition would be heartily seconded and as heartily carried. Bro. F. T. Dubois, P.M., seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously. The W.M., in presenting the jewel to Bro. Lambert, said it was with feelings of no small pleasure that he attached this small token of the brethren's esteem and affection to Bro. Lambert's breast. It was unnecessary for him to repeat what had been said by the Treasurer, but he was sure that he gave utterance to the sentiments of the entire lodge when he said a P.M.'s jewel was never bestowed by a lodge on a worthier brother than Bro. Lambert. He only hoped he would live very many years to be among the brethren and wear this jewel. Bro. Lambert, I.P.M., in reply, said it was very pleasing for him at the close of his year of office to be received in such a cordial manner by the W.M. and the brethren. This jewel he hoped would always remind him with pleasure of the duties he had yet to perform. One thing at least it would do, it would remind him of the kindness he had received from the brethren of the lodge, a kindness which he felt would never be forgotten by him. Thanking the brethren sincerely for their kindness he trusted that the lodge would flourish, and that its existence would be sempiternal. Bro. F. T. Dubois, P.M., then gave notice of motion for raising the initiation fee of the lodge from the first of January, 1879. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to a sumptuous repast provided by Bro. Rand, manager of the City Terminus Hotel. When this had been disposed of, grace was sung, and the usual toasts were proposed and honoured, the intervals between the toasts being supplied with some delightful music under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, by Bros. Thomas Baxter, Faulkner Leigh, Frederick Penna, and Maybrick. Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.M., Middlesex, in replying to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, &c." said that he and the rest of the Grand Officers at the table had always the greatest pleasure in coming to see what was being done in the Masonic world. They had many opportunities of going about, and taking advantage of them they saw many descriptions of working. Speaking for himself he had been through many different parts of the world and had seen a great deal of working. He had seen much good working, but he had never seen any better than he had seen that night. And this he said not only of the P.M., but of the incoming Master. The incoming Master was not supposed to know all that an outgoing Master knew; but that evening the incoming Master had done his work most satisfactorily, both to himself, and every member of the lodge and the visitors. He had never spent a more agreeable evening than he had that evening; it had been a most pleasant evening, the Masonic working was good, the dinner was good, and the music was good. Bro. Lambert, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the St. Thomas's Lodge they always had a W.M. whom they loved and respected, and in the W.M. of that evening, they had one who had not only worked up from the lower degrees, at every degree and every step in Masonry showing himself a more able Craftsman, and fit to preside, but he had arrived at the summit of the ambition of a Mason, the Worshipful Mastership of his lodge. At every step he had gained the esteem and respect of the brethren. It was to him (Bro. Lambert), a great satisfaction to see his own S.W. in the chair of the lodge, he would not say honouring it, because the Master received honour from the chair. At the same time he believed there had never been a Master in the chair, or ever would be, who could more ably fulfil his duties than Bro. Beattie. The W.M. could support the honour of the lodge with dignity, firmness, and decision, determined that the duties of Freemasonry should be performed strictly, and that the brethren were to be Masons not in word only but in deed. The sole object and aim of Masonry was not the banquet, but the work and the principles of Masonry, and these were the sole ground and reason of Masons meeting together. Seeing such an excellent Master in the chair he proposed his health with as much enthusiasm as if he were in the chair himself, because he knew he was imbued with the same Masonic spirit himself, and with a desire to promote to the best of his ability the good of Masonry in general, and of this lodge in particular. The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said he did not regret his severe cold, he was labouring under for any reason so much as that for the moment it prevented his saying all we would like on the present occasion. He felt that he had received great honour from the St. Thomas's Lodge

in being selected to fill the W.M. chair. It was an honour he had looked forward to for a long time, and now that he had obtained it he should never forget it. His old friend the Immediate Past Master, had made some kind remarks about him that evening, and he knew he was sincere in all he had said; but he (the W.M.) only wished he was deserving of one half of it. He would only assure the brethren that during the year in which he had the honour to preside over this lodge, it would be his constant endeavour to maintain the dignity and character of the lodge in every respect; not only socially, but as regarded the working, for he thoroughly agreed with Bro. Lambert that that was the fundamental part of Masonry. The cold he was suffering from must be his excuse for not saying more, but he would ask the brethren to believe him when he said how deeply sensible he was of the honour they had done him. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said there many distinguished brethren present as visitors that evening, among them being many members of Grand Lodge. There were Bro. Macartney, M.P., for Tyrone, Col. Somerville Burney, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Bro. Boyd, Bro. Peter de Lande Long, and Bro. James Glaisher. They were always pleased to see visitors at their meetings, and he was sure the time would never come when St. Thomas's Lodge would not cordially greet them. There were altogether thirty-six visitors present, and to those thirty-six brethren he would only say in the name of St. Thomas's Lodge he greeted them well. It would be impossible to have a reply from each of the visitors, and he would therefore call on Bro. Macartney, M.P., to reply. Bro. Macartney in replying said, if anything were required to prove the hospitality of the Lodge of St. Thomas, he thought the standing up of so many visitors as thirty-six, who really outnumbered the members of the lodge would show that they did not fail in that respect. It was not the first time that he had had the advantage and pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of St. Thomas's Lodge, but he would echo in the most heartfelt and sincere way what was said by Bro. Col. Burdett, that he never saw better working in a lodge than he had seen that day. Perhaps the working in his own country was not quite up in many respects to the working; in others it was indifferent; and in some very indifferent. It depended on the officers. When a lodge had good officers the working was good; and he was told that St. Thomas's Lodge not only had the advantage of having good officers now, but it had in prospective for several years a crop coming up which would increase in good time, and guarantee for the lodge Masters and Past Masters quite as good as any who had preceded them. He must say that he congratulated St. Thomas's Lodge on its prospect. On behalf of himself and the other thirty-five visitors he begged to thank the lodge for their hospitality. They could not all return thanks. If they did the lodge would be in much the same position as a House of which he was a member, when the Obstructive Party stopped a bill. The brethren might say they were waiting too long for their wine or for the next toast. He could only say as an Irish Mason, he returned thanks. Masonry in Ireland, as they were all aware, had in recent years had to undergo difficulties not known before. It was under the ban of a power which had a very great sway in that country; but he was glad to say that although the utmost endeavours had been made to checkmate Masonry and stop its growth they had not been successful, and this was in no small degree due to the fostering of the Order by the reigning family. It was alive in the breasts of rightminded men in his country as in this, and the example set them by so many members of the Royal Family joining the ancient and noble Craft, had encouraged many others to join it too. He was proud to say that he had in the Mark Lodge given the degree to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and also gave him the Royal Arch Degree in the chapter. He regretted to say he was absent (but he was absent on public business) when the Duke of Connaught received the 33rd Degree in the preceptory of which he (Bro. Macartney) was the Preceptor; and he was sorry also that he was absent when the Duke of Connaught was installed Great Prior of Ireland. However, it was a great pleasure to have our Queen as the protector of our Order, the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, as the patron of the Order; the Duke of Connaught as their Great Prior. In proposing "The P.M.'s," the W.M. regretted the absence of two of those brethren, one from indisposition, and the other from a domestic affliction. Bro. Lambert, I.P.M., said as the junior P.M. he could promise the W.M. that he might rely upon him for assistance. The P.M.'s of the lodge would not hesitate to do anything they might be called upon to do. The W.M. was the governor of the lodge, and the P.M.'s were not at all jealous of his performing the duties. He could say on behalf of the P.M.'s, in the words of "The death of Nelson," which they had just heard, "thus ending life as they began," every P.M. would "do his duty;" and he could assure the W.M. on his own (Bro. Lambert's) part, and the other P.M.'s, he thanked them most sincerely, and with regard to the jewel presented to him, he would take this further opportunity of thanking the brethren again. Bro. Battye, Treasurer, also thanked the W.M. and brethren, and hoped to enjoy the society of the members of the lodge for many years. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said the officers appointed for the ensuing year would, one and all, do their duty, and be a credit to the lodge. As regarded the senior officers they were old and tried members, the junior officers had to show what they could do, but he thought he might say for them that they would do their best to qualify themselves for their respective positions, and show their appreciation of their appointment to office by working up to the higher grades. As regarded the Senior Warden, he had so distinguished himself in his position of Junior Warden, that it was impossible for him to do more in his present capacity. Bro. Macaulay, S.W.,

replied, and said that having been deputed to reply to this toast, he begged to say that the officers of St. Thomas's Lodge thanked the W.M. most cordially for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the very gracious reception they had given it. On behalf of the officers of the St. Thomas's Lodge he took this opportunity of publicly assuring the W.M. that his kind remarks had not fallen on unfruitful soil, the evidence of which he hoped they would give the W.M. during his year of office. He begged further to say that the promotion the W.M. had given those who held office last year would be earned; and for those who now held office for the first time, he felt sure that he might say that all the W.M. had expected of them would be realised. He hoped he might be allowed the opportunity of saying a few more words of those who had held office under the I.P.M., and those words were words of public thanks to him for the very kind manner in which he had always dealt with them and overlooked their failings. To Bro. Lambert and others he felt very much indebted for the encouragement they had received during the past year. Had it not been for that encouragement on many occasions, some of the officers would have felt in difficulty. As it was, he had made their labours light, and their offices pleasure instead of routine duty. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—The fourth regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Prince George, Dalston, on Saturday, January 26th, when there were present Bros. Henry Muggeridge, W.M.; Francis Fellows, S.W.; E. F. Storr, J.W.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; J. H. John, J.D.; W. Darnell, D.C.; Sack, Dyer, Arnold, and others. Visitors: Bros. Weedon, P.M. Panmure; Christian, W.M. Beaconsfield; Dallas, and Taylor. The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Alfred R. Foster passed to the Second Degree in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very nicely served cold collation. After the usual toasts were given, the W.M., being very unwell, was compelled to retire, without the usual songs being given at intervals.

ALL SAINT'S LODGE (No. 1716).—The second regular meeting of this new and prosperous lodge was held on Friday evening, 1st inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, E. In the temporary absence of W.M., Bro. W. H. Farnfield, his position was filled by Bro. J. Dennis, S.W., and P.M. 907, and the following officers, and brethren were present: Bros. F. A. White, as S.W.; J. K. Coleman, as J.W.; N. J. Fenner, Treas.; Leonard Potts, S.D.; J. S. Turner, J.D.; W. C. Young, I.G.; C. A. Smith, Org.; E. Witherstone, J. J. Abbott, R. M. Talbot, J. House, J. Mills, T. Bates, J. W. Marsh, C. Phillips, and F. Johnson. The following visiting brethren were also present: Bros. F. B. Daniel, P.M. 781; Bradshaw, Brown, I.G., C. Brown 1362; H. J. Hancock, 1000; J. W. Martin, 141; and H. J. Bull; 781. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting and of two emergency meetings read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Messrs. F. E. Bowkett, and Wm. Morris for initiation and in each case the ballot proved unanimous in the affirmative. The work of the evening was then proceeded with and Bro. Mills, Talbot, House, and Bates, raised to the third degree. Bro. C. Phillips passed to the Second Degree and Messrs. Bowkett and Morris initiated. The manner in which the several ceremonies were worked elicited the admiration of all the brethren present. The W.M. himself then took the chair of K.S.; and apologised for his absence caused partly by indisposition but more particularly through having had to keep an important engagement at Westminster under the pressure of a subpoena, and he expressed his thanks to Bro. J. Dennis for so kindly undertaking his duties for the evening. Bro. J. Dennis, then proposed and Bro. L. Potts seconded that the code of bye-laws be referred to a Committee of the officers to consider and report upon; this was unanimously carried. It was also resolved on the motion of Bro. J. K. Coleman that a Lodge of Instruction be held at the Artichoke Tavern, Blackwall, on every Friday evening throughout the year in connection with the All Saints' Lodge, and on the motion of Bro. J. Dennis, for Bro. N. J. Fenner, Treas., who had left the meeting, that the sum of £5 be placed on the list of the W.M. from the funds of the lodge for the R.M.B. Inst., the W.M. having consented to act as Steward for No. 1716 at the forthcoming festival. A proposition having been made for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer and adjourned. This being a non-banqueting lodge we are unable to chronicle any further proceedings except that after partaking of a social glass and a smoke only, the brethren separated after four hour's work.

WINCHESTER.—Lodge of Economy (No. 76).—The installation of Bro. W. G. Blanchard, as Worshipful Master of this (the senior lodge of Hampshire) took place last week in the presence of a numerous attendance of the brethren, both from the city and the district, including the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman); Bro. Frost, the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. Rake, Prov. G. J. W.; and the Masters of the Royal Gloucester and Peace and Harmony (Southampton) and the Basingstoke lodges. The ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. J. Harris, Prov. G. W., and one of the Past Masters of the lodge, and at its close the newly-installed Master invested the following officers:—Bros. Goodwin, I.P.M.; Bryant, S.W.; Hutt, J.W. and Org.; Stopher, P.M., Treas.; Nixon, Sec.; Powell, S.D.; Murray, J.D.; Captain Moore, P.M., D.C.; Salter, P.M., Assistant D.C.; Captain Hall, I.G.; Harris, P.M., and Roles, Stewards; and Sims, Tyler. Before the lodge separated votes of thanks were awarded to the Dep. Prov. Grand Master and to the Installing Master; and it was incidentally mentioned in the passing of a vote of thanks to P.M. Sheppard, who has acted as Treasurer of the lodge for the past ten years, and is now leaving Winchester for Southampton, that

since the members had resolved to reduce the subscription in order to leave attendance at the monthly banquet to the option of the brethren, not only was the lodge in a better financial position, but the arrangement had worked better than was expected, and the whole of the funds were now applied exclusively to charitable and Masonic purposes. At the subsequent installation banquet, served at the Royal Hotel, there was a capital attendance, including the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Officers already named; the officers of the lodge, and several Past Masters, including Bros. Nish and Way (Newport); the Mayor of Winchester, Col. Naughten, M.P., and several officers from the garrison. Mutual congratulations were exchanged on the state of Masonry in Winchester and the province generally.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The members of this old and flourishing lodge, founded in 1764, held their installation festival in their hall, Stramouge, on Thursday, the 31st ult., after the business of Kendal Castle Chapter, R.A.M., which is attached to Union Lodge, had been concluded. There was an excellent muster of the members, including Bros. R. J. Nelson, W.M., P.G. Steward; G. J. McKay, S.W., W.M. elect, P.G.A.D.C.; T. Baron, J.W.; G. B. Greenal, Treas.; J. Banks, Sec.; F. W. Watson, S.D.; J. Sisson, jun., J.D.; J. Holme, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Talbot, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works; J. Bintley, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works; F. C. Grayson, P.M.; R. Godfrey, P.M., P.G. Supt. Works; W. Tattersall, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Craig, J. Pickett, Jos. Hunter, T. Fearnside, E. O. Dwyer, H. F. Seales, W. Harrison, Geo. Waters, F. Medcalf, jun., Jas. Gooding, and others. There were also a number of visitors present, viz.: Bros. W. Dadd, P.M. 1074 and 995, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Taylor, J.W. 1051; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Secretary Cumberland and Westmorland; John Bell, 281, 1353, 1390; Jack Bintley, and others. Apologies were received from Bros. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.M. 129, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Cumberland and Westmorland; Jas. Black, W.M. 1002, Cockermonth; W. F. Lamsonby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (Freemason); and others. After the lodge had been opened the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. McKay, having been presented in the Second Degree, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with up to the M.M.'s Degree, when the presiding officer's position was assumed by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.G. Secretary. A Board of Installed Masters having been formally opened, numbering fourteen in all, Bro. McKay was regularly placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The board being then closed, and the lodge successively reduced to the First Degree, the newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers, and they were invested as follows:—Bros. R. J. Nelson, I.P.M.; J. Banks, S.W.; F. W. Watson, J.W.; G. B. Greenal, Treasurer (re-elected); J. H. Hogg, Secretary; J. Sisson, jun., S.D.; J. Wilkinson, J.D.; R. Godfrey, P.M., D.C.; Eli Cox, Organist (re-appointed); J. B. Wilson, I.G. Bro. J. Bowes, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M., followed by Bro. Talbot, P.M., with that appertaining to the Wardens, after which Bro. Gibson, the Installing Master, delivered the usual address to the brethren of Union Lodge generally. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master and his assistants, and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. After those brethren had acknowledged the compliment, the third and last proclamation was put, which elicited the heartiest of good wishes from Lodges 112, Whitehaven; 281, Lancaster; 995, Ulverston; 1051, Lancaster; 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale; 1353, Lancaster; and 1390, Millom. The lodge was then closed in form, when the brethren, to the number of fifty, adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous banquet, Bro. McKay, the W.M., presiding. The cloth being drawn, the W.M., in giving "The Health of Her Majesty," said she had endeared herself to her subjects generally as the Sovereign of this mighty empire; but, in particular, she was a warm supporter of our Masonic institutions. The W.M. also gave "The Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family;" which was followed by "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master of England," drunk with all the honours. The W.M. then gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers of England." He remarked that those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge could not but be struck with the ability displayed by the Earl of Carnarvon, especially at last Grand Lodge, when his lordship spoke so eloquently on the subject of the Grand Orient of France having eliminated the G.A.O.T.U. from its constitutions. The M.W. Grand Master could not find a fitter or abler representative than His Royal Highness's present Pro Grand Master, and long might he spare to preside over the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. W. B. Gibson next proposed, in an eloquent speech, "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Earl of Beattie, M.P.," which was succeeded by Bro. Holme, with "The R.W.D.P.G.M., Colonel Whitwell, M.P.;" and "The P.G. Officers," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Holme, Gibson, Talbot, Bowes, Dodds and others. Bro. Cartmel, P.P.G.D.C., the senior P.M. of Lodge 129, then gave in very complimentary terms, "The Newly-installed W.M. of Union Lodge," which was drunk with every honour. Bro. McKay, in reply, thanked Bro. Cartmel for his very kind expressions, and he desired further to tender to the brethren his most hearty thanks for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He was thankful for their good opinion, and it should be his constant aim to secure it. They had that day conferred upon him the highest honour in the power of a lodge to bestow on any of its members, and he wished to assure them of his profound gratitude for

and appreciation of it. To say that he would do his best to discharge the duties of his high office to the utmost of his abilities, and to merit a continuance of their confidence, was to say very little—that was only what they had a right to demand of him; and when he looked around upon the long and distinguished list of his predecessors, who had so worthily filled the chair of Union Lodge—many of whom had made their mark in the Craft—he might well feel the deep responsibility of the trust they had thought fit to repose in him. He called to mind with much pleasure and satisfaction that night five years, when in that very room he made his first Masonic speech, and he then made a resolve that it should be his ambition to attain the honourable position the then W.M. of Lodge 129 occupied. His ambition had been realised, inasmuch as he had that day been installed by his near friend, Bro. Gibson, ably assisted by Bros. Bowes and Talbot. He had held every office in the lodge—I.G.; Deacon; Sec.; J.W.; and S.W.; and to this he mainly owed his proud position that night. He now asked for the kind co-operation of the worthy P.M.'s, and especially his officers, without which he could not hope for a successful year of office. They would give him encouragement by attending constantly, regularly, and punctually. Let them be animated with one desire—the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. Union Lodge, No. 129, stood high in the Craft, and in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland. Let them, therefore, endeavour to raise it still higher, and they might be assured he would endeavour to discharge the duties connected with the chair, he trusted with honour to the Craft in general, and with satisfaction to the P.M.'s and brethren of Union Lodge in particular. (Applause.) The W.M. then proposed, in complimentary terms, "The I.P.M.," which was acknowledged by Bro. Nelson. Bro. Holme gave "The Newly-invested Officers of 129," and in doing so gave it as his opinion that the W.M. could not have found a better lot of officers, had he picked the lodge through and through. Bros. Banks, Watson, and the remainder of the officers responded in terms that augurs well for the prosperity and efficient working of the lodge. Bro. Nelson proposed "The Installing Officers," which was acknowledged by Bro. Bowes, Bro. Gibson, having had to leave for the north at an early period of the proceedings. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," prefacing his remarks by saying that this was always a welcome toast in Lodge 129. He believed that visiting other lodges was very necessary, because it not only engendered kindly feelings amongst the brethren, but it gave them an opportunity of improving and perfecting themselves in Masonic knowledge. Lodge 129 was proverbial for her hospitality, and long might she continue so. The various visiting brethren present having replied, the W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said he intended representing the province for the second time at the Boy's School festival. (Applause.) Having detailed the great good the three institutions were effecting, and of which Masons were so justly proud, he asked them to practise in a substantial manner the greatest of Masonic institutions, which they professed so much to admire, and send him up to London with a long list of subscriptions. (Applause.) They would thus do honour to their lodge, the province of Cumberland and Westmorland, and the distinguished brother who would preside on the occasion—the S.G.W. of England, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. (Applause.) He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Grayson, one of the most open handed members of Union Lodge, who made a modest reply. The proceedings, which throughout had been of a most successful and enjoyable character, were then brought to a close. The musical arrangements, both during lodge business and the post-prandial proceedings, were under the direction of Bro. R. Godfrey, in the absence through illness of Bro. Cox, the Organist. Excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. Bintley, Gooding, Scales, Geo. Taylor, and others.

WINSHILL.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 353).—The sixtieth anniversary of this prosperous lodge of Freemasons was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Winshill, when Bro. W. Boden was installed in the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. Howe, the Immediate Past Master. The Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. J. Booth, S.W.; F. J. Roe, J.W.; W. Walters, Secretary; W. J. Drewry, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Gothard, P.M., P.P.G.P., D. of C.; F. J. Gane, S.D.; W. Johnson, J.D.; W. L. Ball, I.G.; John Johnson, Tyler. During the ceremony a handsome gold watch and chain was presented by the members of the lodge to Bro. H. Turner, on his retirement from the office as Tyler, which post he has held for the long period of twenty-four years. The presentation was made in suitable terms by Bro. T. A. Jackson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. The lodge having been closed, about forty brethren sat down to a banquet served by Bro. Spooner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, much gratification being expressed by the visiting brethren at the admirable manner in which the ceremony was performed, it being their unanimous opinion that this ancient lodge has a long and prosperous career before it. The harmony of the evening was much enhanced by some excellent singing. Letters of apology were read from Bros. H. C. Okcover, D.P.G.M., Past J.W. England, and W. Naylor, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Secretary, and several other brethren, regretting their unavoidable absence. The following is the list of visitors present:—Bros. T. Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treasurer, 253; T. Horsley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., 253; H. Hillam, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., 731; W. H. Marsden, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., 253; A. G. Taylor, W.M. 253; Jno. Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., 731; E. Starey, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., 624; C. Graham, P.M. 624; S. Briggs, P.M. 624; K. Macrae, W.M. 624; T. B. Edwards, P.M. 296; J. Bland, J.D. 1391; J. H. Pragnell, 1085; W. Wright, (Ashby).

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The brethren of this lodge held their January meeting on the 30th ult., but under a great feeling of regret for the severe accident that befell the W.M., Bro. Dr. Rhys Williams, of Bethlehem Hospital, which we mentioned in our last issue. In his absence the chair was taken by Bro. Alderman Sergeant, P.M. and Treasurer, who opened the lodge, at which there were present Bros. P.M.'s Dr. Prior, Sec.; Alderman Bull, J.P., Steward; Cuthbert, Cookson, Billson, Capt. Green, Rev. Faussett Ward, and Boughton-Smith. Officers: Bros. Capt. Colburn, S.W.; Coombs, J.W.; Allan, S.D.; Thody, J.D.; Carter, I.G.; and Reynolds, Tyler; Bros. Leslie, Capt. Glubb, H. Allen, Stafford, Kilpin, Ayres, Pick, Jarvis, Harris, Moon, and Chibnall; and visitor, Bro. J. R. Green, United Strength, 228. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, a ballot, which proved unanimous, was taken for Mr. S. Foster, as a candidate for initiation. A ballot, which also proved unanimous, was taken for Bro. Thomas Vincent De Denne, of Lodge of Loyalty, 86, Northampton, as a joining member. Bro. Denne is a son of a late respected member of the Stuart Lodge. Dr. Prior then took the chair and initiated Mr. Foster. When the time for propositions came, Bro. Bull proposed, and Bro. P.M. Billson seconded a vote of sympathy with their W.M. in his suffering consequent upon his untoward accident. This vote, which was, of course, as hearty as it was unanimous, was directed to be conveyed by letter to Dr. Williams. A resident of Bedford was then duly proposed for initiation, and the lodge having been closed, about twenty brethren sat down to supper, and spent, as usual, a most pleasant evening.

EASTDEREHAM.—Sondes Lodge (No. 996). The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Wednesday 30th ult. at the Eagle Hotel, for the purpose of installing Bro. F.W. Abram as W.M. for the year ensuing (this being the fourth time Bro. Abram has been elected to this position). The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. F. B. Quinton, P.P.G.A. D.C., from Norwich, while the duties of D.C. were very efficiently rendered by Bro. Lord, P.P.G.S. of W. The W.M. chose the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—I.P.M., Bro. E. H. Smith; S.W., Bro. J. Whear; J.W., Bro. F. Beck; S.D. Bro. W. H. Doughty; J.D., Bro. W. Fiske; I.G., Bro. A. Massingham; Steward, Bro. Tench; Secretary, Bro. L. E. Hatfield; Treasurer, Bro. W. T. Gidney; Tyler, Bro. W. Mayes. The brethren afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet provided by Host Bro. Minn, which we need scarcely say was of a character to sustain that worthy's reputation as a caterer; a meed of thanks is also due to Bro. McLaren for his generous supply of choice plants and flowers with which the table and room were embellished. The cloth having been removed, the Worshipful Master gave in succession, "The Queen and the Craft," "The G.M. of England (Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales)," "Earl Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," and "Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M. of England," which were duly honoured. P.M. Edward Barwell followed with "Lord Suffield, the G.M. of Norfolk"—a good man and a good Mason. Bro. Lord directed the customary "five" suitable to each toast, the W.M.'s health being greeted with musical honours in addition. Bro. E. H. Smith (in the vice-chair) proposed the D. Prov. G.M., Major Penrice, and officers of the Province. Bro. Lord responded for the past and Bro. Smith for the present officers. Secretary Hatfield next gave their "fourth-time Master," which of course met with uproarious applause; and in reply Bro. Abram enunciated some laudable Masonic sentiments, pointing out the necessity of younger brethren becoming aspiring Craftsmen, and how they might get to the top round of the ladder. He concluded by proposing the healths of Bros. Quinton and Lord, who had attended the annual gatherings of their lodge for so many years. They replied, and the W.M. gave "The Masonic Charities," showing from a case under their own eye the necessity of supporting those institutions. Acknowledged by Bro. Lord, a hard-working Steward of the province. Charity, one of the first tenets of Freemasonry, lost nothing at the hands of the speaker, nearly £4 being collected in the room on behalf of the homes and schools. "The I.P.M." met with a cordial reception, and Bro. Massingham said something appropriate for "The Lodge Officers." "The Visitors" brought up Bro. G. W. Page, P.G.S. (W.M. elect of Lodge Philanthropic, Lynn), and Bro. P. Soman and Spencer Stevens, of Norwich. Bro. Braun replied for departing and absent friends, and the Host for himself and spouse. Then Bro. Soman talked about the Press, and the ladies had a champion in Bro. Middleton. This brought the toast-list proper to a close—not that anything improper followed—far from it; but the W.M. having retired, his place was taken by Bro. Whear, who, through magisterial kindness, was enabled to keep the party together till midnight.

INSTRUCTION.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—This lodge held its meeting on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place. Bro. Goodwin, W.M. elect of the Westbourne Lodge, 733, in the chair, Bro. Long, S.W.; Franks, J.W.; Hiscox, S.D. and Treasurer; Hole, I.G.; and others. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was then rehearsed. Bro. Hele, candidate. Lodge resumed to First Degree, proposed by the W.M. "That the ceremony of Installation be worked on Wednesday evening, the 20th of Feb."—carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed his duties in the chair, proposed by Bro. Hiscox, "That the S.W. be elected W.M. for the ensuing week." Carried unanimously. The lodge was closed in due form, and in perfect harmony.

EARLOF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill, on Friday, the 1st February. Bros. Penn, W.M.; Adkins, S.W.; Smout, sen., J.W.; Spiegel, S.D.; Gable, J.D.; Woodmason, I.G.; Bro. Savage, P.M. Preceptor; Newland, Tetterboon, H. Dehanc, Hatton, Oldrey, Chalford, 1425; and others. The First and Second Degrees was rehearsed, Bro. Oldrey being the candidate for initiation and Bro. Hatton for passing. Bro. Oldrey was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Savage, P.M. Preceptor, begged of the brethren to be a little more punctual in their attendance, he is always at his post at half past seven o'clock, and regrets to say he has sometimes to wait half an hour to open the lodge. The brethren present pledged themselves, that the worthy Preceptor shall have no further complaints to make in this respect, and they promised one and all to be here in good time. Bro. Adkins was elected W.M. for the next week.

Royal Arch.

KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, Jan. 31st., at the Masonic Hall, Stramongate. In the absence of the M.E.Z. E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., Prov. G. S. N., took the chair and assisted by E. Comps. Joseph Bintley, H.; John Talbot, J.; Titus Wilson, P.Z.; and W. B. Gibson, P.Z.; Prov. G.J.; opened the chapter, after which the companions were admitted, and amongst them we noticed Comps. John Holme, M.E.Z.; R. J. Nelson, Robt. Godfrey, Geo. J. McKay, J. Bell, T. Baron, J. Gooding, W. Tattersal, J. Banks, D. Cleary, and others. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, E. Comp. Bowes was asked to instal the Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Joseph Bintley, Z.; John Talbot, H.; and George J. McKay, J. The other officers invested were Comps. Robt. Godfrey, S.E.; J. Bell, S.N.; John Banks, P.S.; who nominated Comps. Baron and Gooding his assistants, and Dan. Cleary, Janitor. The Installing Principal then proclaimed the new Principals and after they had been greeted and saluted he closed the ceremony with the benediction. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be placed on the minutes to E. Comp. Bowes for his services that day. A committee was nominated to frame bye-laws for the governance of the chapter, and four brethren were proposed as candidates for exaltation. There being no further business the chapter was closed and the companions joined their brethren of the Union Lodge at the banquet table.

Mark Masonry.

LANCASTER.—Moore Lodge (No. 146).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There were present Bros. F. Dean, Prov. G.J.O., W.M.; Dr. J. Daniel Moore, G.J.O. of England, as I.P.M.; Wm. Hall, S.W.; W. J. Sly, Prov. G.D., as J.W.; Edward Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M., Sec.; H. Longman, M.O., J. Stanley, S.O.; Croskell, J.O., and others. After the usual lodge business had been transacted, and the accounts audited and passed, the election took place for W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. Wm. Hall, S.W., to that important office, and Bro. W. J. Sly was elected Treas. The installation will take place on Monday, 25th March, on which occasion the founder of the lodge, Bro. Dr. Moore, will officiate as Installing Officer. Some instruction was given and other business transacted, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

Knights Templar.

NEWPORT.—Gwent Preceptory.—A meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, on Tuesday, 20th January, when the Preceptory was opened by Sir Knt. W. Williams, as E.P.; and the following were present: Sir Knt. Captain L. Geo. Homfray, P.E.P.; W. Lawson, P.E.P.; Captain Haldane, M.; W. Watkins, Registrar; H. Howell, N. Wells, W. Pickford, and others. Bro. J. L. Hunter Little was then installed as a Sir Knight; after which Sir Knight W. Pickford was installed as E.P. for the next twelve months, Both ceremonies were performed in a most impressive manner by Sir Knight W. Williams. The preceptory was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to a banquet at the King's Head, presided over by Sir Knight W. Pickford.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWPORT.—Ivor Hael Chapter.—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, on Wednesday, 30th January, where in the absence of Bro. Chambers, M.W.S., the chapter was opened by Captain S. Geo. Homfray, 30°, and the following were present, Bros. W. Lawson, 31°; J. Chandler, 30°; L. A. Homfray, 31°; F. Binckes, 30°; Captain Haldane, 18°; W. Williams, 18°; W. Watkins 18°, and several others. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Julius and Philips, who were unanimously elected, and being in attendance were duly perfected. Bro. Captain E. V. Haldane, was then unanimously elected as M.W.S., to be installed in July. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Lawson, Chandler, and Binckes for their kindness in visiting the chapter, which was suitably acknowledged, and the chapter was closed.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The chair of M.E.Z. was occupied by the Rev. C. J. Martyn; that of I.I. by Comp. Henry Murray. The other companions present were:— John Hervey, S.E.; Capt. N. G. Philips, S.N.; Peter De L. Long, P.S.; Hickman, 1st A.S.; Snell, 2nd A.S.; Gray, Hyde Pullen, J. M. Case, James Glaisher, Col. J. Creaton, Dr. Woodman, Benj. J. Head, A. J. Duff, Filer, Robinson, Joseph Smith, H. G. Buss, Col. Somerville Burney, E. H. Thiellay, A. A. Pendlebury, J. Lewis, Thomas, F. Adlard, John Boyd, W. Stephens, F. G. Baker, Col. Shadwell Clarke, W. H. Smallpeice, John Mason, H. Garrod, J. Diprose, H. Bartlett, R. Loveland Loveland, T. S. Knyvett, Herbert J. Adams, David Roberts, Major Williams, W. H. Poslaus, Frank Richardson, F. Letchworth, E. J. B. Bumstead, J. W. Halsey, E. Moody, W. F. Laxton, R. H. Groombridge, C. B. Payne, G.J., and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Grand Chapter having been formally opened and the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation read and confirmed, on the motion of Comp. Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. Gray, the report of the Committee of General Purposes (as given in the *Freemason* on Saturday last) was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The petitions from companions for the following chapters, recommended by the Committee to be granted, were severally moved by Comp. Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. Gray, and granted unanimously:—

1. Comps. James Manders as Z., Edward James Harty as H., John Henry Watts as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Eclectic Lodge, 1201, London, to be called the Eclectic Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd. From Comps. the Rev. Charles William Arnold as Z.; Thomas Cawley Eager as H.; Harry Will Charrington as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking, to be called the Weyside Chapter, and to meet at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Woking, in the county of Surrey.

3rd. From Comps. Richard Thomas Elsam as Z.; Francis Buckland as H.; Richard Cartwright as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, Kingston-on-Thames, to be called the Dobie Chapter, and to meet at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, in the county of Surrey.

4th. From Comps. Joseph Christopher Lambert as Z.; Richard Dowling as H.; Thomas Charles Storer as J.; and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, St. Helena, to be called "The St. John's Chapter," and to meet at James Town, in the Island of St. Helena.

5th. From Comps. Joseph Copeland Gillman as Z.; Edwin Banks Harding as H.; Henry Parker Jones as J.; and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, Moss Side, to be called the Trafford Chapter, and to meet at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side, in the Western Division of the County of Lancaster.

6th. From Comps. James Glaisher as Z.; Ernest Emil Wendt as H.; George Brooke as J.; and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, London, to be called the St. Mary's Chapter, and to meet at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, in the Parish of Ealing, in the County of Middlesex.

Col. Creaton then rose and said that the next matter before the Grand Chapter was the recommendation from the Committee of General Purposes, a recommendation which he thought would commend itself to Grand Chapter. Therefore he should simply move, that the following grants be made to each of the Masonic Charities, and be transferred to their respective trustees, viz:—

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ... £ 500 Consols
The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ... 500 "
The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,
Male Fund ... 500 "
Do. Do. Female Fund ... 500 "

He would move "that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, and that these sums be granted."

Comp. Joseph Smith, said he rose with a very great deal of pleasure to second this proposition. It was carried unanimously at the Committee of Grand Chapter, and he hoped it would be carried unanimously by this Grand Chapter. He thought this was the way to lay out the money of Grand Chapter when they had any to spare. They had it to spare now, or it would not have been recommended to be so disposed of. He did not know any better use it could be put to than devoted to the purposes of these charities. It was the best way of supporting the charities of the Order when there were funds to spare. It was far better than sending lists round to young Masons as Stewards did when they wanted to make large lists for the charities they represented. When Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge gave away their money to the Boys' School, the Girls' School, the aged Masons and the widows, a lasting good was done to the Craft. He could not think of asking Grand Chapter to reduce the amount, for that was a very unpopular course. He did not expect any opposition to the motion, which he now most gladly seconded.

Comp. J. March Case said that fully concurring with Comp. Creaton who proposed the vote, he would venture to enquire whether it was considered more desirable to have the money transferred to the trustees of the Institutions than to have it handed over to the charities to be used in the way most convenient to them. If it was transferred to the trustees' names in the Bank of England each of the Institutions would benefit by its £500 only to the extent of £15 a year; whereas if the money was handed over direct to the Institutions they could appropriate to their use as much of the sum as they saw fit at

any time. If it was invested in the names of trustees the good it would do would be limited in its operation. The several charities had recently incurred very heavy expenditure; they had largely increased the number of recipients of the several funds; and it occurred to him as not unlikely that if the money was handed over to the charities they could use it at discretion. He wished to know whether the question had been considered by the Committee, and whether they had after consideration of this point come to the conclusion that the course they now proposed was the more desirable of the two.

Col. Creaton in reply said that the matter was fully considered by the Committee, and it was thought more desirable to transfer the money to the several funds in the names of their respective trustees. He must, however, remind Comp. Case that it was always competent for the Quarterly Courts and General meetings of the Institution to withdraw the money from investment if they found it necessary to do so.

Comp. Joseph Smith observed that this fully answered the question of Comp. Case.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn said the money was transferred to Trustees for greater safety.

Col. Creaton said it was the most simple way of doing it.

Comp. Joseph Smith added that when the money once got into hands of the Trustees they might spend it the next year if they thought fit.

The motion having been read from the chair.

Comp. J. March Case asked whether it would not be better to pass each grant separately.

Comp. John Boyd said no, the money had been proposed to be given in a lump.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn hoped and trusted that this grant would be passed, and he would now put it for confirmation.

The motion was then put and carried nem. con amidst much cheering.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn thought he might, perhaps, be allowed to say one word of very great congratulation to the companions upon this munificent grant, which had just been passed. To him, personally, occupying, most unworthily, as he did, the first chair in Grand Chapter that evening, it was a matter of most sincere congratulation and unfeigned delight that this recommendation had been passed. As Trustee for one of the charities, the Benevolent Institution, he begged to thank Grand Chapter, and he also begged to thank the companions in the name of the other charities, all of whom are most deeply grateful to Grand Chapter for the very liberal and handsome grants just made. He not only could say it was most thankfully received; but he was quite sure it would be faithfully applied. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Chapter was then closed with the customary formalities, and the companions separated.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday last in the Freemasons' Hall—the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, on the throne. Bro. F. A. Barrow, was in his place as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, acted as Junior Grand Warden. There was a large attendance of the brethren; and amongst those present were Bros. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Depute Grand Master; Col. Montgomerie Neilson, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow; Lauderdale Maitland, P.G.M. of Dumfries; John C. Forrest, P.G.M. of Lanark; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; and the Rev. Dr. Gray, Grand Chaplain; William Hay, Grand Architect; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller; Thomas Halket, Grand Bible Bearer; Captain Hills, Grand Marshal; Wm. Mann, Past Senior Grand Warden; and W. H. Bickerton, Provincial Grand Secretary, Glasgow. The following representatives from foreign Grand Lodges were present:— Bro. F. S. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards and representative of the Grand Lodge of Hungary; Wm. Officer, representative of Egypt and Pennsylvania; Dr. Loth, representative of the Grand Orient; Daniel Robertson, representative of South Carolina; Wm. Barton, representative of Tennessee; A. Thomson, representative of Illinois; John Baird, representative of Cuba; and R. S. Brown, representative of Kentucky. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Rev. A. Thomson Grant, Grand Chaplain, and Captain G. F. S. Colt of Gartsheirie, Grand Sword Bearer.

Reference was made in appropriate terms by the Deputy Grand Master to the death, in December last, of Bro. James Ballantine, who had held the office of Grand Bard since 1861, and on the 7th ult. of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird, who was Grand Master Mason in 1830-31, and at his death was Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, which post he had filled for the period of fifty years. The following resolutions, which had been prepared by Grand Committee, were then adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate their terms to the relatives of the deceased brothers:—(1) That the Committee desire to express their unfeigned regret at the grievous loss sustained by the Scottish Craft in the demise of their Grand Bard, Bro. James Ballantine—a loss shared in by the Scottish nation. He was enshrined in the hearts of both; for to genius of a high order he united qualities which are not always, or even often, combined with it. His life was pure—his sympathies with all that was virtuous and good were unbounded—his affections towards all humanity had the true ring of Christian and Masonic charity and love; and he died, as he had lived, distinguished by the admiration and attachment of his fellowmen. (2) That the Committee have also to mourn the death of one of their Past Grand Masters—Bro. Lord

Kinnaird—a nobleman who added to his exalted rank that attribute so valued and appreciated by Freemasons—a life-long and unvaried devotion to their Order."

The minutes of Grand Committee brought up the question of the recent change in the constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby a profession of belief in God and the immortality of the soul is not now essential to admission as Freemasons in that body; and stated that Grand Secretary had intimated to the Grand Orient that should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of ancient Freemasonry had indeed been confirmed by that body, Grand Committee would be under the necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France. In connection with this subject, the Depute Grand Master had called attention to the letter, which, as he thought, had been very properly addressed by Grand Secretary to the editor of the *Courant*, pointing out that, instead of requiring to be urged by a subordinate lodge to its duty in regard to the obliteration of religion from French Freemasonry, Grand Lodge, as represented by the Grand Master and Grand Committee, had, some weeks previous to the resolution of Mother Kilwinning on the subject, communicated with the Grand Orient; and Grand Secretary had been thanked for his letter, and instructed to put on record that it was beyond the province of Mother Kilwinning or any lodge holding of Grand Lodge to communicate direct with any foreign Grand Lodge on the subject of Freemasonry. A reply was submitted from the Grand Orient expressing great astonishment at the proposal for the rupture of fraternal relations, and remarking that there seemed to be a belief that the Grand Orient, in modifying the first article of the French Masonic constitution, wished to profess atheism and materialism; but holding that this was an erroneous interpretation of the vote—an interpretation which there had already been occasion to protest against—and declaring without hesitation that nothing was more contrary to the feelings which dictated the revision of the article of the constitution. In concluding, the letter from the Grand Orient expressed the hope that the considerations set forth therein would be weighed by Grand Lodge, which counted among its members so many distinguished men, that when better informed on the question now occupying its attention it would refuse to take part in an act of intolerance which would be at complete variance with the real sentiments of the Masonic brotherhood, and that the fraternal relations now existing between Grand Lodge and Grand Orient would be continued. Grand Committee had expressed an opinion that the reply of the Grand Orient was not satisfactory, and this was confirmed by Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of the Grand Committee, the whole of the members of that body retiring on this occasion, in accordance with a new law of Grand Lodge. There were fifty-seven nominations for the thirty-six seats, and after a considerable amount of dividing the following were elected:—Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart and Hugh Munro, Edinburgh; Alexandra Kelt, Dundee; William Mann, Edinburgh; John Baird, Glasgow; Dr. Carmichael, H. F. Gordon, William Hay, R. S. Brown, and Alexander Hay, Edinburgh; F. A. Barrow, Glasgow; George M'Lean, James Turner, F. S. Melville, and W. Officer, Edinburgh; William Barry, Leith; John Beveridge, John Davidson, Dr. Middleton, William Barton, William Niven, Charles L. Ramsden, W. J. C. Abbott, and G. H. Thoms, Edinburgh; W. H. Bickerton, Glasgow; Adam Thomson, Galashiels; A. N. Clarke, Edinburgh; Z. H. Heys, John Morgan, James Thomson, and Robert Nisbit, Glasgow; Peter Sinclair and Albert Aporthe, Edinburgh; Farquhar MacGillivray, Lanark; J. B. MacNaught, Glasgow; W. Macdonald, Dundee.

Grand Secretary was instructed to issue charters in favour of the following new lodges:—"Ben Ledi," Callander, Perthshire (No. 614); "St. Andrew," Queanbeyan, New South Wales (No. 615); "St. John," Coquimbo, Chili (No. 616); and "Sir George Cathcart," Cathcart (No. 617). It was agreed to reponne Lodge "St. John, Operative," Forres, under its old number, 37, it having been dormant since 1869.

Bros. Henry Knight, of Maurer, Joseph E. Salles, and C. W. Johnston were appointed representatives of Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodges of St. John's of Hungary, the Island of Cuba, and Kentucky respectively.

Some statements were submitted as to the finances, and were extremely satisfactory. The income for the quarter ending 21st December last had exceeded the expenditure by upwards of £940.

After disposing of some other business, Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Public Amusements.

AQUARIUM THEATRE.—One of the most successful pantomimes of the season is undoubtedly "A Frog he would a wooing go," the last nights of which is now announced. There is little to add to our previous notice beyond the fact that, within the last three weeks two new and very charming songs have been introduced, entitled "Gentle Zephyrs," and "The Fairy Dell," written by Mr. J. A. Cave. Both are exceedingly pretty songs, and "Gentle Zephyrs," as now rendered by Miss Ward especially so. We must again make mention of Mr. Fawn, who as "the Queen" in the Pantomime is the very life and soul of the piece, to hear him sing "Oh I can't forget the days when I was young," is something to remember. In the building itself the entertainment is as varied and amusing as ever, and is evidently a source of much gratification to the large audiences daily assembled within the spacious and comfortable edifice.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO DORSET.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Dorsetshire for town on Saturday afternoon last after spending a week with Lord and Lady Allington at Crichel-house. They were accompanied to the Wimborne Railway Station by their host and hostess, and on their carriage passing through the village of Stanbridge the Princess was presented by Miss Glyn, the youthful daughter of Captain Glyn, with a bouquet. The Blandford and Wimborne troops of the Queen's Own Yeomanry Cavalry Regiment escorted the Royal party from the park to the station, where a special train with three saloon carriages was in readiness at 2.45. An address from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire Freemasons was presented to the Prince on the platform by a deputation, headed by the Grand Master of the Province, Bro. Montague Guest. His Royal Highness promised to forward a reply. The train then moved on, amid immense cheering from the assembled crowd.

The loyal excitement, sure to prevail under ordinary circumstances, was heightened by the fact that the Freemasons of the Province of Dorset intended to present an address at the station to the Prince on his arrival there. The Wimborne station was crowded, and not a few persons were effervescing with loyalty. Part of the up platform was covered with crimson cloth, matting being laid on the steps and the pavement leading to the carriage way. Gay flags were displayed in profusion. On the Royal party reaching the station the cavalry drew up in the Square, and the Prince and Princess were accompanied by their host and hostess and Lord and Lady Bradford to the train, which was a special, comprising three very elegant saloon carriages for the accommodation of the august passengers. The train, which had been in readiness for some time, was in charge of Supt. Verrinder and Inspectors Hill and Grey, while George Lasham was the driver. As soon as the Royal travellers had ascended the platform a deputation from the Freemasons were seen to be ready with the address. This was beautifully illuminated and engrossed on vellum, being in the following terms:—

"To His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"May it please your Royal Highness, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Provincial Lodge of Freemasons rejoice in having an opportunity of approaching your Royal Highness, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and tendering our heartfelt congratulations and thankfulness for the distinguished honour your Royal Highness has conferred upon this province and county in coming amongst us. We avail ourselves of this auspicious occasion of tendering our thanks to your Royal Highness for condescending to become Grand Master of our ancient Order, and the aid and encouragement thereby given to it; as also the acts of kindness received by us as Masons at your hands! we, in common with every other Masonic brother, feel the deepest gratitude towards you. We also do assure your Royal Highness of our sincere devotion and attachment to the Throne of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may always watch over and protect the Queen, your Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales, and the members of the Royal Family, and that we and all Her Majesty's subjects may long enjoy the interest your Royal Highness ever takes in all institutions having for their object the welfare of Her Majesty's loving people, and the prosperity of our Order. Thanking your Royal Highness for your additional kindness in permitting us to present you, as our Most Worshipful Grand Master, with this our loyal and loving address, we remain

"Montague Guest, Provincial Grand Master of Dorset,

"J. P. F. Gundry, Deputy Grand Master,

"R. N. Howard, Grand Secretary,

On behalf of themselves and their officers and brethren of the Provincial Lodge of Freemasons of Dorset. Dated the 2nd day of February, 1878.

The Masonic deputation, for whose accommodation at the station a convenient space had been railed off, comprised Bros. Montague J. Guest, P.G.M.; J. P. F. Gundry, D.G.M.; C. W. Wyndham, P.G. Senior Warden; E. G. Legg, P.G. Junior Warden; the Rev. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, P.G. Chaplain; Robert Case, P.G. Treasurer; C. T. Robens, P.G. Registrar; and R. N. Howard, P.G. Secretary. There were also present on the platform Bro. J. W. Luff, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, and others. The ceremony of presenting the address was necessarily brief. The Provincial Grand Master, approaching H.R.H., handed to him the address, which the Prince most graciously received, and which was taken as read, H.R.H. remarking he would send his reply. Bro. Montague Guest then introduced the other members of the deputation to the Prince, and after this the Princess shook hands with the P.G.M. We cannot but congratulate the Province of Dorset upon having so distinguished a P.G.M. on this occasion as Bro. Montague Guest, whose appointment by H.R.H. to that office proves that he is the right man in the right place. In accordance with the wish of H.R.H. the deputation to present the address was limited to eight members of the Prov. G. Lodge only; hence the deputation consisted of the Prov. G.M., the Dep. P.G.M., and the six officers holding rank next in order. Had it been convenient to H.R.H., there were very many influential and worthy brethren belonging to the Province who would have attended to testify their Masonic loyalty to their Grand Master, and we believe it was a source of regret to many very worthy brethren that the force of circumstances prevented their doing so.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire was held on Friday week, a report of which will be given next week.

Masonic and General Tidings.

As the paragraph in the report of the General Committee of the Girls' School, at page 69 in our last, referring to Bro. Little may lead to some misapprehension, we give the resolution of the Committee, which was worded as follows:—"Resolved that this Committee hereby relieves Bro. Little the Secretary, from attendance at the office in consequence of ill-health, and authorises him to do as much of his official work as possible at home during the critical period of the winter."

At the recent meeting of the Grand Stewards of the year, the following were elected the officers of the Board:—Bros. Ralph Gooding, M.D., B.A., W.M. Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, President; Charles Martin, P.M. 23, Treasurer; and Thomas Adair Massey, P.M. 21, Secretary.

The Prince of Wales has been pleased to accept a copy of Captain Crawley's "Billiard Book," dedicated by permission to His Royal Highness, and to express to its author his high appreciation of the beauty and completeness of the work.

The brethren of the South Saxon Lodge, Lewes, have resolved to erect a tombstone to the memory of their late respected Bro. Captain Charles Scott Knight, for many years holding an important appointment under the South-coast Company at Newhaven Wharf. Bro. Knight also belonged to the Hull Lodge, and was widely known and generally esteemed. Brethren wishing to join in the memorial can send the same to Bro. T. R. White, Cliffe House, Lewes, the present W.M. of the South Saxon Lodge.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, on Tuesday, Feb. 12th, 1878, by Bro. A. J. Melhuish, the W.M. of the mother lodge. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. precisely.

George Kenning, 198, Fleet street, London, publisher of the *London Freemason*, for the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar." This contains a roll of all British Masonic and most others on the globe. Of this country it gives the Grand Bodies, and their officers. It is very valuable.—*Masonic Token*, U.S.A.

Mr. A. D. Dawnay, C.E., engineer for the works, writes with reference to the report of the proceedings at the Westminster Police-court on the 30th ult. as to Mr. Hankey's buildings:—"The sub-structure of the roofs, floors, and corridors throughout the building is entirely of fireproof material six inches thick, but covered with small wooden joists and ordinary floor boards. It was this covering in the corridors to which objection was taken and not to the fireproofing. The staircases are also constructed of incombustible material, and have no woodwork whatever in any part of them, and the communicating corridors between the south and west blocks are similarly constructed, and have floors finished without woodwork as a further precaution."

During his swim up the Tagus, Captain Boyton was compelled to stop twenty-four hours at the village of Puebla de Montauban, in order to repair his dress, which had become torn. He has been everywhere well received by the villagers. Captain Boyton will continue his voyage without his boat, which he has sent back to Madrid. The Captain arrived on Sunday at Talavera, having received a slight bruise, but started again on Monday.

We are informed that our late Bro. R. Woolfe, F.S.A., has bequeathed the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, of which he was Registrar, £1000 for charitable purposes.

A copy of the *London Freemason* strayed off to Portland, Oregon, Maine having been omitted, but our kind Bro. Earheart, the Grand Secretary, sent it on to us. Will Bro. Kenning add Maine to our address.—The foregoing we noticed in the *Masonic Token* of Jan. 15th. We take this means of assuring our able confrere that his wish has received our immediate attention.

Bro. Archibald Forbes, one of the special correspondents of the *Daily News*, delivered his lecture on the Russo-Turkish War, at the Portland Hall, Southsea, on Monday last. There was a large audience, among whom were many military and naval officers. The lecturer was listened to throughout with great attention, and was frequently applauded.

"Debrett's Peerage, Baronage, and Knightage for 1878, the 165th year of issue, is announced for immediate publication." It has been amplified, improved, and remodelled by Robert H. Mair, LL.D.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were present at a ball in honour of the Crown Prince of Austria at the German Embassy, Carlton House Terrace.

TURKISH COMPASSIONATE FUND.—Wednesday's subscription list of this fund was headed by a noble donation of £1000, from Miss Ann Dixon, of Holden Park, Lincolnshire, and included contributions of £50 and £25 from "K. E. C.," and the editor of the *Yorkshire Post* respectively.

About 120 of the pupils of the Girls' School witnessed the pantomime and other entertainments at the Crystal Palace yesterday (Friday), at the invitation of the directors, through Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-President of the Institution.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Eleanor Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday week, the 20th inst., at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. J. Tanner is the Preceptor.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A report of the installation meeting of this lodge will be given in our next.

A ball will be given on the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, by the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges. Bro. Nelson Reed, Sec.

Mr. H. Poole, mason to Westminster Abbey, with reference to Dean Stanley's lecture on the re-interment of the remains of the Queen of Henry V., sends to the *Times* the full text of the inscription placed on the new coffin plate:—"The former chest, which for 99 years had decayed in the Villiers vault in the Chapel of St. Nicholas, was removed thence, and this new chest, including the Royal remains, was with the sanction of Queen Victoria, placed here, in this Chantry of King Henry V., by Thomas Wright, clerk of the works at Westminster Abbey, in the presence of Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, D.D., Dean of Westminster, A.D. 1878."

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is expected to visit Berlin during the present month in order to be present at the wedding of the Princess Charlotte, eldest daughter of the Crown Prince of Germany, with the Hereditary Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, and of the Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, with the Hereditary Grand Duke of Oldenburg.

Lord Carnarvon has been entertaining Mr. Froude, Mr. Potter, M.P., Mr. A. Trollope, Sir L. Mallet, and Lord Donoughmore, at his seat, Highclere Castle, near Newburn.

On Thursday week their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales attended the lawn meet of Lord Portman's hounds. Nearly 12,000 persons from all parts of Dorset were present; but the frost was so severe that the sport was considerably delayed. Shortly before the start the Mayor of Dorchester and the members of the Corporation assembled in the library of Lord Arlington's mansion, when an address of welcome was presented to the Prince. The Prince thanked the deputation, and said he would send his reply by post. The hounds, under the Hon. W. H. B. Portman, then trotted off, the Prince and Princess following the pack. The hardness of the ground marred the sport. 1,290 head of pheasants were bagged for 10 guns. The weather during the week has been very dry.

A young gentleman recently drove to the establishment of a well-known watchmaker, and purchased a gold hunter for £48. Unfortunately he had left a £50 note on his desk at home. Would Mr. So-and-so kindly send a man with him to his business house—naming an eminent firm of ironmongers? The man might keep the change for himself. Mr. So-and-so hummed and hawed, and found means to communicate with the cabman, who, however, told him he had taken up his fare at the ironmonger's establishment in question, and that the "gent" was going down to Pytchley. Thereupon the man was sent. Arriving at the establishment, the young gentleman ushered the watchmaker's assistant into the shop, and told the shopman to "give him that 50-pounder." So saying, he jumped into the cab, and drove off. The clerk, who had politely bowed and gone off to fetch the cash, then returned with a brown paper parcel, which he suavely handed to the man. "What's this?" asked the astonished messenger, "this isn't fifty pound?" "Excuse me," was the reply, "it is. It's the fifty-pound dumb-bell the gentleman bought about an hour ago." The watchmaker still cherishes that dumb-bell.—*Mayfair*.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction on Tuesday last, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the convocation until Tuesday, the 19th inst., to give the members the opportunity of attending the important meeting of the Prudent Brethren Chapter (public night), at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday next.

The Bayard Chapter, No. 1615, will be consecrated this day week, at 33, Golden Square. The Consecrating Officer will be Most Excellent Comp. Lord Skelmersdale, grand H. of England. The Principals Designate are Ex. Comp. Lieut. Col. H. G. Somerville Burney, P.M., 1615, P.Z., 784, M.E.Z.; Ex. Comp. Frank Richardson, 1615, P.Z., 8, H.; and Comp. Capt. R. P. Leeson, W.M., 1615, J. A full report of the proceedings will appear in the *Freemason* the following week.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint His Grace the Duke of Athole, K.T., to be Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the county of Perth, in the room of the late Lord Kinnaid.

"OUIDA'S" PLEA FOR THE DOGS.—A recent number of "The Whitehall Review" contained an article entitled "Dogs: a Plea on their behalf," by "Ouida." In language at once striking, bold, and picturesque, the brilliant Novelist makes a touching appeal for "a little justice in this world to my dear comrades—the Dogs; and at the close of a long and cogent argument, fortified by facts and enlivened by illustration, expresses her belief, founded upon considerable experience, "that the much-talked of rabies would never be known if dogs were rationally treated and free to be happy in their own natural way" "Ouida's" most able article has already had the advantage of the very large and influential circulation given to it by "The Whitehall Review;" but it is desired to give the celebrated Novelist's Sketch the widest possible publicity, in the single hope that all who read it will strive to ameliorate the condition and mitigate the sufferings "of the animal that has often been called by great men in the solitude of greatness—their one true friend." With this object in view, the article on "Dogs" has been reprinted from "The Whitehall Review" for gratuitous circulation, and will, we are informed, be sent by the Publisher of "The Whitehall Review" to all applicants on receipt of a stamped and addressed envelope.

Reports of the following lodges unavoidably stand over:—52, 107, 807, 966, 1076, 1472, and 1636.

A report of the last meeting of the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, will appear in our next.

Orient is not, owing to its present constitution, a legal body; and, secondly, that it has so departed from the fundamental teaching of Freemasonry as to have lost its position of sole jurisdiction. And here I leave the matter, awaiting the onward course of events which settles matters better than the pen of the ready writer.

MASKELYNE.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.
(*Continued*).

It will be seen by a report in our last that some question has been raised with reference to the opening of the New Building by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. Nothing would delight the Craft more than such an announcement, than such a fact, but so far, the matter does not appear to have been attended to "in due form." H.R.H. the Princess of Wales cannot be asked to attend a public ceremonial in an informal way, and we think it a pity that her name was mentioned until assent had been given for her kindly and gracious attendance. The brethren think the matter ought not to have come before the General Committee at all, as it is a matter, according to our apprehension, solely for the Building Committee. Until the Building Committee hands over to the House Committee the special work entrusted to its charge, it is alone responsible for all matters and all arrangements connected with the new buildings. We therefore recommend the Building Committee alone to hold a special meeting, and by a proper and formal application endeavour to obtain the presence and the patronage of that august and charming lady, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, at the opening of the new wing of the Girls' School. But no time is to be lost, as many are the pressing demands on the time and appearance of our Royal Family, ever anxious to support all that is philanthropic, all that is useful, and all that is excellent. We have every confidence in our gallant Bro. Col. Creton.

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.]

PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your article in last week's *Freemason* on "Provincial Educational Institutions" has afforded me much pleasure, evincing as it does—and as your paper always has done—your great anxiety to secure the best means of rendering Freemasonry a "thing of life," and not a mere form. The question of the Schools is one that has caused a great many of our Lincolnshire Masons to be exercised in their minds as to how the future is to be met, and as to the expediency of initiating a movement for the organisation of such an Institution as you outline.

Considerable opposition may no doubt be anticipated from "vested interests," &c., but the difficulty to be faced is well brought out in your leader, and I have sent letters to several Masonic friends, calling their special attention to it, in the hope that a matter of Craft importance will receive that mature consideration we think the question deserves.

Thanking you for the able exposition of my own views, I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
A LINCOLNSHIRE W.M.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The subject of the letter from Bro. Raynham Stewart, inserted in your last number, is unquestionably of such great interest and importance that, if the House Committee should ever appear to be so oblivious of their duties as to neglect to pay due attention to the system of education pursued at the school, any subscriber who may either by motion at the quarterly court, or by any other process—call attention to the matter, will undoubtedly deserve the best thanks of the Craft.

It is not however apparent, from your correspondent's letter, that any grounds exist for supposing that plain needlework, &c., are disregarded in the training of the pupils. On the contrary, the last annual report contains a long list of wearing apparel, and domestic linen made up by the girls in addition to their studies in (what Bro. Stewart calls) accomplishments. Indeed, he himself expresses satisfaction at the explanations which followed the discussion on his proposed motion, and hopes that outsiders will now cease to "animadvert."

No further allusion to the question need have been made if Bro. Stewart had not added to his letter one of the most extraordinary and objectionable paragraphs ever penned in connection with our school; and one, which, if permitted to pass unchallenged now, may be quoted in the future, to the serious detriment of a noble institution. The passage referred to reads.

"We all know how difficult it is to get domestic servants in these days, and I believe it arises in a great measure—not because they are educated morally, religiously, or intellectually—but because they are educated above their position in life.

If this means that about 160 children of Freemasons, whose circumstances have become reduced through death or misfortune, should simply be educated to a point qualifying them for domestic service, at a cost of some £12,000 or £13,000 a year, it may reasonably be doubted whether

many present and prospective subscribers to the Institution will consider "the game worth the candle." Nor is it likely—if this view were adopted—that in future elections we should be troubled with an excessive number of candidates.

Bro. Stewart has been so liberal a supporter of our Schools, that it ought to be unnecessary to remind him that the object of our Institution is—not to provide moral, religious or intellectual servant girls, but—to take the place of parents, to instruct, clothe, and maintain the children of our less fortunate brethren whilst young, and, by judicious education in accomplishments as well as in domestic duties, to fit them to occupy such a position in life as they might have been expected to fill had their parents enjoyed the blessings of health and prosperity; and in this, there is good reason for believing, the efforts of the committee have hitherto been rewarded by success.

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,
HENRY T. THOMPSON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There appears to be one or two things in Bro. R. Stewart's letter which if not explained may mislead some of the subscribers, who live at a distance, and have no means of knowing for themselves. He still clings to his statement about the girls learning latin and geometry as the primary things—now, this would be pardonable in any one but him, but for one who has served for the length of time he has on the House Committee, not to know or profess not to know, that latin is one of the things we do not teach in the school, and further, that there is no one in the school that knows sufficient of latin to teach it, I say, not to know these things is unpardonable, and as to geometry, all that is taught is such as would be given in any ordinary school.

In reference to the question of cookery, the girls learn everything that is likely ever to be of any use to them, unless we intend to send them out as professional cooks, which I suppose he really means, or if a girl has no aptitude for making pastry and sweets, then fit her out as housemaid, or perhaps laundress. Surely subscriptions would very soon lessen if we say the education we mean to give our children should they need it, shall be to fit them for domestic servants—and I confess, however he may twist this part of his letter, it is the only construction that can be put upon it. Surely these children have a right to expect that they will secure such an education as shall fit them for the Society of their relatives, and friends of their departed parents, and if his statement has the slightest foundation of truth that "we educate our girls beyond their station, then Freemasons are far below ordinary society in the social scale. As to the misgivings, and asking himself what becomes of the girls after they leave the Institution. Let him ask those who take the trouble to find out, and whose duty it is to register them as far as is possible to trace.

As to his remarks being directed against the House Committee, I am sure by the admirable way they have managed they are perfectly indifferent which way he wished to "direct his remarks."

I am a little curious to know who the "People" are. Evidently they are not Life Governors or even brethren in the Craft, or he would not speak of them by the very distant word, "People"—but should they, whoever they are, wish to send him again as their spokesman, they had better send him with a formal petition in writing and save a repetition of this unseemly fiasco—"Much ado about nothing."

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MASON.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be obliged if you will enlighten me on the following point of Masonic Law in your next:—

A P.M. having left his lodge for many years as a defaulter, is re-elected, does he bring back with him his rank as a P.M.?

[Yes he is still P.M., but he has again to serve 12 months in the Chair, to regain his position in Grand Lodge.—Ed.]

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

It was with more than ordinary interest that the present writer saw for the first time a complete work, the first sketch of which he had the pleasure of seeing at 5 p.m. on the 28th April, 1875. It is unnecessary to recall this date to brethren, it is as historical as the occasion celebrated. Never in any era had so many illustrious Craftsmen been gathered together, and possibly never had such a hall been prepared for their reception as when they proclaimed the future Sovereign of our Empire, the Sovereign of the Antient Order.

The work is worthy of the occasion. With some experience in art matters, knowing of the difficulties successfully combated, difficulties extending over a period of two years in collecting and collating portraits, to be afterwards revised for details, it remains a marvel to the writer how a task of such magnitude, has been carried out "ab ovo usque ad malam," in so short a space a time. We know of works entailing not one tenth of the labour bestowed on this, and for which subscriptions were taken during the Franco-Prussian war which are now only in course of delivery.

The Albert Hall, recalling as it does the Coliseum in the main features of its architecture, or the "Plaza de Toros" of Seville or Madrid, presents in its many con-

verging and diverging lines features that would task the genius of a Canaletto. That primal difficulty has succumbed to the trained eye of the artist, the perspective is as faultless as that of a photograph, nay, more so, for the lens is too frequently at fault, whereas a trained eye seldom if ever errs.

Taking the work "en bloc" as an historical memento there is no picture we have seen whether from Van Helst at the Hague, to the Terburg of our National Gallery, or the "Garden Party at Chiswick" of Desanges, that contains, even taking in the last named, (the two first contain at the utmost some fifty portraits), one fifth of the number limned in this Installation Engraving. In a portrait the crucial test is the likeness; that wanting, whatever art may be displayed in colour, in chiaro-oscuro, in tone, in draping, in accessories, all else is void. It is the mask of the classic player minus the voice. In the present work nine hundred tests are given, in faces taken at all distances, and though we have spied for faults critically—and in such a mass of portraiture considering the difficulty of treating them, faults are excusable—not only have the features been shown but the expression, the man behind the mask is preserved. It is possible we have but noted the features of those known to us, but from these we form a not infallible judgment.

As an engraving the work may well stand on its merits, it combines "eau forte" for the features, line engraving for the architecture, whilst mezzotint is cunningly introduced to afford the necessary colour and relieve the otherwise monotone arising from the concentrated white of the faces.

It may not be out of place were we to make a few remarks on the rules of the "Printsellers' Association"—Artist's proofs have the names of artist and engraver in pencil autograph, proofs before letters the same engraved, letter prints give the title, whereas plain proofs have three lines in the body of the letter.

In conclusion considering the energy displayed in undertaking and carrying out to its full and ripe completion, a work of so much historical interest to the Craft throughout the world, it is to be hoped that the few numbers yet remaining in the several grades more especially the artist's proofs and the proofs before letters may be rapidly disposed of. Labour like this bestowed on a work of a more general interest would have reaped a harvest an hundred fold, the special interest of the Installation calls for a special acknowledgment from the Craft to our indefatigable Bro. Edward James Hartly.
H.W.S.

PINE'S LIST OF LODGES A.D. 1729.

By BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

In answer to our esteemed R. W. Bro. G. R. Harriott (Prov. G.M. Wigton, &c.) I have pleasure in stating that through the kindness of the lamented Bro. George Bease, Editor of the *Masonic Record of Western India*, I have been favoured with a letter of introduction to Bro. Tyrell Leith, D. District Grand Master of Bombay, &c., the owner of Pine's List of Lodges A.D. 1729 (not 1719, as Bro. Harriott states in error), and have had the valuable little book sent me for perusal, and for transcription if necessary. I most warmly thank our distinguished brother for the opportunity of thus making known to the Craft one of the most curious (and so far unique) works on Freemasonry.

The first of the kind was issued in 1723, one of which exists in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, as also another of A.D. 1725. The learned Mason Bro. Albert Pike has a copy likewise of 1725, though not quite the same edition, a facsimile of which this uncrowned king of the "Hauts Grades," presented to me.

Our great want however, is not so much these lists of 1723-5-9, as those of 1731, 1732, and 1733, neither of which have been traced of late years. Their production at the present time would be hailed with great satisfaction, especially by ourselves, and several brethren in the United States, as we hope then to be able to finally settle the question of priority of origin as respects Freemasonry in America.

No. 79, which is left vacant in Pine's List of 1734, is credited in 1735, at Dublin, to a lodge at Philadelphia, and as I believe the Editor of the list of 1735 (Ireland) obtained his information from one of the lists now missing, I am anxious to confirm my opinion of the matter, or to reject it as untenable. To do either, I must await the discovery of these lists. The 1729 list is dedicated to "The Right Hon. James, Lord, King, Baron of Kingston, in the Kingdom of Ireland, Grand Master A.D. 1729, A.L. 5729," and the following is the Roll of Lodges, the days of meeting and the names of "signs" being omitted. I have also omitted from this republication of the list of 1729, the 5th page, which simply contains "A Table shewing the number of lodges which meet on the same day of week, &c." The size of the pamphlet is about 6½ inches by 2¾ inches.

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1. St. Paul's Churchyard	1691
2. Furnival's Inn, near Holborn	1712
3. Westminster
4. Ivy Lane ... ..	...
5. Poultry	July 11th, 1721
6. Clare-street, &c.	Jan. 19th, 1722
7. Behind the Royal Exchange	Jan. 28th, 1722
8. Edgnorth	April 25th, 1722
9. Noble-street	May, ... 1722
10. Brewer-street	Nov. 25th, 1722
11. Knave's Acre	Feb. 27th, 1722
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13. Duchy Lane	Mch. 28th, 1723
14. Great Queen-street	Mch. 30th, 1723
15. Southwark... ..	April 1th, 1723

16. Tottenham-court-road	April 3rd, 1723
17. Bloomsbury ... ..	... .. 1723
18. Ludgate-street	May 5th, 1723
19. Snow Hill ... ..	... .. 1723
20. Tower-street	June 12th, 1723
21. Princess-street, Drury Lane ...	Aug. 4th, 1723
22. Fish-street Hill	Sep. 11th, 1723
23. Cheapside	Sep. 18th, 1723
24. Southampton-street, Covent Garden	Nov. ... 1723
25. Greenwich	Dec. 24th, 1723
26. Strand	Mch 25th, 1724
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27. St. Martin's Lane	Mch 27th, 1724
28. City of Bath
29. City of Bristol
30. City of Norwich
31. City of Chichester ... ..	... ..
32. Northgate-street, City of Chester	... ..
33. Watergate-street, City of Chester	... ..
34. Carmarthen, South Wales ... ..	... ..
35. Gosport, Hampshire ... ..	... ..
36. Congleton, Cheshire ... ..	... ..
37. Henrietta-street	July, ... 1724
38. Tottenham High Cross	Jan. 22nd, 1725
39. Finch Lane	Feb. ... 1725
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40. Paternoster Row	April, ... 1725
41. Westminster	May 10th, 1725
42. St. Andrew's-street, &c.	May 25th, 1725
43. Mary Le Bone	May 25th, 1725
44. Grafton-street, Soho	September, 1725
45. Without Bishopsgate-street ...	Jan. 19th, 1725
46. Grosvenor-street, Hanover-square	Jan. 12th, 1727
47. Stoke Newington	Aug. 9th, 1727
48. Salford, near Manchester ... ..	... ..
49. Holborn	Jan. 31st, 1728
50. St. Bernard-street, in Madrid ...	... ..
51. Brownloc-street, Holborn	April 15th, 1728
52. Warwick	April 22th, 1728
53. Bishopsgate, Coffee House ... ..	... .. 1728
54. Greek-street, Soho ... ..	... .. 1728

CONSECRATION OF ST. JOHN'S MARK LODGE No 214.

The ceremony of consecrating this lodge took place on Thursday, 31st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Lion-street, Abergavenny. There were present:—R.W. Bro. L. A. Homfray, P.G.M.M.M.; R.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.W. and Grand Mark Secretary of England, Bro. Col. C. Lyne, D.P.G.M.M., Bro. W. Watkins, Prov. G.S. of M.M.M. Mon, and a large assemblage of brethren from Swansea, Tredegar, and Newport, the latter named being largely represented.

The ceremony of consecration was most effectively rendered by R.W. Bro. L. A. Homfray, assisted by R.W. Bro. F. Binckes.

Previous to this ceremony, however, a lodge was opened by special dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, for the purpose of advancing any duly qualified brethren, when seventeen presented themselves as candidates for this degree, the advancement being excellently rendered by Bro. W. Williams, P.M.M.M. Ashlar Lodge, Tredegar.

Bro. J. L. C. Hunter Little was then presented for the benefit of installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, and having been saluted in due form, proceeded with the investiture of his officers as follows:—

Bro. Lawson, I.P.M.; Bro. W. Williams, S.W.; Bro. Harry, J.W.; Bro. Crawshaw Bailey, M.O.; Bro. Blake S.O.; Bro. Phillips, J.O.; Bro. Rev. Lindsay, Chaplain; Bro. William Tucker, Treasurer, Bro. Harris, Reg.; Bro. Jones, Secretary; Bro. Marsh, S.D.; Bro. Julius, J.D.; Bro. White, Insp. W.; Bro. Walford, D.C.; Bro. Hands, O.; Bro. Delafield, I.G.; Bro. Captain Wilson, Steward; Bro. Green, Tyler.

Bro. R. W. L. A. Homfray, P.G.M.M.M.; Bro. F. Binckes, G.S.; and V.W. Colonel C. Lyne, were then elected as honorary members of the St. John's Lodge, and votes of thanks were unanimously accorded them for their attendance.

Bro. the R.W., L. A. Homfray, P.G.M.M.M., invested amidst much applause, the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Bro. Little, with the vacant collar of P.G.S.D. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Little, W.M., said it was the custom in the province to which he originally belonged before closing lodge to pass round the loving cup, and he thought it was a custom which ought not to be dispensed with. He therefore, begged to present the lodge with such a cup, expressing a hope that it might long remain in use at the St. John's Lodge. It was then brought in, well filled, and due honour observed. It may be as well here to observe that the collars and jewels worn by the several officers were their own individual gift to the lodge. There were, four candidates proposed for advancement, when the lodge was closed in due form. The banquet took place at the Greyhound, under the superintendence of Bro. William Tucker, at which the following brethren were present: Bros. J. L. C. Hunter Little, W.M.; L. A. Homfray, P.G.M. M.M.; C. Lyne, D.P.G.M.; A. T. Perkins, P.G.D.C.; S. H. Steel, P.M., 818; S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.W.; E. V. Haldan, P.G.M.O. Ashlar; W. O'Reilly; W. Pickford, G. H. Govin, 818; C. J. David, 818; V. T. B. Horsford, W.M., 818; W. H. Spring, 1182, 464; H. G. Edmonds, 818; W. J. Hand 818; P. Harris, 818; Bros. Hampton, 818; H. Fletcher, P.G. Tyler; W. Davis, 281; S. Sands, Thomas Delafield, 1505; John Jones, 816; H. G. Lake, 80, 214; T. Harry, 185, 214; Joseph Green, Tyler; R. McLeod; Steward, 214; E. Phillips, 818; Crawshaw Bailey, P.M. 818; V. A. Julius, 214; George Albert Jones, 818; John

E. Thomas, 818; Wm. Williams, S.W. 214, P.M.; Wm. Tucker, 2149; Arthur Jones, 818; W. H. W. Welsen, 214; Fred Binckes, G.S.; John Chandler, W.M. 19; W. J. C. Lindsay, 214; J. A. H. Hallan, W.M. 237; Ed. J. W. Baker, 314; R. D. M. Lawson, P.M. 99; W. White, J.W. 214; J. D. March, S.D. 214; J. Gosden, 818; E. Price, 818; W. Rowe, 818; J. Berry, Walford, D.C. 214.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of "The Earl of Limerick, M.W.G.M., and the M.W.P.G. Master of England. In doing so, he remarked that there were eight Past Grand Masters still living, and all in good sound health, both mentally and bodily. With respect to the Earl of Limerick, he need not say anything, as all must be willing to testify to the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the high position which he was about to relinquish.

Bro. Captain Perkins, W.M. of Keystone Lodge, 109, and P.G.D.C.; then proposed the toast of the "R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale," and the Grand Officers Past and Present, coupling with it the name of our justly-esteemed Bro. F. Binckes, G.S.

Bro. Binckes, in reply, said all who like himself had the pleasure of being so closely allied with the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, were aware—that in the outside world as well as in the Craft, of whatever degree—that he was beloved by all who knew him, and he had much gratification in telling them, that the R.W. Deputy Grand Master had been elected to fill the important position of Grand Mark Master Mason of England, and he was certain all would agree that the election of so popular a man would afford ample assurance that the welfare of the Order would be materially advanced in his hands. On behalf of himself he most cordially thanked them for coupling his name with the toast, and took occasion, as he always intended to do whenever the opportunity offered, of bringing under their notice and enforcing the claims of the Masonic Charities. He then proposed "The R.W.P.G.M.M.M., Bro. L. A. Homfray," who suitably responded.

The Rev. Bro. Lindsay then gave "The Health of the D.P.G.M. Bro. Col. Lyne, and the P.G. Officers," which was briefly acknowledged.

The toast of the evening, "The W.M. of St. John's Mark Lodge, 214, Bro. Little," was proposed by the P.G.M., Bro. L. A. Homfray, and replied to by Bro. Little in a telling speech, shadowing forth that the lodge had wisely chosen in placing him at their head.

The remaining toasts having been duly honoured, that of the "Tyler" brought the proceedings to a close.

A NICE QUESTION.

At the recent Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, a question was presented involving a matter of grave concern in itself, as also a question of etiquette between governing bodies of the Craft. It came about in this way. The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, at Berlin, has an article in its Constitution prohibiting the initiation of Hebrews, and, very naturally, the Chosen People, as well as all fair-minded men, consider that fact as a violation of the general principles of Freemasonry which recognise no distinction of creed, race, colour, or nationality in the qualification of applicants for admission. For some time past the brethren in England professing the faith of Israel have been circulating a petition requesting the abrogation of this distinction between themselves and persons holding other forms of religious belief. These papers were largely signed, and at the meeting in question were presented to the Grand Lodge, with the request that the Grand Master would officially forward them to the Berlin Grand Lodge. On this proposition a lengthy debate ensued, but it finally ended by the Grand Lodge receiving the petitions but refusing to endorse and forward them. We desire to record our approval of this disposition of the question, because while the debate brought out the full sympathy of the English brethren with the end sought to be attained, it really turned upon the point whether one Grand Lodge could be justified in thus directly interfering in the concerns of another, and it demonstrates that the true way to attain the desired result is by the general force of public opinion which each Grand Lodge may properly express for itself, but which it may not otherwise force upon the attention of another holding different views; for, otherwise, there might be a constant fusillade of opinions and remonstrances passing between the different powers, tending not only in a large degree to disturb harmonious relations, but to indefinitely retard the desired consummation. We feel as strongly on this question as any of our Jewish brethren possibly can, and we should hail the removal of the obnoxious regulation with the greatest pleasure, because it would be not only a triumph of principle, but a noteworthy step toward the unification of Masonry, now greatly endangered; but at the same time we see plainly that it is a question the solution of which cannot be forced, but must await the slow, though, in our view, certain effect of time, and, as already said, the iteration and reiteration of correct Masonic opinion. Human nature is much the same in Grand Lodges as it is anywhere outside of them, and tells us that while men may be persuaded they will not be driven while they have strength to resist. When this fact is applied to the matter under consideration it is easy to perceive that the Berlin Grand Lodge would have resented the resolution of the Grand Lodge of England, had it been forwarded, as a direct interference with its own dignity and independence, and that the outcome would have been a much longer postponement of the repeal sought than is likely to be the case without it. A formidable portion of the Berlin constituency has already

moved in the right direction, and though, year after year, it has met defeat, it has only been by a few votes, and they will be ultimately gained if we refrain from any interference other than the encouragement of our own acts and the proper expression of our own views. The present century has witnessed the permanent overthrow of vastly greater evils than this, and before it closes this, too, will be among the dust and ashes of a dead past. Let our Hebrew friends compare their present situation throughout the civilised world with that of their ancestors only a century ago, and they will realise that the God of Israel has not forsaken them, but in His own way and in His own time is making darkness light before them and crooked things straight. Time, patience, and perseverance overcome many obstacles, and so, if we can learn to labour and to wait, the truth and the right will at last prevail, and it will be all the more welcome if it comes bringing the cordial acquiescence of those who have opposed its progress.—*New York Dispatch.*

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We had occasion in a late number of the *Hebrew Leader* to speak of the insane conduct of a large body of French, Freemasons who had boldly declared the doctrine of paganism, and eschewed the name of God from amongst them. Much as there is to admire in the French nation, and glorious as her past history has been, it is absolutely certain that no other civilised people present the extraordinary incongruities constantly developing in her capital.

Paris, the leading city of the world in all that is beautiful and artistic, queen of belles-lettres, and resplendent in architecture, is also the focus of all that is offensive to God and injurious to man. The recent act of a large body of Frenchmen, from whom a right perception of religion might be expected, has been to renounce the name of the Deity, and evoke the "goddess of reason" in His stead.

It would appear impossible that in the nineteenth century any number of men could be found so bereft of common sense, unless the gods have goaded them to madness to ensure their certain destruction.

The Grand Orient of Freemasons in France has lately decreed that all reference to the sacred name of the Deity shall be eliminated from its work and proceedings, and it is not surprising that the Grand Lodge of Ireland, immediately on learning that fact, repudiated all further connection and intercourse with French Freemasonry.

So deplorable and suicidal an act, directed against an Institution whose whole teachings are "Faith in God," may well make us ask the question what these vivacious but fickle people may not next do. A period of great political danger has, it is true, been recently bridged over with apparent safety, and the fatal current of revolution happily averted; nevertheless, it is too certainly the case that there are Marats, and Robespierres, and Carriers living in this century, and ready to upheave society in France as they did in '94.

Freemasonry has flourished from time immemorial, built upon the sacred name of the Most High, and its universality is of every nation and people under the sun. Its principles are pure, and its teachings are the bonds of human brotherhood with all mankind.

We hope better things of the Grand Orient of France, and its speedy return to true reason, which the action of the seventy-six lodges, who nobly voted against the expulsion of God from their temples, induces us to believe will be the case.—*Hebrew Leader.*

PRESENTATION TO A LIVERPOOL BROTHER.

The 47th annual ball of the Liverpool Licensed Victuallers Association, in aid of the benevolent fund of the institution, took place on the 29th ult. at the Town Hall, Liverpool, and in every respect maintained the enjoyable character of these festive charitable gatherings, which have now extended over nearly half a century. The benevolent objects of the association, it may be stated, are to admit to the almshouses, or other shelter, old, decayed, and unfortunate members, and the distressed widows, children, or orphans of deceased members, and to afford to such individuals any other relief or assistance which may be deemed proper and necessary, as well as to suitably educate such children and orphans, and afterwards place them in situations to qualify them for earning a respectable livelihood. The institution has faithfully carried out these admirable objects, and the success which again attended the annual ball last evening will give a helping hand to the charity, which has hitherto been so enthusiastically supported by the trade. There were about 700 present. The arrangements in connection with the ball were most satisfactorily carried out by the following Committee:—Bro. W. S. Vines, W.M. 1299, (chairman of the association); Bro. W. Coates, 1356 and 1609 (vice-chairman); Bros. A. Morrison, W.M. 1547; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; S. Bushell, 667; and Captain Berry, P.M. 155, the indefatigable Secretary, who deserves great praise for his exertions in making the gathering a complete success. At the Committee and Stewards' supper, served at about eleven o'clock, the chair was taken by Bro. Vines, having his Worship the Mayor on his right. After the loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed the "Mayor and Corporation of Liverpool," to which his Worship responded, and then gave the toast "Success to the Licensed Victuallers' Association," acknowledged by the chairman. Before the proceedings closed, Bro. Vines presented a valuable black marble timepiece to Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. H. M. Molyneux, by the members of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, in acknowledgment of the services kindly rendered as honorary master of ceremonies during a period of 15 years. W. S. Vines, Chairman; Captain Berry, Secretary. 29th January, 1878."

THE "CLEOPATRA NEEDLE IN LONDON.

The voyage of the "Cleopatra" from Ferrol was of such an uneventful character, that there is scarcely anything to record concerning it. She started at seven a.m. on Sunday, the 16th inst., in tow of the "Anglia," with a short length of hawser, and was found to steer very badly, a defect which was to some extent remedied by lengthening the tow-rope to about a hundred fathoms. The weather was beautiful during the whole voyage, the wind being very light and the sea smooth, with a bright moon at night. Communication was kept up between the vessels by means of signals, a black board being used by day and different coloured lights by night. On Sunday, the 20th inst., at ten p.m., the "Anglia" came to anchor off the Chapman Light, near Southend, with the "Cleopatra" hanging astern by the tow-rope. Next morning at half-past seven the vessels were again in motion, and by ten o'clock had reached Gravesend, where they stopped two hours, and were visited by the Customs Officers, and where also Mr. and Mrs. Dixon went on board, and a congratulatory telegram was received from the Queen. The "Cleopatra," was then towed further up the river, and by four p.m. the "Needle" was snugly berthed in the West India Export Dock.

The "Anglia" tug is a paddle-boat, with three funnels, with engines of 140-horse power, nominal, but capable of working up to 700. She is the largest tug in the Port of London, and has done a great deal of ocean towing. Her navigating captain is Mr. John Tracey, and her towing captain Mr. David Glue, and she has a crew of seventeen hands. The cable used at sea was a fifteen-inch hawser, but a much smaller one was substituted on reaching the river, when the length was also reduced to about fifteen fathoms.

The "Cleopatra" is built in the form of a cylinder, sharpened at each end, and is about 95 ft. in length by 16 in diameter. Upon her convex deck, about the centre of her length, is erected a structure which contains two small cabins, one for her commander, Captain Henry Carter, and the other for her crew, which consisted of five men. As soon as arrangements have been made with the Thames Conservancy Board, the "Cleopatra" will be brought up the river, and moored either alongside the Thames Embankment, or at some other convenient place, where she will for some time remain for public inspection; it being intended to remove some of her upper plates to facilitate the examination of the interior of the vessel, and exhibit the peculiar method in which her singular and valuable cargo is packed.

The vexed question of the most appropriate site for the erection of the Obelisk is, we believe, still unsettled, but whatever spot may ultimately be determined upon, it is to be feared that the damp smoke-laden atmosphere of our metropolis will soon have a very damaging effect upon the stone, which in a more favourable climate has lasted so long. The *Pall Mall Gazette* states, on the authority of a certain German doctor, that the Luxor Obelisk has suffered greater deterioration during the last thirty-six years by exposure to the atmosphere of Paris, than it did in the purer atmosphere of Egypt during the same number of centuries.

Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson's striking and original act of public spirit, was first made known in the *Times* without his name. But the nation's anonymous benefactor could not be long be hid, and what he forbade should be whispered in the ear has long been published on the housetops. Till lately the eminent surgeon was, perhaps, better known to scientific men, especially of his own profession, than—but for such deeds of splendid charity as his saving the Medical College at Epsom from threatened financial collapse, by handing its treasurer a cheque for £18,500—he was to the world at large. Professor Wilson is of about the same age as Mr. Gladstone, having been born in 1809. His father was the late William Wilson, surgeon in the Royal Navy, of which hereditary connection with the United Services he speaks with patriotic pride as having greatly interested him in the proposed transfer of Cleopatra's Needle to London. In 1869 he founded the Chair and Museum of Dermatology in the Royal College of Surgeons, and, having been freely elected the first Professor, was made a Member of the Council of that body in the following year. Dermatology is the science of the skin in health and disease; it is a branch of surgery which he may almost be said to have created by his many learned and splendidly illustrated monographs on the subject.

The Professor, in what he himself styles "Wilson's Narrative," tells as follows the story of his own share in the Obelisk enterprise, and how he and Bro. John Dixon, C.E., were first brought face to face:—"In the autumn of 1876 I received a note from Sir James Alexander on professional matters, in which he referred to Cleopatra's Needle, which he was then busy in drawing attention to. As a sailor's son I took an interest in the matter; and on my return to London, having had a visit from Sir James, I was informed that a site for the Obelisk had been awarded by the Metropolitan Board of Works, on Sir James's solicitation; and that Mr. John Dixon, an engineer, had contemplated the means of effecting the object. A few days afterwards (we were then in November) I called upon Mr. Dixon, whom I had never seen before, nor heard of, save through Sir James Alexander. Sir James Alexander had left him a few minutes before I entered. I soon found that Mr. Dixon was a Freemason; hence all formality and ceremony was at once banished. He told me that he had long contemplated bringing the Obelisk to England, and hoped some day to do it himself, when he should be rich enough; he said that he and Mr. Fowler had talked over bringing it, but that political reasons had left the matter in abeyance. He then said, 'I should enclose the monolith in

boiler plate, and roll it into the sea; I would then steady the cylinder by means of bilge plates, ballast it, fix a rudder, fix a cabin and spar deck, and then tow her to England.' He said he thought it might be done for £5,000, but he would enter into a contract to do it for £7,000. Some further conversation took place, and Mr. Dixon was so confident of his success, that we said this: The undertaking is not an easy one; there may be unexpected difficulties; we must succeed; you say you can do it for £7,000; will you undertake to set it up safely on the banks of the Thames for £10,000? No cure no pay.' 'Willingly,' was his answer, and we parted for the second time. 'Mr. Dixon, I have one more favour to ask of you, which is to give an interview to my friend, H. P. Stephenson, who is a civil engineer, and will influence us with his opinion; also a Freemason.' The following week we four met at the solicitor's office in Bedford Row, and agreed to the terms of a contract. Our next meeting was to sign that contract, in January. Mr. Dixon then went to work in earnest, the cylinder was built on the Thames banks, and sent out in pieces."

We are indebted for this interesting sketch to our admirable contemporary the *Graphic*.

Reviews.

"Points for Reference," &c. By Bro. JADU. WYMAN and Sons, 81, Great Queen-street, W.C.

We have received this little work, convenient alike for reference and the pocket, and we are glad to call attention to it. It is, for those who need it, a very useful aid as a "Masonic technica," and the "cue" judiciously employed and seasonally remembered, may restore the "lost links" of the oral ritual. We are not on the whole favourable to this "genre" of Masonic publications, but probably fewer objections can be made to "Points for Reference," than to any other similar publication. Practically we hardly know of any other work exactly analogous, and certainly not in its unostentatious and unpretending form. We, therefore with pleasure, mention to our many readers its special existence, its admitted correctness, and its intelligent utility as an "aide memoire," as the French have it, and while we make these remarks sincerely we must not be supposed to assent in any degree to the question of ritual publications. Of its undoubted evil we are fully assured, and as Freemasons feel strongly that it is distinctly opposed to the best interests and good work of Freemasonry. But we do not consider that this little work comes under that category, and regard it as intended to be of help to many of our brotherhood.

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We are glad to be permitted to call attention to this very well edited and admirably printed Magazine. We always find it to be original and worth reading.

"Night and Day," Edited by DR. BARNARDO.

This serial deals with a most interesting subject per se, the "Wild Boys" and the "Wild Girls" of London. It is often to us, as we fancy it is to all, a very sad fact to realize that amidst our wealth, our greatness, our civilization, there are "plague spots," in all large aggregations of our fellow creatures, which weaken and disgrace humanity, which serve to introduce disease, decay, and not unfrequently despair, into the common course of what ought to be well ordered social existence. It boots not here to go into the recondite causes of this untoward state of things; it is idle, it appears to us, to blame any one section for neglect or oblivion of their fellow mortals, when all are probably more or less equally to blame. But the sensible, the safe, the proper course, is to endeavour to rectify evils whose existence is admitted, to go to the root of matters, remembering that prevention is better than cure, the healing effort, than punitive sternness. Dr. Barnardo's seems to be a practical work, appealing to the sympathies and good will of all. He seeks the sufferers in noxious abodes of vice and squalor; he looks for the "wild animals" in their dens, which abound where such classes do "most congregate," even in this mighty London of ours, and he offers a home to the young of both sexes, friendly advice and help to others. Such a work as this is alas imperatively needed, and deserves to be commended and supported. Indeed, we wish to say this:—If the great black cloud of pauperism which now hangs over the history of our people is to be lessened and removed, if we are successfully to cope with those special forms of suffering which seem to be the product of civilization itself, we must break down those hedges which red tape and conventionality have erected around us, and throw ourselves into the good work, with earnestness, sympathy and sincerity. Talking is very fine, but working is far better. One of the most serious problems of the day is how to deal with that curse of degraded pauperism, which like a gangrened wound is spreading and is dangerous, because it undermines the great fabric of social security, because it shows,

"Of all the ills which human hearts endure, How few there are which human laws can cure,"

if we may thus slightly alter these well-known lines. We want the emotion of genuine religious philanthropy to direct the head and heart of true charity, and until true charity comes to the rescue, in vain are Consolidated Orders or Boards of Guardians, in vain are Relieving Officers and the Workhouse Test, in vain Charity Organization Societies and official red tape, in vain the panacea of reform, in vain the hopes of economists. We must supplement the treatment of casual and permanent poverty by true-hearted religious sympathy. Instead of sending old couples to the workhouse, we must have parochial or denominational asylums for the aged, the decrepid, and the incurable. We must put an end to workhouse schools, the true foundation

of a large amount of vicious views on the subject, and throw the children into Board Schools, National Schools, Orphan Schools, any where but workhouse schools. Such a subject is worth all the political disputes of the hour, and demands alike the consideration and study of the philanthropist, the patriot, and the statesman.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

On Wednesday a deputation from the Gaelic Society had an interview with the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall, to ask that a grant of money might be made for teaching the Gaelic language in Scotch schools. The deputation consisted of the Rev. Dr. M'Lauchlan (Edinburgh), the Rev. Alexander M'Kenzie, M.A. (Edinburgh), the Rev. J. Calder Macphail (Edinburgh), Mr. Hugh M. Matheson (London), Vice-President of the Gaelic School Society, and Mr. A. Macnicoll, Treasurer of the London Auxiliary to the Highland Schools. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, in reply, said that the Estimates had been already given in for this year, and they did not include the grant now asked for. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was constantly complaining of the annual increase in the educational estimates. He reminded them that the teaching of Gaelic was not prohibited at present, and that School Boards were competent to authorize its teaching, although it was true that no grant from the Government funds could be made at present. It was matter of considerable doubt whether the intelligence of children in the Highlands would be enhanced by the teaching of the Gaelic tongue.

Mr. S. R. Van Campen has been asked by the Hon. B. A. Willis, of the Committee on Naval Affairs in the United States Congress, for a report on the Arctic expeditions abroad, and has complied with the request. Besides speaking particularly of the proposed expeditions of Holland and Sweden, Mr. Van Campen suggests to the Committee, as it has in charge the Bill now before Congress for an American expedition, proposed in accordance with Captain Howgate's scheme, the incorporation of a clause granting rewards upon a graduated scale to individual explorers of whatever nationality who may reach latitudes or make discoveries in Arctic territory beyond points hitherto attained.

Japan has an active archaeological society, bearing the title of Kobutzu-Kai (Society of Old Things). Its members, numbering 200, are scattered throughout the land, but meet once a month in Yeddo. They consist chiefly of wealthy Japanese gentlemen, learned men, and priests; the latter especially have been the means of bringing before public attention a vast number of ancient objects which have been hidden in the treasures of the temples or preserved in private families. H. von Siebold, Attaché of the Austrian Embassy at Yeddo and a member of the society, has lately published a brochure, which will serve as a guide for the systematic archaeological study of the land; Von Siebold has lately made a most interesting discovery of a prehistoric mound at Omuri, near Yeddo, containing over 5,000 different articles in stone, bronze, &c. In a recent communication to the Berlin Anthropologische Gesellschaft, he describes the origin of the terra-cotta images found in old Japanese burial grounds. It appears that up to the year 2 B.C. it was the custom to surround the grave of a dead emperor or empress with a number of their attendants, buried alive up to their necks, their heads forming a ghastly ring about the burial spot. At the date referred to, the custom was abolished, and the living offerings were replaced by the clay figures, which have hitherto attracted so much attention.—*Nature*.

The first Howard quinquennial prize, of the Institution of Civil Engineers, being that for the year 1877, has just been awarded to Mr. Henry Bessemer, member, as—in terms of the bequest—the inventor of new and valuable process relating to the uses and properties of iron.

COLOURS FROM COAL.—Professor Armstrong writes with reference to the short notice of his lecture on "Colours from Coal," in *The Times* of January 22:—"I am reported to have said that England is gradually falling further and further behind France and Germany as a colour-producing country, the reason being 'that our manufacturers do not attempt to employ the co-operation of skilled chemists.' The words used by me, I believe, were 'that English manufacturers do not sufficiently avail themselves and are not sufficiently aware of the importance of scientific aid.' Some few of our manufacturers, however, are certainly most fully alive to the benefit to be derived from scientific aid."—*Times*.

CHILD'S BANK.—The removal of Temple Bar is to be immediately followed by the rebuilding of Messrs. Child's bank, which when completed will form one of the most striking architectural structures in the locality. The new building will stand in two parishes, one portion being in St. Dunstan's parish, the other in St. Clement's, and will have a frontage to the south side of Fleet-street and the Strand of about 50 ft. in length. It will not only occupy the site of the present old structure, but will also absorb the two shops immediately on each side of it. The premises will also be carried for a considerable depth southwards, covering almost the entire area of Child's-place, which extends to a depth of about 90 ft. from the Fleet-street frontage. The intention is to erect the rear of the premises in the first instance; and, preliminary to commencing the new structure, the whole of the buildings in Child's-place are to be cleared away during the next few weeks, and after the erection of this portion of the bank is completed it will be opened for business before the old edifice facing Fleet-street is disturbed; and until this is demolished the arch and piers forming the south side of the Bar will remain standing. We understand that the designs for the new bank buildings have been furnished by Mr. John Gibson, architect.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

MARRIOTT.—On the 1st inst., at Foulde-road, Stoke Newington, the wife of E. D. Marriott, of a son.
WOOD.—On the 29th ult., at Banff, the wife of G. Wood, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BOYD—BROWN.—On the 31st ult., at Edinburgh, Robert Mitchell, son of S. Boyd, Esq., late of Sydney, N.S.W., to Eliza Agnes, daughter of the late W. C. Brown, Esq.

DEATHS.

CRUIKSHANK.—On the 1st inst., at 7.20 p.m., at his residence, 263, Hampstead-road, N.W., George Cruikshank, artist, in the 86th year of his age, beloved and respected by all who knew him. Friends will please kindly accept this intimation.

KELLY.—On the 25th ult., the Rev. George Fitzroy Kelly, M.A., LL.D., of Pembroke Dock, South Wales, aged 78.

KYNASTON.—On the 31st ult., at Ventnor, W. Kynaston, of Gresham-street and Russell-square, aged 51.

LEWIS.—On the 4th inst., at 118, Houndsditch, E.C., Abraham Lewis, aged 58 years, deeply lamented by his family and numerous friends. American and Continental papers please copy.

SHURY.—On the 27th ult., Wm. Shury, of Myland, Colchester, after two years' intense suffering. His whole soul was in Freemasonry up to his last moment.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1878.

BRO. HUBERT AND FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Hubert, who is well known as the Editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, an independent and important French Masonic serial, and which is a credit to French Freemasonry, has, by refusing the unanimous election to the chair of the lodge he has served so well for years, openly protested against the revolution recently effected by the French Grand Orient. For his refusal is based simply on his unwillingness to follow the majority of the French Grand Orient into the "Caudine Forks" of revolution, and his fears as to the future. This is a very important step in itself, and one which may have important consequences for French Freemasonry. This announcement serves as a very striking commentary on the somewhat rash declaration of our esteemed Bro. Thévenot, which appeared in our columns the previous week. Knowing how great a discontent exists in French Freemasonry at the recent most unwise and uncalled for change, though we always prefer to let people speak for themselves, we were perfectly convinced that the letter of Bro. Thévenot must have but one result in France. Bro. Hubert voted against the change, and, like an honest man and true Mason as he is, finding he cannot any longer conscientiously go with the Grand Orient of France in its downward course, and in the discredit which is coming on French Freemasonry, he very wisely, in our opinion, openly and manfully says so, and declines the high honour offered to him by his brethren. If anything can open the eyes of the ruling party in the French Grand Orient to the gulf which is opening out before French Freemasonry this fact ought to do so, but we fear that at this moment, elate in the victory they have gained over the "indifferentism" of too many in French Freemasonry, nothing will induce them to pause in their ill-omened career, much less to think where they are, and where they are going to. Bro. Marchal, of the Lodge St. Jean de Jerusalem, Nancy, has also resigned the chair of the lodge, and the lodge itself only remains in obedience to the Grand Orient on the condition that the ritual of French Freemasonry is not to be interfered with. Everyone will, therefore, feel the greatest anxiety for the future position of French Freemasonry. We say all this with much regret, but we feel it to be our duty to say as much and to hold out the hand of brotherhood to the good Bros. Hubert, Marchal, Lechaut, Behr, and the 76 who so gallantly upheld the "good old cause" in the French Grand Orient.

ALL SERENE.

How very remarkable is the present position of English Freemasonry. Those of us who commenced Masonic life in England, say thirty years ago, must be struck with the onward progress, the rapid advance, of our Masonic phalanx. We can recall, many of us, less prosperous days. We can remember slovenly work, neglected æsthetics, the prevailing association of a "House of Call," the difficulty of finding sometimes a "quorum" to carry on the needful necessary work even of that famous old lodge. Now all is happily changed, and for the better. We may have other evils coming upon us, but we cannot complain either of the work or attendance of our brethren. Masonic ceremonial and Masonic ornamentation have latterly received befitting attention, and though much room still exists for further desirable changes in the latter respect, yet we do not despair of seeing ourselves a happy further amelioration of lodge life and work in many particulars. As it is, week by week the Craft is pushing on, new lodges are formed and forming, and brethren exhibit a vitality, an interest, and a zeal in things Masonic, which makes some of us old-boys Masons almost say with a sigh, "Ah, mihi præteritos si referet Jupiter annos." "Would I were young again to take my part in the good work of my lodge, and to meet pleasant faces, and sympathize with warm hearts as in happy days of old."

But thus it cannot be; old age is upon some of us, with benumbing powers, and weakened frames, and all we can do is to wish our old Craft "God Speed," to offer our "hearty good wishes" to the lodge, and to leave the prestige and the personality of Freemasonry to the "young uns." May they care as much for the Brotherhood as we really did in our "little day." Two "points" seem to demand our attention. One is still more attention to the æsthetic adornment and the "locale" of our lodges, the other is, more economy in our "commissariat" arrangements, and rather larger offerings on the part of lodges to Masonic Charity. We know the difficulties attendant on both these points, and which are neither trifling or unreal, but we think it well to call the attention of our good brethren to them, as it seems to be a great pity to have any "spots" in our "feasts of charity," as it would greatly strengthen lodge life and Masonic prestige, if our balance-sheets could amply demonstrate more than they often do, that our professions and practice were properly squared?

GRANTS TO OUR CHARITIES.

All companions will rejoice to note that our esteemed and zealous Bro. Col. Creton, always gallantly to "the fore" in every good work of Freemasonry, has given notice on behalf of the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter of a vote of £2000 to our three great Metropolitan Charities. We highly commend the idea and the notice, and think that all will concur in the expediency of such a resolution. We trust that it will be carried unanimously, as we feel sure that no better use can be made of the money, which is not clearly wanted for any ordinary purposes of the Grand Chapter. Since we wrote this the Grand Chapter has, with happy unanimity, voted thus very wise and desirable grant.

THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As I have twice pointed out in the *Freemason*, the present alarming position of Freemasonry is as alarming as well it can be. Bro. Thévenot's assurance, recently published in your columns, that no French brother is dissatisfied with the decision of the Grand Orient is entirely overthrown by the march of events. Already Bro. Hubert refuses to be re-elected W.M. of one of the leading lodges in Paris, Bro. Marchal leaves the chair at Nancy, and your readers perused Bro. Lechaut's letter in your last number. And how, then, about the future? What is the minority conscientious, intelligent and important, to do? Curiously enough, the French Grand Orient has furnished the weapons itself for a dissenting minority. In its recognition of the coloured Grand Lodge, for instance, it laid down this axiom, that a lawful charter is a sufficient qualification. I have always said that such a view is erroneous, as proceeding on two false assumptions—first, that a charter can give any more rights than it professes to grant; and, secondly, that a dormant charter, once dormant, cannot be revived except by the action of the original grantor. The grantee cannot revive it except with the approval of the grantor. But the Grand Orient of France has decided differently, and the dissident French Masons can appeal to it as their ground of action. Thus, on this assertion of Masonic law, they can revive any charter of a lodge granted by the old Grand Lodge of France, or the Grand Orient itself, before the Union, and it may be a very serious question whether by this grave innovation the concordat of the old Grand Lodge of France and the Grand Orient is not dissolved. I am simply arguing as a French Freemason now on the "dicta" of the Grand Orient itself—and I leave out of the case "pour le moment," the heavy blow inflicted by the recent decision of the French Grand Orient on French Freemasonry, and the legal position of the French Grand Orient itself. Under the circumstances of the case, in my humble opinion French Freemasons will have a right to revive dormant charters and to reconstitute the Grand Lodge of France on these two grounds, first, that the French Grand

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND. (Continued from Page 68).

Bro. Whitaker, in continuation, said: I was invited to the Thames to be affiliated to the Scotch Constitution in the Sir Walter Scott Lodge, and I was enrolled as one of the brethren on that occasion, and it was then a formal offer was made to me to become the first Provincial Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution for the North Island of New Zealand. Well, that is now concluded with this ceremony to-day; I am duly installed as your first Grand Master, and I think I may refer to this fact in proof of the Catholicity of Freemasonry, for here I am an Englishman, never having been in Scotland in my life, and you have accepted me as your Grand Master. I believe I may refer to Bro. Graham here on my right, the District Grand Master of the English Constitution, as being of Scotch origin. (Bro. Graham here whispered some words to Bro. Whitaker, which were not audible in the body of the hall.) Born in Ireland, but of Scotch origin—well, I suppose, we must accept him as half-Irishman and half-Scotchman, but half an Irishman and half a Scotchman fitted together makes one good English Grand Master. (Cheers.) Here is Brother Graham, sitting, I may say, in all his glory, and I for one do most sincerely wish him a long and happy reign over the lodge of which he has been appointed Grand Master. I now have this to say: I do from the bottom of my heart most sincerely thank you all, brethren, for the great honour you have conferred upon me in placing me in this chair, and I assure you it will be my utmost endeavour to conduct the business of this Grand Lodge in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the brethren. I shall endeavour faithfully to perform my duties with the aid of the officers appointed to assist me, and depend upon it my best endeavours will not be wanting to uphold the dignity and support the influence of Masonry. (Cheers.) You are aware that the Master who sits in this chair is as great an autocrat as the Emperor of Russia. What I say in this lodge is law, and there is but one appeal, viz., to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Here the Master of this lodge is supreme. I refer to Bro. Lazar as to whether I am stating what is correct—no brother has a right to dispute the decision of the Grand Master, but let me add that while I will act with firmness, I will also act with moderation, and my decisions so far as it is possible to make them, shall be founded on justice and truth. (Cheers.) Brethren, assist me to close this lodge.

At the close of the ceremony the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould offered up the following very eloquent prayer:

God, our Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor, with whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we thank Thee for the fraternal communion which we have this day enjoyed. Pardon all that Thy holy eye has seen amiss in us. Bless our humble labours to the promotion of truth and love, unity and peace. Smile upon our institution, and make it the instrument of great good. Dismiss us with Thy blessing, go with us when we separate, guide us even more by Thy good Providence, and finally reunite us at Thy right hand in that world of life and light where Thou for ever reignest. So mote it be.

The following brethren were the joint committee for both Installations, and have given universal satisfaction by the manner in which they have carried out the programme:—Bros. Brett and Tyler, for the S.C.; and Bros. Lodder, Skinner, and Wade, for the E.C.

The brethren present exceeded 300 in number.

The ball was one of the most perfectly managed and successful ever seen in Auckland. The Stewards of whom the chief was Bro. Adam Brock, must be complimented on the tout ensemble of the arrangements, which were such as could not fail to be conducive to the comfort of everyone. The decorations in the hall were particularly effective and the gay costumes of the ladies presented a more than usually brilliant appearance. On the gentlemen, the bright coloured aprons and regalia relieved the sombre black. The programme was well selected, and the music was capitally interpreted by Mr. Impey's band.

At twelve o'clock the doors of the supper-room were thrown open, and there was a rush to the tables, which groined beneath the weight of substantial fare, tastefully laid out, and all the delicacies of the season. Bro. Whitaker, P.G.M., S.C., occupied the chair, with Bro. Graham, D.G.M., E.C., and Bro. Lazar, P.G.M., of Westland, as Croupiers. After the company had satisfied the cravings of the inner man, the signal was given for silence.

The Chairman, the Hon. F. Whitaker, P.G.M., S.C., then rose, and called upon the brethren to fill their glasses. This having been complied with, he said: Ladies and brethren,—At Masonic banquets there is one toast which takes precedence, because of all other bodies Freemasons boast of their loyalty, and boast of it in a manner in which they are entitled to boast. The first toast on all Masonic occasions is "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was drunk with demonstrations of loyalty, and with English honours, Bro. W. J. Rees, P.M., who sat on the left of the chairman, giving the time.

The Chairman again called on the brethren to charge their glasses, which having been done, he said: Ladies and brethren, the next toast that I have to propose to you is that of "The Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the English Constitution, and the Grand Patron of the Scotch and the Irish Constitutions." It is therefore our duty, as loyal subjects of the Queen, and as looking forward at some future time to H.R.H. succeeding to the throne, and regarding him now in the exalted position as Grand Master of the English Constitution, and the position he holds with regard to Freemasonry generally, I say it is our duty to propose the toast of H.R. Highness's health, and to drink it with all honours. I therefore give you the toast of

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the English Constitution, and the Grand Patron of the Scotch and the Irish Constitutions.

The toast was drunk with those marks of loyalty which peculiarly distinguish Freemasonry, and with three times three.

The Chairman again rose, after a short pause, and called on the brethren to charge their glasses. He then said: Ladies and brethren, the occasion on which we are met to-day is one of the greatest importance. One part of the Proceedings was the installation of Bro. George Samuel Graham as R.W.D.G.M. of the English Constitution. It is our duty, therefore on an occasion of this kind to propose his health. He has been a good Mason for many years, and I have not the slightest doubt that the brethren of his lodge have done well in appointing him to his present high office. I am quite sure you will have the very greatest pleasure in drinking the toast of his health as I have in proposing it. I propose therefore the health of R.W.D.G.M. George Samuel Graham.

The toast was drunk with Macduff honours. When the enthusiasm had subsided.

Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M., E.C. rose amidst cheers, and said—Ladies, brethren, and gentlemen, I have to thank you for the kind and cordial manner in which you have responded to the toast that has been proposed. I will not preface with the customary "unaccustomed as I am to public speaking," &c.—(laughter and cheers)—for I feel that I am at such a dizzy height that I am afraid to move lest I should stumble. The flattering remarks made by Bro. Whitaker with reference to my connection with Masonry, I trust, will be fulfilled in my future solicitude for the welfare of the Lodges over which I have been called to preside. When I look around me to-night, and see assembled here so many ladies, as well as so many non-Masons I cannot but feel that they have conferred an honour upon me, irrespective of my own brethren, in the support which they gave me in the arduous task which I have this day undertaken. There is a matter to which I would like to allude this evening, and my remarks are addressed more especially to my fellow-craftsmen. We have met, it is true, this evening in a very fine hall, but I think it is quite time, considering that on this occasion there must be, I should estimate at least upwards of 500 guests present in this hall, that we had a Masonic hall of our own. At present we have no hall that we can call our own, but I trust that at the next Masonic festivity we may be in a position to boast of a hall that we may truly call our own (cheers), and that it will be available for Masons in general. This certainly has been a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry, for we have had ample evidence to-day of the genuine brotherly love that exists in this province. (Cheers.) The English, Scotch and Irish Lodges have been united this day in the greatest harmony, and if they will only work together in the grand objects which I desire to see achieved, they can without difficulty at once proceed to build a Masonic Hall which will be worthy of them. In again thanking you for the kindly manner in which you have drunk my health, I may remark that there is a brother amongst us of whom I should like to say a few words. On this day he has received a dignity which is co-equal with my own, I allude to Bro. Whitaker, R.W.P.G.M., of the Scotch Constitution. I may say that since I was a little child toddling about that his name was as familiar to me as one of the household gods. (Cheers.) Therefore it is to me a pleasant duty to invite you to drink the toast of his health. I call upon you, therefore, to drink "The Health of Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, R.W.P.G.M. of the Scottish Constitution."

The toast was drunk with Macduff honours in double quick time, led by Bro. Robinson of Lodge Sir Walter Scott.

The Chairman again rose, and said: Ladies and brethren, it is now a great number of years since I first became a Mason, and during the whole of that time there has never been any occasion on which I have felt more honoured than I have to-day. I have been placed to-day in one of the very highest positions in Freemasonry in which a man can be placed in this colony. I feel gratified that I have been chosen and elected by those amongst whom I have lived so many years, and I am sure you will all agree with me that I have reason to be proud of the position which I now occupy. (Cheers.) I have for many years past done but little for Freemasonry, but now I am ready to promise that for the rest of my life I will render all the assistance that I can for the good of Masonry—(cheers)—and for the advancement of the interests of the Craft in the North Island of New Zealand. (Cheers.) I am quite aware that it is not fun to the ladies to make long speeches this evening. Just now the band struck up in the ball-room outside, and I think that I saw a great many of the ladies were ready to run away from the supper table to resume the dance. I think they prefer dancing to speeches—(laughter and cheers)—and being aware of that, and ready as I always am, to accommodate the ladies as far as possible, I shall, therefore, cut short my speech, in order that the dance may be resumed. Allow me to say that besides the honour my brethren have conferred upon me to-day, I have received an additional honour in having my health proposed to-night in such kind terms, and for that, ladies and gentlemen, I return you my most sincere thanks. (Cheers.)

After a pause, the chairman again called upon the company to charge their glasses. This having been complied with, he said: "The next toast that I have to propose to you is the health of a brother who is absent, and I am sorry he is absent on this occasion, because I am quite sure it would have given him a great deal of pleasure to be present. I have just been informed that he has expressed his regret that he could not be present this evening. You must understand, ladies especially—I am not speaking

for the brethren—that there are three Constitutions, the English, the Scotch, and the Irish Constitutions, and each of these at the present time has a Grand Master; and I trust that amongst us there will be rivalry, a rivalry of virtue and friendship, a rivalry that will advance the efficiency and welfare of the lodges, and I think if we can promote that friendly rivalry amongst us it will be of increased advantage and benefit to Masonry. (Cheers.) At all events, if I fail it shall not be my fault, but the fault of the Masters. The toast I have now to propose is that of the Grand Master of the Irish Constitution, Bro. George Patrick Pierce.

The toast was drunk with three times three.

The Chairman: Bro. Pierce being absent, Bro. Doull, Grand Senior Warden of the Irish Constitution, will return thanks.

Bro. Doull then rose, and said—Ladies and brethren, in the absence of the Chief Officer, Bro. George Patrick Pierce, it devolves upon me to acknowledge the very hearty manner in which the toast of his health has been drunk. I regret very much that he is absent to-night, but I am very glad to see that we have received a challenge from our sister Constitutions. With regard to what Bro. Whitaker has said about rivalry, I hope all the rivalry that may exist in future amongst the lodges will be a rivalry directed to the advancement of the interests of the various lodges and the good of the Craft generally. With these few remarks, knowing that the ladies wish to get away to the ball-room, I will conclude by returning you on behalf of Bro. Pierce, my most sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which you have drunk the toast of his health.

The Chairman again called on the brethren to charge their glasses, and said this time he must call upon them to fill up bumpers. This request having been attended to, he said: Ladies, brethren, and gentlemen, the next toast I have to propose—and the ladies will be glad to hear that it is the last,—but although it is the last, it is certainly not the least, because to a certain extent I regard it as the toast of the evening—is that of a distinguished brother whom we have amongst us to-day. He came amongst us to-day to do the honours, and with an amount of knowledge of the mysteries of the Craft far exceeding anything I possess—I will not say exceeding the knowledge of all the brethren present, because I do not know. But he came amongst us to-day, and he has enabled us to conduct the proceedings in a most satisfactory manner. When you look at that brother you will see that he has had many years experience, and though he has attained to an age very much in excess of my own yet he is two years my senior as a Mason. Yet here he is, and I am very glad that we have this opportunity of drinking his health in the manner which I am sure you will do—with the greatest possible honour. I am told that he will have attained to the age of 74 years at one o'clock this (Saturday) morning. (Cheers.) That he should have come all the way from Westland for the purpose of assisting as in the labours of this day, I am quite sure you will agree with me that he deserves our heartiest thanks, and deserves also that we should fill a bumper and drink to his health with all the honours that we can confer upon him. I have now another matter, which is a personal one, to allude to. During the last two or three days, my lady friends have asked me what we were going to do, and what sort of rites we were going to perform (laughter). Being a very diffident man, being a very diffident brother, (renewed laughter) I was afraid that I might commit myself to some extent in commencing any information, that was asked of me, but when I see Bro. Lazar present, and remember the vast extent of his information, I think the very best thing I can do is to introduce him to the ladies, and I have no doubt he will then explain the whole matter to them. (Laughter and cheers.) I have had experience of the mode in which he can convey the great store of Masonic lore that he possesses, and I am quite sure that the ladies whom I see around me on the tip-toe of expectation to hear what he will say, and I am equally sure that he will, so far as Masonry will allow, gratify their very laudable inquiries. I do not for one moment mean to say that ladies are inquisitive. (Oh, oh, and laughter). I do not mean to say that. I can say, however, that I have a great many lady friends in Auckland, and that during the last two or three days when I have seen them crossing over to me I have got out of the way in order to avoid their very urgent demands as to what we were going to do. (Laughter.) I felt that I was not in a position to afford that information, but Bro. Lazar is here and he is a man of experience, and knows the ladies well. (Laughter.) He knows the ladies well, and what will suit them. I have heard that only two or three years ago he and his wife, he being 74 years of age, danced three or four round dances, besides several other dances. (Cheers.) Well, he possesses all the information, and knowing that he is a ladies' man to the backbone, I know he will tell them all they want to know. I therefore propose his health as the R.W.D.G.M. of Westland, and in proposing his health I hope he will not disappoint the expectations that they entertain of him. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours.

Bro. Lazar, R.W.D.G.M., of Westland, on rising to respond, was received with hearty applause. He said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful District Grand Master, ladies, and brethren, I was quite unprepared for the high honour you have conferred upon me, and the kindly manner in which the toast of my health has been dwelt upon. I may say that I believe the sentiments which have been expressed emanate from the heart of the Provincial Grand Master, and it is an honour on this occasion, at which I certainly feel some pride, that so many of the fair sex are present. (Cheers.) There is only one thing in the speech of the R.W.P.G. Master that I regret, and that is that he mentioned my age. (Laughter.) Whatever are the ideas the ladies may

have formed of me, and the expectation that filled their minds, I cannot but think that I have fallen at least fifty per cent in their estimation since the R.W.M. has stated my age. Providence thrust me into the world on the 1st December, 1808, about one o'clock in the morning, and that is about the time now. I think Divine Providence might have sent into the world a more worthy subject, (cheers, and no, no), but you must take the will for the deed. But I think I may say that I am proud of my age, because I have always enjoyed the most excellent health, and I am not egotistic when I say that I believe I would not mind making a slight bet that I could walk some of the youngest. (Cheers.) However, I am wandering from the subject on which I intended to speak, and that is with reference to a certain event that took place to-day. During the many years I have been in the colony I have installed all the Grand Masters in New Zealand—John H. Harris, Dr. Donald, the late lamented Sir Donald McLean, and last, but not least, Bros. Whittaker and Graham. I am sure I have never seen so large an assembly in the colonies as I saw to-day, not only in New Zealand, but in South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria. I assure you it was highly gratifying to me to-day when I looked round the hall and saw so many of the Craft assembled here. It shewed the respect and esteem which the Freemasons of Auckland entertain for the Craft, and I have no doubt they will continue to advance its interests with satisfaction to themselves and their brethren throughout the world. (Cheers.) Now with reference to the ladies here. You have only to watch carefully the proceedings of your husbands—I mean those whose husbands are Masons—you have only to watch their conduct in regard to the sacred mysteries of the Craft, and you will become Free and Accepted Masons (Laughter.) And I am sure with regard to those of you who have not husbands as Masons, that they are like the boys who looked at the cherries and could not get them. However, there is one great characteristic of all true Masons and that is that they are

True and sincere, just to the fair,
They trust us on every occasion,
For no mortal can more the ladies adore
Than a Free and Accepted Mason.

I thank you, brothers, for the kind manner in which you have accepted the toast, and I assure you that I will have a place in my memory that no time or circumstance can ever eradicate. (Cheers.)

The signal was then given for a return to the ball-room, and in a few minutes the tables were deserted, and the merry dance was resumed.

Dancing was kept up with unabated spirit and unflagging zeal until the wee' sma-hours, when the brethren and the lady invitants wended their way homewards, after an evening's harmless pleasure, the memory of which will long live as a golden landmark in the monotony of every-day existence.

MASONIC BALL AT HALIFAX.

This annual event came off in the beautiful hall of the Freemasons on Thursday night, the 31st ult., under the banner of St. James's Lodge, 448. The corridors and staircases were all carpeted and profusely adorned with beautiful plants; and the richly decorated ballroom on the upper floor, with bright the banners of the Masons numerous plants, the striking costumes and jewels of the brethren, and the brilliant toilets of the ladies, composed a very charming picture. Dancing began shortly after eight o'clock to the strains of Bro. Hemingway's band, and was continued until after five in the morning. Bro. C. T. Kendall, as master of the ceremonies, and Bro. W. Walshaw, as assistant M.C., were most attentive, and the general arrangements could not have been better. An elegant supper was served in the hall on the ground floor by Mr. Hack, who also provided the other refreshments. Bro. T. Whitaker, W.M., presided, and gave the loyal toast, while Mr. Verney Binns sang the solo in the National Anthem following thereupon. The Masons received the toast of "The Visiting Friends," proposed by Bro. Rhodes, I.P.M., with great heartiness, and Mr. Ehud Hanson was called upon to reply, the same young gentleman immensely entertaining the company by three satirical songs which he gave at their special request. The supper divided the programme of 24 dances into two equal parts, separate programmes, which were much admired by the ladies for the exquisite taste and beauty of workmanship displayed thereby, being issued for each; and the ball, which though semi-private, was very numerously attended by a brilliant assemblage, was kept up with vivacity to the end.

The ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 8th of May, under distinguished presidency. The names of brethren as Stewards are solicited, and should be sent without delay to the Secretary, Bro. R. W. Little, 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

The first ball given by the Phoenix Lodge, No. 175, was held on Monday last at Freemasons' Tavern. An account of the proceedings has been received and will appear in our next.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Benjamin Head, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Hyde Pullen, Henry W. Hunt, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Roebuck, S.B. Wilson, S. Rosenthal, W. F. C. Moutrie, D.M. Dewar, S. Rawson, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master of the School), R. B. Webster, F. Adlard, H. Massey (Freemason), W. Paas, J.G. Chancellor, G. J. Palmer, W. Mann, and Bro. F. Binckes (Secretary).

Pro. W. Roebuck gave notice of motion for next meeting to increase the salary of Miss Hall, matron, and Mr. Brocklehurst, second master.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques to the amount of £1,730 odd.

The Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee, which showed receipts for the last year £14,020 18s. 3d., the expenditure £14,067 0s. 3d.

It was referred to the House Committee to enquire of the lessees of the Alexandra Palace on what terms they would allow the use of their swimming bath to the boys of this Institution.

Some petitions were then received and considered, and an outfit asked for by an ex-pupil was deferred, the Head Master reporting that since the boy left the school he had written to another pupil speaking contemptuously of the education received at the school, and not showing himself at all grateful for benefits he had received. Two other outfits were granted.

The Committee then adjourned.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ANCIENT LODGES OF FREEMASONS.

In the *Masonic Magazine* for December, 1877, is printed a copy of "Cole's List of Lodges, 1763." They are printed in numerical order, showing the number of each Masonic Lodge, its name, place of meeting, time of meeting, and date of foundation. I have selected the local lodges from the list. It would be interesting if any brethren of the Craft could furnish additional particulars with regard to defunct or ancient lodges in this province.

95 (no name), Gloucester, 1st and 3rd Friday, 1738.
125 (no name), Leominster, in ye county of Hereford, (no time of meeting), 1742.

129 (no name), High-street, Bristol, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 1743.

165, (no name), Wine-street, Bristol, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 1753.

220, The Three Kings, Small-street, Bristol, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 1757.

233 (no name), Broad-street, Bristol, 2nd and 4th Monday, 1758.

245, The Temple Lodge, Bristol, 1st and 3rd Monday, 1759.

290 (no name), Hereford, 1st Thursday, 1762.

It would thus appear that the city of Gloucester was the first place in the county to found a Lodge of Freemasons, and that in the last century it was the custom among Masons to meet twice a month, instead of once, as now. Can any readers furnish particulars of the original Gloucester Lodge.—*Gloucester Journal.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February 15, 1878.

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, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 108, London, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1446, Mount Edgcumbe, 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, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrew's, Inns of Court Hot.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
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.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-s.
" 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith.
" 857, St. Mark's-gate, S.M.H.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Maiden-lane.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
S.C. 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
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-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Festival R.M.B.I., see Advt. front on page.
Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Virtruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marybone, Eyre Arms Tav., N.W.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., High-st., E.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1629, United, F.M.H.
Mark Old Kent, M.H., M.A., Basinghall-st.
Rose Croix, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.
" Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.
S.C. 33, M.H., 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-end, E.
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, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Muggeridge Testimonial Com., M.R., Little Britain.
Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
" 19, R. Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., Paddington.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

Chap. 140, St. George's Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot.
 " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple, City.

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.
 Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 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, FEBRUARY 15.

House Com., Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Chap. 92, Moira.
 Mark 104, Macdonald, M.H., M. Avenue, Basinghall-st.
 Rose Croix Chap. Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.
 P.G.C. and L., Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 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., at 7.
 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, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 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.
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 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 Hot., 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, February 16, 1878.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 613, Unity, Palatine Bldgs., Southport.
 " 793, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs., Barrow.
 " 1399, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Egerton Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn; St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton, C. Fylde.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
 " 281, Fortitude, The Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 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. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth, United Serv., M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hotel, Park Gate.
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

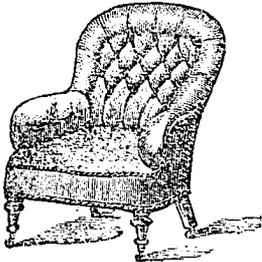
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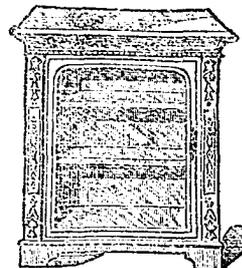
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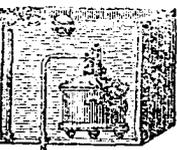
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