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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—A meeting of this old lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel on the 24th ult., when there were present, Bros. E. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Peavor, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Morrison, J.D.; Walls, acting I.G. (Freemason), Clark, D.C.; and Past Masters Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex; Taylor, Themans, Kennett, and Cobham. The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the bye-laws were read and passed nem. con. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. C. Dairy, who made an able response to the W.M.'s address and congratulation. Bro. Carter was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaffe re-appointed Tyler. The existing members of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund were re-appointed, and Bro. Clark added to their number. The members appointed on the Audit Committee were Bros. Travers, Goulden, Jordan, Abrahams, and Holmes. Upon the motion of Taylor, P.M., which was seconded by Peavor, P.M., and carried unanimously, a jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M., who briefly returned thanks. The names of three candidates for initiation at the next meeting were then handed in by the W.M. elect. There being no other business before the lodge, it was duly closed, and in consequence of the hotel undergoing great alterations, which, when completed, will render it Masonically and otherwise equal to any in the metropolis, the brethren had to adjourn to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very elegant banquet was served. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c.; Cook, J.W. 382; H. J. Lardner, S.D., Farringdon Without; Butt, West Smithfield; Pillar; Woolsey, and Hilditch. Upon the removal of the cloth, the ordinary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. The health of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Stuart, P.M., who stated that as that was the last time, in all probability, that the W.M. would preside at their banquet table, it afforded him—Bro. Stuart—great pleasure in proposing his health. The hospitable and able way in which Bro. Mallett had presided over their conviviality would be long remembered by them all. His year of office in the lodge had not been an arduous one, in consequence of there being less initiates than usual, but what "work" had devolved upon their W.M. had been performed well. In conclusion, the speaker said, that from the moment of Bro. Mallett's advent to the

present time his kindness had been proverbial, and that he had laboured hard to perform his various duties honestly and cheerfully. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. made a modest reply, and immediately proposed "The Visitors." This compliment was acknowledged at length by Bro. F. Walters, and others. "The Health of the W.M. elect" was given by the W.M., in a few neat sentences. He said that all who had watched Bro. Dairy's career in the Lodge of Faith must have noticed the interest he had taken in it, and also the punctual and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the various offices which he had from time to time held. In conclusion, he wished him a prosperous and happy year of office. Bro. Dairy, in reply, stated that in response to the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and drank, he could only reiterate what he had said more fully in the lodge, that with the blessing of T.G.A.O.T.U. he hoped to carry out the duties of the high office which he had been called upon to fulfil to their entire satisfaction. This, however, could only be done by the united assistance of the Past Masters and the subordinate officers of the lodge, but he felt confident that that valuable aid would be cheerfully rendered by those brethren. In conclusion, he again heartily thanked the members for the honour they had done him, and he hoped that they would never have occasion to regret their confidence. The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," which were duly acknowledged. The brethren separated shortly after the Tyler's toast. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the last Tuesday in the present month, when Bro. Dairy will be duly installed into the chair of K.S.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—The brethren of this lodge met on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Present: Bros. E. White, W.M.; B. Phillips, S.W.; B. Turner, J.W.; J. E. Shand, S.D.; J. Hutchinson, J.D.; C. Waugh, I.G.; E. J. Scott, P.M., Sec.; Rev. P. M. Holden, I.P.M.; B. Swallow, P.M.; Woodward, Gardner, D. Cker, Hancock, Ward, and others. The business commenced one initiation, one passing, five raisings, the election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler. Bro. S. W. Phillips was unanimously elected W.M., and will be installed in November. Bros. Swallow, P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Potter Tyler. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner at Bro. Nicol's Café Royal. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The third installation meeting of this well established lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, on Thursday, 19th ult. Punctually at four o'clock the W.M., Bro. T. W. Adams, opened the lodge. The minutes of the meeting held on July 18th were read, and unanimously confirmed. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., and Treas., by letter resigned his membership of the lodge. His resignation was accepted with very great and deep regret. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., and Sec., resigned the Secretaryship of the lodge. His resignation of that important office was accepted. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously resolved, "That a vote of thanks be given (the same to be drawn on vellum) to Bro. F. Walters for his services as Secretary to the lodge." The ballot for Treasurer was declared to be unanimous in favour of Bro. Frederick Walters. The ballots for initiates were declared to be unanimous in favour of their admission. Bro. F. Walters, P.M. 73, took the chair. He raised Bro. E. Bowley, passed Bros. P. Bowley, A. Allen, and J. S. Thomson, installed Bro. G. S. Elliott, S.W., as W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. J. Howes, P.M., S.W.; J. Johnson, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; E. Mallett, W.M. 141, Sec.; W. Pennefather, P.M., S.D.; W. Malt-house, J.D.; T. McCluer Butt, I.G.; Lardner, D.C.; Stephens, W.S.; W. Snow, C.S.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. proved his proficiency, and showed he was the right man in the right place, by the admirable and impressive manner in which he initiated Messrs. Roberts and Kinloch into Freemasonry. After an eloquent appeal from Bro. F. Walters, soliciting members to become Stewards to represent the Masonic Charities at the forthcoming festivals, three brethren offered, and were accepted, namely, Bro. J. Johnson, J.W., Benevolent; Bro. W. Malt-house, J.D., Girls; Bro. T. W. Adams, I.P.M., Boys. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. F. Walters for his admirable rendering of the installation ceremony. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, November 21st, at 6.30 p.m. The usual superior banquet followed, served under the personal superintendence of Bros. T. Butt and his two sons. The long list of visitors included Bros. Rev. G. R. P. Colles, P.P.G.C. Oxon., Chap. 1275; Whitley, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 946; C. Becks, P.G. Org. Middlesex, W.M. 1687, Org. 1326, &c.; White, P.M. 901; A. Treadwell, P.M. 177; W. T. Leaver, P.M. 1178; Jones, 205; Furlong, 1672; Thomas, Org. 1672; J. S. Sweasey, 1423; A. Allen, 1326; E. Bowley, 1326; P. Bowley, 1326; J. S. Thompson, 1326; J. Thompson, 1326, and others.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—A meeting of this young lodge was held on Tuesday, Sept. 24th, at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. There were present Bros. Willing, W.M.; Douglass, S.W.; Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, P.M.; Stiles, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Hyland, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Sillis, Callaghan, Armstrong, Barham, Hammond, and others. Bros. A. D. Douglass, Phillpot, Hixon, Nicol, and Dovey were solemnly raised to the Third Degree. Bro. James Smith was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. J. H. Bennett was impressively initiated into ancient Freemasonry. This being an off

night, only thirty of the brethren sat down to the banquet. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The visitors, among whom were Bros. Walter Joyce, Britton, and Smyth, expressed themselves very pleased, the former giving a splendid rendering of the "Balaclava Charge." During the course of the evening the W.M. alluded to the new Masonic Charity Association for London, stating that many London votes were absolutely lost for London candidates through the brethren not knowing the merits of individual cases in their own neighbourhood, consequently giving them to persons who frequently solicited, "begged, borrowed, or exchanged," for provincial candidates. Bro. Treadwell, Treasurer, gave the history of a most deserving case of a widow, Mrs. Watkins, being left with nine young children. She tried to get one of the children into the Boys' School, but failed, and became ineligible on account of age. Now she applies for the second boy, who has twice failed, and if not elected this time also becomes ineligible. The London Masonic Charity Association having made full enquiry, have espoused the case, (with others), so there is a hope for his success. It was agreed among the brethren to send their votes when possible to the Association and to support it by their best ability. The meeting broke up at eleven.

BODMIN.—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—The meeting of the above lodge, held on the 16th September, was one of unusual importance to the brethren. Notices were issued to the members by the W.M., Br. Rowe, intimating that he had received a communication from the M.W. the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, respecting the death of our well-beloved brother the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Fredk. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., and requesting the brethren to appear in Masonic mourning on that and following occasions for three months. This notice was duly attended to, and an unusual number of the brethren attended to show by their presence and by ultimate resolutions their unfeigned regard for a brother whose fraternal kindness will be long remembered by the fatherless and the widow. But the chief feature of the meeting was one which had been looked forward to for some time past, namely a presentation to W. Bro. Captain Colvill, P.M., and P.P.S.G.W. of Cornwall on his leaving for London, for the great interest he had taken in Masonry for a considerable number of years, and for the zealous manner in which he had endeavoured to promote the welfare of the One and All Lodge. The presentation was made by W. Bro. Captain F. Hext, P.M., and P.P.G.S.W. of Cornwall; he being one of the oldest members of the lodge, and in doing so he said it gave him mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that such a duty should be entrusted to him, of pleasure inasmuch as Bro. Colvill, by leaving was about to do so for his welfare; of regret at losing so valuable a member, but he thanked the Almighty Architect of the Universe that Bro. Colvill would not be entirely lost to the lodge, as he had declared his intention to still remain a member. No lodge in the Province occupied a better position than the One and All, and this he attributed to the energetic exertions of Bro. Colvill, and as a slight token of regard the brethren had for a brother who had worked so assiduously in every good work, had much pleasure in handing Bro. Colvill a silver salver and a silver five o'clock tea service, the salver bearing a suitable inscription. W. Bro. Rich said that as the next oldest member of the lodge he felt it incumbent on him to say a few words on this occasion, if necessary he could give a more detailed account of the kind and energetic manner in which Bro. Colvill had always conducted Masonic business, but as time was short he would consent himself with endorsing all the eulogy bestowed by Bro. Hext. W. Bro. Colvill, in accepting the present said, he had received no intimation of what was about to take place, or he would have prepared himself for the occasion, but he felt sure that no words would be more acceptable than those of the heart. He came into the county 18 years ago, almost a stranger, he left it now almost a Cornishman. His connection with the lodge he looked upon as a bright spot in his life, whatever he had done since he had been in the town had always been done for the welfare of the place, and those who knew him as a Mason knew he spoke the truth. Bro. Adams, S.W., asked to be permitted, as an officer of the county, to congratulate Bro. Colvill on his promotion. He had been associated with Bro. Colvill for a number of years, and they had always been agreeable and pleasant, and whenever he required Masonic knowledge he had always referred to Bro. Colvill, and was always guided aright. He had hoped Bro. Colvill would have remained to see him pass the chair. W. Bro. Rowe, W.M. introduced opening and closing hymns for the first time, which gave every satisfaction to those present. Bro. Jacobs, the Organist, presided at the harmonium, and played the Dead March for our lamented Bro. Williams.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The first meeting of the Stuart Lodge took place on Wednesday, 25th Sept., held at the Swan Hotel, Dr. Rhys Williams, the W.M., was unavoidably absent through important business, the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. Col. W. Stuart, and there were present Bros. Colburne, S.W.; Coombs, J.W.; Allan, S.D.; Bull, P.M. and Steward, acting J.D.; Billson, P.M., acting I.G.; Prior, P.M., Sec.; J. Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Rev. C. Brereton, Chaplain; Reynolds, Tyler, and the following brethren—Cuthbert, P.M.; Cookson, P.M.; E. Green, P.M.; Rev. Faussett Ward, Verry, Stafford, Foster, Jarvis, F. Thomson, H. Allen, R. Boughton Smith. The lodge votes for boys and girls schools were disposed of and other items of business gone through. A gentleman from Ceylon and a resident in Bedford were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, during which we heard some remarks concerning the catering, as it was

formerly done by Bro. Wicks, and which, by implication, were not quite complimentary to the present host.

SITTINGBOURNE.—St. Michael's Lodge (No. 1273).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the St. Michael's Schoolroom on Thursday the 12th ult., when Bro. H. Luff, the S.W., was duly installed as W.M. There was but little other business, so that when the minutes had been confirmed, and a candidate balloted for and approved (but not initiated), the installation ceremony was at once proceeded with. The Installing Master was the then W.M., and now I.P.M., Bro. Seale, who acquitted himself so thoroughly well as to gain the approval of every one present, and at the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was, at the instance of Bro. Goldfinch, heartily accorded to him for his efficient working. The W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bros. H. G. Sutton, S.W.; J. M. Longhurst, J.W.; Geo. Payne, Treasurer; T. Henham, Secretary; W. Challenger, S.D.; A. F. Lucker, J.D.; J. Potter, I.G.; H. Black, D.C.; R. Murrell, Tyler. Other members of the lodge present were: Bros. B. Taylor, I.P.M.; W. J. Harris, P.M.; C. Burley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; J. M. Goldfinch, P.M., P.P.G.D. Kent; H. Penfold, P.M., and several others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; G. Watson, P.M. 1050, P.G. Reg. Kent; H. Bathurst, P.M. 133, P.P.G. Reg. Kent; F. F. Giraud, P.M. 133, P.P.J.G.D. Kent; H. S. Naylor, W.M. 1449, P.G.S. Kent; A. Ranson, P.M. 1050; H. G. Clarkson, W.M. 1089; E. J. Penny, P.M. 1089; J. P. Griffin, P.M. 1050; H. Miskin, S.D. 1449; M. Barnes, W.M. 1050; J. Gambrell, 1050; C. Tuff, 184; J. P. Watts, W.M. 158; T. Deane, W.M. 77; J. Saffery, J.W. 1089; W. H. Ruskine, W.M. 184; J. R. Foord, S.W. 503; A. Aubrey, S.D. 127; E. Hogben, 133; A. Sales, 706; A. Barfield, S.W. 35. The banquet was held at the Bull Hotel, and did credit to the host, Bro. J. Owens; he was not however present, owing to a recent bereavement. The Chaplain having said grace the toast list was proceeded with. "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master," were briefly, yet ably, proposed by the W.M., and were of course heartily received. The third toast contained the names of the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G.M., and the Grand Officers. In proposing the toast, the W.M. said, he must congratulate the Craft upon having such a Pro Grand Master. He had two or three times lately had to deal with most delicate matters, notably in the matter of the Grand Orient of France, and more lately in a still more delicate matter, and he had proved himself able to grapple with emergencies. The qualities required in a ruler were gentleness and firmness, and these were found admirably combined in the Earl of Carnarvon. He spoke in high terms of the other Grand Officers, and passed a warm eulogy on the worth of Bro. Hill, one of the Grand Chaplains, whose name he coupled with the toast. The Rev. Bro. Hill, in an eloquent speech, said, how proud he felt to find himself associated and named with such eminent men as those to whom reference had been made. Alluding to the able and thorough manner in which the affairs of Grand Lodge were conducted, he remarked that unless men came well to the front it were well they should not come forward at all. He said it so much depended upon the chiefs doing their work thoroughly and well, whether the other officials came up to their work; a little laxity at headquarters was an excellent excuse for laxity elsewhere. It was an honour to Masons to have such men to guide their destinies. We had also the sympathies of our Queen, who was the daughter of a Mason, and who had three sons who were Masons. The Rev. Chaplain then alluded to and reproduced some of the observations which had fallen from the Earl of Carnarvon on the occasion of the inauguration of the Lord Falkland Memorial. The favour of serving under these distinguished men, he told the brethren, he owed not to himself, but to the popularity he had obtained amongst them. Whether he deserved that popularity or not he did not know, but he intended if possible to keep it. Viscount Holmesdale's name was next proposed, as Provincial Grand Master, and very cordially received; the W.M. believed that as a Provincial Grand Master he had no superior, and very few, if any equal; and this he thought must be the opinion of all who had witnessed the excellent way in which he had conducted the business at the late meeting at Canterbury, the most successful ever held in the province. This toast was followed by that of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers; the name of Bro. Payne, one of the Grand Officers and Treasurer of this lodge, being associated with it. The W.M., in giving the toast, said that the lodge owed a great debt of gratitude to Bro. Payne; he was a man that was always at his post, indeed, he thought he might almost say that Bro. Payne had never failed to attend lodge, at any rate, he was sure he had always been there, unless prevented by sickness or some very pressing emergency. They had, moreover, to thank him as their Treasurer for having so long taken care of the deficit for them, although he was glad to say the balance was now in their favour. He thought, too, that never had an honour been more justly deserved than that which the Provincial Grand Lodge had lately bestowed upon him. Bro. Payne, in a suitable reply, urged upon the younger brethren the necessity of regular attendance, especially if they held office. He made a touching allusion to the serious illness of Bro. Wood, a P.M. of the lodge, for whom he begged the consideration and prayers of the lodge. He concluded by making a brief financial statement, showing how the lodge had nine years ago started in debt, and how that by judicious and careful management they had now a very fair balance in his hands. Owing to the rather awkward train service, some of the toasts which followed had to be hurried over, in order that that of "The Visitors" might be reached before they were compelled to leave. The toast of the W.M. was, of course, enthusiastically re-

ceived. To this he made an able response, and in the course of his remarks referred to the sad catastrophes which had lately happened, one of them in their very midst. Relief, he said, was one of the great principles of the Order, and he appealed to the brethren then present to contribute their mites in aid of the sufferers from the founding of the "Princess Alice," and asked them to respond as heartily to this appeal as they had to the last toast. The sum of £6 was at once collected, which the W.M. promised to send to the Mansion House Relief Fund, as a contribution from the Lodge of St. Michael and its visitors. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, the I.P.M.," whom he complimented upon the zeal and assiduity with which he had performed his duty, during the period he had filled the chair, as well as upon his crowning effort in so successfully installing his successor. It gave him great pleasure to pin upon his breast the jewel which the lodge, in recognition of his worth, had voted him. The reception of the toast proved that the brethren heartily appreciated Bro. Seale's successful efforts. After Bro. Seale had responded, the W.M. gracefully proposed "The Visitors," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Barfield, of Lodge No. 35, who had come all the way from the Isle of Wight to do him honour. Bro. Barfield, in reply, regretted that he had been until that day a perfect stranger to everyone present except their W.M. He had been, he said, mixed up with Masonry for thirty-five years. He compared Masonry as it was then with Masonry as it is now, and mentioned, in proof of its improvement, that the amount bestowed last year upon charitable purposes reached nearly £40,000. Its numbers had lately received vast augmentation, but he was afraid that the bounds had been overstepped in this respect. He feared some lodges showed hardly sufficient discrimination in the selection of members, and judging from his own experience he thought this was particularly the case in some London lodges. In spite, however, of this fear, he could not help feeling that this was doing a certain amount of good, for he was sure that Masonry would tend to make every man better. He complimented the lodge upon its working, remarking that he had never seen better in a country lodge. "The Past Masters of the Lodge" were next toasted, for whom Bro. Penfold responded, and the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Harris, brought the list to a close. The music was under the direction of Bro. Aubrey, and during the evening Bro. Arthur Thomas, an excellent tenor, sang some capital songs. Altogether the lodge has every reason to congratulate itself upon so successful a meeting.

CROYDON.—Addiscombe Lodge (No. 1557).

—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Harewood House, High-street, Croydon, on Saturday last, and Bro. J. W. Gray was installed by Bros. Frances, P.P. G.D.; Turquand, P.M.; and Mullet, P.M. This being the first time that the lodge has met at a private house, some anxiety was felt, owing to the room never having been used for the purposes of Freemasonry before. The hall attached to the house is a spacious iron building, used for private concerts, and admirably adapted for a lodge, being sixty-four feet long, seventeen feet wide, and fifteen feet high, with a fine three-manual organ at the end, which is blown by hydraulic pressure. The ceremonies were commenced by Bro. John Rhodes, P.P.G.O., playing a grand march upon the organ, composed by him for the occasion. The degrees were worked by Bro. Parsons Smith, the retiring Master, in a most impressive manner. After the installation, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared by J. Mash, of High-st., Croydon. It was stated during the evening that this year was the first that the lodge had a balance in hand.

HATFIELD.—Cranbourne Lodge (No. 1580).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday week, at the Red Lion Hotel, (Bro. Webb's.) Last year the experiment was tried of treating ladies to a day's enjoyment in that beautiful neighbourhood, and after the lodge work was over entertaining them at the banquet. The experiment proved so successful that it was repeated this year, and while the brethren were at work in the lodge the ladies were escorted over the grounds of Hatfield House, and through the historical apartments of that building, for which Bros. Thody and J. S. Webb, had previously obtained permission from the Marquis of Salisbury. Several brethren accompanied the ladies on this expedition, and for the space of two hours and a half the party, who had previously been entertained at a luncheon, had the pleasure of walking about the lovely grounds and inspecting the antiquities which abound in the ancient domain of the Cecils. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. William Bausor, and after the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. J. L. Mather, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, P.M., initiated Mr. Ford, and then passed Bro. J. H. Thompson, to the Second Degree. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was afterwards taken, and Bro. Henry Cox, S.W., was chosen to fill that high and important office. Bro. G. F. Cook was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Steedman, Tyler. After the appointment of the Audit Committee a vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Thody and J. S. Webb for their kindness in obtaining the permission of the authorities at Hatfield House for the ladies and brethren to view it. Lodge was then closed, and the ladies having returned from their tour of inspection, the whole party sat down to a very choice banquet, provided by Bro. Webb. The company comprised Bros. W. Bausor, W.M.; H. Cox, S.W.; T. S. Hellier, as J.W.; W. Webb, as S.D.; J. Ward Verry, I.G.; W. J. Crutch and Thody, Stewards; James Terry, Secretary. W. G. Jennings, (Albion), J. G. London; Bowyer, P.M., Past. P.G.D.; J. L. Mather, P.G.D.C., P.M.; W. Cook, Past Prov. G.S.; J. M. Hare, Prov. G. Steward; Hamel, Thompson, J. S. Webb, Dare, W. Webb, J. Woodman, P. Woodman, A. Eade, C. H. Reed, R. C.

Read, C. K. Killick, the Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, Bedell, Steedman, Dobby, 1287; Drummond, P.P., G.S.B., P.M. 403; Shillitoe, H. Massey (Freemason), Leage, 55; and Mrs. Bauson, Mrs. Bowyer, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Crutch, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Dobby, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. London, Miss Woodman, Miss Herbert, Misses Leage (2) Mrs. Crutch, Mrs. R. H. Halford, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Eade, Mrs. Reed, Miss Shillitoe, Mrs. J. S. Webb, jun. Mrs. H. Halford, Miss Strike, and the Misses Hamel, altogether fifty-four ladies and brethren sitting down. After the dinner had been disposed of, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. In giving the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," the W.M. said, that he felt it an honour as well as a pleasure to propose this toast. It was doubtless in the recollection of the brethren that Bro. Halsey honoured them with a visit on a recent occasion, and on that occasion the brethren received him with great heartiness. He was not now present, but still it behoved them to drink his health heartily in his absence as well as in his presence. He had only to call upon them to do so to ensure the toast a cordial reception, because the Provincial Grand Master of Herts was a man that was well-known among them, and was well respected, in addition to being a thorough good working Mason. This toast having been drunk the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." He said that in doing so he must ask the brethren to drink the toast with all heartiness and sincerity, seeing that they had a Present Provincial Grand Officer present whom they wished to do honour to. That brother was Bro. Terry. (Cheers). He was sure that no words of his were needed to give éclat to the toast. Bro. Terry had been so long connected with them, and was so much esteemed in Masonry in other places, that an explanation of what he had done was not necessary in any assembly of Freemasons. What he had done would occur to all the brethren; and when he said all the brethren he wished them to understand that he did not mean the brethren of the Cranbourne Lodge only. All the brethren of the Cranbourne Lodge would put their shoulders to the wheel to do him honour, and they had placed their mites together to testify to him by subscribing to a testimonial of their high appreciation of his character and attainments. This had been done without any communication with Bro. Terry, who came into that room that evening perfectly ignorant of what was in store for him. It afforded him (the W.M.) the greatest pleasure to present to Bro. Terry a gold jewel of the office of Provincial Grand Junior Warden, to be attached to his collar, and he was quite sure it could not give any brother greater pride to present that jewel than it did to himself (the W.M.). It had been made in such a form that it could be either attached to Bro. Terry's collar or worn by him on his breast. The inscription on the jewel was "Presented to Bro. James Terry, Provincial Grand Junior Warden of Hertfordshire, by the members of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, to mark the esteem and the love in which he is held. Sept. 1878." Addressing Bro. Terry, the W.M. said, I need not say that I am exceedingly pleased to be in the proud position of placing this upon your breast, and I am sure that whenever you look at it you will not value it so much for its intrinsic worth as for the inscription on the back of it, which says that it is presented out of esteem and love for you. Bro. Terry, in acknowledging the gift said, W.M., Bro. Wardens and brethren, accustomed though I am to public speaking, and having had for some years now the pleasure and the privilege of addressing very many of my brethren and very large audiences, yet upon the present occasion I certainly must say I have been taken entirely by surprise, and scarcely know how to express myself. In the first place permit me to thank you, on behalf of the D. Prov. G. M. of this province and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, for the very kind manner in which their names have been received among you, and to assure you that I deeply regret that we have not the presence of the D.P.G.M. with us, inasmuch as the knowledge that had been here we should have had a highly intellectual treat in the response which he would have given to this toast. For the Grand Officers Past, we can only speak of them for what they have done; we know full well their merits have been recognised and acknowledged by the Prov. G.M., and they would not have had their collars bestowed upon them if they had not been worthy of them. For the Present Grand Officers I can only say we have scarcely been tried yet; we are only just in collar, and we have not had a public opportunity of displaying our ability; but I have no doubt the collars would not have been conferred upon them if the eyes of the Prov. G.M. had not been previously upon them for what they had done. Bro. Drummond represents the oldest lodge in the province, and I see no representative of any other lodge in the province present except our own. Therefore, I think it is something to say that within two years five of us can stand up and show that we are Provincial Grand Officers. Well now, Sir, you have positively overwhelmed me, I have to acknowledge again the receipt of a testimonial. I say "again," because this is not the first time I have had the honour of a presentation; but I have now also, to thank you for your great kindness of manner in presenting this one to me, and the very kind words which you have used in making the presentation. I am sure I can but thank you and the members of the lodge for having gone out of your way in marking my advent to power by such a gift. For myself, I prize it very highly, and also the agreeable way in which it comes to me. It is one of those gifts which come to a man totally unexpected, for I can certainly say I knew nothing about it. I may also say it is undeserved, for I have done very little indeed in this lodge. I have been merely your Secretary; but I can also say that in that capacity I have endeavoured to do my duty to the utmost of my ability. Looking at the two W.M.'s who have preceded you, worshipping sir, although I may have done very slight things for the lodge, it conjures up before

me a great deal of love and esteem, which is expressed on the jewel. If I had not had the love and esteem for the brethren, I could not have gone on working for them. I also know that if I had not had their love and esteem this mark of it would not have been offered to me. It is therefore knowing that I have it that I thank you all the more for the kind words you have uttered, and the members of the lodge for the way they have contributed towards the jewel. Permit me to assure you that as long as health and strength are spared to me I shall do all I possibly can to promote the interests of the lodge and the material advantages of every one of its members, as well as the advantage of the great province of which we form a part. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." All the company, he said, not only the brethren, but those who had not before been acquainted with the W.M., had had an opportunity that day of forming an opinion of the very amiable way in which he discharged the duties of his office, and as chairman of a very agreeable assembly. In placing this toast before the company it would be superfluous to make use of many words to induce the company to drink it with enthusiasm. In the discharge of the duties of W.M. during the year, Bro. Bausor had shown great efficiency, and as president over a party which comprised many of the softer sex, it was quite evident he was a ladies' man. He requested the brethren to include Mrs. Bausor in the toast. The W.M. in replying said, that as this was the last time he would have to address the brethren as W.M. he had great pleasure in taking the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the kindness he had experienced at their hands. The close of his year of office had been signalized by a great deal of pleasure. He had received so many kindnesses at the hands of the brethren that he should never forget them. With regard to the many qualifications Bro. Mather had alluded to, if he was deserving in any shape or form of the least of them, he was delighted to receive them. If on the other hand he had neglected any of the duties that fell to the lot of his office he was very sorry; but at the same time he must unreservedly admit that he had received nothing but kindness and consideration from all the members of the lodge. For this he tendered the brethren his heartfelt thanks. Bro. Ford in replying to the toast of "The Initiate," said he could not help expressing the extreme gratification and pleasure which he felt at the unanimous and cordial manner in which the brethren had been good enough to drink it. It was quite true that had he been aware that in addition to the mysteries of the initiation he should also have been called upon to fulfil the penalty of delivering a speech, he perhaps might have hesitated in embarking on this career. But the fact was he had been struck that day by several features connected with Masonry with which he for a single moment would attempt to detain the company. He felt very great pleasure—an especial pleasure—in being initiated in the mysteries of this ancient Order, and he felt great pleasure in the fact of ladies being present, and for this simple reason, that the principles which he had heard enunciated in the lodge by their eloquent and worthy Bro. Mather, as being the peculiar characteristics of Masonry were those which men honoured most, and which they found better developed, above all others, in the presence of those ladies who graced the table that evening. He would proceed further and say that the principles which he had heard explained in lodge were principles which were inherent in the ladies, and were the characteristics of the great English race. He had, therefore, great pleasure in finding that he belonged to an Order which was not only honoured, ancient and honourable in itself, but which was founded on principles which were innate in the human heart and which were superabundant in the ladies of our race, which also presented the characteristics of the common race of Englishmen. He had but one other observation to make in thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. When he glanced over the continent and saw our neighbour country France, he saw that the principles for which they fought and bled, for which they passed through so many struggles, for which the great revolution strove were principles which they could not accomplish: yet that which the great revolution could not establish, and the great French race could not bring about, were embodied and could be presented in a simple form, and might be ascertained by every person who joined that great and ancient body, the Freemasons. Bro. Drummond replied for "The Visitors." Bro. H. Cox, S.W., responded for "The Officers." Referring to the very pleasant gathering they had had, he said the lodge hoped to have a similar one every year; it was really the gathering of the season. It was a great success last year, and it was again a great success. Bro. Thompson in acknowledging the toast of "The Ladies" said that Demosthenes was an orator, but he would fairly have quailed if he had had to reply for the ladies; without speaking in an ungallant sense, he was sure that every lady then present or at any other time was quite prepared to speak for herself. Why, therefore, the duty for replying for them had devolved upon him who did not know, unless it was that nature came to the front, which always had as far as he knew, and which always would to man's dying day characterise him under all sorts of circumstances. But he trusted that if any lady wished to express what he might fail to express, she would do so. He could not know their thoughts; if he did he would express them in the best way he could. He did not believe they were the weaker sex, but adopting the common belief, he would as a gentleman thank the brethren on behalf of the ladies, hoping at the same time they would excuse him for the lame way in which he had done so. The company then proceeded to the lodge-room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel and

Crown Hotel, on Saturday, the 21st September. The W.M., Bro. F. Kelly, P.G. Treas. Middlesex, presided, supported by Bros. E. Amphlett, as S.W.; T. H. Edmonds, P.G.S., as J.W.; A. Paterson, as Secretary; G. P. Gillard, as J.D.; and several others; also as visiting brethren, Bros. H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; G. Phythian, W.M. 22; G. W. Kentish, 1293; and R. E. Jones, 1293. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. R. E. Jones was then examined, entrusted, and duly passed to the Second Degree. Bro. William Cock, a candidate for the Third Degree, was examined, entrusted, and raised to the degree of a M.M., after which the lodge proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, the whole being unanimously in favour of Bro. Amphlett, as W.M.; Bro. Levick, as Treas.; and Bro. Gilbert, as Tyler. The Audit Committee were re-appointed. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the members adjourned to refreshment, and at an early hour returned to town.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The annual installation gathering of the members of this first-class and admirably conducted lodge, which has deservedly attained a high name and great fame in the extensive province of West Lancashire, was (as we stated last week) held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 24th September, at the hour of "high twelve." A more brilliant and numerous gathering has not been witnessed at the hall, in connection with installation proceedings, for a long time, and the whole of the business passed off with an éclat, which must have proved eminently satisfactory to the visitors, as it was highly creditable to those entrusted with the arrangements. There were altogether upwards of 100 brethren present, and the character of the Masonic congregation may be gathered from the fact that the Tyler's book showed there were about a dozen Past and Present P.G.L. officers present, nearly thirty W.Ms., and P.Ms., and a great array of officers. Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., opened the lodge punctually at noon, and his official supporters included Bros. Joseph Bell, P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M., D.C., P.G.S.B.; Lindo Courtenay, S.W. (the W.M. elect); J. MacKenzie, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; John Atkinson, Secretary; W. W. Sandbrook, S.D.; F. Wilkinson, J.D.; F. Emery, I.G.; J. Pye, S.S.; W. Savage, J.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and R. Burgess, Organists; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The private members of the lodge present were Bros. George (Jolly Little); Lewis, Dr. Whittle, J. C. Duckworth, H. P. Squire, P. Lowndes, A. Robertson, R. Williams, W. M. Annand, S. Mattison, J. Keet, J. E. Cowdell, J. H. Owen, John Hill, T. S. Bailey, W. Williams, M. Gough, G. Ashley, T. Avann, P. W. Sanderson, P. Buck, R. W. Barnes, J. Penney, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, W. Hildyard, Mat. Robson, H. Round, L. B. Brough, G. W. Anson, Richard Brown, P.M. 241 (Hon. Sec. W.L.M.E.L.); Walter Stafford, Henry Leslie, Henry Scott, P.M. 86; Dr. H. Y. Pitts, Sec. 1620; W. Heap, J. S. Macbeth, J. W. R. Brown, W. Coates, W. S. Cook, C. Campion, F. Duncanson, M. P. Tieski, J. Ballard, J. Shrapnell, J. Martin, D. Saunders, J. De Frece, Treas. 1502, and others. The visitors included Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; John Salmon, P.G. D.C. (East Lancashire); G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505; James Salmon, P.P.G.J.W. (North Wales and Shropshire), P.P.G.S.D. (Cheshire); J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. (Cheshire); A. D. Hesketh, J.W. 1182; J. O. Rea, J.D. 1182; J. A. Brown, P.M. 1242 (Isle of Man); A. Child, 1505; A. Taylor, S.S. 1432; W. Morris, 1356; J. W. Williams, W.M. 1356; F. G. Thomas, 1380; A. E. Milton, 1356; R. W. Chatham, 1356; W. Corlett, S.W. 249; M. Hart, P.M., Sec. 1502, P.M. 724; A. Jones, W.M. 1502; J. Winsor, W.M. 241, P.M. 203; H. R. Elston, 95 (S.C.); R. Roberts, I.P.M. 1473; F. Barnett, W.M. 249; E. Paull, jun., 1356 and 1182; J. J. Cooper, 1570; F. Horne, P.M. 1356; J. Tunstall, 1035; J. Little, 1505; E. Johnson, P.M. 203 (W.M. designate of the new Kirkdale Lodge, which will be consecrated some time during this month), R. Langley, P.M. 477; G. Macbeth, 1009 (E.L.); J. Busfield, 216; T. Holden, 1182; H. G. Vernon, 1242 (Isle of Man); J. Messenger, 249, and others. Bro. Barry Sullivan, the eminent actor, was invited, but a professional engagement prevented his attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting, as well as those of the Fund of Benevolence, were read and confirmed, and the ballot was subsequently taken for two candidates and one joining brother, each of whom was declared unanimously elected. Mr. James Alfred Mercer, acting manager for Mr. Charles Reade, one of the candidates, being in attendance, was most efficiently initiated into the Order by Bro. W. J. Chapman, the retiring W.M., Bro. Lindo Courtenay, S.W., one of the lessees of the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool, was then presented for the benefit of installation, by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., and Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M., P.G.S.B., and after the ancient regulations and charges had been read over by the Secretary (Bro. J. Atkinson), the W.M. elect was most impressively and efficiently installed in the chair by Bro. Chapman, his immediate predecessor in that position. There were nearly 30 present at the Board of Installed Masters, and on the brethren being re-admitted they saluted the newly installed W.M. in the Three Degrees, singing a Masonic ode as they passed round the room. Bro. R. Burgess, Organist, most effectively furnished the accompaniments for this and the other portions of the initiation and installation ceremonies, the "Dramatic" vocal choir rendering the various incidental pieces of music with good effect. The W.M. invested the following as his official staff for the coming year:—Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. Ball, P.M., D.C.; J. MacKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; (re-elected for the third time); John Atkinson, Secretary (re-appointed for the second time); Fred. Wilkinson, S.D.; Frank Emery, J.D.; J. Pye, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; R. Burgess, Organist (re-appointed for the second time); J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Honorary Organist; and W. H. Ball, was re-elected

Tyler. The balance-sheet, which was taken as read and adopted, showed that the present total value of the Dramatic Lodge is about £200, and that nearly £30 besides this had been set aside during the year for the Benevolent Fund. The W.M., after this piece of business, said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present the I.P.M. (Bro. Chapman) with a very artistic P.M.'s jewel, in token of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the lodge. He considered this one of the greatest compliments which could be paid to the I.P.M., as it showed that he had performed his duty to the satisfaction of every brother in the lodge. On behalf of several individual officers and members the W.M. also presented the I.P.M. with a valuable set of jewellery for Mrs. Chapman. In acknowledging the handsome gift, Bro. Chapman spoke in feeling terms of the pleasure he had had in filling the chair and of the hearty support he had received from every one, especially his officers. After three propositions for initiation had been made, the brethren were called off from labour to refreshment. After a lapse of about an hour the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, which was chastely decorated for the especial occasion by Messrs. Anderson and Sons, Bold-street, Liverpool. By an exquisite arrangement and grouping of flags and banners the somewhat unattractive room was made to look quite charming, and the crimson carpet, window and door hangings, &c., added greatly to its cosiness and comfort. A splendid banquet, embracing nearly all the delicacies of the season, was supplied by Bro. R. Russell, of Bold-street, Liverpool, whose catering and wine carte were of the most satisfactory character. Elegant butt-n-hole bouquets were provided for the whole of the guests by the W.M. and his co-lessee, Bro. Henry Leslie. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given by the W.M. In response to the toast of "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England, and R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire, and the P.G.L. Officers, Past and Present," Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; expressed the great pleasure which he had experienced in being present that day, and the great satisfaction he had in replying to the toast which had just been proposed. He had much pleasure in doing so for the very good and sufficient reason that the wisdom of Lord Skelmersdale in sanctioning the consecration of the Dramatic Lodge, and giving countenance to the granting of the warrant, had been shown by the undoubted success which had attended the lodge. He further complimented the brethren on the excellent balance-sheet which had been presented that day at the close of the year. After referring to the first-class working of the lodge, and the unanimity which prevailed amongst the brethren, Bro. Alpass said, that had not only the lodge been a great success, but it had supplied a keenly felt want in the Masonic world by affording professional brethren the opportunity of attending to their Masonic duties in connection with their professional engagements. The attendances at the Dramatic Lodge were larger than those in connection with any other lodge which met in that building, taking the number of subscribing brethren into account, and he did not travel beyond what was true when he said that the working was quite up to any in the province. Whilst the brethren had done admirably in endowing the W.M., S.W., and J.W.'s chairs for Life Governorships of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; Bro. Alpass eloquently urged upon the brethren the great desirability of supporting the London Charities as well as those which existed in West Lancashire. In reply to the toast of "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," Bro. R. Brown, the Hon. Secretary, referred to the immense advantages which had been conferred by the institution, stating that at present there were 115 children being educated by means of its funds. Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M. 1242, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," "The Health of the W.M.," given by Bro. J. Bell, P.M., D.C., was most enthusiastically received, and suitably acknowledged; and the toast of "The P.M.s and Officers," was coupled with the name of the S.W. After other toasts the brethren were again called to labour. On the motion of Bro. Bell, seconded by Bro. Sandbrook, J.W., the sum of £5 5s. was unanimously voted from the funds to endow the occupant of the I.P.M.'s chair as a Life Governor of the "West Lancashire." Capital songs were given by Bros. Saunders, W. Williams, Lewis, Hill, Busfield, Child, Elston, R. Brown, and others, and the accompaniments were played by Bros. Skeif, and Burgess.

INSTRUCTION.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this lodge of instruction, held at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Mile End, on September 23rd ult., by Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.S. 1623, assisted by Bros. Barnes, S.W., P.M. No. 933, and No. 554; Ellis, J.W. 933; Cundick, I.P.M., P.M. 1421; Minto, P.M. 1349, Hon. Sec.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. D. Moss, 1275
2nd "	...	...	Stuart, P.M. 141
3rd "	...	...	Shepherd, S.W. 1349
4th "	...	...	Calver, 933
5th "	...	...	Taylor, D.C. 554
6th "	...	...	Yelton, P.M. 933
7th "	...	...	Cundick, P.M. 1421

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Ellis, 933
2nd "	...	...	Fieldwick 1364
3rd "	...	...	Barnes, P.M. 933
4th "	...	...	Webb, S.D. 174
5th "	...	...	Durell, 1349

THIRD SECTION.

1st Section	...	...	J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205
2nd "	...	...	Slaiter, 804
3rd "	...	...	Job, J.D. 1076

The lodge was opened in due form, at 7 o'clock, and the work proceeded in a very admirable manner, reflecting great credit upon the brethren for their proficiency. It was proposed by Bro. P. M. Cundick, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Ellis, that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes to the W.M., Bro. Stephens, for the efficient manner in which he had presided, also that he be made an honorary member, was carried unanimously. Bro. Stephens briefly responded, and thanked the brethren who had so ably assisted him, and the lodge for the mark of their appreciation. A vote of thanks to the brethren who had worked was responded to by Bro. Cohen, P.M., who expressed the pleasure it had given them to assist that evening, especially so in his case, having taken a great interest in Bro. Stephens since he was made. The lodge was closed and adjourned until the 29th inst.

WHITTINGTON LODGE.—(No. 862).—This lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 25th ult., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Fleet-street, Bro. Hallam being W.M.; Vizzard, S.W.; Drury, J.W.; Thomson S.D.; Abell, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Long, Preceptor, and others. The lodge was opened and minutes confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Knill Abell having offered himself as a candidate for the Third Degree was examined and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising completed, the W.M. giving the traditional history in a very able manner. The lodge was then removed to the Second Degree and a portion of the lecture worked in Sections by Bro. Tate and Brown. Bro. Vizzard was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed. The annual banquet was fixed for the last Wednesday in October, at which Bro. Long, the Preceptor, will preside, and the lodge was closed.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this Master Masons' Lodge of Instruction, was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 27th ult., Bro. Walker, P.M., occupied the chair of W.M.; with Bros. Press, as S.W.; Frampton, J.W.; Dunn, S.D.; Cox, J.D.; Part, I.G.; H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary; P. M. Rogers, Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Hawkins being the candidate. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Press was elected W.M. for ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was closed in ancient form. There were present P.Ms., Rogers, Walker, and Pigot, and Bros. Press, Frampton, Dunn, Cox, Part, and Hawkins.

Royal Arch.

SALISBURY.—Elias-de-Derham Chapter (No. 586).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Comps. Fletcher, M.E.Z.; J. Rumbold, H.; F. J. Russell, J.; A. Tucker, E.; T. Norwood, P.S.; Follitt and Haskell, Assist. S.; Silverthorne, Janitor; H. Ward, P.Z.; P.P.G.H. Wilts; R. Stokes, P.Z.; P.P.G.J. Wilts; C. W. Wyndham, P.Z.; Prov. G.J. Dorset; F. Griffin, F. J. Harman, E. Hale, G.W. Wiltshire; J. T. Calkin, W. C. Powning, and Capt. H. F. Yeatman, 622. The minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed. M.E.C. P.Z. Ward, having taken the First Principal chair, he requested all companions below the rank of First Principal to retire, when E.C. Rumbold was duly installed into the chair of Z.; E.C. Russell into the chair of H., and Comp. Norwood into the chair of J., according to the ancient rites and ceremonies of the Order. The companions having been admitted, the following officers were invested by the M.E.Z., namely, Comps. Tucker, as S.E.; Haskell, S.N.; Harman, P.S.; Follitt, Assist. S.; Silverthorne, Janitor. The ballot was then taken for three candidates for exaltation, which having proved unanimous in their favour, they were separately admitted, and duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. A vote of thanks was accorded to M.E.C.P.Z. Ward, for the very able and impressive manner in which he had given the ceremonies of installation and exaltation. After the names of two candidates for exaltation had been proposed and seconded, the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).—The annual chapter for the installation of Principals took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, when the following officers assumed their collars of office: Comps. R. Crosskey, M.E.Z.; C. H. Ellman, H.; J. Farncombe, J.; G. Stone, N.; and S. Tanner, E. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. J. Adams for the efficient discharge of the duties of First Principal during the past twelve months. The business of the chapter closed, the companions adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where a very excellent repast was supplied by Bro. Whitcomb.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The usual quarterly convocation was held on Friday, 25th Sept., at the Masonic Hall. The M.P.S., Sir Knight, G. A. Green, was supported and assisted by the Dep. Int. Gen., Hants; Sir Knight, J. Clark; C. G. Adams, Vic. roy; J. Lillywhite, Sen. Gen. (acting); Wm. Tuck, Jun. Gen.; A. R. Robinson, G. Herald; Rev. G. Readnor, Sen. Aide; J. E. Back, as Herald; J. Harrison, P.S.; B. Simister, P.S.; C. Groom, P.S.; A. J. Reed, J. Skeens, and G. Copus, Sentinel. The conclave

was duly opened and minutes adopted. The ballot was favourable to Bros. Count Des Geneys, of Gosport Lodge No. 902, and Samuel C. Heath, P.M. Hanley Lodge No. 797. Bro. Heath, being in attendance, also Bro. T. P. Hall, W.M. Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, (previously elected) were entrusted, admitted, installed, and proclaimed. The historical oration was delivered by the M.P.S. The M.P.S. proposed, the Dep. Int. Gen. seconded, that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Lady Williams and family, on their serious bereavement in the death of our much loved Im. Past G. Sov., Sir Fredk. M. Williams, Bart., M.P. This was carried, as also a proposition by P. Sov. J. Harrison, seconded by the M.P.S., that £2 2s. be forwarded as the contribution of this conclave to the fund now being formed to perpetuate the memory of our lamented P. Grand Viceroy, R. Wentworth Little, an honorary member of No. 35, (P. S. Harrison expressing his intention of adding half a guinea); also that a letter of condolence be written to Mrs. Little. A candidate was proposed for installation. The members will wear the usual mourning during the remainder of the year. The conclave was closed in solemn form by the M.P.S. at 8.35.

CONSECRATION OF THE EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.

On Tuesday, 6th August, 1878, the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. W. Deamer, M.D. 18°, assisted by Ex. Bros. A. Thomson, and F. J. Smith, 18°, consecrated the above chapter in ancient and solemn form, at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Manchester-street, Christchurch, N.Z. at 6.30 p.m. The warrant from the Supreme Grand Council Thirty-third Degree of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, authorising the formation of the Excelsior Chapter, was read by the M.W.S., and also the authority from the Ill. Sec. General, to perform the ceremony of consecration.

The consecration ceremony having been completed, the M.W.S. opened the chapter in due form, when Bro. Jubal Fleming, late Recorder of the Spurious Memphis Chapter, having severed his connection therewith, took and signed the obligation of allegiance to the Supreme Grand Chapter Thirty-third Degree of England and Wales, and was affiliated to this chapter.

Bro. W. Toms was obligated as a serving brother to fill the office of Esquary.

The following brethren having been balloted for and elected, signed the obligation of allegiance in the presence of the M.W.S., and were duly perfected:—William Robert Mitchell, Charles Wellington Bi-hop, Rookwood, Comport, Bishop, Charles Partridge Hulbert, Henry Hobday, Francis Pavitt, Augustus Charles Saltmarsh, John Joseph Milner, George Maber Walton, Henry William Ford, William Hickley Gundry.

The M.W.S. then proceeded to appoint the following officers:—Ex. Bros. C. W. Bishop, 18°, High Prelate; Henry Thomson, 18°, 1st General; F. J. Smith, 18°, 2nd General; Jubal Fleming, 18°, Grand Marshal; F. Pavitt, 18°, Raphael; H. Hobday, 18°, Herald; C. P. Hulbert, 18°, Captain of Guard; R. C. Bishop, 18°, Recorder; J. J. Milner, 18°, Organist; G.M. Walton, 18°, Director of Ceremonies.

The next business was the election of Treasurer, on the motion of Ex. Bro. H. Thomson, seconded by Ex. Bro. J. Fleming, Ex. Bro. W. R. Mitchell was elected to that office.

Proposed by Ex. Bro. H. Thomson, seconded by Ex. Bro. F. J. Smith, that Ex. Bros. C. W. Bishop, H. Thomson and F. J. Smith be a Committee to discharge the liabilities incurred in the formation of the chapter, carried.

Proposed by Ex. Bro. H. Thomson, seconded by Ex. Bro. J. Fleming, that the M.W.S. and the officers of the chapter be a Committee to draft bye-laws, with authority to transmit them to the S.G. Chapter for approval, carried.

Proposed by Ex. Bro. F. J. Smith, seconded by Ex. Bro. H. Thomson, that the M.W.S. be requested during his visit to England to obtain any furniture, regalia, &c. that he may consider necessary for the chapter, carried.

Ex. Bro. F. Pavitt proposed, and Ex. Bro. W. R. Mitchell seconded, Bro. George Mitchell Douglas as a candidate for perfection.

The M.W.S. made a few congratulatory remarks on the successful formation of the chapter, and desired to particularly direct the attention of the Ex. brethren to paragraphs 8, 10, 12, and 13 of the rules and regulations and especially cautioned them against holding any communication with any chapter or member holding under the Spurious Supreme Council existing in New Zealand.

Ex. Bro. Jubal Fleming expressed a wish on behalf of the chapter that the M.W.S. would have a pleasant passage to the old country, and a quick return to the command of his chapter.

The Third Point having been given the chapter was duly closed at 11.30 p.m.

At the banquet that followed the M.W.S. gave the toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Patron of the Order, "The S.G. Council, 33°, of England and Wales," and at the same time took the opportunity of expressing his thanks to Ill. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, 33°, for his expedition in replying to the application for the warrant, as well as for his kindness and courtesy in furnishing the clear instructions and valuable sketches which had enabled him (the M.W.S.) to have the chapter properly furnished.

Our late respected Bro. John Bagshaw, R.W.G.M., of Essex, has, in his will, dated June 2nd, 1876, left the sum of £100 to the Provincial Grand Lodge of that Province.

The infant child of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh was baptised on Wednesday last in their Royal Highnesses' Palace in Berlin, and was named Alexandra Louise Olga Victoria.

SUPREME COUNCIL THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE.

We are enabled to publish the following statement of accounts, which will be read with satisfaction by many of our readers:—

The Treasurer-General in account with the Supreme Council, Thirty-Third Degree, 1st July, 1878.

Dr.		RECEIPTS.	
1st July, 1877.		£	s. d.
To Balance in London and Westminster			
Bank...	1177	6	10
Do. in Treasurer's hands ...	13	15	0
Receipts to 30th June, 1878 ...	2709	0	10
	£3900	2	8

Cr.		EXPENDITURE.	
		£	s. d.
By Payments for Rent, Salaries, Wages,			
Furniture, Repairs, &c....	1343	10	9
Charitable Donations ...	370	15	0
Purchase of Stock ...	1762	10	0
Balance in London and Westminster			
Bank...	423	6	11
	£3900	2	8

Examined and compared with the Vouchers, and found correct,

(Signed) S. RAWSON, 33°.
G. LAMBERT, 32°.

2nd July, 1878.

		ASSETS.	
		£	s. d.
Cash in London and Westminster Bank ...		423	6 11
£900 Madras Stock (cost) ...	1007	5	0
£800 do. Debenture Stock ...	800	0	0
£1200 Russian Bonds cost ...	1189	10	0
£1000 3 p.c. Consols ...	962	10	0
Library, estimated at ...	2142	13	0
Plate, valued at ...	365	10	0
Organ, valued at ...	300	0	0
Furniture and Appointments ...	1719	0	0
Leases:—33, Golden-square ...	910	0	0
2, Upper John-street ...	925	0	0
Masonic Hall ...	1430	0	0
Cellarage ...	500	0	0
	£12,674	14	11

LIABILITIES.

		£	s. d.
Compounders, 31°, 32°, 33°—126 Members		727	3 0
Do. 30°—259 Members ...	938	8	6
Unappropriated ...	5	9	6
Balance, being Capital ...	11,003	13	11
	£12,674	14	11

33, Golden Square, London, W.,

H. CLERK, 33°,
Grand Treasurer Gen.

(Signed) THOS. MEGGY,
Public Accountant,

22, Bedford Place, Russell Square, W.C.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Recommendations by Grand Committee.

Office Bearers of Grand Lodge of Scotland for the ensuing year:

Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Grand Master.
Earl of Mar and Kellie, Deputy Grand Master.
Colonel Campbell, Substitute Grand Master.
Lord Inverurie, Senior Grand Warden.
R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Junior Grand Warden.
D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary.
D. Kinnear, Grand Cashier.
Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. A. T. Grant, Grand Chaplains.
Earl of Haddington, Senior Grand Deacon.
James Caldwell, Junior Grand Deacon.
Wm. Hay, Architect.
F. Law, Grand Jeweller.
T. Halket, Grand Bible Bearer.
J. Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Bard, vacant.
Captain Colt, Grand Sword Bearer.
Mat Muller, Grand Director of Music.
Robert Davidson, Grand Organist.
Captain Hills, Grand Marshal.
W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler.
John Ness, Grand Outer Guard.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN MILLWARD, P.M.

Bro. Millward, who, a correspondent states, was certainly the oldest Mason in England, died at Longnor, near Buxton, and was buried on the 2nd inst. He was initiated into Masonry in 1811; in the Lodge of Reconciliation he was re-initiated in 1813. He was first W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann at Buxton, and first P.Z. of the chapter. The brethren of lodges 1258 and 1653 attended the funeral. Flowers from Chatsworth and sprigs of acacia were placed on the coffin.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

We have been requested to publish the following statement:—

The Committee have thought it well to issue a few supplementary remarks to their previous report, inasmuch as it understands that some objections have been raised to its actual organization, and its professed aims.

It is asserted, the Committee has been informed, that the institution of this Association is an interference with the liberty of action of individual voters for the Charities, and sets up a quasi-dogmatic interference with their undoubted right of selection and support, in respect of the cases which they themselves deem the most deserving.

It is not fair, it is argued, or expedient even, to surrender such individual right of choice and voting to *any Committee whatever*. Undoubtedly much may be said on this head, but if the argument is closely analyzed it will be found that the same may also be said of all similar Committees. But yet in the provinces, as we all know, this principle of harmonious central action and combination has been accepted, and is spreading, and works most satisfactorily without any infringement of the privileges of the voters on the one hand, or any interference with the free and impartial selection of candidates on the other. It is a purely voluntary combination for a specific purpose, namely, the advocacy of the claims of a province or a district of those candidates whose cases are good, and whose claims are satisfactory. To suppose for a moment that the Association seeks dictatorially to say to any subscribers how they are to vote is an entire misapprehension of the objects for which the Association was founded. Owing to the "individualism" which prevails, and the intense interest excited by the personal claims of some candidates, the London subscribers to the Charities, are unable, except by immense exertions, to secure the success of London candidates in due proportion to their subscriptions, and as election follows election the balance is being struck as against London, whereas it ought to be in favour of London. The Committee knows, for instance, that as regards the Girls' School, the votes, in round numbers about 21,000, may be divided roughly into 11,500 London, as against 9500 for the provinces and colonies, a proportion which will be found, the Committee believes in both the other Charities, and yet it is impossible to combine these votes. In asking the London brethren to surrender this very freedom of individualism in a thoroughly fraternal spirit, if they wish to see London candidates successful on the poll, which consummation, devoutly to be wished for by us all, is at present very dubious, and must become still more difficult unless steps are taken to combine the votes, the Committee is asking nothing unreasonable.

It is an entire fallacy to assume, as some do, that it is a question of lodges, or of London versus the Provinces. The whole question is narrowed to this—do the London subscribers obtain their fair share of candidates elected? Owing to a very successful system of combination of votes, so far the London subscribers, though large contributors, cannot carry their proper proportion of candidates through want of combination. It is purely a question of actual subscription.

If the London brethren are unwilling to aid the Committee, the only effect must be that, owing to individual interests and personal claims, a small number of votes will be polled for each candidate, sufficient to detract from the chance of another, but insufficient to ensure the success of the particular case, while the provinces, wise in their generation, by their own compact accumulation of provincial votes, assisted by friendly concordats with other similar provincial bodies, and the kindly support of London brethren, must be successful in their applications, and more successful, moreover, as year follows year.

The Committee, repudiating any dogmatic assertions or any dictatorial utterances, asks for the friendly co-operation and help of all London voters who feel that whatever the claims of others may be, the good and fair claims of poor London candidates have a primary interest for them.

The Committee in the next place would allude, though not without a feeling of repugnance and regret, to the absurd supposition, somewhat busily spread about, that there is a tendency to form a clique, to contest the elections with some interested objects in view. Those who form the Committee may fairly appeal to their Masonic career, as a proof that their objects are, and ever will be the promotion simply and solely of the interest of those many London candidates, who, from many and peculiar causes are now too often unsuccessful. The Committee has no cause to gain, but that of the welfare of the Charities and the fair claims of the London candidates, and it trusts that all who read these remarks will credit the Committee when it assures them that, despite all opposition, and all that too often interested criticism which sees the mote in its neighbour's eye, but forgets the beam in its own, it means to persevere in its honest if arduous labours, trusting materially to advance the claims of many who, without its zealous co-operation and support are not destined to be successful in the race. It trusts to receive such an accession of new members of the Association, and to its own numbers as a Committee, that it will be able to appeal, alike to the confidence of the London brethren, and the unswerving and loyal adherence of its own warm and active members.

The extraordinary persistency with which unsuccessful candidates present themselves year after year at the Chinese competitive examinations is curiously illustrated by certain edicts in the *Peking Gazette* of last year, in which honorary degrees are conferred on 42 candidates who were finally plucked at the age of 90 and upwards, and 136 who gave up the struggle when between 80 and 90.—*Athenæum*.

Reviews.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE, A. AND A. RITE. *Freemason Office, Fleet-street.*

We have seen these photographic representations of the "Mystic Nine," and who, like the "Nine Muses," are very important personages, whether in ancient mythology or in modern High Grade organisation, and very beautiful as works of art they are. They set before us in very "pleasant presence" our well-known and distinguished brethren, beginning with our esteemed Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, always and everywhere popular, as well as Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, Bro. Major-Gen. Clerk, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, Bro. Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerk, Bro. R. Hamilton, M.D.; Bro. Sir Michael Costa, Bro. Col. W. Adair, and Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman.

We feel sure that they will be much admired by all, and largely patronized by our good brethren of the High Grades. We have seldom seen more thoroughly satisfactory portraits. In fact, the likenesses are speaking, and they afford a most pleasing "souvenir" to High Grade associates and personal friends. To see them is to admire them, and to admire them is we hope, to obtain them, as they are likely to be soon "taken up," having already attracted warm admiration and most friendly comments.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS. Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, Queen's Printers, 43, Fleet-street, E.C.

We are reminded of the eventual approach of Christmas by the striking Christmas and New Year's Cards of the Queen's Printers.

The cards are issued in all styles, from the costly hand-painted souvenir, or the richly illuminated motto for the wall, to the tiny bookmarker or children's text card. In each we are greatly struck, as, indeed, all must be, with the variety of design, size, and colouring, in the assortment now before us, as we before mentioned. There are tiny little Reward Cards in packets, for children, each with an emblematic design of figures or flowers, or both, with an appropriate text; and there are large and handsome cards, nearly two feet long, with such words as "God is Love," "A Happy New Year to You all," "Welcome to our Hearth," shining forth from within garlands of exquisite floral decorations. Between these limits are to be found specimens of every shape and size—Scripture texts, greetings for Christmas, New Year, and birthdays, crosses with floral emblems and toasts, two series of "Poetical Gleanings" from our great poets, "Waking Thoughts from Holy Writ," &c., &c.

As we before remarked, we have never seen more effective productions, indeed, some of the cards are perfect gems, reflecting the highest credit on the resources and artistic execution and taste of Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode. We feel sure that they will be greatly appreciated by the public, and we venture, without hesitation, to predicate for them great popularity and extended patronage. They seem destined to suit all uses and all purposes which that genial season enjoins.

BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS. A Sermon, preached by the Rev. F. J. W. WINTLE, M.A., J.W. 893, P.G.C. of Cornwall, before the Prov. Grand Lodge. F. Tregaskis, Stamp Office, Fore-street, Redruth.

We like this sermon much. It is both simple and straightforward, apt and appropriate, and well sets before our brotherhood the need and the duty of active sympathy and charitable exertion. We commend it conscientiously to our readers, remarking, that as Masonic sermons are somewhat scarce, we always think it well to record such efforts of our reverend brethren the Chaplains, Prov. Grand Chaplains, and Grand Chaplains of our Order to the attention and patronage of our Masonic reading public.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

PRINCESSES' THEATRE.—That excellent sensational drama "Queen's Evidence" has been removed to give place to Mr. Rowe's so-called play "Uncle Tom's Cabin." No one with the remotest knowledge of dramatic lines could term the piece a play in any acceptance of the word, anymore than one could call Mrs. Stowe's book a novel. The piece is a wild, extravagant, highly improbable series of scenes, having little or any connection one with the other, and only requires some individual to stand by the wing with a wand to turn the whole thing into a Panorama. So much for "Uncle Tom's Cabin" as a play; as an entertainment, however, I know of no place in London just now where the pleasure seeker can find more amusement and enjoyment than at this house. The glee singing of the blacks is almost beyond praise; and Mr. Weston's performance on the banjo is truly marvellous. The religious cant put into the mouth of Uncle Tom ought to be cut out wholesale, it was bad enough in the book, on the stage it is simply intolerable; moral goodness can be demonstrated on the stage without the aid of church doctrine. I cannot say anything about the acting, as all the artists engaged are above their parts.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Saturday next, the 12th inst, at 12 o'clock noon, to consider notices of motion (see official advertisement on front page), and to elect three girls into the school by ballot.

The ceremony of freeing Waterloo Bridge will take place this day (Saturday) at half-past twelve o'clock.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The eight annual Exhibition of Works of Art, under the patronage of the Corporation of Liverpool, has now been open for about a month at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, and up to the present time the success, both with respect to sales and attendance, has been hitherto unequalled. The exhibition all round is an admirable one, although there is an absence this year of prominent pictures, such as have been shown on previous occasions. There are altogether 1062 exhibits, but owing to want of space, the hanging committee had to reject as many more which were sent, the rejected pictures being principally the work of local men. London artists have been specially favoured, and this has given rise to a good deal of heart-burning, which can scarcely be wondered at. Amongst the best known artists who have places in the galleries may be named Alma Tadema, Ansdell (a Liverpool native), E. Armitage, J. Archer, Mark Anthony Chevalier, Calderon, Carrie, Goodall, H. S. Marks, F. Leighton, O'Neil, Yeames, and others. It would be impossible, of course, to give even the faintest idea of the character of the various works of art in this large collection in the space at our command, and therefore we content ourselves by commending the collection to our Liverpool brethren, as well as to the country cousins whose tastes lie in the direction of art, who may pay the "shipping village" a visit. Perhaps the most charming picture in the collection is Leighton's "Winding the Skein;" and certainly the most hotly debated has been Alma Tadema's "Sculptor's Model," which has caused quite a fierce newspaper war in Liverpool. There can be little doubt that the exhibition of nude figures like this in public galleries is neither healthy nor elevating, and the argument which is raised in justification of the exhibition of such a picture, that our French and other neighbours do it, is best met by the every-day proverb "Two blacks don't make a white." While, "To the pure all things are pure," is a true maxim, the reverse is equally forcible, "To the impure all things are impure."

At Coblenz and Saarlouis the police recently prohibited smoking in the streets by youths under sixteen; and at Treves a bye-law of 1857 has just been brought into force, which imposes a fine of from three to nine marks, or imprisonment in default, on boys under sixteen who smoke in the streets and in places of amusement.

Douron's observations go to show that dysentery caused by the introduction of *Anguillula stercoralis* and dysenterica, *Anklystoma dysenterica*, &c., into the intestinal canal by means of polluted water may be avoided by dissolving alum in the water, although this is of course a less desirable method than that of boiling the water. The treatment with alum has, it is said, been successfully used by the natives of Annam from early times; while for several years it has completely protected the French troops in Cochin China from this dreadful scourge.—*Academy*.

Augustus Peterman, the greatest cartographer and one of the most eminent geographers of modern times, who died Friday week at Gotha, was born at Bleichrode, near Nordhausen, in 1822. At the age of 17 he entered the Potsdam Cartographic Institution; and as a pupil of the famous Dr. Berghaus's speedily gave promise of his future accomplishments. In 1845 he went to London to assist in the getting up of an English edition of Berghaus's "Atlas of Physical Geography"; and owing to his rare gifts and attainments, was appointed Geographer Royal. He returned to Germany in 1854 to take charge of Perthes's Geographic Institution at Gotha, which post he filled to his death. All the German, African, and Polar explorations of modern times were either planned or effectually assisted and described by him. Not to speak of his deserts as a fertile author, draughtsman, and editor of Perthes's monthly, his maps on Africa and the Pole are recognized as the best extant.

A large portion of the Ancient City of Ithaca has just been unearthed by Dr. Schliemann, who has discovered 190 enormous houses on the south-eastern shores of the island at a considerable distance beneath the surface. The result of the excavations, however, will in no way rival the finds at Troy and Mycenæ, for Dr. Schliemann writes that all the treasures of the city have been washed into the sea by winter rains.

The Mantuan "Didactic Exposition" (as a telegram calls it), has closed. The jury awarded a gold medal for infant designs to the superior female school established gratuitously by the Municipality, who (it is announced) have introduced gymnastics, music, and drawing into the elementary schools.

The meeting of the Congress of Orientalists at Florence last week was saddened by the death of Professor C. Seager, of the Roman Catholic College, Kensington, one of the delegates. The grand prize of 2500*l.* offered by the congress for the best essay on the different phases of Aryan civilisation in India has been awarded to Dr. Immer, of Germany.

A Woven Book has been manufactured at Lyons, the whole of the letter-press being executed in silken thread. Portraits, verses, and brief addresses have often been reproduced by the loom, but an entire volume from the weaver's hand is a novelty.

A serious disaster is reported from the delta of the Godavery River. The system of sluices and alicuts which restrain the river prior to the distribution of its waters over large tracts of country, has proved unequal to its work in consequence of the unusual rain. One of the principal alicuts has given way, and the waters have swept down into the plains, doing enormous damage to the crops.

A technical school for girls has been established in Rome, in which lace-making, china painting, designing, and the manufacture of artificial flowers, &c., are taught. The scholars already number upwards of 250.

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Mount Gambia Lodge ...	1	0	0
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Peake, H. H., Ballarat ...	0	12	0
Perez, Juan, A., Madrid ...	3	8	0
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Answers to Correspondents.

CORRESPONDENTS are respectfully requested to write their communications on one side of the paper only.

J. J. MAY (New Zealand).—The book was sent you, in the early part of April last.

The Publisher will be glad to receive a copy of the *Freemason* of date Sept. 25th, 1869, for which the sum of 1s. is offered.

Letter from "A 33°" in our next, proof shall be sent; also "A Warning to the Charitable."

On consideration, as the discussion in each case is now bordering on pure personality, and as our columns are "heavily weighted," we think it better not to keep up the controversy, anent the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the London Masonic Charity Association. Enough has been said pro tem.

A JUNIOR WARDEN.—Must send his name. Anonymous correspondence cannot be inserted.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Chimney Construction;" a pamphlet by Bro. R. M. Bancroft. "Australian Freemason;" "Hull Packet;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at its 21st Annual Communication, June 18th 1878;" "West London Express;" "The Citizen;" "Brief;" "Broad Arrow;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Risorgimento;" "Dick Radclyffe's Floral Guide;" "Pre-Existence;" "Attributes and Future of the Human Soul;" "Corner Stone;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Bundes Presse;" "An Answer to the Proclamation of Melbourne M. Tait Esq.;" "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska;" "Westminster Papers;" "Heroes of Britain in Peace and War;" "Illustrated Leopold Shakespear;" "Masonic Record of Western India;" "Hajnal;" "Builder;" "Lords and Commons, a Reprint of Speeches, &c.;" "Masonic Herald."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

RAYMOND.—On the 27th ult., at 3, Carden-road, Peckham-roye, the wife of Mr. Frank Raymond, of a son.

TORRINGTON.—On the 24th ult., the wife of Captain Torrington, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

COLEMAN—COUTTS.—On the 25th ult., at St. Paul's, Covent-garden, by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., rector of St. Clements Danes, George, eldest surviving son of W. J. Coleman, to Eliza Williamina Lyal (Minnie), second daughter of Bro. John Coutts, of Covent-garden. No cards.

DEATHS.

DYSON.—On the 29th ult., at Church Crookham, in her 70th year, Mary Anne, daughter of the late Mr. Jeremiah Dyson.

MILLWARD.—On the 27th inst., at Longner, near Buxton, Bro. John Millward, the oldest Mason in England. Initiated in the year 1811.

PATTISON.—On the 6th ult., Bro. W. H. Pattison, Superintendent of the Burmese Police, Maulmain, at 35, Flaxman-street, Loughborough June 10, aged 42.

SNOWDEN.—On the 26th ult., at Essex, Martha, widow of the late Mr. William Snowden, in her 87th year.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1878.

A QUID PRO QUO.

A correspondent, signing himself "Business," properly enough called our attention to some official arrangements relative to the publication of our Masonic Calendar, which seemed to be a fair subject for consideration and criticism. The subject for us is both a difficult and a delicate one, inasmuch as we are loyal members of our Order, and always respectful of the ordinances of Grand Lodge, and also because such remarks on our part might seem to some to savour of personal interest and private considerations. But we cannot forget on the other hand, that we write for the Craft at large, not for persons or cliques, and, therefore, we feel assured that in what we are about to say to-day, we shall be credited with those higher motives, and truer principles of thought and action, than might seem to be identified, on any grounds, or no grounds, with personal idiosyncrasies and special interests. Far be from us, any mere petty questions of commercial dealings, of the competition of business, of the rivalry of trade. We write as we feel, and we feel as we write, and under any circumstances ours are always honest and upright opinions, "de omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis." We think, therefore, that we cannot be wrong, or do wrong in allowing them to appear in the *Freemason*, in all deference to Grand Lodge on the one hand, in all regard for the interest of our whole body on the other. We cannot then affect to think that £20 is a sufficient amount to be paid for the "privilege" of publishing the Grand Lodge Calendar, just as we are perfectly sure that a much larger sum annually might be obtained by a fair business-like arrangement, for the benefit of our important Masonic Charity Fund. But it is the nature of all monopolies, that they do good to no one but the monopolist. The public is not advantaged, even the trade suffers. And we agree with "Business" when he suggests that all matters connected with "Grand Lodge supplies," should be thrown open to "tender," and "free competition." We are quite sure that Grand Lodge would be materially benefited in more ways than one. But here we pause. We throw out these friendly "hints," or "passing notes," whichever you like to term them, for the consideration of those in authority, and we leave the matter simply and absolutely, once for all, in their hands. The object of the *Freemason*, often misunderstood, as often traduced, has always been to advance the best interests of the Order at large, on grounds just to all, in fact "pro bono publico," and "pro bono publico" alone. We utterly disclaim any private interests or personal considerations, treating this, as all other matters, from a business point of view alone. We have always advocated a "fair field and no favour" ourselves, and what we ask for ourselves we wish for all competitors. But equally on the other hand, we feel bound, as honest journalists, to point out in much good feeling and in all deference, what we venture to consider points of defective arrangement in things Masonic by Grand Lodge itself, without any reference whatever to our own special views or personal position, and most surely without any other motive than that of supporting free trade, and the fairest open market in all concerns of Masonic supply and demand, and equally for all, whose business, like ours, lies in that direction. Indeed we may fairly add, that we make these remarks as much for others as for ourselves. But having made our "deliverance," we also make our bow. We neither wish to be considered intrusive, complaining, exacting, or dictatorial, and we leave in full confidence our manfully avowed but humble views to the appreciation of the loyal, and the calm consideration of the intelligent of our respectable fraternity. We feel assured that their substantial justice will be admitted, and their undeniable truth conceded by our many correspondents and readers. We also, in conclusion, venture in all due submission, to ask the attention of our rulers to our well-meant suggestions, and fraternal observations.

AN AMUSING LITTLE EPISODE.

We took up an esteemed American contemporary the other day, (but as we are strong and generous we suppress the name), and we read a very glowing eulogy, "In Memoriam" of a deceased American brother. We liked the words, they seemed to run smoothly and "pan out" crisply, and we were equally pleased with the sentiments and the moral. All of a sudden it flashed across us that we had seen those words before; then it further struck us that they were somehow very familiar to us, and, lastly, we realized, "incontinently," or otherwise, that they were our own words—yes, our "ipsissima verba," which we had taken some pains with, and written "In Memoriam" of a lamented English brother in the *Freemason*. Well here are contemporary fame and Masonic sympathy with a vengeance! In a spirit of touching and sentimental fraternity, our worthy confrere had adopted and adapted our words, and we hardly know which to admire most, the ingenuity of the new colouring, or the kindly and amiable larceny which had thus appreciated and appropriated them. Still we felt that we must not complain too much. It is something in these days to be read at all, so "more Masonico," we contented ourselves with the reflection, that the words were good words, kind words, feeling words, true words, or they would not have so commended themselves to the undeniable taste and the skilful use of our eloquent and able confrere. Yes, we said, it is better to be read in some way than not read at all, and why should we blame our good friend across the Atlantic, of, by an ingenuity of adaptation almost unequalled, he transfers the words we wrote "in memoriam" of a brother here in England to another in America, far away, and claims credit for what he considers an effective commemoration of the pleasant virtues and enduring associations of a defunct friend and brother. We do not always all of us get the credit we deserve in this world, but our friendly American contemporary has shown us how pleasant it is to be reminded of our own writing in his prolific and perspicuous pages. After all, as Boatswain Chucks in *Midshipman Easy* would say, "it will all be the same 100 years hence," and so it will. We do not, therefore, begrudge our good contemporary his skilful use of our humble words, if only he pleases his readers and pleases himself. Rather, we may fairly say, after all, "such is life."

BETTING EVILS.

It is impossible to shut our eyes to the great and growing evil of "betting clubs and betting speculations." Hardly a day passes but the police magistrates warn the public in most forcible and yet feeling terms of this moral cancer, which is eating out the very vitals of society at the present hour. If the authorities at the Mansion House and Scotland Yard were asked "what is the most predominant evil you have to contend with now?" they would reply, we feel sure, "betting clubs, and betting speculations." For these affect all classes of society, and especially young men in positions of trust, such as cashiers and confidential clerks, drawn into the vortex by the love of hasty and unworked for gains, who too often end by robbing their employers and finding themselves at the bar of justice. We are told of the "Investigator," of the "East End Spec," and the "Racing Prophet," as a peculiar form of betting lotteries. Mr. Vaughan, at Bow-street, in a recent case, called attention to the fact that such speculations are "very profitable to those who set them on foot," but "very detrimental to those who have been allured into buying the tickets which are issued." In a recent race no less than 25,000 circulars at 1s. each, of the "Investigator" were issued. The following is the "modus operandi." Each copy of the Investigator, for instance, bore a number, which number corresponded with the name of some horse engaged in the principal race of the current week. Should any person buying the Investigator happen to receive one with a number corresponding to that coupled with the name of the winning horse he would obtain a prize, which would,

according to the value of the race, be from 10s. to £3 and £5. In this way the love of easy and extraordinary gains is fostered in the minds of those who in possession sometimes of small incomes wish to make them larger. And not only this, but the buyers of these tickets send small sums first and then often large sums to be put on special "favourites," on "dark horses sure to be successful," as proclaimed by the sagacious "tips;" and thus the gains to the "Great Unknown," who generally act by agents, are very great, the losses to these gullible "pigeons" are still greater. Thus, week by week we read in our police reports, how in order to make good their "honourable" payments, small sums are abstracted from the "till," "figures are falsified in cash books," large amounts are dishonourably obtained, until the crash comes and the "Confidence Trick" is again shown up by the police, though often accompanied by the lasting ruin of a fair name and a good reputation. Oh! "fortunati nimium," who, in all classes keep out of the "Maelstrom" of betting. Any such system to which we have called attention is, in our opinion, an unmitigated evil to society, as it is productive of numerous and necessary infringements of the law, and we are glad to note the efforts made by the authorities to suppress it. We think it well to caution our brethren against being mixed up with any such illegal practices or hurtful speculations. As Masons we are not breakers of the law, but upholders of the law, at all times and under all circumstances. Any brother so offending, or tried by the magistrate for such breaches of the law, becomes, in our opinion, disqualified to continue a member of our Order, inasmuch as such acts, contrary to law, are equally hurtful to morality, and tend to the injury and demoralization of society. Any lodge would be justified in excluding a brother thus convicted from its membership, and would be sustained on appeal by the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even 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.]

MASONIC COURTESY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As Freemasons we profess often a good deal, I wish that we practised what we often so loudly profess. I fear that, like men in general, even we Freemasons are not exempt from the veriest littleness of humanity. Indeed, how could such exemption be expected? To say the truth, I fancy that if the veil were lifted which hides much of our Masonic life from the public gaze, we should be found to be equally susceptible, as other mere mortals, of all those passions which dominate the human will and agitate the human breast.

For instance, in courtesy one to another, we are often gravely and greatly wanting, sometimes most markedly so, and though, as a Freemason, I am taught not to be uncharitable in thought, word, or deed, I believe that I am correct in my assertion. I cannot shut my eyes to acts which amongst ourselves are almost a ludicrous reflection on our noisy professions, and too often demonstrate in the culprits a weakness both of the head and the heart.

I might say more, but I beg to-day to subscribe myself yours fraternally,

MASONIC COURTESY.

FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Among the many unfounded statements made by the speakers at the meeting of Freemasons held at Glasgow, on the 11th ult., reported in the *Freemason* of the 21st ult., the following statement was made by Bro. Barrow, of Glasgow:—

"The Earl of Dalhousie was afterwards elected Grand Master, but he refused to take office unless a Committee was appointed to investigate into Grand Lodge business. That Committee came back to Grand Lodge, and reported that everything was found in order. Everything was complete and perfect."

This statement implies that such a Committee either failed to make inquiry into Grand Lodge affairs and falsely reported it had done so; or that it made such inquiry and falsely reported that all was correct. But Bro. Barrow's statement has no existence in fact. Lord Dalhousie neither made such a refusal or request. Such a Committee was never appointed and never existed, and, consequently, no such report was ever made. Lord Dalhousie, however, did write a letter on his nomination to the Grand Master-ship, expressing a very decided opinion that the former practice of the Grand Lodge should be adhered to, by electing a new Grand Master every two years, and that that practice was of the highest benefit to the Craft, and, in so far as he was concerned, would be followed by him by his retirement at the end of his second year of office.

Bro. Barrow further states that he has been a mem-

ber of Grand Lodge for twenty-four years, and that from the first day of his membership he was aware that it was a rotten institution. He has also in the course of that period, been a member of Grand Committee, and has held various offices in Grand Lodge. He is ready to fasten responsibility for mismanagement upon other persons. Is he not also equally with others responsible for that mismanagement? What steps did he take to rectify the abuses the existence of which he from the first says he knew, and of which he now complains? None. Although he says that after 1858, when the new hall was built, better returns were "got to account for the income of Grand Lodge, which showed that the Secretary and Treasurer were taking all the income for fees to themselves," and that, according to his estimate, the sum so appropriated during the period of his membership amounted to the fabulous sum of from £50,000 to £70,000. I think Bro. Barrow owes some explanation to the Craft for thus standing by, and silently, but knowingly, permitting, as he chooses to term it, such "plundering and blundering." The accusations he now so freely makes against those with whom he was associated in the administration of Grand Lodge affairs come with bad grace from him, even were they as true as they are incorrect.

A person at the meeting also stated that he had heard that £150, the balance of the funds subscribed toward a testimonial to the Earl of Dalhousie, and handed over by him to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, had been "spent on a Champagne supper." He asked Bro. Barrow, who had been Chairman of the Finance Committee, if this was true. Bro. Barrow knew that that statement was absolutely untrue; but what was his reply? He did not give the statement a flat denial, as any person wishing to act fairly to his neighbour and brother would have done, but said that he would answer their question if put to him in Grand Lodge! thereby implying that the money had been improperly spent. Such conduct on the part of Bro. Barrow, who occupies the position of Senior Grand Warden, requires no comment.

Almost all the other statements and insinuations made by Bro. Barrow, and the other speakers at the meeting, are as incorrect as those I have referred to. They appear to have been purposely made to throw discredit on others; but they are so numerous as not to permit of particular notice in this letter.

Colonel Campbell, who presided at the meeting, states that a large number of the alterations which were proposed in Grand Lodge laws were, in his opinion, opposed to the rights and privileges of daughter lodges, and that, in the interest of Freemasonry in Scotland, they should have been fully discussed. I quite agree with him. But they were fully discussed and considered in Committee. And by whom were these alterations proposed? Almost exclusively by the Colonel's Glasgow friends. The only one opposed by the other sections of Grand Lodge was the first in the list, which was fully discussed and rejected by an overwhelming majority, and even were the votes rejected to which the Glasgow speakers take exception, the proposal would still have been rejected by a large majority.

The alterations proposed in the laws were remitted to Grand Committee for consideration and report, and they were all fully discussed at various meetings and at a meeting of the Committee called specially for the purpose of their consideration. The alterations approved of by the Committee were published and circulated among the members of Grand Lodge several days prior to its meeting, and were considered by them. Further discussion of these alterations, with the exception of the first, which was separately discussed and disposed of, was unnecessary, for it was the very parties proposing them who sought their renewed discussion. Getting all they wanted, such a discussion became a waste of time. Besides, I am sure Colonel Campbell, and any common-sense person, will admit that a large meeting of 400 Masons, composing the Grand Lodge of Scotland, is not the one best fitted to dispose of alterations in existing laws, which require calm and deliberate consideration in their disposal. The Committee was the proper forum for this duty, and there the Glasgow brethren got all they wanted, with the exception of the alterations embraced in the Second Section, which were also fully considered by Grand Committee and not sustained. These were not insisted on at the meeting of Grand Lodge. On the whole matter, it appears to me that a great noise has been made of nothing. I am, &c.,

PAST MASTER.

THE LOSS OF THE "PRINCESS ALICE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Rev. A. Styleman Herring's pathetic letter to the *Times* of the 28th ult., mentions among a few cases claiming commiseration and assistance by that terrible loss of life in the collision of the "Princess Alice," and consequent distress and misery to numerous families. He quotes among others, "a city agent (a Freemason) leaves a widow with nine children, in reduced circumstances, after securing by personal efforts a good income."

This allusion is, of course, to our late Bro. Jardine, whose pecuniary position I know not, and whose personal acquaintance was slight, meeting him occasionally at the London Masonic Club, of which he was a member, and also at lodge of instruction.

The circumstances of this case seems to require the special and individual help of the Craft, irrespective of the fund collecting at the Mansion House for general distribution, and I venture to suggest through your valuable journal that a subscription be started, as no doubt more will be required for the widow than that of securing one admission to our Schools, of which notice has been given. If you will undertake to receive contributions, or any member of his lodge, I shall be happy to add my mite.

Trusting this proposal will meet your approval and the brethren generally, I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. E. SHAND.

THE QUEBEC QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother.

I observe that in your article, on this subject, of Sep. 28th, you lay special stress on the fact that the Grand Lodge of Quebec was in the wrong for requesting the Grand Lodge of England and Scotland to hand over to it three old lodges now holding allegiance to them. But you omit the fact that the answer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was to charter two new lodges in Montreal, and you only passingly allude to the appointments of a P.G.M. at Montreal by that Grand Body. Seeing that it is always more conducive to peace and harmony that there should be only one governing body in a district, I fail to see how so natural a request is "wrong." If these three old lodges wish to remain true to their old allegiance, the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland are quite right to refuse the request of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but there is in this no "casus belli," the case simply remains "in statu quo." That, I imagine, has been the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of England, and no evil has ensued therefrom, peace and harmony continuing between it and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The cause of the rupture between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Quebec is that the former did not act with the same dignity and courtesy as that of England, but responded to a civil request by a gratuitous insult, viz.:—the invasion of a Masonic power, whose regularity and supremacy within its own district she had recognised in the previous year. I certainly for one, do not anticipate in the future any ill-feeling or hostility between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec, if the former refuses the requests of the latter; but I think I have shown where the "wrong" is in the matter.

Yours truly and fraternally,

NEMO

THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following is said to be the report of this Society in July, and which has appeared in several of your contemporaries:—

"The thirty-eight district committees of the Charity Organization Society have dealt with 1028 cases, exclusive of 305 vagrants and homeless persons, during the four weeks ending Saturday, July 27th. In class one, 435 were dismissed as not requiring relief or otherwise ineligible. In class two, 272 were recommended to the guardians, local agencies, or private persons. In class three, 321 were assisted by grants, loans, employment, or letters for hospitals, etc."

Thus, including vagrants, &c., the Society has dealt with 1333 cases in the four weeks ending July 27th. The Society divides the applicants into three classes, and this report covering them, we see:—in class one, 435 were dismissed as not requiring relief or otherwise ineligible. How many cases were relieved is not stated. In class two, 272 were recommended to the guardians, local agencies, or private persons. In class three, 321 were assisted by grants, loans, employment, or letters to hospitals.

Thus, it would seem prima facie, that out of 1333 cases 593 were aided, under 50 per cent. I should like to know how much was given in grants and loans, and how many of the 272 were profited by the recommendations? And then comes the further question, what came of the 740 unrelieved? Were they simply relegated to mendicancy and despair, and the vagrant wards?

I confess to have been deeply touched by the following story, at one of our police courts, a few weeks back:—"A poor woman, widow of a solicitor once in affluence, is found by a policeman on a doorstep, with her daughter. They are too poor to pay for a night's lodging. They will not go into the workhouse. The policeman, very kindly, seeing her ill, takes her to the infirmary of the nearest workhouse, where she dies, as the doctor testifies, of sheer starvation." Is this not a disgrace to our civilization? And do we not want a higher and deeper exercise of a good Samaritanism than is necessarily the outcome of Organization Societies? They seem, if I may say so, to touch the surface but never to probe the hidden depths beneath.

I will deal with the last report in your next issue.

I am, yours fraternally,

OMICRON

THE NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES.—

Ben. Reuead, surnamed the "City of the Future," was invaded last week by hosts of natives of the Principality, who travelled from every portion of North and South Wales, for the purpose of being present at their annual national Eisteddfod meetings, which, notwithstanding the sneers of the London "Thunderer," have done very much to foster and advance a truly national taste for literature, poetry, music, art, trade, and domestic economy. Prizes were offered in each of these and other departments, and in some instances keen competitions took place. The most valuable of the prizes were for contests in choral singing, brass band performances, piano and harp playing, essay writing, musical compositions, &c., and the principal adjudicators in music were Professor Macfarren, Mr. Brinley Richards, Signor Foli, &c. It is estimated that the total attendance during the four days the Eisteddfod continued was upwards of 50,000, and the profits of the "spec." are to be divided amongst the University College of Wales, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and the Birkenhead Charities. The presidents of the different meetings were Lord Aberdare, Mr. Osborne Morgan, Q.C., M.P., D. Mac Ivor, M.P., the Mayor of Liverpool, &c. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, R.W.P.G.M., N.W. and Salop, was announced as one of the presidents, but continued ill-health and a journey in a foreign country prevented his attendance.

The following stand over next week:—Letter from "I.P.M. 1327," "A. 33," reports of Ivy Lodge, No. 1441; St. John's Mark Lodge, Bolton.

CONSECRATION OF ST. THOMAS'S CHAPTER, No. 142.

The consecration of this new chapter took place on Wednesday, 25th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, by Comp. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by Comps. Buss, Woodford, and Terry, and in the presence of a large assembly of companions, among whom were Comps. H. C. Levander, M.E.Z.; G. A. Rooke, H.; James W. Lambert, J.; C. F. Hogard, S.E.; F. W. Levander, P.S.; F. J. Macaulay, 1st. A.S.; F. Statham Hobson, 2nd A.S.; H. A. Dubois, Treas.; John Hervey, G.S.E.; A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S.; H. G. Buss, G. Std. Br.; J. Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts; W. S. Moses; George Powell, P.Z.; 976; and George Motion. Visitors: Comps. Col. Burdett, G. Supt. Middx.; T. Fenn, P.G.S.B.; P. De Lande Long, P.G.P.S.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; John Boyd, P.G.H. Middx.; E. Kimber, Z. 28; W. Smallpiece, Z. 21; Rev. Dr. Brette, H. 1194; Charles Martin, J. 25; Jabez Hogg, P.Z. 1260; and George Kenning, P.Z. 192. Musical companions: Comps. John Read, P.Z. 720; G. T. Carter, 145; J. Large, 771; and T. Distin, Crystal Palace.

Comp. Hervey opened the proceedings by expressing the pleasure he felt at being present on the occasion, assisted by his friends and companions, to consecrate a new chapter. He congratulated the companions on the progress of Royal Arch Masonry, and called attention to some statistics which would serve to show the rapid extension of the Grade. From 1843 to 1857, 4 London Royal Arch Chapters, and 70 provincial and colonial chapters were consecrated; from 1858 to 1867, 15 London, and 108 provincial chapters were consecrated, while, from 1868 to 1877, 41 London chapters, and 192 provincial chapters were consecrated; and, whereas, in 1845, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, 60 provincial chapters, and 4 London chapters were consecrated. From 1869 to 1877, 182 provincial chapters, and 38 London chapters were consecrated. In former days there was rather a prejudice against multiplying chapters, but he was happy to remark, that for some time past, a steady increase in the applications for warrants for new chapters had set in, and which, he felt bound to say, he thought a good thing. (Applause.)

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and the following oration was delivered by Comp. Woodford, acting as J.

M.E. Companion and Consecrating Officer: In acceding to the request of the companions of this new chapter, about to be consecrated by you, to assist on this occasion, (conveyed to me by Comp. Hogard), I am glad not only to associate myself with the pleasing duty of establishing another chapter, but above all, of humbly aiding yourself, whose unceasing devotion to the interests and increase of Freemasonry is so great, and so manifest to all. It is, therefore, a peculiar pleasure to myself, (as it is, I know, to all my reverend brethren), when assenting to the courteous invitation of our companions, we are enabled to offer you, Sir, any assistance in your arduous duties and responsible position. I, Sir, as you well know, am, like yourself, a great admirer of this Degree of Masonry, and rejoice to think that now, after a period of comparative neglect, our brethren are at last sensible of its utility, its beauties, and its importance. Some foreign writers, as you are aware, have thrown, or attempted to throw discredit on the Royal Arch Degree, and to deny its rightful position as the apex of our Masonic Pyramid. But we, in England, better instructed, and more practical, less given up to sentimental theories, (which generally lead people into mischief, like some of our more excitable neighbours), have wisely made it the culmination of our system of grades and teaching, and have surrounded it with all those æsthetic influences, which a touching ceremonial and a goodly symbolism, are calculated to bring to bear effectively on the minds of loyal and educated companions. Sir, as it has been well said by a Masonic writer, Mackey, "the Royal Arch is the capstone of the Masonic edifice," and is absolutely necessary to the perfection of the Master's Degree as a science of symbolism, "inasmuch that the latter cannot be understood without the development of the former. They are the first and second volumes of a continuous history, and the absence of either would mutilate the work." In other days, perhaps too much was said in praise of the Royal Arch Degree, in terms which some may consider hyperbolic and exaggerated, but we shall not be doing wrong in treating it to-day, as the completion of our whole system, the pinnacle of the Masonic fabric, the key to the Masonic lore of Craft Masonry, and the embodiment, so to say, of the whole theory and practice of our Order. Webb calls it, like Dermott, "august," "sublime," "most mysterious," and "more important than all that precedes it," but without altogether endorsing this encomiastical language, let us be content, as I said before, with pointing out its beauty, its importance and its utility. Some writers like to compare the "weary sojourner" with the "penniless neophyte," in search of the great temple of truth, and at last establishing the dwelling place of the Most High in his heart and mind. Others would say that in the Royal Arch the "Candidate finds himself at the acmé of the system. The veil is lifted, and he comprehends its ineffable beauties," while another writer, who, though curiously enough an anti-Masonic writer, (Stone), declares that "it is in the Royal Arch Degree where the full fruition of light and knowledge is to be only enjoyed, when the student, like another Prometheus can, as it were, steal sacred fire from the chariot of the Sun, to kindle his genius, and hold converse face to face with immortal truth herself in all her perfections and beauties." I think, as I said before, M.E.Z., without making too much of all this glowing eulogy, it may suffice us to say that we have in the Royal Arch Grade a very beautiful and effective ceremonial, a fitting conclusion of our actual and symbolical journeying, a ceremonial, which, the more we un-

derstand it, reveals fresh graces and abounds in moral teaching, and personal application for us all alike. Time would fail me, and the patience of my companions would be exhausted were I to-day to seek to give them a detailed explanation, either of the history, or symbolism, or ceremonial of the Royal Arch Grade. I will content myself, (keeping to the mystical Triad), to touch upon those lessons which are impressed by our graceful ceremonial on all candidates for exaltation. They are—belief in God, Humility, and Perseverance. If at this period, unfortunately in other jurisdictions the very name of God is forbidden to be acknowledged, or, is about to be erased from ritual and circular, and all emblems and symbolism of belief in the Most High rigidly suppressed, we, in England, adhering to the teaching of cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and the customs of our fathers, and resolutely adhering to the "better way," make belief in God the beginning and the ending of our whole Masonic teaching. Just as of old, the humble aspirant avows his "trust in God," so in this grade the acknowledgement of the Most High is the distinguishing character of all our work and symbolism. It is that central Schechinah of sacred light, and wisdom, and truth, which seems to irradiate our whole Masonic teaching with the unchanging glory of God's own most Holy Name and Word. Lawrence, a modern American writer of some very interesting "Practical Masonic Lectures," thus well expresses (better than I can do) the position of the Royal Arch in this respect. "The great lesson of life in this Degree is a nearer acquaintance with, and a better understanding of the attribute and character of God, the Great I Am, and of our relations to him, we are impressed with the importance of improving and enlarging that acquaintance and knowledge by the diligent study of "His Holy Word." We are bidden to remember the duty of prayer to Him, who alone heareth prayer, and is still as of old to all who seek Him, "a very present help in trouble," the "shadow of a great rock in this weary land." And thus we are inspired with a reverence for that Great, Eternal, and Triune Jehovah, whose goodness abounds to all His creatures, and whose mercy, love, wisdom and power, are strikingly displayed in all His works. It will then be seen what a confirmation of the truly religious character of Masonry is set forth in the Royal Arch Degree. Some foolish people in these latter days, the Ultramontane assailants of Freemasonry, have declared Freemasonry to be an enemy to religion. We solemnly deny the charge. If, in other jurisdictions, the words and actions of perverse and infatuated men seem to be transforming the fair form of Freemasonry into a hideous monster, surrounded by all the hateful emblems of revolution and impiety; if others, dead to the voice of reason and conscience, degrade Masonry into the contemptible character of a political faction, a secret and conspiring association, disobedient to law, and favourable to anarchy and convulsion, we declare that we, in England, utterly disavow such proclivities, that we are still, as ever, believers, firm believers, in the Most High. As Jethro Inwood puts it, "the central point of the innumerable lines, squares, and circles of Masonry is the love of God. On this one central point, Masonry builds her faith, from it she derives her hope of glory here and hereafter, and by it she squares her conduct in strict justice and universal charity. Despite some mistaken actions of some portion of our Order, we assert that we are loyal citizens, opponents of revolution and civil discord, and deeply sensible both of the enduring sanctities of religion, and the solemn responsibilities and unchanging duties of patriotic, social, domestic, and individual life. Let us hear no more of the charge that Masonry is irreligious. No more religiously reverent society exists on the face of this wide world. If all were as religiously-minded as the teaching of Masonry would urge its members to be, this world would be a great deal better than it is. As an eloquent American brother has said:—"Yes, Brethren! the institution of Freemasonry is worth preserving and perpetuating. It is a house not made with hands. It is a blending of the spiritual of another life with the realistic of this. It is a temple which has its corner-stone and stable foundations in truth and charity; it has its mystic crypts, its sacred fanes, and its towering columns, while above bends its canopy, fretted with the tracery of Deity's hand. In the heart of every true Mason this temple has its shrine, while its entire fabric is hallowed by God's word, and every part made strong and lasting by the cement of brotherly love. Let us keep pure and holy this glorious structure, and we may hope to walk by the beautiful river of life and enjoy for ever the beatitudes of the just."

"We seek that City Grand,
The House of Deity.

By His Divine Omniscience planned,
Based through all depths by God's right hand,
Reared to all height, whose pillars stand,
Built for Eternity."

Humility is a lesson which, in these self-asserting days, may fairly be recommended to us all alike. We are all, Sir, apt to become in ourselves, through the frailty of mortality, egotistical, selfish, and inconsiderate. In this Royal Arch Degree we are taught to be humble before God, and humble with our brethren. We are to seek to "honour all men" rightly and properly, and never to forget that while it is our duty to adhere to principle, at all hazards, and never to abandon the strait path of duty on any consideration, or for any bribe, we are always to be meek and self-restrained in our estimation of ourselves, our own position, our claims or talent, and anxious to recognize merit and admire goodness in others, in all persons, and under all circumstances. And, lastly, we are reminded of the duty of Perseverance. Like the faithful Sojourners, we are to persevere in our labours until the end, working on faithfully in spite of every obstacle. We are to be faithful in every good word and work. Just as did the patriotic

Jews of old, so are we to labour to rebuild the walls of the Temple, the temple of truth in our hearts, with our swords by our sides and our trowels in our hands. We are never to weary, never to give up, never to sit down with lackadaisical lamentations by the way, but to work on until the Grand Master of us all calls us from toil to rest, from time to eternity. Such are some lessons among many others which the beautiful ceremonial of the Royal Arch Degree teaches us all, and may they serve to adorn and illustrate the history of this new chapter in the whole of its future career. As Oliver well puts it, "with such a series of emblems as this Royal Arch Degree sets before us, it will be impossible, (let us hope), to forget the moral which they are intended to convey to sojourners, and companions alike. For in this grade we find a completion of the lesson we were first taught at our admission into Masonry, and which has accompanied our onward course thus far. Reverence to God, love for man, kindness and assistance to our brethren, the cardinal virtues and the social duties, these are our teachings and these should be our practice. Yes, if we humbly seek to practice all these goodly lessons and all these needful duties, in all fidelity and zeal, we shall be truly Royal Arch Masons, and by God's Great Mercy, may hope one day to ascend to an immortal inheritance into those heavenly mansions, veiled from mortal eye, in which the Great Jehovah presides over that Grand and Heavenly Chapter, where peace, order, harmony, and love eternally endure. Let us then, companions of this new chapter, strive to keep close to the Centre of that Sacred Circle which encloses us all in its mystic harmony, so that, faithful sojourners, and loving companions, we may at last, our labours ended, our building consummated, hope to be admitted under the Royal Arch of the Divine Mercy, into the Holy presence of the King of Kings, into those beatific mansions, made without hands, eternal in the Heavens. Let us all say—So mote it be!

At the conclusion of the oration, the remaining portion of the ceremonial was conducted by Comp. Hervey, with his accustomed skill and effect, and the rendering of the consecration service seemed to produce considerable effect on the companions present.

Comp. Hervey proceeded to instal Comp. H. C. Levander, as M.E.Z.; Comp. Brooke, as H.; and Comp. Lambert, as J.

The election of the officers took place, when Comp. C. F. Hogard was elected E.; Comp. Dubois, Treas.; and Comp. F. C. Levander as P. Soj.

The customary complimentary votes having been passed, and several candidates proposed for exaltation and joining companions, to be balloted for at the next meeting.

The companions adjourned to banquet, which gave every satisfaction, and did great credit to the resources of the Cannon-street Hotel, under the able superintendence of Comp. E. H. Rand.

After grace had been sung, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual R.A. toasts and then gave, in felicitous terms, "The Queen," and, subsequently, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

To the toast of "Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter," Comp. Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Supt. for Middlesex, replied. He said that he rejoiced on that occasion to return thanks for the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, and he was greatly pleased to be present on this most pleasant occasion. He heartily felicitated the companions on the day's proceedings, which he had witnessed with much satisfaction, and he had full confidence in the future of the St. Thomas's Chapter. He doubted not that the emulation arising from the Masonic ability and knowledge possessed by those who were called upon to preside over the chapter, would induce the companions of this new chapter to render the chapter one of the most efficient in the Order. He offered his "Hearty Good Wishes." (Hear, hear.)

In reply to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," Comp. Hervey said, that often as he had addressed the companions of the Order, he had never addressed them with feelings of greater pleasure. On the present occasion he was most happy to be there, first, because he knew he was surrounded by old friends, (hear, hear), and secondly, because he was glad to think, that he had been able, with the assistance of his friends, to consecrate the St. Thomas's Chapter. He was pleased to think that Royal Arch Masonry was extending, and he felt sure of this, that whatever happened elsewhere, there would be no fear of English Masons letting go the principles of Masonry, (hear, hear), those religious principles which, universal in their cosmopolitan character, belonged to the Order. Comp. Woodford, in his oration, had set before them certain truths, which all, he thought, would appreciate, and, for himself, he had never felt greater pleasure than in the ceremonies of the day, in which, assisted by Comps. Buss, and Woodford, and Terry, as the Consecrating Officers, he had sought, and he hoped not in vain, to impress the companions with the ceremonial of the Royal Arch Degree. He was greatly pleased to instal Comp. Levander as First Principal, and he felt sure, from what he knew of the two other Principals and the officers, that the St. Thomas's Chapter would do its work as well as St. Thomas's Lodge. He thanked the companions for the hearty reception accorded to him, as well as for the honour offered to him and his coadjutors in electing them honorary members of the chapter, and he begged to offer in all sincerity, his warmest aspirations, alike for the efficiency of the officers, and the success of St. Thomas's Chapter. (Cheers.)

Comp. Hervey then proposed "The Health of M.E. Comp. Levander, and the Second and Third Principals," in most graceful words, to which Comp. Levander replied in a most effective speech, assuring the companions present that he hoped the St. Thomas's Chapter would become a credit to the Order. He greatly praised the cere-

monial of the day, and returned the warm thanks of the new chapter to Comp. Hervey and the other Consecrating Officers.

The Second and Third Principals responded in very appreciative words, confirming the hopes expressed of future services and zealous work.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Levander in warm and friendly terms.

Comps. De Lande Long, Boyd, Hyde Pullen, Jabez Hogg, and Smallpeice all returned thanks, equally expressing their gratification at the day's proceedings, and spoke in warm eulogy of the pleasant evening they had spent.

The other toasts being disposed of, not forgetting the Janitor's, the companions dispersed at an early hour, feeling that the ceremonies of consecration, so efficiently performed, had made a deep, and let us trust, a lasting impression on their minds, and had enabled them in part to realize the many beauties and the importance of the Royal Arch Degree.

The days of meeting of the new chapter are the third Saturdays in October, January, and April.

The address of the Scribe E., Comp. C. F. Hogard, is 4 to 6, Walling-street, City, E.C.

The new furniture of the chapter was greatly admired by all present.

CONSECRATION OF THE MID-SURREY CHAPTER, No. 1044.

The consecration of the above took place at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, 27th Sept., 1878. Present—Comps. C. W. Gray, M.E.Z. Designate; H. R. Jones, H. Designate; G. Phythian, J. Designate; J. R. Jones, acting S.E.; also Comps. F. Keily, E. F. Storr, J. Stevens, Godfrey W. J. Hunter, Brydges, P.G.S.B., P. Grand Chapter for Middlesex, and several others.

The Chapter having been opened by Comp. H. E. Frances, P.G.D.C. Grand Chapter for Surrey, Comps. J. M. Kleve, R.Z. 1329; E. Crouch, H. 857; acting as H. and J., the companions were admitted and the warrant having been read by the acting S.E., the chapter was duly consecrated in accordance with ancient rites and ceremonies. Comp. Frances performing the ceremony impressively and ably, was well supported by the acting H. and J., and received valuable assistance from Comp. Stevens, as D.C. The grand old anthems, which are incorporated into this fine ceremony, were admirably rendered by Comp. Lawler, assisted by Comps. Carter, Baxter, and Jekyll. The oration, an original composition from the pen of Comp. Frances, was listened to with deep attention, the entire ceremony giving the greatest pleasure to the assembled companions. After the consecration Comps. Gray, Jones, and Phythian, were duly installed into their several chairs by Comp. Frances. The companions afterwards adjourned to the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, to a banquet which must have been the especial study of Messrs Spiers and Pond to make unique. The Masonic toasts were duly honoured, among them was given "Prosperity to the Wandsworth Lodge," of which the Mid-Surrey Chapter is the outcome. Between each toast the musical abilities of Comp. Lawler and his friends were a source of great satisfaction and delight.

CONSECRATION OF TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

The consecration of Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765—formed in connection with the admirable musical institution in Weymouth-st., known as Trinity College—took place on Wednesday, 25th ult. The chief portion of the ceremony was very ably performed by W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.D.; assisted by W. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.D. (as Senior Warden); R.W. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master, Bengal (as Junior Warden); V.W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain; and R.W. Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, District Grand Master, Griqualand (as Director of Ceremonies); The petition and the warrant for the new lodge having been read, and the brethren present having signified their approval of the officers named therein, the P.G.C. delivered a short but eloquent oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry. This was followed by the anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," the music being by Bro. H. Bonavia Hunt, B.Mus. Later on, the Sanctus, composed by Bro. Professor E. M. Lott, was sung; and then the lodge board was uncovered, the Masters and Wardens pro tem carrying the elements of consecration. The lodge having been dedicated in due and solemn form, the anthem "for the Children of Israel," music by Bro. H. J. Stark, B. Mus., was given, the solo parts being finely rendered by Bro. J. Stedman. The further formalities having been duly discharged, a lodge was constituted. The anthem, "I have surely built thee an house," was sung to the setting of Bro. W. Boyce, D. Mus.; and the Benediction having been pronounced, a Board of Past Masters was formed for the installation of Bro. Edwin Matthew Lott, P.M. 245, P.P.J.W. Jersey, P.G.O. Surrey, as first W.M. The brethren having been readmitted, the W.M. chose his officers as follows: Bro. Rev. T. Robbins, D.D., P.M. 1365, S.W.; Bro. Earnest Passawer, LL.D., J.W.; Bro. J. A. Hammond, S.D.; Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, B.Mus. (Oxon), J.D.; Bro. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, B.Mus., (Oxon) I.G.; Bro. J. Stedman, Sec. This important business over a number of candidates for initiation and joining members were proposed, the lodge being then closed in solemn form. It should be mentioned that Bro. Stark officiated as Organist during the consecration, music written for the occasion being very impressively sung by Bros. Lott, Stedman, and Hunt.

The banquet took place at the Café Royal, Regent-street, where, under the presidency of the newly-installed

W.M., a very highly entertaining musical evening was spent.

The "Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, The W.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers," whose merits and excellences were too well-known, he said, to need comment from him.

Bro. Giddy responded. Amongst their Grand Officers there were undoubtedly men thoroughly deserving the high estimation in which they were held by the Craft all over the kingdom. He knew that that sentiment would be thoroughly and heartily endorsed when he mentioned the names of Carnarvon, Skelmersdale, and Leigh. (Cheers.) Equally popular among Masons were their Bros. Hervey, McIntyre, Monckton, and last, but not least, the two Consecrating Officers who had honoured them with their services and presence to day. One and all had rendered great service to Masonry; and they were men of whom the Craft might well be proud. (Hear, hear.) The skilful manner in which their Bro. Clerke had discharged the duties that had fallen to him in that day's important and interesting ceremony entitled him alike to the admiration and gratitude of their newly-founded lodge. Nothing had ever delighted him more than the impressive manner in which the words of their beautiful ritual were delivered. And whilst they expressed their delight at the ability with which Bro. Clerke had acquitted himself, they must not—indeed, could not—forget to acknowledge the excellent service rendered them by their rev. brother, the Past Grand Chaplain, (hear, hear), who, in his admirable address had set before them some grand truths, upon which they would do well to ponder. With the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France still fresh in their minds, it was well that Bro. Arnold should strive to bring them back to the first principles of Freemasonry, which acknowledged the rule of the Supreme Architect of the Universe in all the operations of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) It was of all things desirable that the true landmarks, as it were, of their Order should be kept in view. On behalf of himself and the rest of the Grand Officers, he thanked the brethren very heartily for the cordial reception they had given them.

Bro. Shadwell Clerke then proposed, amid much enthusiasm, "The Health of the First Master of Trinity College Lodge," a toast, he said, which required no elaboration on his part to secure for it a hearty response. (Cheers.) A good many months ago Bro. Lott mentioned to him that a project was in hand for starting a lodge in connection with Trinity College. At the time he (Bro. Clerke) laid before him various difficulties connected with the undertaking—for difficulties of some kind were inseparable from matters of that kind; but on taking counsel together they were found not to be of an insuperable character, and by the determined perseverance of Bro. Lott, and those who worked with him, they had all been overcome, the scheme culminating in the perfect and interesting success that day accomplished. (Cheers.) To him it was an unusual pleasure to be connected with a lodge which united with true Masonic devotion a zealous cultivation of the ennobling art of music. Of what the lodge was likely to become in a musical sense, they had that day received a foretaste in the magnificent performance both in lodge and at banquet. Of one thing, he was quite certain that Trinity College Lodge could not have made a better selection of a first Master. (Cheers.) Bro. Lott was an old and a tried Mason; he had done good service both in the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of France, and the experience thus gained could not fail to be of great use both to the lodge and the Craft generally. Beyond this, his high musical ability pre-eminently marked him out for the position to which he had that day been raised; and altogether it would be difficult to imagine how the lodge could have been ushered in under more gratifying auspices. He congratulated the W.M. heartily upon the proud and honourable office to which he had attained; and on behalf of Grand Lodge he wished him and Trinity College Lodge all happiness and prosperity in this his first year of office. (Cheers.)

The W.M., who was loudly cheered, briefly returned thanks. Trinity Lodge, he observed, was designed for music, not for talk; therefore they would not expect from him anything beyond a simple but heartfelt acknowledgment of the compliment that had just been paid him. The thing he had most at heart was, as they knew, the perfection of church music; the next, he admitted, was the prosperity of Trinity College. (Hear, hear.) The organization of Trinity College Lodge had been a work of pleasure, not a trouble, and for what little time and energy he had expended upon it he was amply repaid by the crowning success of that day. (Hear, hear.) The lodge was chiefly intended for musical men, and the brethren must not complain if they had real music set before them. (Laughter.) Though a Past Master of two lodges, he felt none the less pride at the dignity they had conferred on him to-day, for which, as one of the founders of the lodge, he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. (Cheers.)

"The Health of the Consecrating Officers" was next given by the W.M., who remarked, that he believed, had it not been for Bros. Clerke and Phillips, Trinity College Lodge would not have been consecrated for another two years to come. Personally he felt indebted to them more than he could express; but when they remembered that they could not possibly have done without them to-day, brethren would be able to estimate their services for themselves.

Bro. Clerke responded, regretting that the exigencies of the railway had compelled their rev. brother, the Past Grand Chaplain, to leave the banquet before the toast could be proposed. He regretted it, because they must all agree that he had fulfilled his part in the day's ceremony with special grace and ability. (Hear, hear.) As the principal Consecrating Officer, he desired to testify to the able and perfect manner in which his coadjutor had assisted him in his important duties. He was sure that his colleagues felt with

himself that it was a great pleasure to be allowed to come amongst the founders of Trinity College Lodge, to take part in their ceremony, and to bear witness to the esteem in which their first Master was held among Masons. (Hear, hear.) He hoped and predicted that Trinity College Lodge would have a glorious future. In coming there to-day, the Consecrating Officer had formed a good many friendships, which he hoped would be lasting ones. On future occasions, he should be only too delighted to be allowed to take part in what they might call their family gatherings; and from the very promising character of their opening meeting he felt sure that he would never come away disappointed. He thanked them for their recognition of his small services, which were at their disposal if at any future time they should again be required. (Cheers.)

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors." As the founders of the lodge numbered only seven, it would have been very difficult for them to have created so successful a meeting as they had to-day out of their own forces. Therefore, they were unfeignedly glad to see the visitors, as indeed they would be on all occasions. He could promise them something to eat, good music, and no restrictions upon tobacco. (Laughter.) With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Routledge.

Bro. Routledge, in reply, expressed the gratification he had derived from being permitted to take part in the day's proceedings—a gratification that was enhanced by the opportunity now given him of expressing his feelings on the subject. He proposed, therefore, to offer a few remarks upon the advantages of Masonry in general and of musical lodges in particular. Oh, but he observed the Worshipful Master pulling a long face at that intimation—(Laughter.)

The W.M. No, no; I am prepared to listen to you with pleasure.

Bro. Routledge: Well, under the circumstances, perhaps, it was better he should not descend upon the subject (renewed laughter), interesting as it was; and, therefore, he would content himself with saying that whilst good fellowship reigned in all their lodges, in none could the spirit of harmony exist to a greater degree than in Trinity College Lodge, 1765. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M., in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," remarked that a Master would not be worth his salt if it were not for the cordial and efficient assistance of his officers. They might put a man in the chair, but by himself he would be a perfect stick. Before appointing his officers, he was perfectly certain that the men he had chosen were good ones; and that he was equally sure would be proved as time rolled by. He was convinced that in the brother, who in the ordinary course of things, would succeed him in the chair, they would have a Master of whom they would hereafter say, that he was the best that Trinity College Lodge ever saw. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Robbins, observing the rule of the W.M., that the business of the evening was music, not speech-making, returned thanks in a few words.

The W.M. remarked, that the programme he had laid down for himself was—first, the lodge; then, when they had refreshed after labour, music, with tobacco; spending a pleasant evening, and getting home in good time. Trinity College Lodge was per se a musical lodge; and any of the brethren who felt they could enjoy themselves in that way would always be heartily welcome.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list, but the W.M. afterwards took occasion to acknowledge the valuable services rendered in the formation of the lodge by Bro. B. Hunt, who suitably acknowledged the compliment. We should add that the music at the banquet, sustained principally by the W.M., and Bros. Hunt and Stedman, gave gratification to all present. Handel's, "Where'er you Walk," and Nelson's, "Mary of Argyle," sung by Bro. Stedman, elicited much applause.

A WORD TO INVESTORS.—Throughout the whole of these terrible Continental disturbances, it is surprising to note the little fluctuation, considering all circumstances, which have occurred in the government securities of Russia, Austria, Prussia, and Hungary. Russia, however, owes what credit she now enjoys to faith in her punctuality—especially as shewn during the Crimean War—rather than to any well-grounded belief in her solvency. With regard to Austria and Hungary the position is very different. No severe strain upon the vast resources of these Empires has, or is likely to occur, and no better investments exist than the loans emitted by these governments, solely for public works, with the sanction and guarantee of the different legislatures. These loans are discharged from the revenues arising from the works they were contracted to construct, as well as from the general revenues of the country also. The repayments take place by "drawings" at fixed dates, half-yearly, or more frequently, and to each drawing a certain amount of "bonuses" are attached, so that important benefits may accrue, at any time, to holders of these debentures. This is an attractive addition to an exceedingly good rate of interest. For the *modus operandi* of these drawings, as well as other particulars, we must refer intending investors to an important and exceedingly interesting prospectus issued gratuitously by Ernst Wilhelm and Co., 3, Victoria-street, E.C.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Nervous debility often occurs at this season of the year in persons otherwise healthy, but who having overtaxed mind and body in some one of the many ways so common nowadays, suffer in consequence from an irritability of the whole nervous system, characterised more especially by sleeplessness, tremors, palpitation of the heart, and a general feeling of shakiness and sense of unstrung fibre more distressing even than the actual pain. The muscular and vital energies in these cases seem almost as if they were utterly relaxed, and mental despondency sufficient to alarm anxious relatives and friends, often accompanies this condition; no time should be lost, but immediate recourse had to these powerfully tonic and restorative remedies.—[Adv.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

Anthony Trollope will contribute a new and original story to the Christmas Number of the "Masonic Magazine."

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, opened the new Masonic Hall on Wednesday, at Shipley, near Bradford, which has been erected as a memorial of the jubilee of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387. The building has cost £10,000, and is said to be one of the finest Masonic halls in Yorkshire. After the opening ceremony had been concluded, a luncheon was served at the Bellevue Hotel, Bradford, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The large clock for the New Law Courts will shortly be placed in the main tower facing the Strand. It will be larger than any metropolitan clock, except Big Ben, and will have two dials of gun metal, each nine feet in diameter, with gilt figures and hands, and adorned by ornamental framework terminating with gables. The distance from the ground to the roof of the case will be 114 feet, and the dials will therefore be visible at a great distance.

Mr. Brock, of 30, Osnaburgh-street, Regent's Park, has been commissioned to execute a statue of Mr. Robert Raikes, the founder of Sunday-schools. The statue will, it is believed, when completed, be erected on the Thames Embankment.

Bro. Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., is to deliver on the evening of Tuesday, the 5th of November, the opening address of the winter session of the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will, according to the *Yorkshire Gazette*, be held on Thursday next, the 10th inst., at Beverley, at 2.30 p.m., at the Assembly Rooms. At noon the brethren will be conducted over Beverley Minster, and there will be an organ recital by Bro. J. Camidge. A banquet will take place at five p.m. at the Assembly Rooms.

Professor James C. Watson, of Ann Arbor, announces the discovery by himself, on September 22, of a planet of the eleventh magnitude in R. A. 23 hours 14 mins., dec. 8 deg. 1 min. south, with a slow motion south.

The consecration of the Abbey Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 225, will be performed by V.W. Bro. P. M. Holden, Past Grand Mark Chaplain, at Abingdon, on Wednesday, October 30th. Several distinguished Mark Masons have signified their intention of being present. Special railway arrangements that have been made will enable London brethren to return to town the same evening, at 8.30. Further particulars will be duly announced.

The consecration of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, was performed by Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P., &c., on Thursday last, at the Morpeth Arms, Millbank. Bro. Boyd was assisted in the ceremonies by Bro. H. G. Buss, A.G.S. The officers installed were Bros. John Palmer, W.M., Caleb Holden, S.W., and John Hunt, J.W. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire held its annual meeting at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday last. A full report of the interesting proceedings will appear in due course.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Prov. G.M., as President of the Salt Schools, Saltair, delivered an address there on Thursday week, on the subject of education, his chief point being that instruction should be more largely than at present directed to the development of the moral side of character.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed on Wednesday last, at the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, by Bro. James Terry, before over eighty brethren, forty-three of whom were visitors, who afterwards became members. A fuller report will appear in our next.

By an obvious misprint the word "Boys" was printed for "Girls" at the heading of the report of the meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Aristarchus, in the *Whitehall Review*, states, "I believe I am correct in saying that Mr. 'Cleopatra Needle' Wilson has been offered the honour of Knighthood by Her Majesty, and that he has accepted the Queen's gracious acknowledgment of his enterprise."

The Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise will sail for Canada on the 14th November from Liverpool, in the Allan steamer "Sarmatian," which has been specially engaged by the Government for the transport of the Governor of Canada and his suite. The "Sarmatian" is the vessel which conveyed the Black Watch to the Ashantee War.

The consecration of the St. Leonard Lodge, of Freemasons, No. 1766, will take place on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch.

Bro. John Millward, of Longnor, near Buxton, the oldest Mason in England, died on Saturday last. He was initiated in the year 1811.

Rothsay Lodge, No. 1687.—A report of the installation meeting, which took place on Wednesday last will appear in our next.

The Annual Banquet of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, will be held on Wednesday October 30th, at Bro. Hyde's, The Red Lion, Fleet-street, E.C. Bro. Long, the Preceptor of the Lodge, will preside.

Several communications, owing to the pressure upon our columns, stand over until next week.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, October 11, 1878.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
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.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor, Hammersmith-gt.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 993, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderer's, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent-gdn.
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
Supreme Council, 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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.
Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, 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. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st.
" 1503, Francis Briddett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Grand Council, Ill. Kts., K.-H., 30, at 4.45, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., 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, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
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.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Lodge 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 206, Friendship, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles, S.E.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.

Lodge 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1523, St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 140, St. George's, Globe, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Islington.
" 1383, Friend's in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
Mark, 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

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.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
Mark, 176, Era, Bridge House Hot.
Encamp. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.
P.G. Chap. and Lodge, R.O. of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
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, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
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 Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 12, 1878.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.

Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 281, Fortitude, 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.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Crostheth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 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.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
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