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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—The last meeting of this influential lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 10th instant, when there were present, amongst others, Bros. T. B. Dodson, W.M.; Heige, S.W.; Parker, acting J.W.; Dalwood, I.P.M.; Wallington, P.M., Treas.; Littell, P.M., Sec.; Dickins, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Christian, acting I.G.; Baker, D.C.; Burleton, Steward; and Thompson, P.M. The visitors were Bros. J. Dodson, W.M. 55; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, &c. (*Freemason*); and Cozens, Organist, Royal Albert. The latter brother, in the absence of Bro. Seymour Smith, ably presided at the harmonium. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers, raised Bros. Jackson, Todd, and Windas, to the Degree of M.M., and initiated Messrs. Crack and Jenkins. The ceremonies were well performed. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave with commendable brevity the customary Royal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that considering it was the first essay, the W.M. had performed his lodge duties very creditably. He said that the W.M. was very popular with the members of the Dalhousie Lodge, not only for his geniality, but for his attention to the lodge, and his good qualities generally. He, the I.P.M., had had the pleasure of introducing him to the lodge, and he was very gratified that he had made such rapid strides in Masonry as to be considered by the members of so old a lodge as No. 860 worthy to occupy the proud position of W.M. He had begun his office financially well, and he believed that in Bro. Dodson they had a W.M. who would, at the expiration of his tenure, leave the lodge in good circumstances in every respect. In conclusion, he wished the W.M. health and prosperity. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. made a very humorous reply. "The Initiates" followed, and the toast was acknowledged in appropriate terms by the brethren thus honoured. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed the great gratification he felt at being in a position to dispense the hospitality of the lodge to their visiting brethren, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way satisfactory to them. This toast having been warmly received, Bros. Dodson and Walls responded to it. "The Past Masters" came next. In introducing this toast the W.M. expatiated at length upon the great personal obligations he was under to those distinguished brethren. He said they had also done good suit and service to the lodge, and he hoped that their example would inspire those young members of the Dalhousie Lodge who were "working up" to emulate their good deeds. In referring to the I.P.M., he said that no member could display greater energy in Masonic matters than Bro. Dalwood. He was an excellent "worker," and a most genial brother, but as he had occupied the chair nearly three years, his, the I.P.M.'s, merits were so well known to them all, that he hoped they would pardon his dilating any further on the subject. This toast having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. made a neat and modest response. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next, and drew from those brethren very able replies, Bro. Littell's speech being particularly good. In giving "The Officers," the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon possessing so strong an array of hard working members. The duties of the chair could not be fairly carried out unless the officers were thoroughly conversant with their respective responsibilities. It would be invidious to make comparisons, but there were two prominent members of the working staff who were deservedly entitled to more than mere honourable mention, and they were Bros. Heige, S.W., and Dickins, S.D. (Hear, hear.) This pledge having been heartily received "The Masonic Press," and the Tyler's Toast

terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most eminently successful. During the evening Bro. Cozens and others contributed some very excellent instrumental and vocal music. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the second Thursday in November next.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The regular October meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Moore, W.M. Amongst the brethren present were the following officers:—Bros. Blakemore, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Thomas Kingston, P.M., Treasurer; James Weaver, P.M.; Secretary; Tait, J.D.; and Bros. Jones and Walker, Past Masters. The Worshipful Master performed the work, which consisted of initiating Mr. William Jones, and raising Bro. James Irvine. Bro. Blakemore, S.W., was elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; Bro. Thomas Kingston, Treasurer, and Bro. John Gilbert, Tyler; Bro. Pike was elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Moore. The brethren afterwards disposed of some technical business, and subsequently closed lodge. A banquet at Freemasons' Tavern followed, and the usual toasts were proposed. Bro. Walker, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said this was the last time Bro. Moore would have the privilege and honour of presiding, and the toast, therefore, called for more remarks than at the other times he presided. The W.M. had said he was going to have short speeches that evening, and that would be his (Bro. Walker's) excuse, even if he desired to make a long speech, for making a short one. The health of the W.M. was a pleasing subject to talk about. The proper course to pursue would be to recapitulate some of the events of the W.M.'s year, but he could not charge his mind with anything special, excepting that the W.M. had been most exemplary in discharging the duties attached to the office, that he had amply fulfilled the advice which he received when he was installed in the chair, and had shewn great courtesy to all. It was a matter of congratulation that it had been so, and that he had not been found wanting in anything which attached to his position. He would like to draw the brethren's attention to the very eloquent and able style in which he had performed the ceremonies. The compliment which the brethren had paid the W.M. by voting to him in the lodge a P.M.'s jewel was well deserved, and the brethren felt so, as was evinced by the general approval with which the motion was received. The money value of the jewel was not so important as the unanimity with which the proposition was greeted, each brother vying with the other to do the W.M. honour. The W.M., in reply, said he highly appreciated the very courteous and kindly manner in which his I.P.M. and friend, Bro. Walker, had referred to him, and also to the brethren for the very generous way in which they had received his remarks. Bro. Walker had referred to his (the W.M.'s) good qualities; but there was no man, as a rule, who, if he asked himself the question, and answered it honourably and honestly, was so well acquainted with his faults as the man himself. He (the W.M.) was conscious of two or three slips during his year of office; but although he was conscious of those slips, he was conscious of this fact, that they had been altogether unintentional. He could not help feeling (and he said it with all candour, relying entirely on that good brotherly feeling which existed amongst the brethren), a little ashamed of himself when he came to the end of the ceremony of raising that evening that he forgot one or two items; but it was six or seven months since he went through it, and he had not had an opportunity of instruction since then. Bro. Walker, however, helped him through the difficulty. He certainly appreciated very much the brethren's goodwill, and he hoped he should always retain it. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Initiate." In building up a house there must be foundation stones, and the initiate would remember he was placed in a certain position in the lodge figuratively to represent the foundation stone. They always welcomed initiates whom they could look forward to as men whose society they would enjoy, and treat essentially as brethren in the true and honest sense of the word. They had with them one that evening who, although he (the W.M.) only knew superficially at present, he wished to speak of as he found him, and in this case he found the initiate a man, who by his manner of going through the ceremony, seemed impressed with the seriousness of the undertaking. In a few words apart with him while sitting at the table the initiate told him he was very much impressed with the poetry and grandeur of the Masonic ritual. Now, when a man told him that he thought the brethren might look upon him as a good and true brother. The toast having been honoured, Bro. William Jones said he was no speaker, and, therefore, would be very brief in what he said; but what he had to say he could say with all his soul. He thanked the brethren for the kindly manner of his reception, and particularly for the kindly assistance he received from those brethren who surrounded him and the W.M. For years, and though his life had not been a long one, he could say, for years and for years he had thought there was something about Masonry which he should like to know, and in knowing, possibly to belong to it; but for the life of him he never could understand what Masonry was, and up to the present he must say he did not know much; but this much he would say, that in the course of his business he had fortunately been thrown among men who had happened to be Masons, with whose character and honesty he was much impressed—very much impressed. On those grounds he was among the brethren that evening. If there was something to be learned then they would find him a very apt student indeed. So far, he might tell them that he highly appreciated what he had seen, among which was the good fellowship by which strangers were pleased to recognise a man as a brother, if that man was respectfully introduced to them. He was

sure that introduction was realised in the minds of the brethren, and he only hoped that in the future his association with the brethren would be equally agreeable as it had been yet. If it was as agreeable to the end as it was now, he felt assured that it would be pleasant and profitable to all of them. The W.M. proposed "The W.M. Elect." The majority of them had known Bro. Blakemore some years, and had seen how very carefully and conscientiously he had carried out all his duties in every office to which he had been appointed. He (the W.M.) felt certain, and he was sure all the brethren did, that now Bro. Blakemore had been elected to the responsible position of W.M. of the lodge, he would as well fulfil his duties in the future as he had in the past. Bro. Blakemore in responding, said he was pleased that the brethren appreciated his performance of his past duties by calling him to a more important office, in which he hoped to acquit himself with the same credit as the brethren considered he had in the assistant offices. The W.M. had spoken of him in very high terms. He (Bro. Blakemore) did not think he was deserving of such eulogy, but he hoped by the time he had finished his career in office the brethren would give him the same kind vote which on the motion of Bro. Walker had been passed to Bro. Moore. He looked forward to that event with a great deal of pleasure, as it was his highest ambition. When he got it, if he did get it, he should feel that he had deserved the honour which they had conferred on him that evening. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters." He felt, as he was very likely soon to be one of that body, that he was interested in the toast, but when he was one of the body, he would try to be a worthy member of it. It was clear to him from his twelve month's experience that the P.M.s. were by no means nonentities, for they were very useful to the W.M., to whom they gave the advantage of their past experiences; having gone through the mill themselves they knew the W.M.'s weak points. They were always able and willing to come and assist the W.M., and of this fact the brethren had had a proof that evening. Bro. Jones and Bro. Walker replied, the latter stating that everything appertaining to the office of Treasurer was in a very prosperous condition; also, that there was no debt, everything having been paid except the small dinner that night. Bro. Kingston, the Treasurer, desired him to say that he had a very large balance in hand, such a one as would charm the hearts of the Auditors a few weeks hence. The W.M. then gave "The Officers." He thought the brethren were all fully conscious of the very excellent way in which the officers conducted their duties. When he joined the Whittington Lodge he was, although ignorant of what Freemasonry was, on the very first occasion impressed very unfavourably with those brethren who had to conduct him through the ceremony, and he remembered, when he was a very young Mason, only three months' old, that he felt so strongly on the point that he spoke out about it, and brought forward a proposition, which was, although unintentionally, offensive. He then proposed that no one should be permitted to take office unless he was able to fulfil the duties. Since that time, though he did not say his proposition had anything to do with it, a better condition of working had prevailed, and so far as the officers were concerned, no Master could succeed unless they were good officers. However well up in his own personal duties he might be, it was impossible he could impress candidates favourably unless he was thoroughly well supported by all his officers. He might do the work as well as it was possible to be done; but if his officers were not efficient, the whole affair went as a piece of machinery would where one cog in a wheel was broken. The initiate to-night would bear him out when he said that everything went as smoothly as it possibly could, and for that smoothness he (the W.M.) was indebted in a great measure to the officers. He had great pleasure in testifying that during his year of office he had been greatly indebted to them. All the officers responded, and the brethren then separated.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, under the able presidency of Bro. W. A. Morgan, the W.M. The following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. J. B. Walker, J.W.; H. Wilson, Treasurer; J. Frost, Secretary; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; Fredk. Reed, D.C.; F. W. Wardroper, I.G.; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; George Howick, P.M.; H. E. Francis (visitor), P.M.; J. G. Kenney, P.M.; H. R. Jones, I.P.M.; P. Cooke, P.M.; C. W. Gray, P.M.; F. H. Newens, P.M.; John Sanders, J. F. Tucker, Percy V. Denham, W. Springett, W. H. Price, A. J. Duck, G. Clark, H. J. Newens, Geo. Fortescue, and A. A. Denham. Bro. Boddy, P.M., filled the position of S.W. Bro. J. Sanders was raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Tucker passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Joseph William Marshall and Mr. William Field, were initiated by the W.M. It was unanimously resolved, upon the motion of Bro. Carter, P.M., seconded by Bro. Gray, P.M., that a jewel of the value of five guineas, and a purse containing a like amount, be presented to Bro. John Frost, the Secretary, for the very efficient manner in which he had carried on the duties of his office for many years past. At the conclusion of the business an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. H. Dougherty, when the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, 10th inst., at the Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks, West Ham, and was opened by Bro. John White, the W.M., at 6 p.m., precisely. The officers present beside the W.M. were J. Dorton, I.P.M.; A. Knox, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; F. Brian, S.W.; P. McCarthy, J.W.; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. and Treas.; Jas. Mitchell, Sec.; H. Taplay, S.D.; T. Job. J.D.;

W. Dorton, I.G.; W. Nevens, D.C.; A. R. Mason, W.S.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and B. Norman, O.G.; The visitors included Bros. F. A. White, P.M. 907; B. Carter, P.M. 898 and 1381; H. Balls, 77; G. H. Stephens, Delraclair, 13; Smith, 1100; and C. Jolly, 913; (*Freemason*). The lodge having been duly opened, the only business presented was the election of W.M., Treasurer, and O.G., for the ensuing year; and unanimously Bro. Brian, S.W., was elected for the former; Bro. Brayshaw for the second, and Bro. Norman, for the latter position. Bros. Miles, Thomson and Mason, were elected as Auditors, and Bro. P. M. Holliday as President, and Bro. Mason, as Vice President of the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge, of which a report was received and passed unanimously. It was then unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to Bro. White, the W.M., as a token of the esteem and respect entertained for him by the lodge, and then it was closed in due form. A pleasant and prettily arranged collation having been discussed, the W.M., gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Sherwin, singing a verse of the National Anthem, at that of "The Queen and the Craft;" and here we may say "en passant," that his manipulation of the harmonium during the evening materially enhanced the charms of the very good singing that enlivened the proceedings. Bro. Dorton then gave "The W.M." and in so doing said he rose with a great deal of pleasure to propose the toast, one that they as Masons always delighted to honour in that lodge, it was that of their W.M. (Cheers). As he had had an opportunity once before that evening of saying, with respect to Bro. White, they had watched him closely during his year of office, and seen how he had striven to do his duty, and how faithfully he had done it. They were about to lose him, that was to say, he would soon leave that chair to which he had been so great an honour, and on his leaving it, he Bro. Dorton only desired to convey to him the sentiments of both himself and the lodge when he wished him every happiness and prosperity. (Loud cheers.) He had done his duty well, and faithfully, and when he came among them, the Past Masters, they would receive him with as much pleasure as he felt sure the lodge would with regret at his leaving the chair. (Cheers). The toast having been drunk most enthusiastically. Bro. White, in reply said, after thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of his name, that he could not do more than he had done in the lodge, or say more to thank them than he had said. If it were possible he would only intensify them. Their kindness would always be remembered by him, and so long as he lived, so long would their esteem be the most precious memory of his life. (Loud Cheers). The next toast was that of "The Visitors." The W.M. said he was pleased to say they had rather an extended list of visitors, and he felt that the brethren of the Capper Lodge would give them such a reception as would bring them again to the lodge. (Cheers and laughter). Bro. White in reply expressed his pleasure at seeing the marked change there was in the lodge. It was not the first time he had been with them, and although that night he had not had the pleasure of seeing the W.M. work yet he felt sure it was such as maintained the good working name for which the Capper Lodge was noted. (Cheers). For himself he thanked the W.M., and was pleased to see the unanimity and good feeling which existed in the lodge; at the present time, and trusted it would continue. (Applause). The next toast was that of the "Past Masters," and in reply to a very flattering yet earnest eulogium of the W.M., Bro. Dorton said that during the time he had sat at the left of the W.M., he had always endeavoured to do his duty. It was the last time he should have the honour of being so close to the chair, and the last time he should have the honour of responding to that toast, but he should always remember with pleasure and pride the year he had sat as I.P.M. in the Capper Lodge. (Loud Cheers).

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 1st instant, when there were present Bros. Reeves, W.M.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.W.; Kohler, J.W.; Higgins, I.P.M.; Page, P.G.S., P.M., &c., Treasurer; Sturat, P.M., Secretary; Speedy, S.D.; Marston, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Honeywell, P.M., Organist; Stokes, W.S.; Stranger, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Everett, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Pope, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., with the assistance of his officers, installed Messrs. Baldock and Boyce into Craft mysteries in a very careful manner. The ballot for Bros. Downie, 186, and Collett, 1470, as joining members, proved to be unanimous. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the members and visitors adjourned to the banquet. Amongst the latter were Bros. Fox, P.M. 73; Wood, I.G. 180; J. Kent, 177. The Royal and Craft toasts having been done full justice to, Bro. Higgins, I.P.M., rose and proposed "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the W.M. upon the careful manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening. He also said that the W.M. was deserving of great praise for having surmounted many difficulties that had arisen in consequence of his business engagements, and which in a less zealous brother might have materially interfered with the proper performance of his Masonic duties. In conclusion, he wished him every prosperity and happiness during the remainder of his year of office. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. made a brief response, in which he said that it was very pleasing after a recess of six months, to meet them again. He was sorry that they had not met in greater numbers, but this, no doubt, was due in a great measure to the continuance of the fine weather, which had tempted many of their members to extend their holidays. He incidentally mentioned that he had suffered a very severe domestic bereave-

ment since their last meeting, but he was very grateful and thankful that his health had permitted him to preside there that evening. He looked forward to a very pleasant termination to his year of office as Master of the Kennington Lodge, and, in conclusion, he congratulated the members upon its prosperous position, financially and otherwise. "The Initiates" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Bro. Baldock and Boyce. The toast of "The Visitors" drew from the brethren thus honoured a very warm and flattering acknowledgment of the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained. In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. made some very humorous remarks in praise of each. In conclusion, however, he expressed his personal obligations to those brethren for the assistance and counsel they had freely given him from his advent in the lodge to the present time, and he believed that no young lodge possessed so strong and distinguished a body of Past Masters as No. 1381 did. This toast was briefly acknowledged by the I.P.M. "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a termination. During the evening Bro. Honeywell and others musically entertained the brethren, who separated until the first Tuesday in November next.

ECCLESTON LODGE, (No. 1624).—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, at the Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico, and was most numerously attended. Bro. D. H. M'Leod, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, and a great array of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Wade, 860; Steel, P.M. 1194; Pollard, 858; Summers, 1360; T. Poore, P.M. 720; Wyer, I.P.M. 1314; Bond, 1314; K. Smith, 1441; Cameron, P.M. 180; Holland, P.M. 172; Collard, 149; Cantler, P.M. 1441; Hunt, 1772; Renshaw, 194; Crow, 141; Beckett, 780; Hunt, 1348; Baker, 1641; H. Thompson, 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*); and others. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees three brethren were then duly passed as F.C. The next business was to instal Bro. Joseph Charles Flattely, the W.M. elect, into the chair. Having been duly presented and addressed all the brethren below the chair were requested to retire, when a Board of Installed Masters, thirteen in number, was formed, and Bro. Flattely was installed into the chair of K. S. by Bro. M'Leod, the retiring Master. This part of the ceremony, as well as the rest of it, was performed with an ease and impressiveness that elicited the warmest expressions of approval from some of the oldest and most experienced Past Masters who formed the Board of Installed Masters. On the brethren being admitted, and the new W. Master having received the customary salutes, he appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Vincent, S.W.; Samuel Jones, J.W.; Isaacs, Treasurer; Beckham, Secretary; J. Hoole Fisher, S.D.; E. Powell, J.D.; Wedham, Organist; Goole, I.G.; C. Taylor, and H. Johnson, Dir. of Cers; Jackson and Wilson, Stewards; Tapp and Thomas, Tylers. Bro. M'Leod then delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren in a careful and impressive manner. The new W. Master immediately entered upon his duties, and in a most able manner initiated Mr. Joseph Ashbourn and Mr. John Reece Jones into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The business of the lodge was then brought to a close, and the brethren retired to the banquet room, the W. Master presiding. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W. Master said that the first toast he had to bring under the notice of the brethren was one that always met with a hearty response in the Eccleston Lodge, as it was that of "The Queen and the Craft." There was no company of Englishmen who were assembled under whatever name it might bear, but that name was cordially received, and it was a name that was respected and loved throughout the whole of the civilised world. He gave them then "The Queen and the Craft." The toast was cordially received and followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts by the professional singers. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R. H. The Prince of Wales." As the first member of the Royal Family he was entitled to their highest consideration, but when they knew that he was their Most Worshipful Grand Master that gave him an additional claim to their consideration. From the time of his installation he had lost no opportunity of showing his great desire to make himself a thorough Mason. He hoped, therefore, that the brethren would cordially respond to this toast and in a manner that the subject of it deserved. The toast was drunk, followed by a sharp and ringing "fire" and Brinley Richard's well-known song. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that they were not that night honoured by the presence of any of the Grand Officers, but if they were they would not be able to tell them any more than he (the W. Master) that they were a most hard-working and zealous body, and they might see by the Masonic Press that the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, were constantly at work either consecrating new lodges or installing brethren in others. He was sure, therefore, that the brethren would heartily respond to the toast of "The Grand Officers." Bro. M'Leod, I. Past Master, said for the first time an instrument had been placed in his hands which really did not belong to him, the W. Master had placed in his hand; his gavel, and in Masonry that was synonymous to a request that they would pay respect to the chair, to the W. Master of the Eccleston Lodge. The toast he had to propose was "The Health of the W. Master of the Eccleston Lodge." He was sure that Bro. Flattely deserved their applause, for in his person was exemplified everything that was good in Freemasonry, and he believed that those good qualities would also be maintained by those who might follow him to the chair. He would make no invidi-

ous distinction between those who might come ten, twenty, or fifty years hence as Worshipful Masters of the Eccleston Lodge, for they would never forget those great principles which as Freemasons it was their pride to promulgate, as he was sure their W. Master would do credit to the lodge he asked the brethren to give him their confidence. The situation of a Master of a lodge was by no means a sinecure, and if he made the slightest slip in any respect, it might take a long time to eradicate any feeling which might arise therefrom, and he had felt that himself. If he was sure, however, he was doing that which was right, any complaints he should "pass by as the idle word which he regarded not," as he had a duty to perform and to use the power he possessed conscientiously, so that it might be satisfactory to the lodge and the brethren therein. He need not speak as to the good qualities of Bro. Flattely as they were so well-known in Freemasonry. He had now attained to the summit of his profession, and he felt sure that he would conduct the affairs of the lodge with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the brethren. He gave then "The Health of Bro. Flattely, the W. Master of the Eccleston Lodge." The W. Master in responding to the toast, said his Bro. M'Leod had described him in such eulogistic terms that he scarcely knew how to reply to the toast, but he would say that when he first put himself forward to become Master of the lodge he made a resolve to follow in his footsteps, and conduct the affairs of the lodge in a careful and effective manner. He had carried out that determination from the commencement to the best of his ability, and with the assistance of his brother officers and the brethren he trusted that at the end of his Masonic year that they would accord to him the same hearty response as he was sure they would do to the toast he should have to propose. He could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the Eccleston Lodge second to none in the Craft. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose he looked upon as the toast of the evening, and one that he approached with diffidence, as he feared he should not do that justice to it that it deserved, it was "The Health of their Immediate Past Master," he did not believe that any brother could hold up his hand and say that he had not carried out his duties most successfully, for he had never seen him, from the time he took the chair to his leaving it, but most efficiently did he carry out every duty he was called upon to perform. He defied any one to say that the ritual of Freemasonry was ever more correctly or better rendered than it had been by their Past Master. He was endowed with a peculiarly good memory, and he had shown from the first to the last that he could carry out the duties of the lodge in the most successful manner. He might add that their Past Master was second to none in his zeal and earnestness in promulgating the principles of Freemasonry, and he hoped that the day was very far distant when the Eccleston Lodge would lose the benefit of the services of Bro. M'Leod. It would be wrong in him (the W.M.) to say much more in proposing the toast, for he was sure that every brother was satisfied with what he had done, and he had great pleasure in investing him with a jewel, as an evidence of the esteem in which he was held amongst the brethren of the lodge; trusting that for many years he might wear it with credit to himself as the second Master of the Eccleston Lodge. Bro. M'Leod, in returning thanks said, on the present occasion it was indeed difficult to find words to express the sentiments which were so closely wound round his heart and breast, and give utterance to them; the brethren had worked, and he had worked in the Eccleston Lodge, and he was sure they would join with him in expressing the delight and satisfaction at the proceedings of that evening, and having reached the climax they could not but be satisfied. From the manner in which they had received his name he felt assured that whether it was at the immediate time or in the vista of the distant future, the members who might arrive at the same position as he had done, would use the power for the purpose of carrying out what was excellent in Freemasonry, such as had been developed that evening. He need not, however, dwell on the excellence of Freemasonry, as in performing his duty as Installing Master he had to impress upon them the beauties of Freemasonry, to present to them a garland rich in the choicest blossoms, and as members of the Eccleston Lodge to show them that in their path there lay open to them beauty and honours leading to credit and renown. It ought to be their ambition to obtain the highest position in the Craft, and being imbued with the genuine tenets of the Order, seek to obtain the position of W. Master; for he was one to whom not only homage was paid in having the privilege of promulgating principles which were not only beneficial to the Craft but to mankind at large. He felt that he had done what had met with their approbation. He said "God bless the Eccleston Lodge," and might every brother work industriously to obtain his position of W. Master. Throughout the globe might Freemasonry flourish and inculcate those principles he had impressed upon them in the installation ceremony, which he might paraphrase in the words of a great poet:

"As some still cliff that lifts its awful form

Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm.

Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

He trusted that would be the destiny of Freemasonry, and he felt sure that amongst themselves they were privileged to promulgate principles having for their object the welfare of mankind throughout the globe, and that they would go on inculcating those lessons which were taught to every deserving man who was enrolled under their banners. He should carefully preserve the jewel with which they had presented him, which he should ever wear with pride as a token that he had deserved the approbation of the members of the Eccleston Lodge. He had a family, and he hoped in time to introduce his son amongst them, with a hope that he might attain to the same honours. The W.M. then said as regarded the rest of the toasts he should

be very brief, as the hour was late, and the next toast he had to give was that of "The Initiates." What blood was to the human frame so was it to Freemasonry, for without the infusion of new blood Freemasonry would die out, and he felt sure from the careful manner in which their initiates had gone through the ceremonies that night that they would do credit to their Order. Bro. Ashtown returned thanks, and said it was his intention to work hard so as to become a good Mason. The W. Master then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," for which Bro. Hunt returned thanks. The W. Master said he had another toast, which he felt some difficulty in proposing, as it included in it some of the most distinguished brethren in the Craft, and that was the toast of "The Visitors." He simply told the brethren that they had amongst them some of the most experienced Past Masters of the Craft, and the Eccleston Lodge felt honoured at their presence at the installation, and he was glad that nothing went wrong, but all went on in a smooth and pleasing manner. He called upon the brethren to respond in a manner worthy of the toast, it was a toast that was worthy of their approbation, and that was the health of their brother visitors. Bro. Poore, of the Panmure Lodge, and Bro. Wyer, of the Acacia Lodge, responded for the visitors; and after some other toasts had been given the proceedings were brought to a close at rather an advanced hour. Bro. Jos. Cantle was the director of the musical arrangements, and he was assisted by Bros. Frank Percival, Knight Smith, and D. H. M'Leod. The floral and other decorations of the banquetting room were supplied by Bro. Beckham, the Secretary of the Lodge.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The autumn session of this lodge commenced on Monday, October, 14th, when the brethren assembled at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, under the care of the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, W.M. of the lodge. The brethren attending included Bros. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., I.P.M.; Chas. Hogg, M.D., S.W.; A. J. Altman, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; Rev. Richard Lee, M.A., J.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, D.C.; H. Alder Smith, M.D., I.G.; Thomas Benskin, and W. S. Chapman, Stewards; and the following brethren, Bros. John Jackson, Samuel Benton, M.D.; Alfred Brookman, S. White, W. W. Landell (a M. N. in 1821); and Hyde Pullen. The following visitors were also present, Bros. W. A. Barrett, W.M. Orpheus, 1706; Herbert Dickkitts, P.G.S.; Glove, 23; E. R. Marriott, S.W. Isaac Newton, University, 859; and W. Steedman, Tyler. The business of the evening included the consideration of a communication from the Grand Lodge on the recent action of the Grand Orient of France. This consideration was preceded by the W.M. requiring the Secretary to read the 1st Charge of the Book of Constitutions. The lodge endorsed and supported the action of the Grand Lodge. After the despatch of sundry business, the brethren received instruction upon the First Tracing Board from Bro. Hyde Pullen, delivered with all the grace and unction that distinguishes this learned and respected brother. The cause of the Charities was brought before the lodge by the W.M., and it was arranged that the February gathering would be attended to by the W.M., that in June by Bro. Brookman, and that in July by Bro. Altman. The lodge being closed in due form with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, under the care of the W.M. After one of Bro. Benskin's elegant banquets, the W.M. challenged the brethren in the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were responded to with more than the usual enthusiasm. The health and welfare of the W.M., the past W.M., the officers, and the visitors, were acknowledged with true Masonic vigour, and acknowledged by Bros. Brette, Allcroft, Hogg, Altman, Landell, Dickkitts, Marriott, and the Secretary. The brethren separated at an early hour in the evening, to meet on the second Monday in November.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The second installation meeting of this lodge took place at Bro. Pigot's, the Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, Holloway, on Tuesday, 15th inst. Present: Bros. W. L. Purkiss, W.M.; J. Eldridge, P.M., acting as S.W.; T. Press, J.W.; R. V. Davies, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Berry, Sec.; H. B. O. Dunn, S.D.; R. C. Frampton, J.D.; J. N. Thompson, I.G.; J. Pigot, P.M.; G. D. Edmunds, G. B. Carey, T. Jackson, C. Hutchinson, C. H. Hawkes, J. H. Bastable, S. Hawkins, E. Grout, G. Chutter. Visitors: Bros. H. G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. Terry, P.J.G.W. Herts.; E. Clark, P.P. G.S. of Works Middlesex; H. Hollis, P.G.S.B. Herts; F. Kirk, W.M. 1687; W. B. Stannard, 1275; G. E. Frodsham, 3; W. Wilkinson, 167; F. T. Cox, 753. Bros. Bastable and Hawkins were raised, and Bros. Hawkes, Grout, and Chutter were passed. The Master having been re-elected for a second year, was saluted, and he then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Press, S.W.; H. B. O. Dunn, J.W.; Davies, Treas.; A. T. Berry, Sec.; R. C. Frampton, S.D.; J. N. Thompson, J.D.; G. Edmunds, I.G.; Eldridge, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; Grout, Organist; Carey, Steward. Bro. Terry gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. A letter was read from the Secretaries to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, and a donation of £1 1s. was voted. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G. Master," had been proposed, and loyally responded to, "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers" was given, and ably responded to by Bros. Buss and Cubitt. The toast of "The Visitors" elicited some excellent replies from Bros. Clarke, Woller, and others. On the toast of "The Masonic Charities" being given and responded to, Bro. Terry made his usual eloquent appeal for assistance for the maintenance of those Institutions and alluded to the position the New Finsbury Park Lodge had taken at so early a period of its existence. The W.M.,

who stood as Steward for the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School at their last festivals, announced his intention of acting as Steward for the Girls' School on the next occasion. The remaining usual toasts were given and responded to, and several of the brethren having contributed their vocal assistance, a most enjoyable evening was passed, contributed to, no doubt, by the excellence of the banquet, which was served in Bro. Pigot's well known liberal manner.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The first meeting of the session was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Present Bros. Schiemann, W.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer (acting J.W.); Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Berks and Bucks, Secretary; Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Director of Ceremonies; Tolley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Organist; Cousins, J.D.; Dick Radclyffe, P.G.S., I.G.; Apled and Evans, Stewards; Past Masters Hume, P.G.D.C.; Stacey, P.P. G.R.; Strange, P.P.G.D.; Reid; McIlwham; Stedwell; and Long. Visitors Bros. Dr. Hartmann; Cantrell, P.M. 1501; Davey, S.D. 1566; Baum, 198; Bingham, P.M. 771; Johnson, 771, and others. Bros. Brinsmead and Stevens were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Dixon, Director of Ceremonies, called attention to the fact that since the last meeting of the lodge. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., had appointed Bro. Hume, I.P.M., as P.G.D.C., and Bro. Dick Radclyffe as P.G. Steward. The brethren present thereupon saluted the two new Provincial Grand Officers in due form.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).—The usual meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., was rendered especially interesting by the fact that all the recently appointed and invested P.G. Lodge Officers (mentioned in last week's *Freemason*) were invited to be present, and this kind and cordial invitation was so generally accepted as to make this meeting certainly one of the most brilliant (so far as the "purple" and more modest "crimson" officers were concerned) which has been witnessed for a considerable time within the walls of the Masonic Hall. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. James Winsor, W.M., who was ably supported by the following officers:—Bros. Geo. Peet, P.M.; Geo. Hutchin, P.M.; Richard Brown, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and P.G. Registrar; J. H. Sheen, S.W. Thos. Salter, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.M., P.P.G.R. Treas.; Wm. Williams, Sec.; Jno. Latta, S.D.; Thos. Whitehead, S.D.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.M. P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; and Jas. Pendleton, I.G., and a large number of members and visiting brethren. The First and Third Degrees were given by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, and he was ably assisted by the full staff of officers. At the end of the business one proposition was made for rejoining and two for initiation, and hearty good wishes were given from numerous brethren. At the banquet which followed, presided over by Bro. James Winsor, W.M., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. In giving "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M., and the P.G.L. Officers," the W.M. called particular attention to the remarks of the R.W.P.G.M. as to the support of the London Charities, and expressed a hope the lodges and individual brethren would act vigorously on the suggestions made by his Lordship. The toast was responded to by Bro. Robertson, P.M. 32. Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, W.M. 216 Prov. G. Chaplain; Bro. R. Robinson, Prov. G. Reg.; Bro. J. T. Callon, Prov. G. Treas.; Bro. W. Archer, Prov. J.G.D.; Bro. O. J. Hayes and Bro. W. J. Newman, Prov. G. Stewards. "The Visitors," was responded to by Bro. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D., North Wales and Shropshire; Bro. Rigby, P.P.G. Purs. Cheshire; Bro. Ford, W.M. 1380; Bro. Henochsberg, J.D. 1502. "The Newly Initiated" followed, and then "The P.Ms. of the Lodge and Officers." The former portion was responded to by Bro. Councillor G. Peet, I.P.M., and with the latter the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Williams, Secretary, who is about to leave England for the sake of his health. Bro. Williams responded in feeling terms. I.P.M., Bro. Peet proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he acknowledged in fitting terms. The lodge being recalled to labour a notice of motion was given that 25 guineas be given out of the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Very general satisfaction was expressed by the brethren at the excellent manner in which the new House Steward, Bro. Chaplin, had prepared the banquet.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 9th inst., Bro. J. Jowett, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form, the sectional lectures in the First Degree were given by the following brethren:—First Section, Bro. Warbrick, J.W.; Second, Bro. Ellershaw, S.W. 1353; Third, Bro. John Hatch, P.M. and Secretary; Fourth, Bro. Richard Stanton; Fifth, Bro. E. Cardwell, S.W. At their conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was passed to them, on the resolution of Bro. E. Simpson, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. L. Whimpray, P.M., The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in peace, love and harmony.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—This lodge held its monthly meeting on the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Bro. A. A. Sheriff, I.P.M., presided, but there was not a numerous attendance. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. John G. Curtis, supervisor of Inland Revenue, and, proving unanimous, he was duly initiated in the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M., the

working tools being presented by Bro. Taylor, the J.W. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., gave a short resumé of the proceedings at the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, held on the 2nd inst., at Liverpool, under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale. In the course of his remarks Bro. Mann said, although he was not in a position to state it affirmatively, yet he had every reason to suppose that the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire would be held at Morecambe, an announcement which was received with much applause. The usual proclamations were then made and responded to, and the lodge closed in accordance with the formalities of the Craft.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. T. S. Williams, W.M., the officers and members present being Bros. R. C. Yelland, P.M.; T. Birch, J.W.; R. R. Martin, P.M., acting as S.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (*Freemason*); T. Marsh, P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; H. B. Jones, S.D.; J. Alexander, J.D.; H. Horspool, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; T. Carr, S.; Peter Ball, Tyler; R. A. Drake, R. Bethel, E. W. Boulding, G. Pringle, J. Cave, E. Sephton, W. Callow, and others. The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and after the minutes had been read and other business transacted, Bro. Mercer being proposed as a joining member by Bro. R. C. Yelland, P.M., seconded by Bro. R. R. Martin, P.M. After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment, presided over by the W.M., who gave the standard loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Martin, P.M., having possession of the gavel, said—W.M. officers, and brethren, I am about to depart from our usual custom by proposing for your acceptance the health of our respected W.M., whose presence amongst us to-night in that chair, which he so worthily fills, will justify the course I take, and met with a hearty response. Brethren, he has passed through a serious affliction, and we all have missed the kind, affable, and unassuming gentleman, who now, under the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., is once more at his post. I will not say he is the most popular Master we ever had, but I do say, and old members will bear me out in saying it, that we never had in his predecessors a more attentive and painstaking W.M., and it will be very difficult to find one so perfect in all his points, and what we much admire, more punctual in attendance. Now, brethren, let us heartily and thankfully join in wishing him long to be spared to his family and his lodge, and as the brethren of the Temple Lodge well know how to manifest their love to their Master, I ask you to join me in drinking his very good health, and may the day be far distant when we shall no longer see him in our midst. Unmistakeable enthusiasm prevailed in the room as each brother gave "Our Worshipful Master," and then followed the usual honours and capital fring, which caused Bro. Williams to be visibly affected. Bro. Williams, W.M., who was most cordially received, then rose, and said—Bro. Past Master Martin, I thank you very sincerely for your kind expressions with reference to myself, and you, brethren, for the hearty and generous manner in which you have received them. I can but feebly express the pleasure I feel in being once more with my dear and long tried friends and brethren; often during the time I have been laid aside by illness have I thought of you, and anticipated the meeting with you again. And it has ever been so in my association with the Temple Lodge, for from the first evening when I was introduced into our old lodge room by our dear Bro. Washington I have received at your hands nothing but kindness, courtesy, and brotherly love; and I thank you, I trust honestly, and without reserve, for all these proofs of your attachment and esteem—and never more so than at the present moment. And I feel proud of your good opinion, proud that I have a place in your hearts. What man does not? Indeed, if a man told any of us that he did not care for the good opinion of his fellow men, we should not believe him, or think he had sunk very low in the social scale. I see around me this evening many dear and valued brethren, some with whom we have had sweet communion have passed away from us, but I think we may look upon these occasional social gatherings, in-ciding, as they do, the society, and good wishes of those we highly prize, as among the brightest spots in our lives. And brethren, as in social life, so it is in our home and domestic lives. How we prize the affections of the dear ones at home! How their love helps us through our daily duties! Brethren, we know by experience that these are times of deep depression and anxiety in our commercial and manufacturing interests, indeed, in every department of trade; and what, I ask, is more cheering to the business man, the proper husband and father, when he walks into his home after a hard and anxious day's labour and trials, than to feel that he is with those who love him dearly, who think him the best and kindest of men, those who watch his every expression because they know each of them is dear to him, dearer than his own life, yes, brethren, these are amongst the bright spots in our daily experience; these are some of the silvery fringes to the clouds which at times overhang our days, let us then appreciate them rightly and truly, let us prize them as amongst the best gifts of a loving and kind God and father. Excuse, brethren, these few remarks, I was not aware that Bro. Martin intended to make any reference to myself until a minute or two before he rose. I thank you again for all your love and sympathy, and may every blessing you have wished for me be returned to each of you in tenfold abundance. The W.M. then retired, and Bro. Martin took the chair, when Bro. the Rev. P. Pennington, P.M. 249, entered, and was received with acclamation. His health was proposed, and he addressed a few words to the brethren upon old associations, and expressed surprise at the reception awarded him. Bros. Bethel and Birch added much to the pleasure of the evening by their vocalisation.

HARRINGTON.—Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).—The annual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th inst., Bro. William Carlyle having, at the preceding lodge meeting, been unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren of the lodge mustered in good force to do him honour on this auspicious occasion. There were also a considerable number of brethren present from neighbouring lodges. Bro. Carlyle has held office as Treasurer of the lodge from the first, and he also took no small part in its establishment. He was Junior Warden elect of the lodge when it was commenced, and for the honourable position of W.M. he has been on a number of occasions strongly solicited to offer himself, but he always retired in favour of other brethren. On this occasion, the solicitations of the brethren could not be discarded by him, and consequently all other candidates retired in his favour. He was also re-elected as Treasurer. Bros. Gibson and Kenworthy, who have all along kindly undertaken the duties of the installations, again officiated in that capacity. Bro. Johnson, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge at three o'clock, and was ably assisted by his officers. The following members of 1400 were present:—Bros. J. Dick, M.D., P.M., as S.W.; J. R. Bain, P.M.; F. Dixon, P.M.; J. Tallentire, J.W.; W. Carlyle, Treas.; J. W. Young, P.M. and Sec.; R. Harkness, I.G.; W. Wagg, 962, as Tyler; Joseph Hodgson, Dryden Carver, John Hartley, John Back, James Scott, Thomas Maxwell, John Scott, Joseph Musgrave, Jabez Hawkins, also the following visitors:—Bros. T. C. Robinson, Sec. 1002; W. Whitehead, 962; John J. Little, 962; Isaac Evening, 1002; S. S. Braithwaite, 872; Jos. Kay, J.W. 872; F. Hodgson, S.W. 872; J. Wood, I.P.M. 962; E. Tyson, W.M. 119; John Rothery, J.W. 119; J. P. Burnett, 962; J. J. Beattie, P.M. 962; Rees Thomas, 962; William Wagg, Tyler 962; G. B. M'Mullen, 962; John H. Banks, 371; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; John J. Coverdale, Sec. 962. The newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows:—Bros. John Hartley, S.W.; James Scott, J.W.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, P.M., Chaplin; J. W. Young, P.M., Sec.; Dryden Carver, S.D.; John Little, J.D.; Daniel Dickinson, D.C.; John Back, Steward; James Batt, I.G.; John Cumming, Tyler. After the usual proclamations and charges were delivered by the Installing Masters, the lodge was closed. The brethren met at a banquet at the Globe (Mrs. Ditchburn's), at five o'clock, which was set out in the best of style, reflecting the highest credit on the establishment. The chair was taken by Bro. Carlyle, the Worshipful Master. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Craft toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 11th inst., and was pleasantly noticeable for the excellent work done by the new W.M., Bro. Hay Grieve Picken, as well as for the unanimity and kindness that somehow insensibly pervades the whole atmosphere of it, making it a pleasure indeed to assist at its meetings, and mingle with its gallant and jovial members. The work comprised the initiation of Mr. D. Hickey, the balloting for Bro. F. H. Field, A.S.C., P.M. 1436 and 1331, and W.M. 558, the passing of Bro. Chamberlain, and the raising of Bros. Laten, Howe, Barker, Penfold, and Hawksford, all of which was most satisfactorily carried out, the expectations of the brethren being fully realized by the fine working of their W.M. Besides the W.M. the following officers were present, H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Wilding, S.D.; A. Brooks, J.D.; T. Hollyman, I.G.; G. Spinks, I.P.M.; W. Weston, P.M.; G. Lackland, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. J. G. Whomes, P.P.G.W. Malta; T. F. Kennedy, P.M. 67; T. Hassell, 13; R. Beaver, 700; F. West, 700; J. F. Randall, 913; G. Beaver, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The toasts were given and received, and on all sides the W.M. was congratulated for the manner in which he, by his endeavours, had maintained the prestige of the lodge. "The Visitors" received their welcome right loyally, and responded in form to the hearty reception of the toast; nor is the reception of visitors here a mere matter of form, they are impressed with the treat given them both Masonically and socially, and pay the lodge the greatest honour possible by attending again and again. Several toasts followed the ordinary ones, nor was time encroached upon in the matter, for the harmony throughout was well sustained. Bro. Jolly, as the representative of this journal, had his name toasted with musical honours, mention being made by the W.M. of the handsome sum of £20 contributed by him to the Relief Fund of the "Princess Alice," through the sale of some verses, of which he was the author, and Bro. Jolly feelingly replied. Bro. Norman, one of the oldest and most respected Masons in the district, was next complimented, and then the brethren dispersed, after a most enjoyable evening.

EALING.—West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612).—A most interesting meeting of the members and friends took place at Ealing, on the 12th inst., the occasion being the installation of Bro. Thomas Kingston, P.M. of the Whittington Lodge, as W.M. for the ensuing year. This lodge meets at the Mechanics' Institute, and the rooms are well adapted for the purpose, but on this occasion they were too small, as several brethren were unable to be accommodated with seats. The day was fine, and rendered a visit by London brethren very agreeable. No better proof of the vitality of Freemasonry, and of its power to bring men together for mutual good can be shown than the career of this lodge. It has no history; it is far too young to talk of its Past Masters. It is but two years old, and during those years Bro. Beasley has been the only W.M. He claims, and justly, to be the father of the lodge, and

the brethren have great cause to be proud of their "father;" he is not fatherly in appearance, being in the prime of life, but he performs his Masonic duties with all the skill and ease with which the "father," whether it be of a lodge or of a family, should be distinguished. The way in which he installed Bro. Kingston, was admirable, and well worth a journey from London to Ealing to witness. During the time it has been a lodge the West Middlesex has made so many additions to its numbers that it now counts over forty members, and one of the notable acts of the evening, before the installation ceremony was entered upon, was the raising of the initiation fee to £10 10s., and the joining fee to £6. When the lodge was formed it was the intention of the founders to put the lodge on this excellent footing, and they have reason to be gratified that their purpose has been so far accomplished. The members of the lodge were enthusiastic in their appreciation of all that Bro. Beasley said or did, and he was assisted by excellent officers. The lodge was opened punctually at two p.m., and the Warden's chairs were occupied by Bros. Kasner and Burr, respectively. Bro. P. H. Roe, Secretary, and Bro. Kingston, acting as P.M. After the minutes of the previous lodge and emergency meetings had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Bro. E. T. B. Allen being a candidate for raising was questioned, and having shewn proficiency, was raised to the Third Degree; after which Bro. W. J. Bloomfield was passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in his usual able manner. The event of the day, the installation of Bro. Kingston by Bro. Beasley, followed. For this ceremony the Senior W. chair was occupied by Bro. Weaver, P.M. 862, P.G.O. Middlesex, &c., &c., and that of J.W. by Bro. W. S. Cantrell, jun., P.G.D. Berks., W.M. of the High Wycombe Lodge, and Bro. Kingston was duly installed into the chair of K.G. The following officers were duly invested by the new W.M., with appropriate addresses, viz., Bros. Kasner, S.W.; Burr, J.W.; Roe, Sec.; Tucker, Treas.; Green and Dyer, the S.D. and J.D., being absent, other brethren were invested as their representatives; Delevanti, Org.; Seward, D.C.; Bourne, I.G., and Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Kingston, in the name of the brethren, then presented Bro. Beasley with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, remarking that he did so as a mark of the high esteem he was held by the brethren, and as a slight return for the services he had rendered to the West Middlesex Lodge during the two years he has presided over it, amid the hearty cheers of the brethren and visitors. To add to the impressiveness of the occasion, Bro. Weaver, an honorary member of the lodge, in suitable terms expressed his approval of the manner in which the business of the day had been conducted, both by the W.M. and officers, and held those brethren up as patterns of the excellence to which the lay brethren should all aspire; and that in the future the lodge might continue to be an honour to itself and a credit to the Craft, as it then was. A letter was then read from Bro. J. Hervey, G.S., expressing regret that his health precluded his accepting the kind invite of Bro. Beasley, but holding out hope that on one of the quiet evenings he might be able to attend. The G.S. also expressed his satisfaction in a most kindly manner of the prosperity and high position to which the lodge had attained. The lodge was closed in due form, after which the members and visitors adjourned to the Feathers Hotel. Fifty-seven sat down to the banquet, which the host, Bro. Stephens, had provided in an excellent manner, the only fault of which was that it was if anything too profuse. As usual the loyal toasts were given and responded to, after which Bro. Beasley proposed "The Health of the W.M.," of whose good qualities he spoke in eloquent terms, stating that he had never been acquainted with a better man or truer Mason. Bro. Delevanti then introduced his daughter, who favoured the assembly with two songs with excellent taste and feeling, at the conclusion of which the W.M. returned thanks for the cordial reception he had met with as W.M. He gave up all hopes of acquitting himself with the skill and ability displayed by his predecessor, but assured the brethren that his best efforts should be used to make his year of office a pleasant and prosperous one to the lodge. He fully appreciated the honour conferred upon him, but his fear was that following one so able and eloquent as Bro. Beasley his efforts would fall short of his wishes. He said that it was three years since he was installed W.M. of his mother lodge, the Whittington, and as he had reason to think he had filled that office to the satisfaction of the brethren of that lodge, so, he hoped, he would those present. Before he sat down he proposed a toast for their acceptance, which he knew would be received by them with the greatest cordiality—it was "The Health of their Past Master," and only Past Master, Bro. Beasley, the installation Master of the day. Any attempt of eulogy from him would be superfluous, as all there knew how well he presided over the lodge, both in the lodge room and at the banquet table. Bro. Beasley rose. He would lose no time in returning his sincere thank for the way in which the toast had been received. He appreciated their kindness, he trusted, in a way which it deserved. He only hoped they had not set too high a value on his services. He was the first P.M. of the lodge; true he had served two years as their Master, and he hoped his services had been of benefit to the lodge. Being now the P.M., he aspired to be looked up to as something more,—as the father of the lodge; and he hoped he might for many, many years he looked up to in that connection. Bro. Beasley concluded by thanking one and all for the kind way they had supported him. The "Health of the Visitors" having been given, was responded to by Bro. Cull, Cantrill, and Morgan, in appropriate terms, after which Bro. Bloomfield, although not an initiate, but as it was his first attendance at the banquet table, he having been initiated at an emergency meeting, responded to his

health very heartily, and expressed himself highly pleased with what he had seen of Freemasonry and his proposer Bro. Beasley. The brethren before separating expressed themselves highly pleased with the day's proceedings, and looked forward to a prosperous year.

NEWARK.—Newton Lodge (No. 1661).—The installation ceremony of this lodge, which was consecrated only last year, took place on Friday, October 11th, at the lodge room (the Savings' Bank), Lombard-street. The day was unusually fine, and a goodly number of brethren and visitors responded to the summons, which specified 3 o'clock prompt as the hour for the commencement of business. Amongst the visitors were several Grand Lodge Officers, and Masters, and Past Masters of lodges in the province, amongst others we may name Bros. W. Phelps, I.P.M. 1435; W. Vowles, 411, P.P.G.S.W.; Joseph Allen, P.M. 149, and 130; C. Davis, W.M. 47; J. Slack, S.W. 47; Tournow, S.W. 1405; H. A. Attenborough, P.S.W. 47; C. Huthwaite, W.M. 402; J. M. Davis, 934; J. Tate, 402; K. Mitchell, W.M. 1405, P.G.D.C.; F. Vernon Bussell, 939, P.G.C.; W. Pearson, 657; Charles J. Neale P.M. 402. The Installing Officer was Bro. Joseph Allen, P.M. 149, who performed in a most able and impressive manner the duties assigned to him. Bro. Charles Johnson, having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., S.W.; S. Job, J.W.; G. Branstor, S.D.; James H. Tomlinson, J.D.; J. Irving, Treasurer; W. E. Dawson, Secretary; J. Barnett, I.G.; C. J. Godby, Chaplain; Curtis, D.C.; W. Kelley, W. Lilley, and C. Bailly, Stewards; E. Liddle, and Castle, Almoner; L. Ward, and J. Dooley, Tylers. The I.P.M. Bro. W. Newton, after whom the lodge takes its name, and to whom the lodge is indebted so much for its present efficiency, retired from his office with the hearty thanks of his brethren for his untiring zeal in the formation of the lodge, and for the able way in which he had carried on his work since its commencement. The present W.M. has been elected by the unanimous voice of his brethren, he having been one of the foremost to carry out the ritual of the Order in all its beauties, having been himself an enthusiastic worker as the Past S.W., led his brethren to emulate his example. The lodge having been closed in due form with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, in the Town Hall, provided by Bro. H. Walton, of the firm of Walton and Son, Clinton Arms' Hotel. Nearly sixty brethren sat down, the room was very tastefully decorated with flowers and choice plants, and the menu was all that could be desired. The usual toasts on like occasions were given and received with enthusiasm; the evening being enlivened by several appropriate songs and speeches. The hour for parting having arrived, the proceedings terminated with the usual Tyler's toast at about 11 o'clock.

WALTON.—Wilbraham Lodge (No. 1713).—The first annual installation in connection with this highly promising young lodge was held at the Walton Institute, Sefton-road, on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst. The lodge was formally consecrated last October, by Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.C. G.M. Eng., R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire, and since that time it has enjoyed a large measure of success. The attendance on this occasion was numerous, and the proceedings passed off with an éclat which was prominent at every point. The chair at the commencement of the business was occupied by Bro. C. W. Cayzer, W.M., and the officers present were Bros. P. Maddox, I.P.M.; F. J. Pentin, S.W. (W.M. elect); the Rev. R. T. Leslie, Chap.; Edwin Smith, Treas.; Wallace Smith, Sec.; R. W. Hickson, J.D.; M. Hill, D.C.; Leigh Lyon, I.G.; The list of members included Bros. A. Cross, W. Caw, F. Willey, the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M. 1380; R. Price, and others. The visitors included Bros. G. J. Townsend, W.M. 1086; R. Roberts, 1086; J. J. Swift, 1477; H. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680; S. E. Ibbes, P.G.S.B.; W. Lowe, 823; H. P. Bloomer, 1299; T. Unwin, F.M. 637; J. Wain, P.M. 418; W. H. Bucknall, S. 460; W. Boulton, P.M. 823; H. Ashmore, W.M. 823; P.M. 1325; S. J. Wareing, S.D. 1502; T. Simmons, P.M. 1393; J. Keet, Sec. 1356; W. P. Vines, I.G. 1570; W. B. Caw, 786; J. Cartwright, 1356, and others. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M. 1380, took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. F. J. Pentin as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, a ceremony which he performed with impressive effect. The following were subsequently invested officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. W. Cayzer, I.P.M.; the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M., Chaplain; Wallace Smith, S.W.; Rev. R. T. Leslie, J.W.; Edmund Smith, Treas. (re-elected for the second time); R. W. Hickson, Sec.; Dr. M. Hill, S.D.; L. Lyon, J.D.; F. Willey, I.G.; A. Cross, S.S.; B. Crook, J.S. (by proxy); P. Maddox, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C., and W. H. Ball, Tyler. In the course of the business proceedings, the P.M. presented a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. W. Cayzer, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and in recognition of the manner in which he had performed his duties during his year's occupancy of the chair. The gift was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Cayzer, who referred to the pleasure it had given him to preside over the Wilbraham Lodge during its first year's existence. He should always cherish the gift as an evidence of the regard of the brethren, and he assured them he would continue to take a very warm interest in all that concerned the prosperity of the lodge. Two candidates were subsequently initiated by the newly-installed W.M., and the impressive and efficient manner in which he performed the ceremony augured favourably for the success of his year's office. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by about a dozen visitors, the business proceedings were brought to a close. An excellent banquet was, after a short interval, served in the lodge room (a model of artistic beauty in the way of decoration), the caterer being Bro. J. Casey, of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086. At the conclu-

sion of the banquet, the W.M. gave "The Queen," and "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The S.W. next gave "The D.P.M. and P.G.M. (Lord Skelmersdale), the Rt. Hon. Colonel Stanley, D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Province, Past and Present." The toast was acknowledged by Bro. S. E. Ibbis, P.P.G.S.B. In giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. C. W. Cayzer, I.P.M., referred to the remarks which had been made at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge by the P.G.M. and P.G. Sec., with reference to the excessive expenditure of lodges on picnics, to the neglect of charity. He very much doubted the accuracy of this allegation, and said that, as far as his knowledge went, the expenses of picnics were not defrayed out of the funds of the lodge, but by the members themselves. Besides, if this practice existed to any extent, he thought it would have been more becoming on the part of the P.G. Sec., if he had written to the W.M.s. of the lodges who had offended, rather than by bringing the matter forward in the public manner in which he had done.—The toast was cordially received, and responded to by Bro. Pentin. "Past Masters," given from the chair, was responded to by Bro. Cayzer, I.P.M. "The Installing Master" by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M. 1380; and "The Officers," proposed by Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, S.W. 1609, was acknowledged most suitably by Bro. the Rev. R. T. Leslie, J.W. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

SAINT JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Mortlock's, the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, 14th Oct. Present:—Bros. Stephens, W.M.; Banks, S.W.; Veal, J.W.; Mortlock, P.M.; Brame, Sec.; McDonald, J.D.; Moss, I.G.; Greely, Wooding, and several others. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Wooding candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Brame, being the candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and withdrew. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the ceremony of raising was worked by the W.M., Bro. Brame candidate. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bros. Stephens and Veal worked the Fourth Section of the First Lecture. Bros. McDonald, 1445, and Moss, 1275, became joining members. Vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M., for the able manner he worked the ceremony of the evening. Bro. Banks, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL YORK CHAPTER OF PERSEVERANCE (No. 7).—This well-known chapter held its usual meeting on Tuesday evening, but there was no work to do, a very unusual thing in the Royal York Chapter. The companions present were Comps. R. E. K. Wilkinson, M.E.Z.; C. A. Murton, P.Z., acting H.; G. J. Row, P.Z., acting J.; J. Hervey, P.Z., Gr. Scribe E., Treas.; R. J. Chappell, R. Grey, G. Lambert, W. Starkey, Raggi, P.Z.s.; A. W. Hume, Scribe E.; R. J. Davies, Scribe W.; E. Home, 1st A.S.; S. J. Weston, 2nd A.S., and other companions of the chapter. Visitors:—Comps. Sir John Robinson, Henry Parsons, and W. Dawes. The resignation of Comp. T. W. Board, P.Z. (M.P. for Greenwich), was received with regret; and the return to the chapter, after some four years' absence of Comp. Harry Law, gave much gratification. Comp. Law has been a subscribing member all the time of his absence. The balance in hand was £104. The chapter having been closed in ancient and solemn form, an excellent banquet followed, every detail of which did the utmost credit to Bro. Best, who has worked a wonderful change for the better in the cuisine of the Freemasons' Tavern. After a very enjoyable evening the brethren separated in perfect harmony, at about ten o'clock.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old chapter met after its long recess on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Amongst those present were Comps. Wagner, M.E.Z.; P. Robinson, H.; Holbrook, P.Z., acting J.; Elsam, I.P.Z.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.N.; Gispert, Servia, and Parkinson, Janitor. Comp. Dewar, M.E.Z. 1194, was a visitor. The minutes of the convocation in April last were read and confirmed. There being no business on the agenda, the M.E.Z., with the assistance of the Second Principal, most ably rehearsed a portion of the exaltation ceremony. The chapter was shortly after closed, and adjourned until the second Tuesday in December next. The banquet was well served. The customary Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," the I.P.Z. dwelt upon his long connection with the Jerusalem, and the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the prominent positions which he had successively filled in the chapter. He hoped that his year of office would be a prosperous one, and that when he vacated the chair he would be spared many years to come amongst them as a Past Principal. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the M.E.Z. briefly replied. He said he was sorry that on the first night of his presiding in the chapter that there should have been no "work" to do. However, he trusted that on the next occasion he should have, at least, one candidate to exalt, but if he did not he intended to rehearse the ceremonial, in order that the working of the old Jerusalem should not deteriorate during his occupancy of the chair. In conclusion, he thanked them very heartily for the kind manner in which they had

responded to his health. "The Visitor" followed, and in reply, Comp. Dewar expressed the gratification his maiden visit to their chapter had afforded him. The remaining toasts, "The Second and Third Principals," "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and "The Officers," followed quickly, and were duly responded to. The Janitor's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, Oct. 10th, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Comps. Cote, M.E.Z.; Jacobs, H.; and Wyer, J. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the next business was to elect the officers for the ensuing year, and the election of each was unanimous as follows:—Comps. Jacobs, M.E.Z.; Wyer, H.; H. Thompson, J.; Green, S.E.; Sharratt, S.N.; Dodman, P.S.; Avery, Treasurer; and Bavin, Janitor. There being no other business before the chapter it was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual Royal Arch toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTH MOLTON.—Fortescue Lodge (No. 9).—The above lodge held a meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. J. Brewer, W.M., and P.P.G.J.O.; Wood, I.P.M.; J. T. Shapland, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W.; W. Brewer, E. Galliford, J. List, W. C. Oliver, W. Britton, J. Gaydon, W. Ley, R. Kingdon, and others. Bro. W. Cole was elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. J. Galliford, Treas.; and Bro. Kingdon, Tyler. The revised edition of the bye-laws was read and approved of, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the members of the lodge. The installation of the W.M. elect will take place at the next monthly meeting, after which the brethren will dine together as usual.

TRURO.—Fortitude Lodge (No. 78).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Truro, on Thursday, the 17th inst., W. Bro. Charles Truscott, jun. (P. Prov. G.S.B.), W.M., in the chair. There were also present R.W. Bro. William James Hughan, P.G.W., P.M. &c.; W. Bro. William Middleton, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D.; W. Bro. J. C. R. Crewes, P.M., and Sec., P. Prov. G.S. of Works, and others. The members and the lodge were in Masonic mourning, as a mark of their respect and esteem for the memory of their lamented and deceased Prov. Grand Master, Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P. On the proposition of the R.W. Bro. Hughan, a vote of condolence was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, as also forwarded to Lady Williams and family. The W. Bro. Emra Holmes, P.M. 70, Past G. Superintendent of Works, of H.M. Customs, Fowey, was balloted for as a joining member, and was heartily and unanimously accepted. The W.M. then advanced Colonel J. W. Peard, J.P. (P. Prov. S.G.W. Cornwall), and Bro. W. B. Morriss (I.G. 131) to the honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason, the R.W. Bro. Hughan giving the signs, and a short address on the character and antiquity of the customs preserved in the Degree, and stated that if any thing in Masonry pointed to antiquity it was the "choosing of the Mark," and the incidental matters connected therewith. The "unrecognised Degrees" meant simply that in England the Grand Lodge only acknowledged the Craft of Three Degrees, and the Arch; in Scotland the latter was not recognised by the Grand Lodge, but the Mark was, and wherever the English language was spoken, save in this country, the Mark was worked as preparatory to the Royal Arch Degree.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants' Lodge (No. 43).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th September last, in the new rooms of the Inhabitants' Lodge, in Armstrong's Terrace, South Sheds, under the presidency of Bro. James Cunningham, W.M. for the ensuing year, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. J. Conroy, S.W.; B. White, J.W.; S. Jackson, M.O.; J. Nolan, S.O.; J. Buton, J.O.; J. King, S.D.; O. Latham, J.D.; W. Cockburn, I.G.; D. McGrath, D.C.; J. Robson, R. of Marks; and E. Bacon, Sec. and Treasurer. There was an unusually full attendance of brethren and several visitors. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for the following brethren, candidates for advancement: Lieutenants Turner and Hunter 74th Regt., and Penno 69th Regt., all of Lodge Friendship, 278, E.C., and Bros. Bellion, Wilkinson, Way, Lowry, P. Lyons J. B. Compton, A. Armstrong, C. T. Armstrong, and Ham, all of the Inhabitants' Lodge, 153, E.C. The result being favourable, Bros. Turner, Hunter, Lyons, Compton, A. Armstrong, C. T. Armstrong, and Ham, being present, were severally advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master by the W.M., in a manner that elicited warm commendation from the brethren. It was stated by the W.M. that the remainder of the candidates were away from the Rock on business, and after the usual Committees for the year had been appointed, and some routine business gone through, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the refreshment room, spending the remainder of the evening in a most enjoyable and harmonious manner. Bro. Cunningham, the W.M., must indeed be congratulated not only on his own working of the Degree, but also on the energetic and impressive manner in which his officers carry out their respective duties; and we doubt not that his year of office will be what it deserves, viz.—one of great prosperity to the lodge and of benefit to the Craft generally.

PLYMOUTH.—Brunswick Lodge (No. 48).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic

Rooms, Union-street. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. J. H. Stephens, P.G.S. Wks., was installed by W. Bro. E. Aitkin Davies, P.P.G.J.D., supported by the following board of I.M.s.:—W. Bros. V. Bird, Past G.M.O.; J. Austin, Past G.S.D.; R. Lose, Past G. Purs.; S. Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.M.O.; W. D. Thomas, P.P.G.O.; G. E. Stentiford, W. Amery, John Bartlett. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Littleton, P.G. St., S.W.; J. Andrews, J.W.; C. D. Stentiford, M.O.; A. Soper, S.O.; B. Johns, J.O.; W. Bro. G. E. Stentiford, Treasurer; Bros. J. W. S. Trevan, jun., Secretary; J. W. Trevan, sen., S.D.; W. Collings, J.D.; W. Collins, I.G.; C. Nicholson, Steward; James Bartlett, Tyler.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY, or Early Grand Encampment of England.—A convocation of this old encampment was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when there were present Sir Knights Tanner, E.C.; C. Jacques, P.; D. Dewar, P.E.C., Registrar; Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; Driver, 2nd Captain; Neald, Expt.; Walls, C.L.; Rosenthal, P.E.C.; Baxter, P.E.C.; Roebuck, P.E.C.; J. Hervey, P.E.C.; Williams and Rawles, Equeries. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of E.C. for the ensuing year resulted in favour of Sir Knight Morgan. Sir Knight Paas was unanimously re-elected Almoner, and Sir Knight Rawles, re-appointed Equerry. A notice of motion to found a P.E.C.'s jewel in connection with the encampment having been handed in, the convocation was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet. The usual routine of toasts were done full justice to. Sir Knights Hervey, Paas, and Dewar, responded for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." "The E.C." was proposed by the I.P.E.C., and duly acknowledged. The remaining toasts, "The P.E.C.'s," "The Almoner and Registrar," and "The Officers," were given quickly, and responded to by the members thus honoured. The next meeting of the encampment will be held on the 11th of January next.

NOTTINGHAM.—Abbey Chapter Encampment.—The regular meeting of this, the oldest encampment of the Order, was held at the Exchange Hall, on the 16th ult., when there were present amongst others, Sir Knights J. Thompson, E.C.; C. J. Wragg, P.E.C.; M. Vowles, P.E.C.; J. Comyn, P.E.C.; R. Fitz Hugh, P.E.C.; C. B. Truman, P.E.C.; R. Boughton-Smith, Second Captain; H. R. Hatherly, Marshall; H. Glover, E. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Kt. Wragg, by permission of the E.C., most impressively installed Comps. R. T. Ingram, 47; H. R. G. Hanson, 47; and W. Hickling, 47, as Knights of the Order. There were other candidates down for installation, but through unavoidable circumstances, were prevented from attending. Some important motions were brought forward by Sir Kt. Wragg, the discussion of which were adjourned to the March meeting. There being no other business to transact, the encampment was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the May Pole Hotel, where a well served banquet awaited them, presided over by Sir Knight Truman, in the absence of the E.C., who was called away to attend professional duties.

PRESENTATION.

Bro. John Clark, the I.P.M. of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, Southampton, at its monthly meeting on Monday, in the presence of a very full attendance of brethren, was presented, in the name of the lodge, with a gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services. The presentation was made by Bro. T. P. Payne, one of the oldest Past Masters, following an initiation by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Martin, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Clark.

The visitors included several Scotch brethren; a P.M., who, having seen much of Freemasonry in China, gave an interesting detail of some of his experiences to the brethren; and the officers of the local Royal Gloucester, and Southampton lodges—the latter being represented in the toast list, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., by one of his Wardens, the Mayor of Southampton (Bro. A. L. McCalmont).

ALEXANDRA PALACE AND GROUNDS.—A grand display of fireworks is announced to take place on Tuesday, November 5th, upon the occasion of Bro. James Pain's benefit. It will, no doubt, be in the recollection of our readers that Bro. Pain has given to the visitors of the Alexandra Palace some of the finest displays of the pyrotechnic art on record, in proof of which he has been awarded several medals, and has received honourable mention in many instances. An appropriate day for his benefit has been selected—viz., the 5th of November. The programme for the day is on a most liberal scale, including military concerts, opera, circus, &c. As a speciality for the occasion, there will be a tremendous bonfire, a torchlight procession, and three displays of fireworks—on the lake, near the grove, and at the south front of the palace. Such attractions to the beautiful palace and grounds are sure to find favour with the public. The occasion will be well suited for children; and it may be mentioned that extra trains will run at short intervals throughout the day. Special arrangements have been made by the Great Northern Railway to run late trains to Victoria. The undertaking deserves success.

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Answers to Correspondents.

W.W.—Lord Carnarvon served the office of W.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, two successive years, 1857 and 1858.

ANCIENT.—On March 13th, 1860. A CITY BROTHER.—Yes, both Sheriffs are members of the Order.

C. J. SAXBY.—Communication too hand too late for insertion this week.

ERRATUM.—In the report of the Abercorn Lodge last week Bro. Shury Marshall was incorrectly described as Bro. Henry Marshall.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

MEYER.—On the 22nd inst., at Hampton-wick, the wife of Johannes Meyer, of a son.

WATERLOW.—On the 22nd inst., at Beaufront, Oakleigh-park, the wife of George S. Waterlow, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WILSON—GARDINER.—On the 21st inst., at Barnstable, by the Rev. A. MacDonald, William Alexander Wilson, of Lamb's Conduit-street, to Gertrude Alice, daughter of P. Gardiner, of Barnstable.

DEATHS.

BURNHILL.—On the 15th inst., at Swansea, John Edward Burnhill, aged 33 years.

NEALLS.—On the 10th inst., John Nealls, of Guildford, age 35 years.

BALL.—On the 21st inst., at Rolls, Essex, Elizabeth, wife of Edward A. Ball, aged 58 years.

DOCWRA.—On the 21st inst., Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Docwra, of Balls Pond-road.

HUBAND.—On the 13th inst., Captain George Huband, of 39, Upper Mount-street, Dublin.

JOHNSTONE.—On the 21st inst., at Hooley House, Cculsdon, James Johnstone, Proprietor of the *Standard* newspaper.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1878.

AN EXPLANATION.

It seems, though we can scarcely believe it, that a Communiqué which appeared in our last impression with regard to the "Rite Ecossais" at Paris, has been hastily supposed by some very worthy individuals to refer to or reflect on the Grand Council of the A. and A.S. Rite, at Golden-square. Though we do not seek in any way to diminish our own responsibility by the appearance of the Communiqué, we beg to remark here for correctness sake, that a Communiqué is not a leader, and a leader is not a Communiqué. There is an essential difference between them, though for the admission of a Communiqué the Editor is, of course, equally responsible as for a leader. We do not ourselves profess to understand by what perversity of misconstruction, or by what ingenuity of misrepresentation any such assertion could be actually made, or any such idea seriously entertained. We cannot suppose that such hasty and inaccurate complaints could have been chivalrously raised by any to injure a brother behind his back! We can only put them down to the strange but certain fact, that very few persons or Masons take the trouble to read carefully over, and that fewer still are apparently able to understand the "Queen's English," even in the carefully edited pages of the *Freemason*. We cannot profess to realize otherwise what in the present instance amounts to a complete hallucination. The *Freemason* has never in any way attacked the Grand Council of the A. and A. Rite in England, not even by implication, much less by direct statement. On the contrary, it has on numberless occasions, and in countless ways, in words which still exist, expressed its good feeling towards the distinguished members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in this country. All the remarks to which exception has been taken, as we said before, by a marvellous inattention to, and misconception of the English language, referred, and referred alone, to the Rite Ecossais at Paris. If we are to understand the allegation and arguments alluded to literally, all such animadversions which are made in respect of the "Rite Ecossais" at Paris, reflect equally on the authorities of Golden-square. This is a statement and assertion which come upon us with great surprise, and for which, we confess, we are totally unprepared. Remembering all that has taken place in Paris and elsewhere, calling to mind the discussions when the ill-fated congress at Geneva gave rise to, and to the one fact, above all, that the *Rite Ecossais* at Paris, claims to establish a Craft lodge, as in the Mauritius lately, we fancy that many of the leading members of the English A. and A. Rite will be as astounded to hear such a view of the matter as we are. For we again repeat, by no use, except a perverted one, of text and context, can the remarks we thought it our duty to make be in the remotest degree supposed to refer to the A. and A. Rite in England, and we utterly and openly repudiate any such theory or any such explanation of our humble words. We wrote as we did write from an honest sense of duty and necessity. We fancy that we understand the position of affairs abroad better than some who would constitute themselves our critics, and nothing but our position as honest journalists, responsible to the great body of our readers, would have induced us even to refer to a subject so distasteful in itself to us, and which has nothing to do, in our opinion, with Freemasonry proper. We beg, therefore, to say this, once for all, in conclusion. The *Freemason* aspires to be an honest, impartial, and well-informed journal of Freemasonry all the world over, and as such it intends, whether it pleases or displeases others, to pursue the "even tenour of its way," regardless of misrepresentation, and heedless of intimidation or misconception. Its words are plain, honest English words; what they mean they say, and what they say they mean. It has always been entirely self-sustained, and seeks strenuously to "maintain that cha-

racter," without which it might indeed sink, into becoming the organ of a clique or the mouthpiece of a faction, but would lose its own peculiar and unchanging characteristic of absolute and unbought INDEPENDENCE. It is not intended for this or that grade, for this or that coterie, but is published for, and dedicated to, THE ENTIRE CRAFT.

THE VOTING AT THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

Some of the figures and facts connected with the last elections for the Girls' and Boys' Schools are so striking, and in more than one sense, so peculiar, that we think it well to call the attention of our readers to them carefully and concisely. As regards the Girls' School there were 29 candidates and four vacancies to be filled up. Of these 29, 21 were provincial and 8 were London cases. Of the candidates one had come up six times, 2 four, 2 twice, and 24 were first applications. Of the 4 successful candidates two had come up four times, and two were first applications. The 4 successful candidates polled in all the large amount, bringing forward the number of votes in April, of 11,456 votes. The 25 unsuccessful candidates polled in all 10,094. The highest candidate, Meta Brasier, polled 4741, the lowest, Elizabeth Minnie Parker, 22, and one candidate polled a cypher. Ethel Stone was supported by some warm friends and the London Masonic Charity Association, and polled also the high number of 2794. Meta Brasier was supported very warmly by the London brethren, and we are glad to record her return, though really a Kentish case. Thus, three provincial candidates were returned as against one London case, though, as we said before, a large proportion of the votes polled for Meta Brasier came from London. We are now left with 25 cases to deal with in April, which will probably be augmented in the interim, if we may judge by former elections. The first two unsuccessful candidates are, certainly, safe in April, and the next half-dozen, according to normal experience, but just now nothing is certain or sure. In respect of the Boys' School it had a long list of sixty-one candidates originally, but on the polling day of fifty-nine, with thirteen vacancies. Of these fifty-nine candidates, two had made seven applications, five five, four four, seven three, twenty-one two, and twenty-six appeared for the first time. Of these fourteen were London cases simply, one Essex and London, one South Wales and London, and the remaining forty-three provincial cases. Of the thirteen successful candidates, two had come forward seven times, six had come forward twice, and five were among the new cases. Of the thirteen successful candidates ten were carried by the provinces, and three were London cases. West Yorkshire secured White and Keighley, polling 3412 votes for the two; East Lancashire secured Roberts, polling 1667 votes; Essex returned two, Day and Coverdale, polling 3729 for the two, though it is fair to say that the main support of Miles Coverdale came from London voters. Durham polled 2373 votes for Gardner, placing him at the top of the poll; and Monmouthshire secured the election of Browning with 1593 votes, Warwickshire succeeded with Hall, polling 1531 votes, and Cheshire returned Rossiter with 1375 votes. The London candidates returned were Reece, Simmons, and Balcombe, with an aggregate of 4659 votes. At first sight it might seem after deducting 4659 from 21,041, the gross amount of votes polled for the successful candidates, that the provincial voting represented 17,282 as against 4659, but then it is certain, as a fact, that London votes entered largely into all the numbers polled by provincial candidates. Coverdale's case was warmly supported by London brethren, though properly, as we said before, a provincial case. Balcombe had very large support from friends, owing to the peculiar distressing circumstances of the case; hence his success. Owing to the heavy polling Watkins, the second candidate of the Association, was 98 votes behind the last successful candidate, and for him the Association polled, in one way or another, nearly 1000 votes. We confess that we feel

strongly that these figures and facts justify fully the action of the London Masonic Charity Association.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

We do not see that anything has occurred to change our already expressed opinion on this subject. We have read several official publications, and carefully studied the correspondence which appears in our columns, but still we adhere to our original view of the whole question. We are quite clear, that in denying the right of the individual lodges to retain their connexion with the mother Grand Lodge, which granted to them their warrant, the Grand Lodge of Quebec was utterly wrong, and the *New York Dispatch* was still more wrong altogether in saying that all American Grand Lodges would endorse the theories and action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Grand Lodges of Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas hold the views we have ourselves expressed on the subject, and we have also good reason to believe that such will be found to be the opinion also of the Grand Lodge of New York. Nay, we will go further, and say that we believe that all the American Grand Lodges will eventually avow the same teaching, inasmuch as when the whole question is carefully looked into, apart from passion and party spirit, which mark the utterances of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and its supporters at this special moment, the law of Masonic right and common sense will be upheld in America as in Great Britain. The Grand Lodge of Canada, equally, clearly takes the same view as we do, and when we remember that the English Grand Lodge has always maintained a Provincial Grand Master at Montreal, the Masonic law and precedent on the subject seems to us to be unimpeachable. We do not see, we confess, that anything can fairly be said against the Grand Lodge of Scotland, except, that perhaps its action has been a little premature. The Grand Lodge of Canada appears to have waived its jurisdiction, and the territory occupied by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but failing a concordat as between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we are not prepared to blame the Grand Lodge of Scotland because it revived its rights in abeyance, and asserted its claim of prior occupation. But yet, perhaps, prudence, a great Masonic, as well as humanitarian virtue, might have, perhaps, said to the Grand Lodge of Scotland "Pestina Lente," "hold your hand." And even now, we believe, that if instead of fiery "deliverances," and foolish and childish Masonic excommunications, the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be reasonable in its proceedings with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, peace may be preserved, and the whole of this untoward controversy may come amicably to an end. But to the absurd pretensions, and unprecedented claims of some of the champions of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as well as of the Grand Lodge itself, neither the Grand Lodge of Scotland nor the Grand Lodge of England can ever, under any circumstances, submit.

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.]

FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having resolved on a change, with a view also to devote a little time to the study of Freemasonry, and of primary education abroad, we ventured to commence our voyage, even with the report of the loss of the *Eddystone*, and of a rough channel ringing in our ears, but arrived at *Newhaven*, *Neptune* we found pacified, and that all was calm.

A voyage in France reminds one of the times, alas, long gone by, when first I landed on its shores and sought the portals of its colleges, when Louis Philippe was on the throne. A mad time my masters! when the villages around seemed in perpetual fête, and outside barrier balls abounded, where the fun never failed, and when to use the old phrase

"Le vin de quatre sous"

"Met le sens sous, dessus,"

when the grisettes wore caps as "de rigueur," when

coquettes were few, and the francs went—well, at any rate much further then at present. Then it was the polka in its original half military form, first made its appearance, exciting wonder and admiration.

"Oh! happy days of youth, why did ye pass away."

At that period, now nearly forty years since, Paris held a relatively higher position in the world of science than it does now. Sir H. Davy had passed away, although the halo of Faraday, his successor, will ever endure, and some of our best men in the quagmire of somnambulism had become lost to science. In Paris on the contrary still existed that phalanx of working men of the school of Cuvier, who had rehabilitated the olden world of Guizot, who left the chair of his university to guide unhappily the destinies of Europe; whilst in medicine and its allied sciences Orfila, Thenard, Broussais, Laennec and a host of well known names instituted the commencement of the new era in science and investigation in which our own country so soon participated, and which it may now be said to lead. However that may be, although France may not always lead the van, she will never be in the rear of science or of art.

Her material good is indeed, as it were, secured by the happy endowments which providence has afforded her, the beauty of her climate, and a people gifted by nature with the highest intelligence and discernment, the highest which has yet been accorded to man. The enjoyments of life, the happiness of the individual, no matter in what locality, may best be summed up in the phrase, "see France and live!" and it stamps with truth the regrets of Beranger, in the adieu of Marie, Queen of Scots:

"Adieu charmant pays de France
Que je dois tant chérir,
Berceau di mon heureuse enfance
Ah! te quitter-c'est mourir."

I arrived here last Saturday, and rising the next morning my wife desired to visit the chapel of Dr. Presence, in the Rue Madame, and enquire of the welfare of the Medical Mission, whilst I myself, too little calm for quiet worship, finally listened to a discourse addressed to the Divinity Students at St. Sulpice.

On the Monday I took my way to the Grand Orient de France, Rue Cadet 16. It is the third story, but English Masons must not be surprised at French simplicity.

A Tyler was arranging a Chapter when I entered, but I readily obtained all the information I required with this addition "Come here, monsieur" every evening at 8 o'clock, except Saturday and Sunday, and you will always find a working lodge to receive you." On my asking him to explain the difference between themselves and the Scottish Rite? his reply was "well we are Red." To which I replied, "that is, you go in for the Republic."

Having promised to return at 8 p.m., I went to the Grand Bureau of the Scottish Rite in the Rue de la Victoire, somewhat more pretentious than the Grand Orient, but still unpretending, although admirably arranged with a series of Masonic rooms.

I was received there with much friendship by the officers present, who gave me the programmes of several lodges, offered me gratuitous tickets for the fête in the Trocadero on the 24th inst., whilst I gladly purchased a ticket for the banquet.

"Now," said I, "tell me the difference between yourselves and the Grand Orient of France?" The reply was, "we are White." "That is," I remarked, "you go in for royalty?" "It is so," said he, "but you know we are all brothers." This is probably the explanation of the difference between the two bodies, — they will never coalesce—however their orbits may approach, the one will always hold to the symbol of legitimate kingship—"Oh! Richard, oh mon Roi," whilst the symbol of the other will ever remain "Egalité and the Republic;" and when any allusion is made to a passing event, viz., the invitation to our Royal Grand Master, this grand distinction must always be in mind; one means Henri V., the other the Red Republic. Light and darkness can present no greater divergence.

The same evening I repaired to the Lodge L'Amitié, working under the Grand Orient, rather too late for the opening, but on sending in my Masonic diploma was immediately received in the first Degree. The W.M. received me with kindness, and politely invited me to a seat on the dais beside him. The walls, the cushions, all were red. Three candidates were for proposal, most careful enquiries respecting each had been made, and three reports for each candidate were read, and one of the "profanes" proposed was a mécanicien, the second an artisan, the third a cabinet maker. Their character and principles were carefully discussed. The last of the profane, a cabinet maker, had just finished his time of service as a soldier, he was born in La Vendée, his opinions were stated "very advanced," his ideas "socialist," his age twenty-eight. After much discussion all candidates passed the ballot, but none were initiated, the W.M. present being only a deputy. Of those present the W.M. and another had medals, i.e., jewels; all wore collars, few had aprons, and one wore a red scarf. There is an officer in the Grand Orient unknown to us, called the Orator. He has charge of the Book of Constitutions, and as politics and religion are forbidden, it is his duty to declare what discussion or what proceeding is legal, and he really seems well read in the Constitutions.

As to the officers, the W.M. was a kind-hearted, friendly genial man, of middle age, such as one would feel at home with anywhere; the Secretary was also, I should say, a nice fellow; the Orator—not Cassius' self was so lean or apparently so devoid of "sleep-a-night." His eyes, his hands, his limbs, seemed doomed never to know repose.

In the usual manner he proposed a question that "collections for the families of the political prisoners be continued until the amnesty should be declared," which the Secretary opposed. On the question being decided against him he succeeded in getting a second ballot, and in his

own favour, the legality of which the Secretary in his turn opposed, and left the lodge.

The Orator's style was rapid and dictatorial, very different from the reasonable style of the other brethren, his opinions, evidently very advanced, and indeed he did not seem as one liked by the other brethren, of whom about thirty were present.

The meeting lasted three hours, no refreshment was taken, fifty concert tickets allotted to the lodge, to be sold for Masonic orphans were disposed of, and a collection for indigents having been made, the lodge was closed.

In looking over the book of Constitutions, printed only in 1877, I found that part of the first article, which affirmed belief in "the existence of God, and the immortality of the soul" crossed out with a pen.

I tried to talk it over with the Orator, but he somewhat sulkily observed that it was decided.

I was, however, evident that some of these worthy people were not quite at their ease, and when I asked the W.M. what meaning he attached to the letter G attached to his Star in the East, he seemed puzzled, and made no clear reply.

The meetings I found were monthly, but that fifteen days after each meeting the lodge met in Committee, to which visitors were not admitted.

It would occupy too long to go further into the evening's work. It is to be feared that English Masons and those of the Grand Orient may become wider and wider apart. Still the break is not quite hopeless. Let us hope for the best.

"Deal gently with our sister's fall.
Who knows but tender love
May win her at our earnest call
The surer way to prove."

Tuesday evening, October 15th, I took my way to the Lodge Eccossaise L'Alliance, No. 70, Rue J. J. Rousseau. Seven o'clock being underlined on the summons, I kept my time, but on arrival was desired to return at 8.30, for the lodge never opened before that time. Returning as desired, I sent in my diploma, and was received in a kindly manner by the W.M., who invited me to a seat on the dais by his side. He then commenced raising eight F.C.'s to the Third Degree.

I may remark that the "working" is not done with the same neatness and precision as with us, the W.M. and each Warden had books before them, and so little did they know that each lost the place repeatedly, and fell into confusion. The ceremony closely resembles our own, the signs only partially so, while the eight being all raised together produced an effect very different to that of an English lodge.

As the W.M. gave the recapitulation, I, myself gave the five points to one of the candidates in the English way, and they seemed much pleased with it. The lodge was then closed down in the Three Degrees, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, but no invocations, previous to which, however, the W.M. read a manuscript address, the excellence of which could not be exceeded.

A vote of thanks had been proposed to the visitors, to which I had the honour to respond, my remarks, especially as to the G.A.U., were kindly received with much cheering, whilst subsequently most of the brethren came round me to shake hands.

It strikes me that some enlightened English brother, adapting himself to French manners and ideas, would establish a modification of the English Lodge of Instruction, he would be well supported, and that he might have a most beneficial influence on the future of the Scottish Rite in France, and give a confidence in its principles to the outside world, which at present it can hardly be said to possess.

I attend a lodge in "grande tenue" this evening, and as I shall not continue my journey until after the Trocadero fête, hope to study further this very interesting, and to Masons even important subject.

W. VINER B. BEDOLFE, M.D.,
P.M., P.Z. 1329.

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The October elections for the Boys' and Girls' being over, the result has been to teach the brethren in general the great uncertainty and needless expenditure of voting power, and the London brethren in particular, the increased and very urgent necessity for the step taken by the London Masonic Charity Association. In the present instance, the members thereof worked very hard to secure the return of three candidates with their last applications, and were only successful in one, the other two being first and fourth on the unsuccessful list, whilst West Yorkshire returned two on the first application, one with four, and the other with three more chances, East Lancashire returned one on the first application, with eight more chances, and Warwickshire returned one, first application, seven more chances.

The great uncertainty of the elections was most strikingly shown by the result for that of the girls; the first candidate "Brasier," with 4741 votes, was in a majority of 1924 to the next, and 3637 to the fourth and last applicant, the London Masonic Charity Association were here fortunate, even beyond their expectations, in returning one out of the four vacancies, but I am inclined to think that a more judicious management would have secured the return of the second that it supported; at the same time, I do not regret the result, as the successful case "Hill" was, perhaps, more urgent and equally deserving. How truly may the old adage, that "a prophet is not without honour save in his own country," be applied to the London Masonic Charity Association, for where it might naturally have looked for help and support there it found its strongest opponents, who made assertions against it, without a single fact or particle of evidence to found them upon, and where it might have reasonably expected opposition, viz.,

in the provinces, it was met with nothing but the utmost courtesy, greatest kindness, and valuable assistance and support, at the same time they acknowledged the necessity for the step we had at last taken, and expressed their surprise that we, in London, had not pursued it before; and I feel quite sure that the members of the London Masonic Charity Association, one and all, fully appreciate and reciprocate the kindly feeling expressed in deeds as well as words by the brethren in the provinces.

Before concluding, I would call the attention of the London brethren thus early to two last applications which will appeal to them next April. The candidates are "Frost, C. F.," with only ten votes; and "Giles, F. A.," with only three votes to bring forward; the former has no relations dependent on the Institutions, his father became a Life Subscriber to both the R.M.I.B. and G., and had served as Steward to both, and subscribed 8½ years. The applicant is one of four dependent on the mother. Her address is 44, Arthur-road, Holloway. The latter has no relations on the Institutions; father subscribed 12½ years, and applicant is also one of four dependent on the mother, living at 11, Skinner-street, Bishopspate. There is another last chance London case, viz., "Nicholls, R. H.," but as he brings forward 1013 votes, so much exertion will not be required in his case. Among the girls there are at present no last chances for London, and but two for the provinces, viz., "Peele, K. A.," Durham, with a sister already in the Institution, and she, herself, the only one dependent on the mother, and "Williams, E. C.," Monmouth, father subscribed 10½ years, has none of her family on the books of the Institution, and is one of two dependent on the mother.

Another very distressing case is in Monmouth, "Laybourne, R. E. A.," father subscribed 15 years; her uncle, who brings this case forward, lost another brother, also a Mason, and is now the chief support of two widows and ten children besides his own.

Before closing my letter I glanced over your paper, and was highly amused with the letter from Bro. Edmonston, No. 1658; surely he must have been reading "Don Quixote," and have gone to bed on a supper of underdone pork, to have tilted so violently against the emanations of his own brain, for the most adverse reading could not have concocted such an array of iniquities as those against which our worthy brother has been so violently charging. I certainly must recommend Bro. Edmonston, or any other of our opponents, to make themselves conversant with the tenets and principles of our Association, before they expend so much energy in fighting the air, and they cannot expect a reply repudiating ideas which never existed in the minds of those who are the objects of such unmeaning attacks.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES PERCEVAL,
Treasurer, L.M.C.A.

BRO. EDMONDSTON'S PROTEST.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite agree with you as to the undesirability of further controversy in your columns as regards the London Masonic Charity Association. It can only be judged by its results, and by these alone. But there are two points and two points only on which I wish to make a few remarks, and for which I crave a little space in your journal.

1st. The first is that Bro. Edmonston, authoritatively (rather, perhaps, on no authority) passes severe condemnation on the Provincial Charity Committees for combining their votes. I, on the contrary, think, and equally dogmatically declare, that they are right in doing so, and only availing themselves of their privileges as subscribers, and the law of common sense.

2dly. Let me give an illustration of the use and the "raison d'être" of the London Masonic Charity Association. They say "one good illustration is worth one thousand arguments." Watkins, who was defeated by a "flake" by ninety-eight votes, is one of nine children, and that was his last chance. His poor mother having few influential friends, has failed both at the Boys' and Girls' School election. Just as we had hoped by a friendly interchange to secure his election, a well-known brother obtains three hundred votes for another case, and the poor widow with nine children is left out in the cold.

I confess that I went home sad at heart, and felt more than ever the absolute need of the London Masonic Charity Association. For candidates with many friends of course it is not needed, but for friendless candidates it will be a "God send," as we were told at Freemasons' Tavern.

I am yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF THE L. M. C. A.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Rather more than a year and a half ago, when I was resident at Castletown, Isle of Man, I received a visit from a man calling himself Bro. Szapira, who said he was or had been a member of the Morning Lodge, No. 351, under the French dispensation. I cannot at this present moment recollect the name of the town where this lodge, according to his account, is, or was, held, but to the best of my recollection it was not Frankfort-on-Main.

With this single exception, the account that "I.P.M. 1327" has given of his doings at Waltham Cross and its neighbourhood would do exactly for his visit to the Island. The case is well known in the Island of Man, and I have no doubt that a full account of his visit could be given by a P.M. of the Athole Lodge, 1004, who took a great deal of trouble in ascertaining the merits and demerits of the case.

His visit to me began by his asking me to buy his books.

I replied that I was not in want of those that he showed me. He then said that if I would not buy his books, I must relieve him. It was my bounden duty to do so. When I told him that I could not relieve him without making enquiries, he abused me in the foulest terms.

Yours fraternally, J.W. 1678.

CENTENARY OR SPECIAL JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be glad to know through the *Freemason* (or to my residence) whether either of the following lodges have warrants for centenary or special jewels, as I have not succeeded in obtaining definite accounts as yet, and desire to do so for my next work.

Fraternally yours.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, Cornwall, 19 Oct. 1878.

- No. 5. St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge.
- " 6. Lodge of Friendship.
- " 26. Castle Lodge of Harmony.
- " 90. Peace and Harmony.

P.S. I am anxious to know as to special jewels worn before the years 1861-2.

HANDSOME OR HANSON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in a recent police report that the *Times* talks of a "Handsome cab." Is this a misprint or an affectation? I always understood that "Hansom" cabs were called so after their inventor, Hansom. Is that a mistake? The moral of that police report would undoubtedly be, "Handsome is as handsome does;" so, perhaps, it was a joke of the reporters.

Yours fraternally,

LINDLEY MURRAY.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

This new lodge, whose warrant bears date as far back as the 25th of June last, was consecrated on Tuesday last, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, by Bro. James Terry, Provincial Junior Grand Warden, Herts; who was assisted by Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., as S.W.; W. H. Main, P.M. 813, as J.W.; William Clark, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Suffolk, as Director of Ceremonies; Joseph Cox, as Secretary, Charles G. Hill, P.M., 1366, as I.G.; and the English Glee Union, Bros. H. Ashton, G. Musgrave, F. H. Cozens, and A. Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. A. Hubbard. The ceremonies of the day, which were most fluently and impressively performed, had the advantage of being conducted in a magnificent room, the loftiness of which prevented any inconvenient heat being experienced by the brethren, although there were some 120 present. The ceremonies being in the hands of such an expert as Bro. Terry, were completed in the space of an hour and a half, and the brethren who had the pleasure of witnessing them received, an admirable lesson in the art of consecrating a lodge and installing a Master. The opinion of the local brethren as to the necessity of a good lodge in the parish of Shoreditch was evidenced by such a large muster of the fraternity, which more resembled a Provincial Grand Lodge than any other assembly of Masons. The brethren who signed the lodge book were: Bros. L. Stean, Geo. T. Barr, C. T. Barham, C. Stevens, Joseph Cox, C. J. Graham, Hy. J. F. Gale, A. H. Clement, Wm. Bennet, A. Russer, W. Beasley, E. Walker, James Roberts, J. Terry, P.G.J.W., Herts, P.M. 228; Charles W. Cox., 1566, J.W. 1564; E. T. Henman, 1243; James Smith, 193; W. Perry, P.J.W. 1107; W. H. Main, P.M. 813; F. Breen, S.W. 1076; John Henry Hale, W.M. 737; John G. Stevens, P.M. 554 and 933; Walter J. Ramsey, 174; John Stilwell, 813; W. T. Stevens, S.W. 737; H. Ashton, 1185; W. Dowse, P.M. 754; J. H. Thompson, 1237; Henry Rawes, 950, 1353; J. B. Bunwell, 1663; Albert Hubbard, 813; T. Cusworth, P.M. 813; W. Stead, W.M. 813; W. Stephens, P.M. Clapton and Ripon; W. Burton, P.M. 1124; Edwin Blunt, 1489; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; Thomas Sim, 65; W. H. Wallington, P.M. 860; J. Taylor, P.M. 933; Saml. Holliday, W.M. 382; Thomas Glass, 813; W. F. Green, 861; Thomas Purdy, P.M. 861; W. Grist, 1489; H. J. Dickson, 781; Fred. H. Cozens, 907; R. R. Harper, S.W. 813; H. J. Gabb, P.M. 813; W. Shead, 1366; G. Edwards, 907; J. B. Shackleton, P.M. 1326; Wyndham Hart, 49; H. Stephens, W.M. 754; Joseph Driscoll, P.M. 30; G. H. Wilkinson, jun., 49; E. E. Powle, W.M. 869; Stephen Hagnatt, 101; George Plummer, 177; Charles G. Hill, P.M. 1366; Geo. Levy, 40; W. Johnson, 861; Henry R. Fletcher, 1604; Josh. Woodhams, 101; J. Bartlett, P.M. 813; W. Snellgrove, S.W. 907; Elias Somers, P.M. 1602; W. Webb, 382; R. M. Clarke, 1339; L. M. Bedwell, 861; John A. Hunt, 569; W. Dawson, 1602; J. A. Smith, 1167; G. L. Young, 820; Charles B. Payne, G.T., P.M. 27; J. W. Taylor, W.M. 917; George Musgrave, 1507; Charles Coleman, 907; L. Jones, 996; Thos. Chapman, 788; James Blyth, 813; W. Clarke, 114; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the usual ceremonies had been gone through, and the lodge formally dedicated to the noble science, Bro. Terry installed as the first Worshipful Master of the lodge Bro. Louis Stean, P.M. of 917, and several other lodges—a brother whose standing in the Craft is of forty-eight years' duration, and who is well-known as an able worker of the ceremonies, and connected of old with the support of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Charles Stevens was invested as I.P.M., Bro. George T. Barr as S.W., Bro. Charles F. Barham as J.W., Bro. Charles Stevens as

Treasurer, Bro. Joseph Cox as Secretary, Bro. Benjamin as S.D., Bro. Jones as J.D., Bro. Clements as I.G., Bro. Gale as D.C., Bro. Marshall as W.S., and Bro. C. T. Speight as Tyler.

Bro. Terry delivered the addresses to the Worshipful Master and the brethren, and Bro. W. Clark the address to the Wardens.

A long list of intending initiates and joining members was read by the Secretary, after which a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was passed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a delightful banquet, supplied by Bro. W. Grist, of Hackney.

The loyal and Masonic toasts followed, Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., responding to the toast of "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. Terry, then rose, and said that as a Consecrating Officer the duty devolved upon him of submitting for the brethren's acceptance a toast, and he was sure the subject of it was one that was very much gifted indeed with the power of oratory, he should exhaust it on this subject. His toast was "The Health of Bro. Stean, W.M." Bro. Stean in the course of his observations had said that he had now been forty-eight years a Mason. It was something for the brethren to think of, that a brother for all that number of years had passed over his head, yet thought himself sufficiently young to take the gavel of office to rule and direct the affairs of a new lodge. He (Bro. Terry) had had the pleasure of Bro. Stean's acquaintance in Masonry for nearly twenty years; they had worked together very zealously, very hard indeed, in days gone by, and he was happy, indeed, to see health and strength spared to Bro. Stean till now to undertake the arduous task imposed upon him. He was certain that the brethren of the St. Leonard Lodge had made a very excellent selection for first Worshipful Master of a brother who was an expert in the Craft, who was well acquainted with all the routine working of it, was familiar with all its ceremonies, and was competent to preside over the brethren at the banquet table. This certainly was a rare combination in one brother, that he should know the Book of Constitutions, be able to perform the ritual, and also be able to preside with grace at the festive board. In Bro. Stean he was certain they had those combined qualifications, and he ventured to predict that during the first year of the lodge's existence it would have a very prosperous, happy, and harmonious career. Prosperous they all desired to see it, happy they were all wishful it should be, and harmonious he was certain it would be. Unless harmony prevailed the lodge could not be prosperous. Bro. Stean had been a good worker in days gone by in promoting all that was good and pure and holy in Freemasonry. He had been a supporter of the Institutions, and had done excellent service. If he (Bro. Terry) were to talk for ten minutes, or a quarter of an hour longer he could not tell the brethren more than they themselves knew already. If they had not known Bro. Stean's good qualities they would not have recommended him for the proud position of being their W.M. Therefore, without further preface he would propose that they should drink with all heartiness and sincerity, and with the greatest warmth one Mason's heart could shew to another, "The W.M.'s Health."

Bro. Stean, in reply, said he felt at a loss for words to express what he felt. When he was a young man he thought it a great honour and a very great pleasure to preside in a lodge. He now looked on it in a different light—as a duty. He thought that after having had honours showered on him, and having been for many years respected in the Craft, if it lay in his power at the end of his career to start a new lodge that should be vigorous it was his duty to do so. He doubted not that the St. Leonard Lodge would carry out a great deal more than it had lain in his power to do. Still he hoped and trusted that the seeds of Freemasonry would be sown in this lodge, and that many young members now alive would remember his words when he was gone, and say that Bro. Stean's prediction had been fulfilled, that the lodge was equal to any in the Craft, their subscriptions to the Charities as great as any, and that every chair in the lodge—the W.M.'s, the S.W.'s, and the J.W.'s, as well as the Deacon—would represent a Vice-President of one or other of the Institutions. [The report will be concluded in our next.]

News of Professor Nordenskiöld's North-East Passage Expedition has reached Stockholm. It left the north coast of Norway on the 25th of July, reached Jugor Straits on the 30th, steamed on the 1st of August and arrived at the mouth of the Yenissej on the 6th. It was intended to start afresh on the 10th of August. The Kara Sea was nearly free of ice. A little scattered drift ice near White Island was the only ice met with during the whole voyage. The expedition has thus a good prospect of success.—*Nature*.

The Eastern unsettlement threatens to create yet another nuisance—a new European language. The Albanians, in asserting their nationality, claim that Albanian shall be the official language of their country. The Albanians have two chief languages, the Tosk and the Guegh, and they cannot read them when other people write them, so they use Greek for written communications. Some years ago we mentioned that the Bible Society had published a Tosk Testament, which no one could read, so they printed a Guegh Testament, in another new character, and set up schools to teach people to read it.—*Albancum*.

The Lord Mayor elect (Alderman Sir Charles Whetham) has honoured Messrs. Lock and Whitfield, of Regent-street, with a sitting for his photograph, which will be reproduced by the Woodbury permanent process and published with the November number of the *British Mercantile Gazette*.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF PROGRESS, No. 1768.

The consecration of this lodge took place on Thursday, October 17th, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., by the V.W. Bros. John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas. Middx. as Director of Ceremonies; Murton, P.G.D., as S.W.; Fenn, P.G.D., as J.W.; The musical arrangements were in the hands of a very able brother, but we regret we cannot mention him by name, or the brother who acted as I.G.

In his opening remarks Bro. Hervey expressed unqualified satisfaction at being called upon to consecrate a lodge, every petitioner for which was a member, and in most cases a prominent working member, of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, wherein he had held the office of Treasurer for over thirty years. He had no misgiving whatever that the rendering of the beautiful ceremonies of the Order would in any way suffer in the hands of the officers designate, or that any candidate seeking Masonic light in the Lodge of Progress would fail to be impressed when the mysteries of Freemasonry were revealed to him in all their solemnity.

An eloquent oration was delivered by the Rev. Bro. Simpson, of which the following may be taken as a summary. "I have had much pleasure in complying with the request that I should assist as Chaplain at the consecration of the Lodge of Progress, more especially as my old and excellent friend, the Grand Secretary is the Consecrating and Installing Officer, I congratulate you on the happy choice you have made in styling yourselves the Lodge of Progress. I will take your title as a key to the observations I am about to make. But let me first premise these remarks are not intended to teach the experienced brethren here present anything unknown, but rather to remind them and myself of some old facts and truths that may help us on the march of progress. In the opening chapter of the volume of the Sacred Law we have the first record of progress in matter. From chaos came the new created world; mother earth ever labouring for our good furnished the materials to aid man, first with his tent, then the hut, the house, the tabernacle, and so on, until finally that grand masterpiece, King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem was completed. Thus to this day the wonderful properties and powers of matter are being continually evolved. Let us take a short review of the progress of man. Though fallen from his first high estate, man, fashioned in the express image of his God, has made mighty progress in the restoration of that Godlike image that was defaced. A long line of patriarchs, prophets, kings, and righteous men in sacred history attest this progress, while Plato, Aristotle, and many a great philosopher, in profane history, bear witness to the same. In modern days we meet with many noble and remarkable instances of the like kind, all this moral, intellectual, and religious progress tending to one great result, educating man for the Grand Lodge above. Again, with regard to the progress of Masonry, this has been great, especially of late years. The principles held by Masons, and the foundation of all religious systems that acknowledge the one true and living God, which acknowledgment at once implies acting under a law, acting in the sight of the law-giver, responsible belief, and a system of rewards and punishments. In no system is the arrangement from design more beautifully and significantly illustrated than in Freemasonry. It tells man of a happy present and of a still happier future; and guiding his footsteps by the light of Divine truth, points to those eternal mansions whence all goodness emanates. May this lodge ever be guided by this light. Order, harmony, and proportion are the requisites of every building, spiritual, social, and political, which would make any claim to perfection. Let us endeavour to unite ourselves by the principles of genuine philanthropy, so to build up ourselves in good works, and to practise the doctrines taught by our noble institution, that in whatever character we may appear in the world, we may faithfully perform our duty. Let us live as men considering the great end for which the goodness of God created us, beseeching Him who ruleth the universe and giveth order and motion to the heavenly bodies, that He would direct our goings in the true and right way, that our footsteps slip not, that he would promote still more and more that charity which is the bond of all virtue, and give us wisdom to contrive in all our undertakings, strength to support us in all difficulties, and beauty to adorn those heavenly mansions, where His honour dwelleth."

The ceremony of consecration being concluded, Bro. W. A. Dawson was presented for installation, duly inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Hervey, and received the salutations of the brethren.

Bro. Legg was unanimously elected and invested Treasurer, and the following officers were appointed:—Bros. F. R. Spaul, S.W.; A. C. Spaul, J.W.; Hornblower, Sec.; Tattershall, S.D.; Duret, J.D.; Ockenden, I.G.; and Marvin, M.C.

Bros. Hervey, Simpson, Buss, Murton, Fenn, and Richards, were elected honorary members.

Bros. Smallpeice, Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement; Hunt, Kentish, and other petitioning brethren were present, and there were also several visitors.

Several propositions for joining and for initiation were handed in, and all further business being despatched the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, all speeches being commendably short.

This lodge will be worked on strictly Emulation ritual and proposes to dispense with banquets.

The first regular meeting will take place on Wednesday next, 30th inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

Reports of Lodges 78, 1085, 1512, and 1560, stand over.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SOUTHPORT.

As a rule, unless Royalty be present, the laying of a foundation stone of a public building is chiefly noticeable for the speeches delivered. There are no spectacular effects connected with the ceremony, and the duties of journalists are confined to reporting the addresses, and publishing the architect's description of the building. But the foundation stone of St. Luke's Church was laid under altogether different circumstances. "Pomp and ceremony" distinguished the proceedings, and, lifting them altogether out of the ordinary groove, excited the curiosity of the public to the utmost. Freemasonry, to those beyond the pale of the Craft, is enveloped in mystery, so that upon the rare occasions when the veil of concealment is partially raised, the outside world eagerly avails itself of the opportunity to obtain some little knowledge of the "forms and ceremonies" observed by the brethren. It is, therefore, not a subject for wonder that the publication of the announcement of the foundation stone of St. Luke's Church being laid with Masonic honours caused the inhabitants of this town to turn out in large numbers. Not only was the ground on which the church will hereafter stand, alive with spectators, but the streets through which the procession passed were filled by sight-seers. The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, as Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire, laid the foundation stone, and his presence secured the attendance not only of brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but of Masons resident in the district. The appointed rendezvous was Holy Trinity Schools, the members of the local lodges walking to it in procession from Nevill-street. Half-past one was fixed for the grand procession to start, and the Masons exhibited their appreciation of the truth of the proverb that "punctuality is the soul of business," by turning out shortly after the appointed hour in the usual order.

It is difficult to write anything like a picturesque description of a procession in which the picturesque element is conspicuous by its absence. A number of gentlemen, walking two and two, attired in black broadcloth and "stove pipe" hats, the sombreness of their attire relieved by curious little aprons, is not altogether a cheerful spectacle. The procession was, however, redeemed from the utterly commonplace by the choirs of Holy Trinity and St. Luke's in their surplices, and a large number of clergymen who put in an appearance, attired likewise in surplices, and also wearing the distinctive hoods of their respective universities.

Whatever may have been the effect of the procession on the spectators, the ceremony on the ground must have surprised all present. It proved to outsiders that Freemasonry is a substantial reality, and the service—for such it may be really called—was conducted with a large amount of solemnity.

The Masons having taken up their appointed positions an ode was sung, and the following address was presented to the Provincial Grand Master by the Vicar of Holy Trinity:

Holy Trinity, Southport, October 18th, 1878.

My Lord, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,—The population of Holy Trinity Parish having enormously increased of late years, and the church accommodation thereby become wholly inadequate to its requirements, it has been decided to divide the parish, and to build on this spot a church of a plain, but substantial character, to seat 1000 persons, the estimated cost of which is £6000. Of this sum £3000 has been already subscribed; and Bro. the Rev. W. A. Marsden, B.A., has accepted the charge of the new district. The Building Committee, appointed to carry out the work being all Freemasons, and knowing how highly the great principles of the ancient Craft are valued by your lordship, ventured to suggest that this would be a suitable occasion for their practical application. I have, therefore, on behalf of the committee, myself, and all present, to offer to your lordship a most hearty welcome and our warmest thanks for so heartily acceding to our request to lay the foundation stone of our new church; and may the Great Architect of the Universe prosper our handiwork, and grant your lordship long life to practice and uphold the principles of true Masonry in this province.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. S. HOPE, Vicar.

The upper stone having been raised, and the lower one adjusted, the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered up the following prayer:

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name. Aid us, O God, in the work we are now about to commence, and grant that this foundation stone may be the foundation of much faith and good works. Put it into the hearts of Thy people that they may give freely of that which Thou hast bestowed upon them, that upon this stone may be raised a superstructure perfect in all its parts, honourable to its builders, and worthy of the great cause to which it will be consecrated. Give us grace that we may engage in our present purpose with the deepest humility and most earnest reverence, and that all our work may be to the honour and glory of Thy great name.

The ceremony of laying the stone was then proceeded with, the band meanwhile playing solemn music, and as soon as it was "truly laid," the R.W.P.G.M. strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stones.

An ode was also sung in an impressive manner by the choir and Masons.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., stepped forward, and said—Mr. Hope and brethren, I assure you it gives me very great pleasure indeed to come here this day to begin so good a work as this which is about to begin, namely, to lay the foundation stone of a church in this town. This is the second time that I have performed this ceremony in this town, but this is the first time I have performed it

with Masonic honours; in fact, it is the first time that have had the gratification and the pleasure of laying the foundation stone since I came to rule over this great province. (Cheers.) I am sure there is no Masonic work in which I have ever been engaged that has given me half the pleasure than that of doing this work to-day. We all know how much Church accommodation is wanted, in this increasing town, which is increasing so rapidly that the accommodation at present provided cannot be one-half enough for those who ought and would attend the churches if they were able. (Cheers.) Therefore it gives me still greater pleasure when I see this great work of church extension is being carried out here from time to time. I can remember no later than last year our good bishop—the Bishop of Chester—told me that since he came to preside over this diocese he had consecrated or re-opened no less than some eighty-five churches. Now, when we think of the time he has been amongst us I think that shows an advance in South Lancashire, and that the work of church extension is proceeding well and rapidly. (Cheers.) I will not detain you now, as I may have to address you later, but I will merely say that it gives me very great pleasure to lay this foundation stone, and to be surrounded as I am by so goodly a number of the brethren of the province, whom I thank for having come here on this occasion. I can only hope this church may rapidly rise, and that the funds may be speedily for the coming, and that the hope I have expressed that the church will eventually be free will be fully and entirely carried out. (Loud applause.)

The Rector having offered up a prayer, Bro. Alpass, the Provincial Grand Secretary, read the Masonic address.

His Lordship then proceeded to lay the foundation stone with full Masonic ceremonial. Previous to this being done the Provincial Grand Secretary read aloud the inscription on the plate, which was as follows:—"This foundation stone of St. Luke's Church was laid with Masonic ceremonial by the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire, on the 18th Oct., A.L. 5878; A.D., 1878." Other ceremonials were gone through, after which his Lordship took the mallet, and declared the stone, "Well formed, true, and trusty."

The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered up a prayer.

The Provincial Grand Master having inspected the plans of the intended building, delivered them to the architect, desiring him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan.

The proceedings terminated by the singing of the National Anthem.

The procession was then formed in reversed order and returned to Holy Trinity Church Schools, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

A banquet was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, which was attended by several ladies and a large number of Masons and others interested in the success of the new undertaking. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. and P.G.M., presided, being supported on the right by Bro. H. S. Alpass, the Prov. Grand Sec., and on the left by Bro. the Rev. C. S. Hope; on the left by Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, the Prov. Grand Chaplain; Bro. the Rev. C. H. Knowlly, Rector of North Meols. Among those who sat to the right and left of his lordship were Major Turner, P.P.G. Treasurer, the Rev. Canon Clarke, D.D., the Rev. Canon Sheldon, Captain Hesketh, Lever R. Rowbotton, P.M., P.P.G. J.W., and others.—Southport Visitor.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN NEALDS, SECRETARY, 777.

Bro. John Nealds died October 10th, 1878. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1837, acting as Secretary about thirty-five years to the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777. This worthy brother, who was much esteemed both by Masons and others for his charity, kindness, and urbanity, could never be persuaded to take the Master's chair, though he had filled that of S.W.

A strange fatality has fallen on the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, during the last two months, the brethren having been summoned three times within seven weeks to attend one of their number to the grave, the lodge having only twenty-five members. Bro. Lovitt, the Senior P.M. of the lodge, was buried on the 2nd of September; Bro. Seymore, S.W. of the Royal Alfred, on the 16th of the same month, and Bro. Nealds on the 15th October.

The death of Bro. Seymore was fearfully sudden, as he attended a lodge of instruction the previous evening, left in his usual health about half-past ten, was taken ill in his bath next morning, expiring within ten minutes of the first alarm. The other two brethren had been unwell some months past.

At the opening debate of the session of the Deaf and Dumb Debating Society which took place in the Lecture-hall of the Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb, St. Saviour's, Oxford-street, Mr. Thomas Davidson (President in the chair). The question discussed was "Is the Indian Government justified in going to war with Afghanistan?" After a spirited discussion by means of the finger and sign language the following result was obtained:—Ayes, 33; noes, 5; neutral, 2.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Female Complaints.—On the mothers of England devolves much and serious responsibility in securing for their daughters robust health; frequently alas! thoughtlessly sacrificed by culpable bashfulness at a particular period of life, when all-important changes take place in the female constitution, upon the management of which depend future happiness or misery. Holloway's Pills, especially if aided with the Ointment, have the happiest effect in establishing those functions upon the due performance of which health and even life itself depend. Mother and daughter may safely use these powerful deobstruent remedies without consulting anyone. Universally adopted as the one grand remedy for female complaints, these Pills never fail, never weaken the system, and always bring about the desired result.—[ADVT.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons in the county of Durham was held at the city of Durham. The business of the lodge was transacted in the lodge room, under the presidency of the right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. John Fawcett, J.P.), and there was an unusually large attendance.

After the transaction of the routine business, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master offered his hearty congratulations to the brethren present on the prosperous condition of Freemasonry in the province, as indicated by the reports of the respective W.Ms. of independent lodges. He was particularly pleased to hear that in several instances there had been no single case of "blackballing" during the year. (Hear, hear.) He attached very great importance to that, because it showed that Freemasonry was being properly understood. It showed that no person was proposed for initiation without due inquiry, and it also showed an absence of personal animosity. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master took the opportunity of deprecating, which he did very strongly, the action taken by the Grand Orient of France in expunging from their constitution the essential belief in a Deity; and he expressed the profound pleasure with which he hailed the bold stand made by the Grand Lodge of England on this subject, and enjoined on the various Masters of lodges in the province, particularly in seaports, the duty of carrying out and observing the edict of the Grand Lodge, that none be admitted into the Craft from French lodges who had been made since this change had been effected, unless he fully avowed his belief in this cardinal doctrine, and recognised its importance.

The remarks of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master were received with every mark of approbation.

The Provincial Officers for the ensuing year were then invested. They are as follows:—

Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.	... Prov. D.G.M.
Alderman Thomas Robinson, Mayor of Newcastle Prov. G.S.W.
Dent Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. M. Shepherd Prov. G. Chap.
Metcalf Watson Prov. G. Reg.
Rev. Canon Cundill Prov. G. Treas.
W. H. Crookes Prov. G. Sec.
Fred Maddison Prov. G.S.D.
W. J. Watson Prov. G.J.D.
Robert Hudson Prov. G.D.C.
George Greenwell Prov. G.A.D.C.
John Tilman Prov. G.S. of W.
Johnston Prov. G. Swd. B.
Muller Prov. G. Org.
W. J. Turnbull Prov. G. Purs.
E. Sutherland, F. W. Poe, W. H. Emerson, J. E. Lazenby, J. B. Hall Prov. G. Stewards.
John Smith Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren, about 250 in number, afterwards assembled at a sumptuous banquet held at the Town Hall. We ought to add that the Provincial Grand Lodge, at its meeting decided, amid universal acclamation, to fix a tablet in the Cathedral (with the permission of the dean and chapter) in commemoration of the lengthened period of service rendered by Bro. John Fawcett, in his capacity as Grand Master of the province, he being the oldest Provincial Grand Master in the kingdom. It is to be placed beneath the memorial window which was put in some time ago by the Masons of the Durham Province.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were filled by Bro. John Clabon, President; Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President; and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President. The other brethren who attended were Bros. Henry Garrod, C. A. Cottebrune, Griffiths Smith, W. Stephens, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, John Constable, L. Alexander, W. H. Honey, C. F. Hogard, John White, J. Wright, David Roberts, Treasurer, 754, P.G.S.B., Herts; F. Binckes, W. Jones, P.M. 862; G. H. Rawley, D. J. Robinson, W.M. 186; W. Mann, P.M. 186; W. Stuart, Robert. E. H. Halford, G. P. Britten, John Davis, J. Nicholson, A. J. Manning, R. A. Steel, Charles K. Killick, J. Newton, W. C. Corner, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler, also attended.

The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £155 made at last meeting of the lodge, and afterwards considered the new cases. Of these there were eighteen on the list. Three were deferred for evidence: that the brethren had paid two years to their lodges. The fifteen remaining cases were relieved with a total sum of £319, which was composed of one £50 (£50), three £40 (£120), two £30 (£60), two £20 (£40), four £10 (£40), one £5, and two £2 (£4).

Lodge was then closed.

Reviews.

THE ROSICRUCIAN. Edited by Bro. W. R. Woodman, M.D., and Bro. H. C. Levander, M.A. 198, Fleet-street.

The editorship of this quarterly and very interesting High-Grade magazine has changed hands, in that our esteemed and able Bro. Levander has succeeded in the joint editorship to our lamented Bro. R. W. Little. The number for April is a very good one. All the articles are worth reading, especially "A Templar Preceptory," (based on Kenrick's interesting little work, to which we have often alluded), and Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie's article on the

Swedenborgian Rite, which, however, has nothing properly to do with Swedenborg. We do not profess to agree with Bro. B. H. Burrows, in respect of "Hiram the Builder." Bro. Burrows repeats Mackey's mistake, that Hiram was not an architect; in which he is, like the great doctor quite in error. See the Bible. The history of Hiram, like to the central figure and legend, no doubt, of all early mysteries, is a very interesting subject of discussion, but we see no reason to doubt, especially remembering the significant silence of the Bible, that our own history has in it no a priori objection to its truth. The Magazine contains a good likeness and memoir of our lamented Bro. R. W. Little, whose services to Masonry and Masonic literature cannot be overrated.

OUR RED COATS AND BLUE JACKETS.

By HENRY STEWART. Bro. John Hogg, Paternoster Row. This is a very interesting work, which will repay perusal, and will gratify many of our younger readers. The deeds of our gallant Red Coats and Blue Jackets are always very pleasant reading, and we can find nothing better for "stalwart youth," than those acts of heroism, which have immortalised our two great services.

The book begins with the wars of the French Revolution, takes us through our great sea and land wars, through Indian wars and Indian mutinies, through China, the Crimea, and ends with Abyssinia and the Ashantee war.

Such a varied history is, like the kaleidoscope, full of ever changing views and startling aspects, but in all British pluck and British heroism by land and sea predominate, and come wonderfully to the fore. To those who have studied more elaborate works, (for them the book is not intended), of course, the details of the battles appear somewhat slight—and especially at Waterloo; those of us who have read Hooper's book will remember much that is necessarily omitted. Indeed, the account of Waterloo can only be a sketch.

Still the work is most interesting in itself, especially for the young, and we predicate for it much popularity and a remunerative sale.

TEACHER'S ASSISTANT.

Eyre and Spottiswoode, Printers to the Queen.

This very useful appendix to the Sunday school teacher and the Bible, as put forth by the Queen's Printers, deserves perusal and patronage. It deals, and though succinctly, deals successfully with the poetry, music, ethnology, plants, animals, money and weights, chronology, &c., of the Bible, and it will be most useful as it is needful to Sunday school teachers. Much of our Sunday school teaching is fragmentary, unsatisfactory, and incomplete, owing to want of information, and we recommend Sunday school teachers to study, not skim over, this little and unpretending, but valuable work. It is quite clear that you cannot teach if you are not taught yourself, and from all evils, defend us from unlettered and untutored instruction. Our Sunday schools might do more than they do, if all our teachers received certificates of competency, as with the best intentions in the world, they often fail in absolute knowledge of the subject, as well as power of teaching. Let them, however, study this little help, and they will be able to give their classes a good deal of valuable information. The study of the Bible is the strength of our Sunday school system.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

Yokohama, 1878. This is an address delivered to the Grand Lodge of Burmah, June 24th, 1878, by D.G.M. Bro. C. H. Dallas. It is well worth reading. Without travelling over old ground, or repeating an oft told tale, we commend the outspoken words of the D.G.M. to the attention and study of our many readers.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

OLYMPIC.—That sooner or later Bro. Neville would revive poor John Oxenford's adaptation of "Les Deux Orphelins" was taken for granted by those who remembered how highly successful the piece proved when produced at this theatre some few years ago, and the only wonder was that its revival had been delayed so long, considering the many favourable opportunities that have presented themselves during the last two seasons, thanks to the unfortunate failures the house has seen. There can be no two opinions as to "The Two Orphans" being a clever sensational piece, and exactly suited to the traditions of the Olympic, and the crowded houses that nightly testify their approval is the criticism no doubt Bro. Neville appreciates most. Under these circumstances we need only congratulate him upon the efficiency of the cast he has obtained for its due representation. We are glad to see him in his old part of Pierre, the faint-hearted cripple, for it requires all his art to enlist one's sympathies in a character, to say the least, far from heroic, and almost contemptible. Of the original cast, we have, besides Mr. Voltaire, Mr. Rignold, Mrs. Huntley, and Miss Ernstone, who have lost none of their force, especially Mr. Rignold, who, perhaps, a little exaggerates the bully. Of the new impersonations we cannot speak too highly of Miss Helen Barry's "Countess," which shews only too clearly the advantage of having an accomplished artiste in a small part; and of the others, Miss Marion Terry and Mr. F. H. Macklin merit praise for their careful acting and finished style.

ROYALTY.—Miss Kate Santley has resumed the management of this bright and pretty little house. Somehow it seems "The Royalty" is never in good hands except Miss Kate Santley's. The programme, one of the best in London, consists of three pieces, namely, "Kerry," an excellent one act drama, but in this present instance not well cast, excepting, of course, the "Kerry" of Mr.

Groves; his personation of the old Irish servant is an admirable performance; "A Happy Pair," one of the brightest, wittiest, little comediettas ever written, in which Miss Santley plays "Mrs. Honeyton," and plays it so well too that I am surprised she does not essay some more ambitious character part, and "La Jolie Parfumeuse," a capital piece of nonsense set to excellent music by Offenbach.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The monthly return of the number of paupers in England (minus about 3 per cent. for lunatic paupers in asylums, &c., not included) shows that at the end of August the southern part of the kingdom, including London, had 5961 fewer paupers than at the corresponding period of last year; while the northern part of the kingdom (with Wales) showed an increase of 15,091 paupers. But an examination of the return shows also that the south, with a population of 9,959,215 at the last census had 316,284 paupers at the end of August 1878, or 3'17 per cent. of the population; while the north, with 12,747,087 population, had only 339,852 paupers, or 2'66 per cent. of the population.

A telegram has been received at Bremen, by the Geographical Society, from M. A. Sibirakoff, announcing that the *Lena*, steamer, of the Swedish North-East passage Expedition, had reached the mouth of the *Lena*, ascended that river 180 (German) miles, and arrived at Jakatsk in safety on the 22nd of September.

The Dutch schooner *Willem Barents* has returned from her Arctic expedition. No one of those who sailed in her has suffered in health except Dr. Sluiter, naturalist. Gravestones have been placed on the spots where celebrated Dutch explorers are believed to have perished, and scientific experiments have been made. Accounts of these and charts of the voyage will shortly be published.

A Brighton gentleman, who wrote recently to Mr. Gladstone on the subject of spiritualism has received the following reply:—"London, Oct. 16.—I do not share or approve the temper of simple contempt with which so many view the phenomena. It is a question, in the first instance, of evidence; it then follows to explain, as far as we can, such facts as may have been established. My own immediate duties prevent my active intervention; and I remain, in what may be called contented reserve, without any fear that imposture will rule or that truth can be mischievous.—Yours faithfully, W. E. Gladstone. Mr. J. T. Markley, Horsham, Sussex."

Some remarks on the subject of Opium-smoking are recorded by Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon at Hong Kong, in his last report to the Department. According to the opinion and experience of this officer, it is a misapprehension to attribute to the smoking of opium, as a rule, the fearful and ghastly results with which it is usually credited. When offenders are committed to goal their allowance of opium is frequently stopped altogether, but no evil results ensue. It would appear that opium-eating has been confused with opium-smoking, and that many who practise the latter are the subjects of scrofulous diseases in their worst forms and most advanced stages.—*Lancet*.

Four more minor planets have been discovered lately within a fortnight:—No. 189 on September 18, by Professor Peters, at the Observatory of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York; No. 190, by Professor Watson, at Ann Arbor Michigan; No. 191, on September 30, and No. 192, on October 2, both again by Peters, who for some years past has been the most successful planet-hunter, his last discovery raising the number of his unanticipated discoveries to 32. This last planet is announced to be of the ninth magnitude, and is on that account noteworthy, since such a bright planet has not been among the newly-found ones for some years. The planet No. 188, discovered by Peters on June 26, has received the name *Menippe*.—*Academy*

Mr. Edward A. Bond has now entered on the discharge of the duties of Principal Librarian and Secretary of the British Museum, under his appointment by the Queen, Mr. Winter Jones having retired from the office on Saturday last after a service of upwards of 41 years. There is every probability that Mr. E. M. Thompson, the present Assistant-Keeper of the Manuscripts, will succeed Mr. Bond in the keepership of the department. Mr. T. Nichols has been appointed private secretary to the Principal Librarian.

The Papal Archaeological Academy will shortly resume its sittings. It has been closed for some time in consequence of political circumstances, but Leo XIII. has now granted permission for its resumption under the direction of Cardinal di Pietro. Besides the study of classical antiquities, to which the Academy formerly confined itself, it is now to turn its attention chiefly to the middle ages. Meetings are to be held in the house of Cardinal di Pietro until a fitting locale is found for the society.—*Academy*

In digging the foundations for a new shaft at the rear of premises in the occupation of Messrs. Morgan and Co., in Long-acre, last week, some workmen came upon a chest containing a large number of gold and silver coins of the reign of Henry VIII. in a high state of preservation. Besides a quantity of miscellaneous articles, the box contained about 20 pieces of church plate and ornaments. Among these were a massive chalice, a ciborium, and a monstrance, all set with precious stones; a finely-carved crozier head, a lapis lazuli crucifix, a pectoral cross and chain attached, some small vessels, and what appears to have been the mitre of an abbot or a bishop. At the foot of the chalice a cross with a nimbus is engraved, and in a scroll the Latin inscription "Ad majorem Deli gloriam."

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.
—We have much pleasure in informing the Craft that Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, East Lancashire, has consented to preside at the next anniversary festival of this Institution, which will be held on the 12th of February, 1879. This is the first occasion, we believe, on which the Prov. G.M. for this province has presided at any of our Masonic festivals, and we doubt not that the brethren will gladly avail themselves of this opportunity of enrolling themselves as Stewards and supporting Col. Starkie in his Presidency. Bro. James Ferry, P.G. J. W. Herts, Secretary, will be glad to receive names of brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The meetings of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, are held every Wednesday evening throughout the year, from 7 to 9 o'clock p.m., at the Fen-church Tavern, Railway-street, City.

The Doric Chapter of Instruction, No. 933, will commence its weekly winter evening meetings on Monday next at 8 o'clock, at Comp. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green. Comp. T. J. Barnes, P.Z., is the Preceptor; Comp. W. H. Myers, S.E.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 30th of October, 1878, at four o'clock, for the installation of the Most Excellent Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., P.Z. 61, as Provincial Grand Superintendent, and for the transaction of the general business of the province.

Bro. Emra Holmes' new work, "Amabel Vaughan," is to come out in December. Messrs. Lake and Lake, of Truro, are the publishers. We believe between 200 and 300 copies have already been subscribed for. The object of the publication is to assist a distressed brother Mason, and as such commends itself to the Craft, apart from the literary merits of Bro. Holmes' tales, poems, and Masonic papers; and subscribers' names will be gladly received by either the local or the London publisher, Bro. Geo. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

Bro. John Derby Alcroft, M.P., P.M. 1657; has been initiated an honorary member of the Hope of Worcester Lodge of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity.

Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., R.W.G.M Worcester, and Lady Lechmere, have left England en route for Rhodes and Cyprus.

Mr. Edison's patents for the subdivision of the electric light were filed in the Patent Office in London on Wednesday morning, and as soon as the legal formalities have been completed, the experiments with the invention will, no doubt, be publicly made.

The election for the office of Remembrancer for the City of London will take place on Wednesday next, in the Court of Common Council.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.—It has been thought advisable by the President to postpone the meeting of the Committee from the 28th instant, until the circular has been sent to all the lodges in London and country.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor accompanied by Bro. Sheriff Burt, opened the Tottenham, Edmonton, and Enfield Industrial Exhibition in Park-lane, Tottenham, on Thursday.

The Consecration of the Abbey Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 225, will take place at the Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, on Wednesday next. Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden, P.G.C. (Mark), is the Installing Officer. Special arrangements have been made by Bro. E. L. Shepherd, the Secretary, with the G.W.R., to enable London brethren to leave Paddington by the 10 o'clock a.m. express. Return tickets, second-class, 11s, on production of summons.

"Catherine Carmichael; or Three Years' Running," is the title of the new and original story, written expressly for the "Masonic Magazine," by Anthony Trollope.

Miss Helen Barry has purchased a new comedy, "April Showers," by the authors of "Flirtation," Messrs. Bellamy and Romer.

The annual benefit of Messrs. John and Richard Douglass, proprietors of the "National Standard Theatre," will take place at that establishment on Monday, and Tuesday, Nov. 18th and 19th, on which occasion the celebrated actress, Miss Heath, will appear in her great character of Jane Shore. We wish Bro. John Douglass a full house.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the principal acting officers of the St. James's Lodge, No. 482, on Monday week, the 4th proximo, at five o'clock p.m., precisely. The lodge meetings are held at the New Inn, Handsworth, near Birmingham.

Madame Worrell-Duval announces that her annual evening concert will be held at the South Place Institute, Finsbury-square, on Monday, Nov. 11th. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. W. T. Rickwood, 33, Cheap-side, E.C., and Bro. Wm. Worrell, 67, Knowle-road, Brixton.

The whaler Arctic arrived on Wednesday from the Davis Straits fishery. The Arctic has one whale, and the other ships of the fleet have only five fish among them. The steamer Camperdown, of Dundee, is reported totally lost, but the crew have been saved. She was worth £20,000. Such an unfortunate whaling season has probably never before been experienced.

Bro. George Burt, Past Grand Warden Dorset, was among the visitors at the Emulation Lodge on Monday last. In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Burt remarked that this was the first Masonic meeting he had attended, since his installation as one of the Sheriffs of the City of London.

In presenting the prizes in connection with the Nottingham science classes the Duke of St. Albans said, we must feel proud at the triumphs of our commerce and our industry, which had placed us foremost among the nations of the earth; but he would remind his hearers that Continental nations were prepared at this moment to attack that supremacy. He was astonished the other day to hear one of the leading bankers in the metropolis say that he was able to engage three German clerks for the price of two English ones, and that these Germans were able to speak four languages. He thought the advancement which had been made in educational matters on the Continent was a grave matter for consideration. It was no argument that because genius in this country would show itself in a variety of ways and because we had talent in our midst, schools of art and science were unnecessary. It was more than ever necessary that we should have such machinery. If Englishmen were not furnished with a good elementary education, and if science was not put within their reach, English industry would be beaten out of the field.

The sum of £20 has been handed over to the Princess Alice Mansion House Relief Fund by Bro. Charles Jolly, being the product of the sale of some verses of which Bro. Jolly was the author.

At a recent meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham it was decided amid universal acclamation to fix a tablet in the Cathedral (with the permission of the Dean and Chapter) in commemoration of the lengthened period of service rendered by Bro. John Fawcett, the R.W. G.M. of the Province. Bro. Fawcett is the oldest Provincial Grand Master in the Kingdom. Should permission be granted by the Dean, the tablet will be placed beneath the Memorial window, erected some time since by the Durham brethren.

Our readers, particularly those in Ireland, will learn with deep regret of the death of Bro. Captain George Huband, which sad event occurred on Sunday, October the 13th.

An effort is being made to relieve the necessities of Bro. J. B. Buckstone, who for so many years afforded amusement to playgoers at the Haymarket Theatre, and who is now in great distress. He is unable to move without assistance, and his memory has entirely gone. Donations may be sent to the Editor of the *Whitehall Review* (who has consented to act as Treasurer), 6, York-street, Covent-garden, London, W.C.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTHAMPTON.—The petition of members resident in Southampton of the New Forest (Lymington) Lodge to open a lodge in the town where they reside has been granted, on the recommendation of the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who was petitioned by certain Southampton Masons in opposition. The first Master of the new lodge, named the "Albert Edward," No. 1780, is to be Bro. W. Hickman, of Southampton, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Hickman has just been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the new Masonic Hall Company in Southampton, which has secured for its new premises a beautiful site overlooking the fine western bay of the town and the bordering New Forest.

We regret having to record this week the death at Hooley House, Coulsdon, of Bro. James Johnstone, who had been for more than twenty years the sole proprietor of the *Standard*. In recording the sad event the *Standard* of Tuesday says: "Mr. Johnstone's private character can hardly be spoken of impartially by his friends in a journal which remains in the possession of his family; but affectionate remembrances of him will long be kept green in the memories of the many who have the best cause to know how just were his dealings and how generous his impulses. It was a manly, strenuous, energetic, and influential life that came to its close this week, at Hooley House."

The Duke of Sutherland has presented each of the tradesmen on his Trentham estate, some 120 in number, with a milch cow and sufficient pasture land for feeding. This is in addition to the gardens and pasture land they already possess.

REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS.—Already about 907 persons have been registered under the Dentists Act. No less than 816 of these had no claim to legal recognition except that of being engaged in the practice of dentistry—553 alone, 263 in connection with pharmacy. Of those registered 89 possess the licence in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.—*Lancet*.

The French Government has decided to stop the issue of tickets for the National Lottery after the eighth million. The State printing presses cannot supply them fast enough to meet the demand.

The *Sheffield Independent* informs us that the Richmond Vestry have instructed their surveyor to watch the progress of the electric light, and report whenever he thinks it desirable for the streets of Richmond to be lighted by it.

The plant and appliances employed in the erection of Cleopatra's Needle have been removed, and the artisans from South Kensington Museum are engaged in taking plaster casts of the obelisk. Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., has handed to Bro. John Dixon, C.E., a cheque for £10,000, in redemption of his pledge to pay him that sum on the erection of Cleopatra's Needle on the banks of the Thames.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which commenced at Shaftesbury Hall on Wednesday, attracted a large number of the Craft from the country, besides a fair representation of city bodies. The brethren attended in Masonic clothing, and presented a fine appearance.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

M.W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Cobourg (re-elected)	Grand Master.
V.W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, Kingston, (re-elected)	D. Grand Master
V.W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, Toronto,	G.S. Warden.
V.W. Bro. T. H. Tracey, London ...	G.J. Warden.
Rev. C. W. Patterson, Aurora... ..	Grand Chap.
V.W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Hamilton ...	G. Treasurer.
V.W. Bro. J. Lawson, Picton... ..	G. Registrar.
V.W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Hamilton (re-elected)	Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. E. Ball	Grand Tyler.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 1, 1878.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26.

- Audit Com., Boys' School, at 3.
- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-st.
- " 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
- " 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
- " 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
- Chap. 177, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H.
- Red Cross, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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 28.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
- " 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
- " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot. (Installation.)
- " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- " 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- 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 29.

- Audit Com., Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

- London Masonic Charity Association, 1, Clifford's Inn.
- Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
- " 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
- Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
- 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 31.
Gen. Com., Girls' School, at 4
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
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, NOVEMBER 1.
Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich. " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H. Chap. 3, Fidelity.
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., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill. Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.
For the Week ending Saturday, November 2, 1878.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool. Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester. Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30.
Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31.
Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport. Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool. " 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool. " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury. Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
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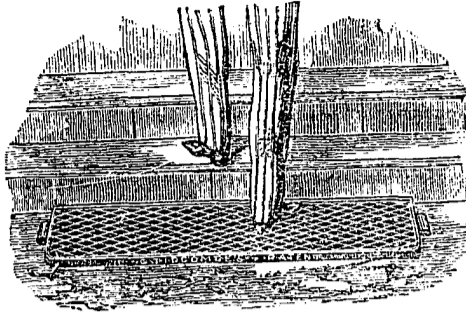
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