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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of England, was holden on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the following companions were present:—Comps. S. Rawson, as Z.; W. Platt, as H.; J. A. Rucker, as J.; John Hervey, S.E.; Erasmus Wilson, S.N.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.S.; Dr. Woodman, as 1st Asst. S.; James Lewis Thomas, Sword Bearer; Francis Robinson, as Dir. of Cer.; James Glaisher, Hyde Pullen, C. A. Murton, Peter De Lande Long, E. S. Snell, Thomas Fenn, A. J. D. Filer, H. Maudslay, H. J. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, Col. Creaton, Gray, J. M. Case, F. P. Morrell, H. G. Buss, and A. H. Tattershall, P.Z. 140; G. Stacey, H. 382; C. Driver, P.Z. 742; Charles Godtschalk, P.Z. 1255; George Lambert, P.Z. 7, and 21; Wm. Stephens, Z. 874, P.Z. 862; J. L. Miller, P.Z. 618; J. B. Boucher, H. 262; Joseph Clever, P.Z. 12; Wm. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; W. Noak, P.Z. and E. 140; Peter Wagner, Z. 185; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; C. B. Payne, Janitor; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th July to the 15th October, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£	s.	d.
" " Unappropriated Account	452	1	4
" " Subsequent Receipts	203	5	5
	238	19	6
	£894	6	3
By Disbursements during the Quarter	£	s.	d.
" Balance	194	18	4
" " in Unappropriated Account	507	17	6
	191	10	5
	£894	6	3

Of which balances there is in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d. and in the London and Westminster Bank and Bank of England £310 10s. 7d.

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

1st. From Comps. John Robert Wilson as Z., Henry William Townsend as H., John Lind as J., and eight others, for a Chapter to be attached to the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Portsmouth, to be called "The United Service Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, in the County of Hants.

2nd. From Comps. Howell Davies as Z., Henry Adams as H., George Parry as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177, Tenby, to be called "The Dinbych Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Gate House Assembly Rooms, Tenby, in the County of Pembroke.

3rd. From Comps. Robert Hudson as Z., Mark Douglass as H., George Moore as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, to be called "The St. Helen's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, Hartlepool, in the County of Durham.

4th. From Comps. Richard P. France as Z., John Hayes, as H., John Lamb Houghton as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, Liverpool, to be called "The Downshire Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster.

5th. From Comps. Alfred Wallis Paul as Z., Robert Phillips as H., William Lloyd as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Mount Everest Lodge, No. 1525, Darjeeling, to be called "The Canning Chapter," and to meet at the Lodge Rooms, Darjeeling, Bengal, in the East Indies.

6th. From Comps. the Rev. Robert Bowden as Z., John Thompson Goodridge as H., John Piggott as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Torbay Lodge, No. 1358, Paignton, to be called "The Torbay Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Paignton, in the County of Devon.

7th. From Comps. Wesley Francis as Z., Thomas Joyce as H., William Sink as J., and fifteen others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Natalia Lodge, No. 1665, Pietermaritzburg, to be called "The Natalia Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Longmarket-street, Pietermaritzburg, in the Colony of Natal.

8th. From Comps. James Richard Bishop as Z., Isaac Dawe as H., William Fenwick as J., and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, East Looe, to be called "The St. Anne's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, in the County of Cornwall.

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

9th. They have also received a petition from the Principals and other members of the Royal Victoria Chapter, No. 358, Ireland Island, Bermuda, West Indies, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter being entirely decayed, and the Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report—

That Comp. Joseph Smith, Past Director of Ceremonies of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was on the 30th of July last suspended, by order of the Board of General Purposes, "from all his Masonic functions and privileges, for a period of two years." That the said suspension was reported to and approved by Grand Lodge, on the 4th of September last, and in accordance with Article 10, page 6, of the Royal Arch Regulations, Grand Chapter will proceed to declare Comp. Joseph Smith suspended from his Arch Masonic functions.

The President will therefore move:—

That Comp. Joseph Smith, P.D.C., be declared suspended from his Arch Masonic functions for the period while such Craft suspension continues in force.

Comp. Joseph Smith, being an elected member of the Committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter, is, by reason of his suspension, disqualified from attending such Committee, it will therefore be necessary that the Grand Chapter elect another companion to fill the vacancy thus caused.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

The different Charters having been granted, Col. Creaton said, with respect to the Charter of Confirmation to the Bermuda Lodge, he had to inform the companions that the original Charter had become so decayed, that it was necessary that a Charter of Confirmation be granted.

Comp. Glashier thought that however decayed the Charter might be, it should be in the hands of Grand Chapter before a new one was issued.

Comp. George Lambert said if Comp. Glashier would make a motion to that effect he would second it.

Comp. J. Lewis Thomas said that if the Charter was sent home before the Charter of Confirmation was granted the chapter would have no warrant to work under in the meantime. Having lived in the West Indies seven years, he could vouch for the fact of paper and parchment decaying very rapidly.

Comp. Dumas said the Charter to be granted would only be a Charter of Confirmation, and if the chapter had ten such they would only be able to work that particular chapter.

Comp. J. Lewis Thomas thought that Comp. Glashier, as an archaeologist, wanted to see the old Charter, and preserve it in his museum.

The Charter of Confirmation to the Bermuda Chapter was then granted.

Col. Creaton then said it was his duty as President of the Grand Chapter Committee, to lay before the Grand Chapter the last part of the report concerning the suspension in Grand Chapter of Comp. Joseph Smith, during the time of his suspension by Grand Lodge.

Comp. J. Lewis Thomas said Grand Chapter had no choice in the matter; they must follow the rules laid down by Grand Lodge.

Comp. Rawson said it was a mere matter of form. Comp. Joseph Smith was suspended by Grand Lodge, and Grand Chapter must declare him suspended from his Arch Masonic functions.

Comp. Thomas Fenn added, that all the M.E.Z. had to do was to declare Comp. Joseph Smith suspended from his Arch Masonic functions. Grand Chapter had no power to vote one way or the other.

Comp. Rawson then declared Comp. Joseph Smith suspended.

The Comps. then elected Comp. F. Adlard, P.Z. 7, a member of the Committee of General Purposes, in place of Comp. Joseph Smith, suspended.

Comp. John Hervey read two letters, apologising for absence from Lord De Tabley and Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

The first regular meeting of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, was held in the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday evening last, but owing to the late period at which the report reached us, an account of the proceedings must be deferred until our next week's issue.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old and flourishing metropolitan lodge held its installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, on the 29th ult. The brethren mustered strongly. Amongst the officers present were Bros. E. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Morrison, J.D.; Heaphy, I.G.; M. Davids, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, W.S. (*Freemason*); Clark, A.W.S.; Peevor, P.M.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Kennett, P.M.; Cobham, P.M. The minutes of the September meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. appointed Bros. Hopwood as S.W., Themans as J.W., Whitley as D.C., and Carter as I.G., and with their assistance proceeded with the interesting ceremony of inducing his successor, Bro. Charles Dairy, into the chair of K.S. It being his first essay Bro. Mallett has to be complimented upon the performance of his arduous, though pleasing task. The brethren below the chair having been duly admitted, and they having paid their homage, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year by the W.M., who indulged in a few appropriate and kind remarks whilst investing them with the insignia of their respective offices:—Bros. Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, Treasurer; Stuart, Secretary; Heaphy, S.D.; Walls, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Titley, W.S.; Abrahams, A.W.S. The ballot was then taken on behalf of four gentlemen for installation, and, having been declared unanimous, the W.M. initiated the two that were in attendance, namely Messrs. J. B. Weedon and N. Nathan. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and augured well for the "work" in the higher Degrees being well carried out. Before the lodge was closed the W.M. presented his predecessor with a Past Master's jewel. In his address he congratulated the W.M. upon the manner in which he had presided over the destinies of the Lodge of Faith during his year of office. He, the I.P.M., had been a most hardworking member of the lodge. He had zealously and efficiently filled for eight years the various offices that had been given him, and had fairly earned the distinction and comparative ease of a Past Master, and which dignity he hoped Bro. Mallett would live many years to enjoy. The I.P.M. having briefly acknowledged this address, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren and visitors, to the number of nearly 70, adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet awaited them. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Dr. Middlemist, P.M. 5; G. S. Whitley, P.P.G.A.D.C. of Middlesex; H. Potter, P.M. Robert Burns; Coulton, P.M. Royal Union; Adams, P.M. 1623; Gladwell, S.D. 172; Tully, Royal Etonian; Hurran, 101; Clarke, 147; Lanyon, 188; Lewis, 212; Andrews, 382; Butt, 957; Braby, 1158; and Stephens, 1623. Upon the withdrawal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. The P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the G.O.s., Present and Past, was coupled with the name of Bro. Cottebrune, who modestly returned thanks. The toast of "The Initiates" followed. In introducing this toast the W.M. said it might justly be considered the toast of the evening. Their newly made brethren had been well recommended, and consequently the members of the Lodge of Faith hailed them as valuable acquisitions to their number. In concluding his remarks the W.M. strongly exhorted the initiates to bear in mind the principles eliminated in the lodge that afternoon, and to try and act up to those tenets in their communion with the outside world. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bros. Nathan and Weedon duly acknowledged the compliment. The health of "The W.M." followed, and in giving this toast, the I.P.M. took occasion to speak upon the interest evinced by Bro. Davey in the lodge from the first moment he entered it. He, the I.P.M., had worked shoulder to shoulder with him for nearly nine years, and during that time he had had many opportunities of estimating his manifold qualities, and in concluding his remarks he said he felt convinced that the brethren would experience every prosperity during Bro. Dairy's tenure of office. The W.M. having replied, immediately gave "The Past Masters." With this toast the W.M. enlarged upon the services rendered by two of that distinguished body, namely, Bros. Carter and Stuart, in their respective capacities of Treasurer and Secretary. The lodge was fortunate in possessing so many old and tried Past Masters, who were not only willing but were thoroughly capable of doing good suit and service when ever required. This toast was acknowledged by the I.P.M. in a neat speech. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Cottebrune and others, and "The Officers" by Bro. Rumball, S.W. The success of the proceedings was greatly and agreeably enhanced by the choice selection of vocal music, superintended by Bro. Edwin Moss, of the Foundling Hospital. The other t were Bros. Collins, Treemear and Upstone.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edward Terry (Gaiety Theatre), W.M., presiding. The meeting was numerously attended, as will be seen by the following list of brethren, who entered their names in the signature book:—Bros. George Buckland, S.W.; Edward Swanborough, J.W.; Charles Weland, S.D.; Harry Cox, J.D.; William Meyer Lutz, I.G. John Maclean, D. of C.; Edmund Rogers, Organist; Charles Coote, jun., Treasurer; E. Stanton Jones, P.M. and Secretary; Frederick Delevanti, Steward; William A. Tinney, I.P.M.; C. Coote, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.

J. M. Chamberlain, P.M.; J. Weaver, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; Thomas A. Adams, P.G.P.; Edward Frewin, P.M.; Charles S. Jekyll, P.M.; Charles Harper, jun., Joseph Perry, John M. Ball, Henry Snyders, Henry J. Tinney, Julian Egerton, William J. Castell, William Graves, Joseph Horton, Henry Lazarus Gustavus, R. Egerton, E. Kendall, William Lewis Barrett, Arthur Thomas, Abraham Henson, William Smith, Charles Henry Stephenson, Robert Soutar, William Jones Hill, James Charles Hambleton, Victor Tussaud, Charles George Alias, John Henry Pearson, Charles Beckett, James R. Jekyll, Charles Harcourt, Walter Hopkins Smith, Henry James Carter, Robert Dobson, Jules Guitton, Andrew McEleney, Pietro Le Conte Castell, Charles Blount Powell, Lionel Brough, Charles Ernest Tinney, Edwin James F. Bell, William John Kent, F. R. Pritchard, Henry James Callcott, and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. M. Case, P.M. 1, P.G.D.; J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223, and P.G.O. Kent; Luigi F. Lablache, 1609; W. E. Gage, 1351; Alfred R. Phillips, 1055; Hy. Whaley, 1670; Thomas Cutler, 1503; G. Loredan, 780; W. J. Lemmon, 1539; W. J. Compton, J.W. 194; Alfred Madell, 1201; E. J. Cobby, W.M. 134; W. E. Jeffreys, P.M. 185; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.D., 1383; W. Robertson, 228; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M. 1563; John Hodges, W.M. 1158; W. Winn, Harmony, Alex. T. Hollingsworth, P.M. 19; Neville Green, S.W. 1524; George Parker, P.M. 145; W. Drew, 773; Henry Gadsby, W.M. Orpheus; S. Talbot Smith, P.M.; Maybury, Edw. Ledger, 183; James Blyth, 173; Martin Muller, 238; Charles Morton, 157; H. Mackintosh, 4; Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; E. Emanuel, 1563; Walter Mitchell, W.M. 1558; W. A. Barrett, P.M. 1706; Herbert Allen, P.M. 181; Alfred Moore, W.M. 862; John Clarricoats, Treas. 1572; J. Thornton, I.G. 1706; P. Whale, 101; J. Grutton, L. B. Wooldridge, G. E. Fairchild, H. J. Ashley, A. Morten, A. Castegnier, Jas. Scanlair, E. Humphrey, and H. Massey (*Freemason*.) The W.M., Bro. Edward Terry, after the opening of the lodge for the conduct of some formal business, on presentation duly made to him, installed Bro. George Buckland, S.W., and W.M. elect as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge: Geo. Buckland, W.M.; Edw. Swanborough, S.W.; C. Wellard, J.W.; C. Coote, jun., Treas.; E. Stanton Jones, Sec.; Harry Cox, S.D.; W. Meyer Lutz, J.D.; C. Tinney, Org.; J. Maclean, I.G.; F. Delevanti, D.C.; C. H. Stephenson, W.S.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Terry afterwards delivered the addresses, and at the conclusion was heartily applauded for the admirable manner in which he had performed the whole of the ceremony. Bro. Terry's year of office was thus concluded with the same ability as it had been conducted. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern and partook of one of the usual choice banquets which are provided for the Asaph Lodge at its annual gathering. After banquet the usual toasts were proposed. Col. Burdett responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and congratulated the lodge on having attained a position which all lodges might envy. He also congratulated the Craft on the progress it had made, and stated that since the Lodge of Asaph was consecrated in 1870 nearly 470 lodges had been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Before the end of the year he expected there would be 1800 lodges on that roll. Bro. Edward Terry proposed "The Health of the W.M.," a brother with whom he thought the whole lodge must have been delighted as he performed the duties of the lodge after he had been installed. The new W.M. was thoroughly acquainted with his duties, and would shed additional lustre on the Lodge of Asaph. The W.M. having said a very few words in reply, proposed "The Health of Bro. Edward Terry, I.P.M.," and presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and conveyed to him the thanks of the brethren, not only for the excellent way in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office, but also for the impressive and correct style in which he had installed his successor. Bro. Edward Terry replied. He said he had endeavoured to do his best, and he hoped that although he had had much work to do out of the lodge it had not interfered with his work in it. It was an arduous task to succeed the late I.P.M., who was a very fine worker. He had to thank the P.M. for the assistance they had given him in going up to the chair, and he heartily hoped that his son, who was now only a little more than two years old, would, at some time, govern a lodge. Bro. E. Stanton Jones, responded to the toast of "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Asaph," and reminded the brethren that they ought to subscribe to it, as it was of great importance to them. Bro. Charles Coote, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters." Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.D., replying for "The Visitors," complimented the lodge on its position, and expressed the pleasure of the visitors at its state. It was exceedingly pleasing to the visitors to find that the Benevolent Fund of the lodge had reached the noble sum of £400 for the good cause of benevolence and charity. Bro. Jones afterwards announced that the subscriptions that evening to the Benevolent Fund amounted to £70 11s.6d. Bros. Edward Swanborough, S.W.; C. Wellard, J.W., and C. Coote, jun., Treasurer, responded for "The Officers," after which the brethren separated. A beautiful selection of vocal and instrumental music was given by the following brethren. E. S. Jones, P.M. and Sec.; C. Harper, W. L. Barrett, J. Egerton, W. Graves and H. J. Tinney, Instrumental. J. Hodges, W. Barrett, P.M.; Thornton, C. Beckett, G. Egerton, C. S. Jekyll, W. Winn, C. Bell, and C. E. Tinney, vocal.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—The election meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M. presided, and there were also present the following brethren:—J. Douglass, S.W.; F. H. Clemow, J.W.;

A. Treadwell, I.P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; J. L. Jones, S.D.; T. J. Hyland, J.D.; W. Cook, I.G.; A. Holt, W.S.; G. H. Deller, D.C.; J. W. Smith, Steward; W. Jaques, Organist; and Bros. Callaghan, Lloyd, K. Clemow, S. E. Hayes, E. W. Parkes, Smith, Bennett, Hixon, Phillpot, Tomkins, Read, Greenfield, Barham, Hammond and others. Visitors, Bros. T. O. Edmonds, Metropolitan, 1507; A. W. Fenner, Upton, 1227; F. Garbetr, Perfect Ashlar, 1178; J. Gibbs, Perfect Ashlar, 1178; J. Stock, Perfect Ashlar, 1178; J. Osborne, Sir Hugh Myddelton, 1602; F. Rothschild, Finsbury Park, 1228; W. H. Rotus, Strawberry Hill, 946; J. Peace, Hornsey, 890; R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. Girls; L. Becks, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, and I.P.M., Rothesay, 1687, and H. Jones, One and All, 330. The following was the business transacted. Bro. J. Willing was re-elected W.M.; Bro. A. Treadwell, I.P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. Dolan was re-elected Tyler; Bro. James Smith was raised; Bros. C. Hammond and J. H. Bennett, were passed; and Messrs. P. Cheek, J. C. Smith, J. H. Vaughan and M. Zumpf, were initiated. Banquet followed, to which about 40 brethren sat down. The loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and the visitors in acknowledging the toast proposed and drunk in their honour highly approved of the working of the lodge. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all the brethren.

St. DUNSTAN LODGE (No. 1589).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ult., when there were present amongst others Bros. Dalwood, W.M.; Dodson, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; A. Tisley, Sec.; Woodbridge, S.D.; Manners, J.D.; Bull, D.C.; Clemow, W.S.; Wellsman, I.P.M.; Dwarber, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, (*Freemason*), and Dickens, S.D. (Dalhousie). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably passed Bro. A. W. Jenkins, as a F.C., and initiated Mr. J. H. Puttick into Craft mysteries. 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 the preliminary Royal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Dwarber. In reply the W.M. stated that he had been in the parish of St. Dunstan 17 years, and during that long period he had always received the greatest courtesy and kindness from his fellow parishioners. He had endeavoured to further the interests of Freemasonry not only in the parish but out of it. Referring to the kind words used by Bro. Dwarber in proposing his health he said that his old neighbour was too practical and too sincere a brother to flatter, and, therefore, he received his words of praise in the spirit in which they were given. In conclusion he said he should continue to exercise the same amount of interest in furthering not only the cause of Freemasonry, but everything conducive to the interests of official life in the parish, ward, and City. The toast of "The Initiate" followed, Bro. Puttick in response briefly expressed his gratitude to the brethren for having given him an opportunity of becoming one of their number. He hoped to become a worthy though humble member of the ancient Craft, and he trusted that the St. Dunstan's Lodge would be long distinguished for its Masonic excellencies. "The Visitors" came next, coupled with the names of Bros. Dickens and Walls, who duly acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The Past Masters" the W.M. expressed his regret that the I.P.M. had been compelled to leave at an early period of the proceedings, but although absent in body he was with them in spirit. Their first Master was present, and in him they possessed the representative of a good hardworking Mason and an excellent Past Master. This toast having been heartily received Bro. Dwarber responded by stating that on behalf of his absent colleague, Bro. Wellsman, he returned his sincere thanks for the kind remarks passed by the W.M. in proposing his health and for the warmth manifested by the brethren whilst drinking it. In speaking of himself he should always be glad to do anything to keep the St. Dunstan's intact. As a representative lodge it was a great success, and he hoped that its local elements would for many years to come be sufficient to keep it flourishing. During his long career in Freemasonry he had invariably tried to do his best to further its glorious principles. In conclusion he said that as a Past Master of the lodge he trusted that his future actions would merit a continuance of the kind encomiums that had from time to time been passed upon him. "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and was responded to at length in the absence of the first-named officer by Bro. Tisley, who congratulated the lodge upon its prosperity financially and otherwise. "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a termination. In the intervals of the toasts and replies several of the brethren entertained the lodge with some vocal and dramatic selections.

IPSWICH.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 959).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Golden Lion Hot., on Monday, 4th inst., when there was a good muster of members. Lodge having been duly opened, two brothers were raised to the Second Degree. Bro. W. D. Paine, the W.M. elect, having been presented, all the brethren below the chair were requested to withdraw, and Bro. Paine was installed into the chair of K.S., by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, in a very impressive manner. On the brethren being re-admitted, the new W.M. received the usual salutes, and then proceeded to invest his officers, Bro. Sanderson going to the S.W. chair, and Bro. Ranking to J.W. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Bennett, for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of W.M. during the past year, the lodge was closed in due form. At half-past seven the brethren sat down to the banquet, the W.M. presiding. The customary loyal and Craft toasts were given, after

which followed "The Health of the W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge," and "The Health of the I.P.M." The Tyler's toast brought a most harmonious meeting to a close. Bros. D. D. Steele, Abbott, and Grayston enlivened the evening with some excellent songs.

HANDSWORTH.—St. James' Lodge (No. 842).—The Fifteen Sections.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the New Inn, Handsworth, on the 4th inst., and the very attractive programme brought together a large assemblage of the members, and the working of the whole of the Sections in one evening being an unusual event in the Midlands, invitations were issued to most of the leading Masons in the neighbourhood, the following being the visitors present:—J. Waterson, P.P.G.D., Staffordshire; J. W. Preston, P.P.G.S.W., Somerset, 42; G. Burnley, 925; F. M. Mole, S.W., 1411, Valparaiso; C. Walsh Graham, I.P.M., 696; C. Round, P.M., 347; W. Vernon, W.M., 456, P.G.S.B., Staffordshire; D. Round, I.G., 347; R. Williams, Treas. 696; H. G. Quilter, W.M., 1016, P.P.G.S.B., Warwickshire; E. C. Perry, P.M., 726; G. H. Johnstone, 982; S. Wood, P.M., 1163, P.P.G.W. Warwickshire; R. H. Vertegans, P.M., 74; T. Taylor, P.M., 418, P.P.G.S.W., Staffordshire; J. Rowley, P.M., 539; T. Mount Humphrics, P.M., 539, P.P.G.S. of W. Staffordshire; T. H. Smith P.M., 468, 398; Thos. Howkins, W.M., 468, P.M., 398, P.P.G.D. of C. Warwickshire; J. H. Walton, P.M. 696, P.P.G.R.; W. J. Stubbs, P.M. 696, P.P.G.J.D.; Jos. Fenn, P.M. 74, P.G.R., Warwickshire; H. Harcourt, 74; J. Skinner, 74; H. R. Duddell, 925; C. Winn, S.W. 938; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; T. Hardy, P.M. 1016, 1551; G. E. Earnshaw, W.M. 587; A. T. Salt, W.M. 887, P.G.P., Warwickshire; and A. L. Gibson, 163. Many distinguished brethren in the province had sent letters of regret at their inability to be present, including the acting P.G.M., Bros. A. J. McIntyre, (G. R.); G. S. Tudor, D.P.G.M. and Frank James, P.P.D.G.M. The officers present, besides those named below as taking part in the working of the Sections, were the Rev. W. Randall, Chaplain; J. Jacobs, P.P.G.R. Staffordshire, Treasurer; B. G. Cale, W.M. 539, J.D.; E. W. Bradley, I.G.; and F. W. Payton, Steward. The lodge having been opened, circular read, and minutes of last regular lodge confirmed and signed, the work of the evening was commenced by Bro. Dr. Parkes, I.P.M., taking the chair, and working the Sections of the First Lecture, assisted in the First Section by Bros. J. Deeley, J.W.; Second, J. H. Parkes, W.M.; Third, E. R. Kimpton, Secretary; Fourth, J. F. Pepper, S.W.; Fifth, J. H. Parkes, W.M.; Sixth, J. F. Pepper, S.W.; and Seventh, E. R. Kimpton, Secretary. The lodge was then called off to refreshment for a few minutes, and, on being called on, Bro. J. H. Parkes, W.M., took the chair, and worked the remaining Sections with the assistance of the following officers:—Second Lecture, First Section, the I.P.M.; Second, the S.W.; Third, the Secretary; Fourth, the S.W.; and Fifth, the J.W. Third Lecture, First Section, the I.P.M.; Second, the J.W.; and last, the Secretary. Bro. the Rev. W. Randall, Chaplain, then proposed "that the thanks of this lodge and its visitors be given to those brethren who had just so ably carried out the working of the Fifteen Sections;" this was seconded by visiting Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry, and supported by Bro. Howkins, on behalf of the visitors, and carried with acclamation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, "that a letter of condolence be taken by a deputation to Bro. J. Pursall, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, who is highly esteemed in the provinces of Warwick and Stafford, and who unfortunately met with a serious accident on Friday, the 1st inst., on returning from the Lodge of Instruction, in Birmingham, of which he is the Preceptor." After "Hearty Good Wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and adjournment made to the banqueting room, where justice was amply done to the good cheer provided, perhaps with an improved zest after the long three hours spent in the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically received, and the visitors commented at much length upon the Masonic treat they had just been favoured with, and those who were well qualified to judge testified to the uncommon accuracy with which the work had been performed, while many Masons of long standing were fain to confess they had never heard them gone through at all, and had no idea of the beautiful explanations of Masonry they had now met with. Altogether this meeting was a most successful one, and will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the calendar of the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this lodge on Saturday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Kester, the respected Preceptor, presided, supported by several brethren. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the worthy Preceptor for his working. The following were the officers:—Bros. Koester, W.M.; P. Frost, P.M. 704, &c., S.W.; Baker, P.M. 167, J.W.; Sillis, 1744, S.D.; Long, P.M. 733, J.D.; Phillips, 511, I.G.; Rogers, J.D. 704, Hon. Sec. The Sections were worked by the following brethren:—

FIRST LECTURE.			
1st Section	...	...	Bro. Sillis, 1744.
2nd "	...	...	Rogers, J.D., 704.
3rd "	...	...	Jacobs, 1733.
4th "	...	...	Jones, P.M. 862.
5th "	...	...	Cook, 435.
6th "	...	...	Frost, P.M. 704.
7th "	...	...	Baker, P.M. 167.
SECOND LECTURE.			
1st Section	...	...	Bro. Long, P.M. 733.
2nd "	...	...	Kew, P.M. 179.
3rd "	...	...	Koester, Preceptor.
4th "	...	...	Ash, P.M. 179.
5th "	...	...	Smallpeice, 1768.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	...	...	Bro. Carter, W.M. 212
2nd " ...	...	...	" Belpage, 179.
3rd " ...	...	...	" Farwig, S.W. 180.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this lodge of instruction, held at the Berkeley Arms, John-street, Berkeley-square, on the 3rd inst. The Sections were worked by the following Past Masters Bros. J. L. Coulton, P.M., W.M.; J. Bley, P.M., S.W.; A. Barfield, P.M.; J.W.; T. Sedgwick, P.M. Sec.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ...	...	...	Bro. Sedgwick, P.M. 180.
2nd " ...	...	...	" Baker, P.M. 753.
3rd " ...	...	...	" T. Swallow, P.M. 382.
4th " ...	...	...	" Barfield, P.M. 511.
5th " ...	...	...	" Cameron, P.M. 180.
6th " ...	...	...	" Read, P.M. 511.
7th " ...	...	...	" Watts, P.M. 1201.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ...	...	...	Bro. Stuart, P.M. 141.
2nd " ...	...	...	" B. K. r, P.M. 753.
3rd " ...	...	...	" Coulton, P.M. 382.
4th " ...	...	...	" Arden, P.M. 511.
5th " ...	...	...	" Bley, P.M. 25.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	...	...	Bro. McLoud, P.M. 1612.
2nd " ...	...	...	" Read, P.M. 511.
3rd " ...	...	...	" Woodstock, P.M. 749.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. The following brethren were present:—Bros. H. R. Jones, I.P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; W. J. Huntley, John Frost, F. Reed, G. Howick, J. Featherstone, P. V. Denham, John Sanders, Newens, J. G. Jones, and H. S. Lee (visitor), J. J. Holland, and A. A. Denham. Bro Carter, P.M., as the W.M., proved himself thoroughly efficient in the ritual. Bro. Featherstone went through the ceremony of being initiated. Bro. Lee was passed, and Bro. Jones raised. Bro. Holland proposed, Bro. Featherstone seconded, and it was unanimously carried, "that Bros. J. G. Jones and H. S. Lee be elected as members of this lodge of instruction."

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual convocation of this flourishing chapter was held on Friday, the 1st inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. There were present Comps. W. Sandwith, M.E.Z.; Dr. E. W. Henry, H.; W. F. Lamonby, J., P.G. Swd. Br. (*Freemason*); J. Barr, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; E. Tyson, Scribe E.; J. Rothery, P.S.; W. F. Hunter, 1st Asst. S.; F. Hodgson, Steward; J. S. Braithwaite, D.C.; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor; J. J. Atkinson, Dr. Dick, J. W. Young, T. B. Roxby, J. Cooper, J. J. Coverdale, G. Glass, G. Sparrow, J. Spittal, W. Armstrong, J. R. Banks, J. S. Wilson, J. T. Ray, W. Pagen, T. Mandie, T. Atkinson, G. T. Archibald, W. B. Cowman, and J. G. Miles. There was one visitor, Comp. G. Dalrymple, Nithisdale Chapter, No. 52, Thornhill, N.B. Considering that there are nearly a hundred members on the roll, the muster was only small, but a number of companions sent apologies, whilst it may be added that the town of Whitehaven, like dozens of others on the same day, was in the throes of a municipal electoral contest. The chapter was opened shortly after two o'clock by the Principals, Comp. Barr officiating as H., in the temporary absence of Comp. Dr. Henry. There were three candidates balloted for exaltation, viz., Bros. Edward Clarke, P.M. 1267, Egremont, P.G.J.D.; John Casson, 119, Whitehaven; and W. Holloway, 119. Three others had been previously balloted for; Bros. Dr. Dodgson, P.M. 1002, Cockermouth, P.P.G.J.D.; Capt. Sewell, S.W. 1002; and W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Org. Of these were present Bros. Capt. Sewell, Clarke, Casson, and Holloway, and they were duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of R.A.M., by the M.E.Z. The historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures were delivered respectively by Comps. Lamonby, Sandwith, and Barr. The Scribe E. read the balance sheet for the past twelve months, which showed a balance £48 odd to the credit of the chapter, and the same was adopted unanimously. The installing Principal of the day was then announced. M.E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z. 148, Elias Ashmole Chapter, Warrington, and Kendal Castle Chapter, 129, P.G. Scribe N., Cumberland and Westmorland, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire. The three Principals elect were severally installed in their chairs by Comp. Bowes, in his usual finished and impressive manner, viz.:—Comps. Dr. Henry, M.E.Z.; W. F. Lamonby, H.; E. Tyson, J. The other officers invested were:—Comps. J. M'Kelvie, Treasurer; J. Rothery, Scribe E.; T. Dixon, Scribe N.; T. Atkinson, P.S.; W. B. Cowman, 1st Asst. S.; J. T. Ray, 2nd Asst. S.; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor. On the proclamation being put, the sum of five guineas was voted to the Masonic Benevolent Fund. Comp. Dalrymple, Nithisdale Chapter, Thornhill, N.B.; was proposed and seconded as a joining member of this chapter. After a vote of thanks to Comp. Bowes, the installing Principal, the chapter was closed in solemn form. An adjournment was then made to the banqueting room, where a substantial repast was spread. The M.E.Z. Dr. Henry presided, and after dinner, two hours were very harmoniously spent in song, toast, and sentiment.

WIGTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—The annual convocation of this old established chapter was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, Wigton. The members present were Comp. H. Bewes, M.E.Z.; J. Gardiner, H.; Jos. Pearson, J.; W. H. Hoodless, Scribe E.; J. Lazenby, Scribe N.; and others.

After the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, the installation of Principals was proceeded with, and the impressive ceremony was, as usual, most effectively performed by M.E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z. 148, Elias Ashmole Chapter, Warrington, P.G. Scribe N. Cumberland and Westmorland. The new Principals were Comps. J. Gardner, M.E.Z.; Joseph Pearson, H.; and W. H. Hoodless, J.; whilst the other officers invested were Comps. J. Lazonby, Scribe E.; W. J. Carrick, Scribe N. (by proxy, he being very ill); H. Bewes, P.Z. Treas.; J. R. binson, P.S.; and J. Richardson, P.Z., Janitor. After the chapter was closed, the companions proceeded to join the funeral of their late lamented Comp. John Lemon, P.Z., of whom an obituary will be found in another column. Luncheon was subsequently partaken of at the Lion and Lamb, but there were no toasts, and all passed off in solemn silence, as befitted the obsequies of so old and revered a member of the chapter as the late Comp. Lemon.

NOTTINGHAM.—Abbey Chapter (No. 47).—This old chapter held a meeting on Tuesday, the 29th of October, at the Exchange Rooms. The companions present were Comps. C. B. Truman, M.E.Z.; M. Vowles, P.Z., acting H.; C. G. Wragg, P.Z., acting J.; H. R. Hatherley, P.S.; J. Comyn, P.Z., and others. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then exalted, with the assistance of the two Principals, Bros. Marx, Lodge 1435; Norris and Gilbert, Lodge 47, in a most impressive manner. There being no other business, the chapter having been closed in ancient form, the companions sat down to an excellent supper at the Maypole Hotel, after which the usual Royal Arch toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

EZRA CHAPTER. (No. 1489).—Held at the Metropolitan Asylum, Balls Pond-road, on Friday, Nov. 1st. The chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The companions present were J. E. Walford, M.E.Z.; W. Stephens, P.Z., H.; F. H. Miller, J.; T. Dixon, Scribe E.; J. High, Scribe N.; J. Garjen, P.S.; W. Grit, F.A.S.; E. Bishop, S.A.S.; W. Gray, W. J. Brewster, G. Haynes, and visitor T. B. Yeoman. The ballot was taken for Bro. Hawthorn; the ceremony of exaltation was then solemnly performed in a most impressive manner by Comp. W. Stevens, assisted by the various officers, and Bro. Hawthorn was then admitted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Brewster proposed Bro. N. Elam, of the Fitzroy Lodge 569, for exaltation at the next meeting, seconded by Comp. Haynes. The chapter was then closed and adjourned till 1st Friday in January, and the companions sat down to refreshment, and a very pleasant evening was spent round the festive board, Comp. Walford, M.E.Z., giving the Masonic toasts in his usual hearty manner, and several songs were sang by Comps. Walford, Stephens and Dixon.

Knights Templar.

CHESTER.—Grosvenor Encampment.—The members of the above encampment met at the Grosvenor Hotel, on Saturday, 26th ult., amongst the knights present being Sir Knights C. Chandos Pole, P.G. Capt. of England; Henry Bailey, Sub-Prior of Cheshire, P.G. Expert England; Major Horner, P.G. Capt. of Lines England; P.E.C. Jacques de Molay, Lanc.; Wm. Ashley Clayton, P.G. Prelate Cheshire; Dr. Spratly, P.G. Marshal Cheshire; J. A. Hall, P.E.C. Jacques de Molay; S. Forrest, Jacques de Molay, and others. The encampment was opened by Sir Knt. E. Friend, E.C., and after the usual routine business, Comps. Marquis and F. A. Dickson were duly installed into the Order. Sir Knt. Dr. Spratly then impressively installed Sir Knt. Friend's successor as E.C., Sir Knt. Thorburn, who appointed his officers as follow:—Sir Knts. Friend, P.E.C.; J. H. Birley, Prelate; Townsend, Constable; Vanderkiste, Marshal; W. C. Dzeley, Treasurer; Stevenson, Reg.; Horner, Almoner; H. C. Lisle, Expert; Milner, Capt. of Lines; Sutton, 1st Standard Bearer; Fischer, 2nd Standard Bearer; Frater Holloway, Equerry. The knights then partook of the bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.—Mr. Raphael Roche. —This talented young gentleman made his debut as a Pianist on Thursday week at M. Riviere's Promenade Concerts. The piece he selected for his first appearance was Sidney Smith's "Marche des Tambours" which was executed with force and facility, to the unanimous recall of the audience he replied by playing one of Chopin's Valses. Mr. Roche is the grandson of Moscheles, the great musical composer, and the talent he has inherited bids fair to place him high in his profession.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL, W.—On Saturday last Bro. George E. Fairchild gave another of his Readings from the Poets and Humorists. The audience on this occasion was both numerous and appreciative. Our brother's talents have already been favourably noticed in our columns. The programme was long and versatile; "The Burial March of Lord Dundee," by Professor Aytoun, was rendered in a masterly manner. "A Visit to Niagara," by Mark Twain, was given with good humour, as also the "Great Winglebury Duel," and "Dick Swiveller and the Marchioness," by Dickens were highly appreciated. "The Little Hero," by Arthur Mathison (first time of reading) was delivered with much feeling. "The Stroller's Story," (also first reading) was rendered with great power. Last but not least "Floating a Finance," by L. Moseley, was read with excellent spirit, and the laughter which this reading drew forth, induces us to believe that none of the numerous audience are shareholders in the City of Glasgow Bank.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall yesterday afternoon—the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., on the throne. Bros. F. A. Barrow, Senior Grand Warden, and Lord Inverurie, Junior Grand Warden, were in their respective places. The other Grand office-bearers present were:—The Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master; Colonel Campbell of Blythswood, Substitute Grand Master; Br. s. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; Rev. A. Thomson Grant, Grand Chaplain, R. F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon; Wm. Hay; Architect to Grand Lodge; Thomas Halket, Grand Bible-bearer; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; G. F. R. Colt, Grand Sword-bearer; C. W. Maxall Müller, Grand Director of Music; Robert Davidson, Grand Organist; W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler; and others.

The Grand Master was supported by Colonel Mure, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire; Bro. Charles Dalrymple, M.P., P.G.M. of Argyllshire and the Isles; Bro. John C. Forrest, P.G.M. Middle Ward of Lanarkshire; the following representatives of sister Grand Lodges:—Bros. R. S. Brown, Kentucky; William Mann, Sweden; George M'Lean, Nebraska; Robert Nisbet, Utah; William Officer, Egypt and Pennsylvania; and Adam Thomson, Illinois; Bro. Neilson, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Venezuela; and Dr. Falconer, Proxy P.G.M. of New South Wales. The Grand Lodges of England, Nova Scotia, Missouri, Louisiana, West Virginia, Iowa, and Saxony were also represented; and there was a large attendance of Grand Stewards, Masters, Wardens, and Proxy Masters and Wardens.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Captain Henry Morland, Proxy P.G.M. of all India, and others.

Grand Lodge having been opened in full form, presents were received with thanks from the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and Prince Edward Island, being reports of the proceedings of these bodies. Communications were presented from Bros. Captain Henry Morland, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of all India; Dr. John Falconer, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales; and by Bros. George M'Lean and Robert Nisbet, as representatives of the sister Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Utah respectively.

It was resolved that the existing arrangements regarding the Provincial Grand Lodge of all India remain undisturbed for the present.

Grand Lodge resolved that the fraternal relations be established with the Grand Lodge of Haiti and the Republic of Liberia.

It was ordered that charters be granted to lodges Manning, Tara, Manning River, New South Wales; and St. James, Saddleworth, South Australia.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the next year, when the following were appointed:—

Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart...	M.W.C.M.M.
The Earl of Mar and Kellie ...	Dep. G.M.
Colonel Campbell of Blythswood ...	Sub. G.M.
Lord Inverurie...	S.G.W.
R. F. Shaw Stewart ...	J.G.W.
D. Murray Lyon ...	G. Secretary.
David Kinnear ...	G. Cashier.
Bros. the Rev. Dr. George S. Burns and the Rev. A. Thomson Grant...	G. Chaplains.
The Earl of Haddington ...	S.G. Deacon.
J. Caldwell ...	J.G. Deacon.
Wm. Hay ...	Archd. G. Lodge.
F. L. Law ...	Grand Jeweller.
Thomas Halket ...	G. Bible Bearer.
John Coghill ...	G.D. of Ceremonies.
G. F. R. Colt...	G. Sword Bearer.
C. W. Maxwell Müller ...	G.D. Music.
Robert Davidson ...	G. Organist.
Captain Hills...	G. Marshal.
W. M. Bryce ...	G. Tyler.
John Ness ...	Outer Guard.

The Grand Stewards were next reappointed, with one or two additions—Bro. James M'Laren to be manager of locomotive arrangements; and that board was empowered to appoint its own president and vice-president.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the proposed changes on the laws and constitution of Grand Lodge.

It should be here explained that at the August Communication a series of resolutions relative to the constitution was passed, but that protests were lodged against the vote. Thereupon Grand Committee ascertained that a large number of brethren holding proxies, and placed on the roll subsequent to the April meeting, had been present and had voted in August; and, as the business voted upon at the latter meeting was therefore illegal, recommended that the motions which were then disposed of by vote or withdrawn should be brought up and discussed at the November meeting. That was accordingly done yesterday. Upwards of fifty alterations on the laws were proposed, the greater part of them recommended by Grand Committee. There was little of general interest in them, except that power was given to the Grand Master to appoint the Depute and Substitute Grand Masters, an honour which, Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn remarked, had been conferred upon him during his tenure of office.

It was also resolved that, with the exception of the Grand Master, the Depute and Substitute Masters, the Secretary, and Cashier, and Tylers, no Grand officer shall hold office longer than two years consecutively, or be eligible for re-election until he be one year out of office. An abstract by the auditors was submitted of the accounts of the Grand Lodge from 6th November 1876 to 30th November 1877, from which it appeared that the ordinary income during that period had been almost £5000, and the discharge about £2500. An abstract of the accounts of the Masonic Benevolent Fund for the same period showed that the Committee had voted about £270 for charity. A

vidimus of the affairs of the Grand Lodge showed the net amount of its property and funds (under deduction of debts heritably secured over Grand Lodge property) to be £13,574, and a similar statement as to the Benevolent Fund showed upwards of £5000. There had been 5365 intrants to Masonry. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

On Monday afternoon a number of the members of Grand Lodge waited on Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, the Grand Master Mason, in the Edinburgh Hotel, and presented to him a volume containing the requisition sheets that had been addressed to him from all parts of Scotland requesting him that he would permit the members of Grand Lodge to re-appoint him as their Grand Master, in order to give him an opportunity of completing the work of reform which he had commenced. The volume was very handsome, bound in real morocco, and mounted with clasps of gold. It contained a copy of the requisition, illuminated and finished in superb style, and bore a suitable inscription. The presentation was made by Col. Campbell, of Blythwood, the Sub-Grand Master, who was accompanied by a deputation of actual members of Grand Lodge, representing alike the north and south, east and west provinces of all Scotland. Colonel Campbell read the inscription and requisition, which contained an expression of gratitude to the Grand Master for the invaluable services he had rendered to Masonry in Scotland, "whereby at an important crisis, the honour and dignity of the throne have been upheld, and the financial affairs of Grand Lodge retrieved from approaching ruin." He remarked on the representative character of the signatures, and said that he was sure that when the Grand Master had that pledge of support from upwards of 400 leading members of the Craft, he must feel that in his responsible position he had the confidence of the brethren over whom he had the honour to preside. In their name he now handed over a token of respect, and esteem, and gratitude towards their Grand Master, for undertaking the arduous duties which he was so well able to perform.

The Grand Master, in replying, said that the circumstances under which had originated the movement with which that meeting was connected were very peculiar, and he was sure they all felt with him that they should not look into that matter at this time—(hear, hear)—they were all anxious to keep it out of sight. He thanked them for this renewed mark of their confidence, and expressed his earnest hope and belief that the members of Grand Lodge would now throw aside all harsh and local feelings. These had come up to the surface of late, but he was sure the root was not deep. He was certain that the brethren from Glasgow and other parts of Scotland had all been animated by the best desires for the good of Masonry, and that all that had been irritating would now at once fly away like down from a thistle. (Applause.) He concluded by urging the brethren to progress in doing all they could for the consolidation of Grand Lodge, and for the true interests of Masonry.

Madame Worrell-Duval's annual evening concert takes place at South-place Institute on Monday next. The list of artists includes the well known names of Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Bessie Stroud, Mr. Chaplin Henry, Mr. H. Horscroft, and others. We wish Madame Worrell-Duval a successful evening.

The "Hospital Sunday" collections in Liverpool this year amounts to £10,044, a slight increase on last year.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., will deliver his annual address to his constituents in the Lecture Hall, Royal-hill, Greenwich, on the evening of Monday, the 25th inst.

The annual ball in aid of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum will take place at St. James's Hall, on Thursday, January 16th, 1879.

THE "PRINCESS ALICE" DISASTER.—The Secretary of State for the Home Department has granted the sum of £146 for distribution amongst the inspectors, sergeants, and private constables of the R Division of Metropolitan and Dockyard Police doing duty at Woolwich Dockyard and town, as a recognition of their praiseworthy exertions in connection with the late collision between the Princess Alice and the Bywell Castle.

Mr. Gladstone has fixed Saturday, November 30th, for his visit to Greenwich, and 2,500 tickets are being issued for that day.

Half of the village of Langsfeld, near Eisenach—viz., the Town-hall, school, post-office, and 60 houses has been destroyed by fire.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her Majesty's intention of conferring the honour of knighthood on the Right Hon. Thomas Scambler Owen, late Lord Mayor of London.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has purchased a house at Chislehurst, to which he is removing from the house he has long occupied on Dulwich-common.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales are expected to arrive at Sandringham today for the winter season, in time to celebrate the Prince of Wales's thirty-seventh birthday at the Royal Norfolk seat.

The late Mr. Edward Jones, of Port Hope, Ontario, Canada, has left a legacy of 3000 dols. to the National Lifeboat Institution of England.

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

A General Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland was held under the auspices of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, on Wednesday, October 30th, the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Provincial Grand Master, in the chair, supported by Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S., Past Provincial Grand Master; Bro. George Toller, jun., Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, acting as D.P.G.M. There were also present the Mayor of Leicester (Bro. Clement Stretton), P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Wm. Langley, P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. C. H. Wood; W. Beaumont Smith, P.G.S.W.; W. Hardy, jun., P.G.J.W.; T. A. Wykes, P.G. Treasurer; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Secretary; Dr. Clifton, P.G.S.D.; S. Cleaver, A.D.C.; G. T. Willan, P.G.S.B.; W. Vial, P.G. Organist; M. H. Lewin, P.G.; J. Jessop, P.G.S.B.; J. Farndale and T. R. Pickering, P.G. Stewards; R. Waite, P.P.G.J.W.; G. W. Statham, W.M. 279; J. M. McAllister, P.P.G.S.D.; C. E. Stretton, P.P.G. Sup. of Works; J. W. Smith, P.P.G.P.; I. Hart, T. Colman, J.D.; S. A. Marris, Dr. Hunt, P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. Meadows, Dr. R. B. Smith, S.D. Hinckley; R. W. Johnson, W.M. Melton Mowbray; C. P. Newcombe, W.M. 1265; R. Boughton Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. T. Macaulay, P.M.; J. H. Douglas, P.P.G. Reg. Market Harborough, and many other Past Provincial Grand Officers and brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the formal business of the meeting was promptly despatched.

In the excellent report submitted by the Committee of General Purposes, and adopted, a touching allusion was made to the demise of the late Bros. F. Goodyer, P.P.G.S.W., Chief Constable of this county; J. B. Hall, P.G.D.C.; and Thos. Cooper, P.P.G.J.W., the latter of whom was initiated in the John O'Gaunt Lodge at the first meeting of that lodge, which was held on the 11th May, 1846, in the old Exchange, Market-place, by permission of the Mayor, Bro. Alderman Edward Weston, an old member of St. John's Lodge.

A pleasing feature of usefulness in the Masonic Craft, alluded to in the able report of the Charity Committee, was the election of a daughter of the late Bro. Dr. Bolton, and a son of the late Bro. J. B. Hall to the Masonic Schools, and the adoption of a scheme proposed by Bro. George Toller, jun., by which such usefulness in future might be considerably extended.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was recommended for special support in this province during the ensuing year, and Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., was appointed to represent the P.G. Lodge as Steward at the next Festival.

A very satisfactory report on the P.G. Treasurer's account having been received, was duly adopted, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Wykes for his past services.

Bro. Wykes was, at the same time, re-elected as P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Clement Stretton	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
R. Winter Johnson	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. F. H. Richardson, Rev. C. H.	...	...	Prov. G. Chaplains.
Wood	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
T. A. Wykes	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
C. P. Newcombe	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
S. S. Partridge	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
F. Amatt	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
S. E. Johnson	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
R. Taylor	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
T. Macaulay	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
G. W. Statham	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
A. C. Smith	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
W. Vial	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
J. M. Kew	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
E. Fuller	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
G. Odell	...	...	...

Thos. Marson, M. A. Cooke, F. Wood, R. Lawton, W. W. Wartnaby, J. A. McDonald

Thomas Dunn ... Prov. G. Stewards.
James Tanser... Prov. G. Tyler.

An invitation was tendered by Bro. A. Balmforth, W.M. 779, to the R.W. P.G. Master, to hold the next summer half-yearly meeting of P.G. Lodge at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, under the banner of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and a banquet followed, which was well attended, and at which the R.W. P.P.G.M. Bro. W. Kelly, F. R. Hist. Sec., presided, in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master; the S. and J. W's. chairs being filled by his worship the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Clement Stretton, P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. R. Winter Johnson, P.P.G.J.W.

The charity jewel was presented to Bro. S. S. Partridge, on his having completed his second year's Stewardship as representative of the P.G. Lodge at the Boys' School Festival in 1877, and that of the Girls' Institution in 1878.

The installation of Bro. Capt. J. G. F. Richardson as W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, took place on Thursday, the 7th inst. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Samuel Poynter's contribution to the Christmas number of the "Masonic Magazine" is a paper entitled, "How I was first prepared to be made a Mason."

An emergency meeting of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, next, the 14th inst. A banquet will be given after the meeting in the Duke's Saloon, Holborn Restaurant, at which the lady friends of the brethren are invited.

THE SECOND TOTTENHAM, EDMONTON AND ENFIELD MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

A supper in connection with this Association was partaken of by the members and their friends on the night of the 31st ult. at the Seven Sisters, Page Green, Tottenham, in the large room. The Association has been working so well and successfully that seventy guineas were in hand, seven appropriations were, therefore, at the disposal of the members, giving seven Life Governorships of either of the Masonic Institutions.

This is one more instance of the value of such Associations, which we are happy to find are becoming very numerous. They do a great amount of good to the valuable institutions of the Order; they press very lightly on the contributors; and above all they give to the brethren and ladies who obtain Life Governorships through them, permanent voting power at the elections of the Institutions, which the annual subscriptions of a guinea or two guineas do not give. The Life Governorships and Life Subscriber-ships, together with the Vice-Presidentships, are the great power which the provinces wield at the elections, and which have enabled them to carry so many more candidates than the metropolis, although London subscribes much the larger sum. London, however, seeing the disadvantage it labours under, has, at last, awakened to its fault, and instead of individual yearly subscriptions, the votes for which expire with the year, is obtaining by immediate payments of five and ten guineas, enduring votes. The associations, like the Tottenham, &c., &c., Association, are working this out, so that before long we may expect to see London placed on as firm a foundation as the provinces, with respect to the elections. The officers of the Tottenham Association are Bros. David Roberts, P.M. and Treas., 754, H. 403, P.P. G.S.B. Herts, President; John Maller, P.M. 754, Vice-President; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W. 1707, Treas.; J. Garrod, Hon. Sec.; W. Dance, P.M. 754; J. Wells, P.M. 754; J. Tanner, W.M. 1707, P.P.G.D. Essex; C. Olliver, Treas. 1707; G. Burford, S.W. 754; J. Farrin, J.W. 754; J. Ramsey, I.G. 1707; G. H. Jaffa, S.D. 1579; J. Everdell, I.G. 1579; J. H. Peach, 1237; E. Poore, 1237; G. Poulton, 1489; Committee.

At the supper, which took place on Thursday week, Bro. David Roberts presided, when he was surrounded by about sixty friends. After the supper, he announced that seventy guineas were in hand, and that seven appropriations would be made. He also announced that he was going to be Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and he should be happy if the ladies and brethren who obtained the appropriations would place their names on his list.

The toasts then followed. Bro. John Maller proposed "Success to the Association," which, he said, he was sure all who were present had at heart. When they looked at what had been done that evening, as well as what had been done at previous times, for the benefit of the noble charities of Freemasonry, it would be unnecessary for him to say another word about the Association. He would but add that he hoped all those who were not Life Governors of those Institutions soon would be.

Bro. Garrod, in replying, said that the Association was a success in every shape and way. The Society had been in existence eight months. It was commenced by the small payment of a shilling a week, and in eight months they had got together over £120. For the information of those visitors who were not acquainted with the object of the Association, he would say that draws took place for the purchase with the money of Life Governorships in the Institution, which gave the power to vote at the election of whichever Institution the successful drawer selected to give his draw to. The Institutions were a school for boys, a school for girls, and an institution for giving annuities to old men and women. The Association was very grateful for the support that had been given to it. It had now seventy-five members, composed of gentlemen, most of them Masons, residing in the neighbourhood, and ladies. Two ladies were Vice-Presidents.

Bro. F. Binckes, in proposing "The Health of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Association," referred to the great services which had been rendered by Bro. David Roberts and Bro. John Maller. Speaking for himself he said nothing gave him so much pleasure as participating in the great work of furthering Masonic Charity. Having done so to a large extent he knew how arduous were the duties which devolved on brethren like Bros. Roberts and Maller. Their posts were posts of honourable distinction, but they involved a large amount of responsibility. He did not know of any brethren who more capably and faithfully discharged those duties than the two brothers he had named. He afterwards explained the excellent work which had been done by associations like this in the great effort of Masonic Charity.

Bros. Roberts and Maller responded in a very few words, and some other toasts having been honoured, the brethren separated.

The two children of Captain Grinstead, the master of the steamer "Princess Alice," have, the *Sunday Times* states, been admitted into the Masonic Schools. The father was a Freemason, and his brethren have naturally interested themselves in behalf of his family. The admission of the two children, a boy and a girl, has been accomplished without prejudice to other candidates, the sum of £340 having been paid by the Mansion House Committee to purchase the two presentations. Sergeant Burton, of the Royal Artillery, who was drowned in the "Princess Alice," left three children, and he being also a Freemason it is intended to provide for them in a similar manner.

Reviews.

AMONG THE WELSH HILLS. By M. C. HALIFAX. Groombridge and Sons.

We have read this one-volumed story with much pleasure. It is well and gracefully written, and will, we think, please many of our readers, who often wish to hear of a good and sound-teaching work of imagination.

Unfortunately just now such an "outcome" of trash is pervading the market, and astounding innocent minds that it becomes often a task of no little delicacy and difficulty to recommend to any one some of the passing and pressing works of the day, or to commend them to the notice and approval of the serious and the intelligent. But we have no hesitation in recommending "Among the Welsh Hills" to our readers.

REMINISCENCES OF THE WORCESTER LODGE OF FREEMASONS. By C. C. WHITNEY GRIFFITHS, P.G.S.W. Worcester. Published by the Worcester Lodge for presentation only.

We have read this interesting little work and its supplement, thanks to the kind intermediation of a very worthy brother, with much pleasure. We wish all lodges could find so intelligent and careful an historian as Bro. Griffiths.

It seems that an "Ancient" lodge existed at Worcester about 1757, meeting at the Stonemasons' Arms, but it appears to have become defunct, and the Worcester Lodge, 280 (modern) dates from 1790 only.

There is in the records of the old Athol Grand Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, a list of thirty-nine Masons, originally belonging to the Ancient Lodge in 1757, and the lodge is also mentioned in the Athol roll of 1813, though it is apparently certain that the lodge had ceased to meet, and Bro. Griffiths says that there is great difficulty in tracing those thirty-nine names at Worcester.

The history of Lodge 280 is the usual normal chequered history of lodge life and condition in England from 1790; and though it has had its times of depression and exaltation it has managed to survive the "encroaching hand of time," and is now, we understand, a most flourishing lodge. We wish it all success, and we thank Bro. Griffiths for the very simple yet effective account of lodge beginning and lodge progress which he has tersely and truly told.

A GUIDE TO THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION. Groombridge and Sons.

This is a very useful little Guide Book for those who are seeking admission to or to study at the London University. It gives them a great deal of valuable information in a condensed form, and at a cheap rate, and we can confidently call the attention of all who are interested in the subject to it.

MAXIMS AND MISCELLANIES FOR MERCHANTS AND MEN OF BUSINESS. By HENRY TURNER, Wm. Tegg and Co., Pancras-lane. Second Edition.

We do not wonder that this well written pamphlet has reached a second edition, as it is both very interesting and very readable. The advice it tenders may be perused and digested by all engaged in business with advantage to themselves, to the due and honest course of trade, and, above all, to their customers. All may profit by it, old and young, employer and employed, the mature man of business and the young clerk, and we have no hesitation in commending it to the favourable consideration of all of our brethren occupied with commerce, or devoted to business and trade.

MASONIC MUSIC.

BEHOLD HOW GOOD A THING IT IS. A Masonic Anthem. By Bro. EDWIN J. CROW. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

We call the attention of the musical brethren of our lodges to this new Masonic anthem. We are all by this time favourable to the introduction of Masonic music in our ceremonies. This anthem tends to supply a want and deserves all encouragement.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The general Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, John Boyd, Herbert Dicketts, J. G. Chancellor, W. F. C. Moutrie, Don. M. Dewar, Geo. J. Row, A. Durrant, C. G. Rushworth, W. Hyde-Pullen, Charles Horsley, S. Rosenthal, F. Adlard, George Motion, and F. Binckes, Secretary, H. Massey, (Freemason).

The minutes of the previous meetings of the various Committees were first read and confirmed. In the House Committee's minutes was the report that there was not a single case of illness in the institution. The Audit Committee's report was accepted, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for accounts. It was referred to the House Committee to recommend the admission of a boy of the late Bro. Charles Jardine on the payment of 170 guineas by the Mansion House Princess Alice Committee.

Three petitions were received and the candidates placed on the list for election in April.

One outfit was granted to a boy who had left the Institution and obtained a situation, and £250 was ordered to be transferred from the general to the sustentation account.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. John Caldwell for his donation of £100 to this Institution on his resignation of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, on account of failing health.

The Committee then adjourned.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE YORK RITE.

I have read a letter of Bro. Mackey in relation to some remarks of Bro. W. J. Hughan, anent this "vexata quæstio," in the *Masonic Newspaper* of October 19th, and I am glad to have the opportunity of supporting Bro. Hughan's views on the subject. Like to himself, I am unable to say what is the "York Rite;" as the name is claimed by two conflicting systems—a High Grade system, and a Craft system.

All that we know of the "York" Grand Lodge is that it had a system of Three Degrees and the Royal Arch, and that late on in the last century the Grand Secretary seems to have added to it, sanctioned no doubt by the Grand Lodge itself, a Templar Grade! But I know of no real authority for the term "York Rite" in either category, and the Athol Masons, whatever Dermott might choose to say, had nothing to do with York! I confess that I am astonished, at this period of discussion and investigation, to find my very able Bro. Mackey ignoring what the researches of Bro. Hughan and others have made clear as to the position and history of the four Grand Lodges, of nearly, at one time, "concurrent jurisdiction." Bro. Mackey's statement that the name of the "York Rite" is given to the system of the Grand Lodge of 1717 is certainly very startling in its "naked simplicity," and it is quite new to me, as it must be to Bro. Hughan. That a so-called "York Rite" did exist, and was imported into America, and that Masonic writers have loosely talked of the "York Rite" I do not deny, but like Bro. Hughan I do not profess to know what it "is." With respect to the hard words Bro. Mackey uses in respect of Bros. Desaguliers and Anderson, I cannot agree either in their justice or their accuracy. It is quite clear to me that the Third Degree existed anterior to Desaguliers and Anderson's time, and that all they did, was to methodize ancient formulæ! It is true that we find no trace of the Third Degree, "nominatim," in the earlier records, quoted by Bro. D. Murray Lyon for instance, but that fact by itself does not necessarily disprove the existence of the Third Degree for the following reasons. Firstly, the brevity of the minutes. Secondly, the objection to publish the "aporrata," and thirdly the fact, that not only was the Third Degree alone given at York in the annual grand assembly or Grand Lodge, but that "Master Masons Lodges," until a comparatively late period in the last century, were a separate institution and probably kept no minutes at all. I then quite agree with Bro. Hughan in refusing to give to our English system the name of the "York Rite," but prefer to call it, simply the "English Rite," if it is needful to use such an appellation. Properly it is simply the system of the English Grand Lodge.

MASONIC STUDENT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The usual meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, was held at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 1st instant. After the closing of the lodge of instruction, the members of the Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, which was formed about three years since, by the members of the lodge, held their third annual meeting, when Bro. J. R. Stacey, the Preceptor of the lodge, was re-appointed President of the Association, Bro. While, Vice-President and Treas.; Bro. W. W. Snelling, Hon. Sec.; and Bros. Squirrel, Skelton, Webb, Abell, Denison, Larchin, Brock, Gush, Caton, and Rowlands, the Committee.

The Association during the three years of its existence had received the sum of £573 13s. 6d., which had been expended in purchasing for its members 112 Life Subscriberships or Life Governorships of the three Masonic Charities. Forty-two members had become Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Association, Male Fund, twenty-four Life Governors of the Widow's Fund, fifteen Life Subscribers of the Boys' School, and nineteen Life Subscribers of the Girls' School, and twelve members had not yet determined to which fund they would subscribe. The expenses of printing, postages, &c., during the three years amounted to £9 4s. 2d. The balance-sheet of the Association having been read, Bros. Leggott, Morgan, Daniel, and Garratt were appointed Auditors, and a vote of thanks was passed to the officers for their services during the year.

By means of this Association any brother, lady, or lewis may become a Life Governor of any of our Masonic Charities by payment of the small sum of 1s. per week. Members may join at any time without payment of back subscriptions, and the honorary Secretary, Bro. W. W. Snelling, will forward a prospectus of the Association, post free to any one applying for same at the offices of the Association, 155, Fleet-street, E.C.

The Sydney International Exhibition is to be held next August under the auspices of the New South Wales Agricultural Society, and will take place in the hall at Prince Alfred Park. Medals and certificates are to be awarded in nine sections, including the fine arts, apparatus of the liberal arts, furniture and domestic articles, clothing, products of mining industry, forestry, chemicals, &c., apparatus and processes of the common arts, food, artisans' sections, and school work. Melbourne follows suit with an International Exhibition in 1880, and a similar display is projected by Queensland in 1881.

According to recently published statistics there are more deaf mutes, idiots, and lunatics in Switzerland, in proportion to the population, and fewer people are afflicted with blindness, than in any other European country.

NOTES ON ART &c.,

The Queen, in recognition of the services of the late Sir Thomas Biddulph, has decided to erect a statue to his memory at the west of Balmoral Castle.

A Statue is to be erected to Lord Beaconsfield at Hong Kong.

Falissy, the Potter, is to be commemorated by a statue to be erected near the Bois de Boulogne, at the expense of the Municipality of Paris. Falissy lived in the Rue Taranne during his residence in the French capital, but the reason for the present site for the statue being chosen is that he is supposed to have worked at the decorations of the Château de Madrid, constructed in the vicinity by Francis I.

The Liverpool Autumn Art Exhibition has proved very successful this year. Up to the end of the first fortnight in October, 27,527 persons had visited the Exhibition against 25,937 at the same period of last year, while 171 pictures had been sold, realising a sum of £3,028.

THE AMBER.—It is said that Shere Ali has some pretensions to be a man of letters, as he has translated "Robinson Crusoe" from the Urdú into Persian.—*Academy*.

Paris letters announce the death there of the Australian sculptor, Summers.

Dr. Robert Blakey, the author of several works on metaphysical and other subjects, and of some volumes on angling and sporting topics, has died in his eighty-fourth year. He was a contributor to the *Encyclopædia Britannica*. In 1835 he was appointed Professor of Logic and Metaphysics in Queen's College, Belfast, but relinquished this post on account of ill-health. Dr. Blakey was thirty years ago editor of the *Northern Liberator*, published at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

M.M. Erckmann-Chatrian have written the libretto of an opera, La Taverne des Trabans, for the Paris Lyrique. M. Henri Maréchal furnishes the music. M. Gounod is also busy with his new opera, Maitre Pierre, founded on the story of Abelard and Heloise.

The members of the Badsworth Hunt have recently placed a stained glass window at the east end of "Darrington Church," Yorkshire, in memory of the late Mr. Barton, of Stapleton Park, in that parish, who was master of the hunt from 1869 until his sudden death in the hunting field on March 20, 1876. The window, which is a five-light one in the Perpendicular style, has been executed from designs by Mr. A. N. Bodley. The inscription below is:—"To the glory of God and in memory of John Hope Barton, this window is placed, in the year of our Lord 1878, by the members of the Badsworth Hunt, of which he was master."

Sanskrit is in future to be accepted instead of Greek for the Previous Examination at Cambridge in the case of undergraduates from Eastern countries. These have hitherto lost much time in learning Greek after coming to Cambridge, and so have hindered their University course only to acquire the rudiments of a language far less useful to them subsequently than Sanskrit.—*Athenæum*.

Within the last few days the cope stone of a Roman tomb, of pure white Italian marble, and of about the date of the fourth century, has been discovered on the north side of the churchyard of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, about 4ft. below the surface. Within this structure there is a place for a cinerary urn, and near to it a Roman coin was found. It is said this remarkable relic will be presented to the Guildhall Museum.

Professor Nordenskiöld has succeeded in the first part of his attempt to sail round Siberia to China and Japan. He has doubled Cape Chöljuskin, which has hitherto proved an insurmountable obstacle to Arctic travellers, and when last heard of was well on his way towards Behring Straits, hoping to make the passage without being obliged to winter in the Arctic regions.

Diamond digging at the Dutoitspan fields has been unusually successful of late, and, besides several beautiful stones of 50 carats each, a large diamond, weighing 244 carats, was recently picked upon a claim belonging to a Captain Jones. The "water" of the stone is not of the first quality, being of a light "off-colour," but the gem is free from flaw, and will cut very full. This is the second largest diamond ever found in South Africa, the "Spalding" diamond, found in the river diggings some years ago, and weighing 288½ carats, being the largest.

The Bavarian Government has decided on establishing a central meteorological bureau at Munich, and 34 observation stations at various points all over the kingdom. Besides attending to matters connected with the general advancement of meteorological science, the observers in charge of those stations will be directed to pay particular attention to the phenomena likely to have a special interest for agriculture, forestry, and hygiene. The central station at Munich, is already in operation, and has been placed under the direction of Dr. Wilhelm Bezold, the Professor of Physics at the Royal Technical School. The selection of the provincial stations and observers is almost completed, and will be very shortly announced. It is intended that experimental observations should be made at all the stations during November and December in order to accustom the observers to their work. With the New Year the regular work of systematic observations will commence.

On the site of the lacustrine village near Estavayer, laid bare by the lowering of the waters of the lake of Neuchâtel, have been found amber ornaments belonging to the age of stone and a beautiful golden buckle of the age of bronze. Four canoes, besides the one found last week, are visible.

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J.R.—On the 15th of December.

J.H. (Bombay)—A complete list of Rose Croix Chapters is given in the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book."

H.H.—The report will appear next week.

P.G.D.—The office of Grand Treasurer is at present vacant.

P.Z.—Bro. R. Wentworth Little, was elected Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in November, 1872. He died on April 12th of the present year.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Pantile Papers;" "Die Bauhutte;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Maxims and Miscellanies for Merchants and Men of Business;" "London Express;" "Broad Arrow;" "Westminster Papers;" "Hull Packet;" "Masonic Record;" "Masonic Herald;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Corner Stone;" "Public Ledger;" "Bundes Presse;" "Brief;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland;" "European Mail;" "Rome's Recruits;" A List of Protestants who have become Catholic since the Tractarian Movement;" "New York Dispatch;" "Risorgimento;" "Der Triangel;" "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania;" "Masonic Newspaper;" "Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.G. and A.M. delivered at Annual Communication held 25th Sept. 1878;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Edinburgh Courant."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CUNNINGHAM.—On the 28th ult., at Studley, near Trowbridge, Wilt., the wife of D. Cunningham, Licut. R.A., of a daughter.

PARTRIDGE.—On the 1st inst., at Anchor-gate Lodge, Portsea, the wife of Capt. S. R. B. Partridge, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BULL—MASSEY.—On the 31st ult., at St. Mary's, Great Dunmow, Edwin, son of the late C. Bull, of Little Dunmow, to Laura Graves, daughter of O. H. Massey, of Homelye, Little Dunmow.

DEATHS.

BOSWORTH.—On the 17th ult., suddenly, of apoplexy, John Bosworth, of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328.

DIXON.—On the 3rd inst., at 2, Cecil-street, Strand, Alice, widow of Joseph Dixon, formerly of Bury-street, St. James's, in the 73rd year of her age.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1878.

ONCE AGAIN.

Once again, as the "whirligig of old time" meets us in the way, we are assembling in our good and pleasant lodges. All is rubbing up, and smartening up. Secretaries are issuing circulars, and Tylers are getting "paraphernalia" ready, and even now many brethren have answered the summons, and have gathered around their W.M., in goodly force, in genial spirits, and with Masonic zeal. It cannot, however, be, but that we miss some, whose presence enlivened, whose friendship cheered our "lodge life," when last we parted, hoping to meet again. No year passes over our heads, indeed, but sees gaps in our ranks, and names wanting on our "rolls," and as to-day, after a long recess, we meet together once more, and greet one another, let us hope, with true fraternal warmth, we look in vain for some who once were ever to the "fore amongst us," not only, indeed, those who "set the table on a roar," but those kind and pleasant "socii atque sodales," who have been so bound up with the history of our lodge, such good mates, and such honest sharers with ourselves, of the rubs and gaities, the crosses and the comforts of life. They are not now any more amongst us,—their places know them no more, they have left us, not to return, their journey is ended, their work is done. He must be a very thoughtless man, and we will add, a very bad Mason, who is not touched with such realities, or affected by such a condition of affairs. Though this may be the normal condition of this, our "sublunary state," it is not the less both trying and often startling to us, as it ought to be, in the highest degree. We form friendships, we make us friends, we interchange sympathies, we link ourselves together in the pleasant chain of a goodly brotherhood, and some of our cheeriest hours, many of our simplest pleasures are found in a little happy circle of true-hearted mates and companions. No, man is a gregarious animal, and it is not good for him to be alone. He wants friendship, sympathy, intercourse with his kind, interchange of thought and opinion, the play of fancy and of wit, the evocation of intellect and conversation. In all this geniality of life, man may fairly play his part, and share his lot, despite the assertions of a mistaken asceticism, notwithstanding the suggestions of an ill-founded love of segregation and separation from the duties and transactions of life. And here to-day, as brethren meet in their lodges, hence we need to be on our guard against the temptation of our Masonic social system. If our meetings are a social gathering, and only that to us, they are not all they ought to be, all they might be. We must not surrender to the materialistic teaching of the hour, all that is touching or sentimental, all that is ennobling in aspiration, all that is elevating in moral perception. Amid the charms of sociality, we must not forget the "higher claims" of better things. Still, as of old, still as ever, in everything of earth, "Latet anguis in herba," and we should not, in the most successful gatherings of our warm-hearted sodality, put out of sight or out of mind, the most important and more enduring requirements of charity and sympathy for brethren and fellow mortals, the old and decayed of our Order, the widows of our companions, the orphan children of our brethren. May our Masonic season of 78-79 witness to us of pleasant meetings and harmonious assemblies, may it banish the mischief maker, the tale-bearer, the slanderer from our midst, and may it serve to increase the store of human happiness, and cement the concord of our Masonic family.

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTIMIDATION AND INTOLERANCE.

It is with feelings of mingled sorrow and indignation that we call attention to a letter elsewhere on this subject. It is, indeed, a mourn-

ful parody in this age of light, and in this land of liberty, on those professions and principles which are supposed to govern the world at large, and nations in particular. But we cannot profess, much as we deplore the fact, to be astonished or startled at it. It is, in fact, the natural corollary of the argument and the teaching of Ultramontanism, just now very rampant in some portions of the world, and not at all particular in the allies it associates with, or the aid it invokes. In fact, when we come calmly to consider it, we see how consistently Rome has acted, and ever does act in all matters which concern it as a body corporate, as a system of influence, and we must add imposture. In the first Bull against the Freemasons, in 1738, not only were all Freemasons to be delivered over to the "Inquisition" and the "Secular arm," but the "houses of those persons were to be pulled down where the Freemasons met." And so say the Ultramontanes of Mullingar. It is just now Rome's pleasant little game to profess to support liberty of conscience here, and to endeavour openly to suppress it elsewhere; as with us to claim the full and sacred right of educating its own people, but in another country to seek to shut up all schools which are not Roman Catholic. Like the old Roman god Janus, it is "Bifron." Just as in its previous history, owing to the pernicious teaching of the Jesuit school, the assassination of heretical kings has been approved of and encouraged, so to-day it claims to be superior even in its temporal authority, to all national laws, all sovereign authorities, which do not acknowledge the material and spiritual "Regale" of the Bishop of Rome. And, therefore, though not astonished with these proceedings at Mullingar, we are deeply pained at them, while we equally sympathize with our brother Freemasons in that town, and trust that Bro. D'Arcy's appeal may not be made in vain to the sympathy and liberality of English Freemasons.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

In our last week's impression we touched upon certain differences which seemed to form an impassable gulf between English and many Foreign Freemasons, namely in respect of political tendencies, but there are others still greater in connexion with belief in God, the foundation stone of all true Masonry, which we must not lose sight of, nor pass by. Not only is belief in God erased from some Constitutions in so marked a way as to leave no doubt of the object and the aims of the act, but even when belief in God is professed, it is accompanied by conditions, restrictions, and qualifications, repugnant to the honest minds of English Masons. For instance, at the congress of Geneva the "Rite Ecossais" declared that "Freemasonry proclaims—as it has proclaimed from the beginning—the existence of a creative principle, under the name of the Great Architect of the Universe," in French, a "Principe Createur," &c. Now this, in relation to special discussions, and philosophical subtleties, cannot possibly be satisfactory to any who have studied the question or who realize the exact meaning of words! The "Principe Createur," is not synonymous with the G.A.O.T.U.; indeed the congress of Geneva says as much when it adds, "under the name of T.G.A.O.T.U." Do our readers perceive the difference? It is in fact a specious substitution of an "Anima Mundi" of the machinery of necessitarian deism, as it is called, for the honest faith of our fathers in a personal God! A man may say he believes in a "Principe Createur" which practically only presupposes a machinal "Force Superieure," "Superior Force," and yet not be able to say as we do that we "trust in God," or pray to God, or that he accepts His divine and inspired Word as the rule of man's feet, the square of man's actions, and the light of man's pathway here below. Hence we apprehend, that just as prayer is not used in the "Rite Ecossais," as we know, any more than in the Grand Orient, any real acknowledgement of the Most High is altogether unknown. If the lodges are still closed in the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. it is merely as a "formula," inasmuch as the "Prin-

cipe Createur," and the "Force Superieure," do not admit any reference to the "true and ever living God Most High." Here is another and most essential difference as between English and some portions of foreign Freemasonry, and as we always dislike "daubing the wall with untempered mortar," we think it well that we should realize this fact, and remember distinctly this state of things, otherwise we are like people walking in the dark, and unless we take care, we may be forced by the ignorant or credulous into a quasi recognition of systems which we are bound to disavow, if true to the great and goodly principles of our excellent cosmopolitan fraternity.

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.]

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE AND INTIMIDATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Perhaps you will record the following piece of intolerance and interference with private rights on the part of the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

The Freemasons are just commencing to build a Masonic Hall in Mullingar (of which they sadly stood in need), and as soon as it became known they were about to do so, the Roman Catholic clergy commenced a series of sermons in their churches against the work, they prevented the people from working at the building and from supplying materials; they injured some of the brethren in their business, and directed the greatest ruffians in the town to throw it down when finished, and they held meetings to prevent it being carried on, at which very violent language was used.

They pretend it is an insult to their religion to have a Masonic Hall in a town where nine-tenths of the population are Roman Catholic, but they really wish to show their detestation of civil and religious liberty.

However, the work must proceed, and all that we require are funds, we wish our English brethren would assist us with money, and that you in your valuable paper would advocate our cause.

Yours fraternally,

G. J. NORMAN D'ARCY, 31^o,
Prov. G. Sec., Meath.

BRO. MURRAY'S LETTER.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I have seen Bro. Murray's letter in the last *Freemason*, and am struck, as all must be, by the bad taste and worse temper which it betrays from first to last. I was originally induced to call attention to Bro. Murray's "Deliverance," in consequence both of the presumptuous ignorance of Masonic law, national and international, which, as you know, I have long carefully studied, for which it was most conspicuous, and a subsequent acquaintance with Bro. Murray's peculiar style of writing only convinces me the more how unfit he is to "lay down the law" on a subject of which he is evidently absolutely ignorant, and of which he has positively to master the ABC.

It is one of the great nuisances of the present day, as you well know, that persons affect to dogmatize on what they do not themselves comprehend, lecturing every one else on a subject which they have not studied, either in its extent, or bearing, or historical reality, or after consequences.

Bro. Murray commences his letter on the "abuse—the plaintiff's Attorney" principle, by stating that I have "garbled" his arguments. What there was of "argument" I printed in my first letter, and recommended that the whole letter should be printed, which it was. I took the words as printed from the *Craftsman*, carefully studying text and context, and only leaving out what was not necessary to Bro. Murray's argument and did not affect it in the slightest degree. I sought earnestly not to do him injustice, and any assertion that I in any way "garbled" his statement, is alike unmasonic and untrue. I cannot help it, if he does not understand his own argument as he sent it to the *Craftsman*, that surely is no fault of mine. I deeply regret, as displaying the "animus" which has marked all his correspondence, that he commences his letter with a statement absolutely contrary to the fact. I repeat my assertion, that no Masonic writer of repute has ever upheld Bro. Murray's view of the case. To give us Bro. Harrington's name, as the answer to my protest, is valueless to us in England who have studied the subject. I was not aware that Bro. Harrington was an authority upon anything, except perhaps the reality of "Masonic schism."

Bro. Murray knows as well as I do where the "shoe pinches." The recognition of the right of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland as to "prior occupation," and in respect of lodge adherence to its constituting authority by the Grand Lodge of Canada, is fatal to all the claims and all the "anathemata" of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Indeed, I go further, and say, that so serious is the principle at stake, that it certainly will not be disposed of by angry threats or illogical and unmasonic circulars, but will be peacefully and manfully fought out on Masonic principles. Three, if not four of the American Grand

Lodges, as well as the Grand Lodge of Canada itself, are in favour of the English as opposed to the Quebec view of the discussion, and I fancy a good many more will follow suit, when they fully understand the matter at issue. And here I leave the matter to-day, not wishing to go into "extraneous questions," and above all unwilling to prolong a controversy, which can only be regarded with feelings of much regret by all who value the honour and good of Masonry, as above personal interests, or party prepossessions.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

BRO. EDMONDSTON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I sent you a few lines last week on the foolish and unprecedented and uncourteous remarks of Bro. Edmondston, to whom you have accorded full and unrestricted space, but think it well to supplement them to-day. I need hardly point out that the "Report" about which Bro. Edmondston seems so "puzzled," was sent from the London Masonic Charity Association, having been approved at the Committee meeting on the 16th ult., and that it was what I professed to be—the First Report of the Association, based on the action and returns of its Sub-Committee appointed to attend the elections. As the drafter of it, I can safely say that was written without the slightest reference to Bro. Edmondston's letter, though it had reference to another correspondence of which I have no reason to suppose that Bro. Edmondston knows anything. It was commenced at Freemasons' Tavern, between the close and declaration of the poll, the portion relative to the Girls' School having been drafted on the Saturday before. The report was therefore directed to two points; one, the recent elections, the other, certain objections with which the Committee had been dealing in another correspondence. I beg once more to repeat, to put an end to such unfair remarks, that that report had as much to do with Bro. Edmondston's letter as it had to do with any other report in the *Freemason*, and that now I have read Bro. Edmondston's letter "in extenso," which I had not done when I drafted the report, I may add that I certainly should not have alluded to it in any way whatever. I think that Bro. Perceval, the Treasurer, and a "Member of the London Masonic Charity Association" have completely executed that duty.

I only wish to protest against Bro. Edmondston's remarks, who, because he sees that the report is an answer to all the nonsense which has been spoken about the London Masonic Charity Association, attacks the *Freemason*, which published his letter in full. It is no doubt true that one of the Secretaries of the London Masonic Charity Association, as everybody knows, is the Editor of the *Freemason*, but what has that to do with the question?

THE DRAFTER OF THE REPORT.

A QUESTION TO BRO. BEDOLFE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note that our intelligent Bro. Bedolfe is now in Paris. Can he tell us in your columns whether the Bible is still preserved in any lodge under the Rite Ecossais. I see that he does not mention "prayers," and as he is silent about the Bible, I fear that that Sacred Book has no longer any "abiding place" in the Rite Ecossais, just as it has in the lodges under the Grand Orient.

Yours fraternally,

DILEMMA.

BRO. BEDOLFE AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When Bro. Bedolfe, P.M. and P.Z., rushed into print on the 12th ult., with a long and laboured diatribe against the degree of Mark Master Masons, my fixed impulse was to treat his effusion with the silent contempt it merited. As Bro. Bedolfe now exults in the fond imagination that I have "failed to reply to his arguments," I must now, perforce, in self-defence, have a fling at him. Mind, though, Bro. Bedolfe was close upon two months preparing his elaborate critique.

First of all, I ought to explain to your irascible correspondent, as also to "Ecce Signum," that I am not in holy orders, but simply Chaplain of a Mark Lodge, which institution does not make the sacred and learned calling a sine qua non for a Chaplaincy; neither does the Royal Arch for Third Principal. Again let me explain that I do not intend carrying this communication to the same ridiculous length of verbosity as Bro. Bedolfe. I have not the time, and if I had, I am afraid the matter would be utterly wasted on a sceptic, who, I grieve to say, has so far committed himself as to hold intercourse with the interdicted Grand Orient of France, forgetful of the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of England some months ago. I trust the members of his lodge and chapter will bring him promptly over the coals for so grave an irregularity.

But, revenons à nos moutons. The only point in Bro. Bedolfe's epistles needing any reply is his assertion that the antiquity of the Mark Degree is a myth, and incapable of proof. That I willingly admit, in the ocular demonstrative sense he drives at; but, I would ask Bro. Bedolfe whether that self-same argument does not hold equally good with Craft Masonry, including the Royal Arch? The evidence of antiquity, allowed, is only inferential; and I opine our brother's opposition to the Mark Degree savours too much of malice. Where can Bro. Bedolfe, or anyone else, produce better evidence as to the origin of Craft and Arch Masonry, than that freely accepted re the Mark Degree. Why, sir and brother, the Royal Arch (of which I see your correspondent is a P.Z.), was comparatively unknown in England till towards the last three decades of the eighteenth century, and, was, in fact, tabooed and discountenanced for years by the Grand Lodge of Moderns, just in the same way as the

United Grand Lodge refuses acknowledgment of the Mark Degree now. Then again, in Ireland, Scotland, and America, the Mark Degree is the stepping-stone to the Royal Arch, and therein we cannot find a more appropriate corollary to the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's Degrees.

Bro. Bedolfe's sneer at the late Bro. Oliver's veracity is amusing, to put the mildest and most charitable construction upon it, and I will only add, that I think that ninety-nine out of every hundred Masonic students in England, where the Mark Degree is presented, will stand the old doctor, in preference to the erratic obscurity Bro. Bedolfe appears to delight in making himself. The fact is, Bro. Bedolfe, before you pooh-pooh the history of Mark Masonry, you had better take up Craft Masonry, ab initio, and I suspect the task will turn out one beyond your capabilities.

Let me lastly assure Bro. Bedolfe, that he will hear no more from me on the subject, which, sir and brother, with all due deference to your editorial self, I may submit, may be carried beyond the bounds of prudence, in even a Masonic newspaper.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY, W.M.
Lodge 229, M.M.M.

MARK MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Like many other Mark Masons I have been much amused at the virulence and lack of knowledge displayed by your correspondent "W. Viner Bedolfe, M.D., &c." in his attack on Bro. Lamonby, as well as his impatience under the criticism of "Ecce Signum." If Bro. Bedolfe had been a Mark Mason his original remarks might have been worth attention, but I presume that Bro. Lamonby regarded with equal indifference and equanimity the not very politely worded assaults of an outsider, if, indeed, he read them at all. It is truly amusing to see one who manifestly takes a pride in being ably to sign himself a P.M. and a P.Z. expressing disbelief in the history of every branch of Masonry save the "Craft," and claiming for the "Craft" alone any historic value. We are all as anxious as possible to prove for Masonry an existence from "time immemorial," and yet although we have had for a century and a half many able heads and pens engaged in the task we have completely failed to make out a plain case. I can scarcely suppose that Bro. Bedolfe is prepared to affirm the fables of Anderson and Preston, and as far as I can see all the efforts of Fort, Findel, Hughan, and others have proved nothing whatever beyond the beginning of the 18th century, save that the operative Masonic guilds, like all other guilds, received persons as patrons or "honorary" members. It is plain from existing minutes that "Mark Masonry" was practised very shortly after the "revival" in 1717; then why should Bro. Bedolfe call the Craft legends, teachings, and workings "noble," and stigmatise the Mark ditto as untrue, absurd, &c.?

As Bro. Bedolfe has by his dictatorial and pragmatical style taken upon himself to a certain extent the role of censor, it might be well to remind him that the first duty of the preacher is to appear before his audience with clean hands, and after your correspondent's gross infraction, by his own showing, of the direct commands of our M.W. Grand Master to hold no Masonic communication with the Grand Orient of France, I would respectfully suggest to Bro. Bedolfe, M.D.—Physician heal thyself.

Fraternally yours,

A P.M. OF A TIME IMMÉMORIAL MARK LODGE.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The last memorandum with which you favoured me, having stated that enquiries has been made as to when "Original Research" would be published, I beg to say for their information that it will not be until next spring when I trust it will appear, not as a pamphlet, but as a book, for presentation, in boards, clear type, good margin, that it will contain about twenty chapters, and the two ancient pictures formerly mentioned. The chapters will of course facilitate references, and give a bird's eye view of its contents. The price should increase with these advantages, but remains stationary at one shilling. This information should attract subscribers, and all whose sole faith is in God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, will be gratified to learn that the science restores the lost knowledge of the keys not only to the Masonic Order, but to all orders of educated men who have the moral courage to think for themselves.

Fraternally yours,

WM. N. CRAWFORD.

The British Consul at Jeddah states that in the season 1877-78 there were 42,718 pilgrims landed at that port, an increase of nearly 4000 over the preceding year, but this was more than counterbalanced by a falling off in the number at Yembo and Lcet. The Haj having fallen on a Friday, the Mahomedan Sabbath, it was expected that the assemblage at Mecca would have eclipsed that of preceding years, but it was not so. The concourse at Mecca on the great feast day was estimated to have exceeded 180,000 souls.

A reporter of the *New York Herald* has visited Mr. Edison, with a view of learning something about that gentleman's electric light. He says that "the light is to be of the batwing, fifteen-candle power character. To kindle it a little spring is touched, and instantly the electricity does its work. The amount of light can be regulated in the same way as can that from gas. To turn off the light the spring is again touched, and instantly all is darkness." The reporter also says that the present gas fixtures will be used to hold the wire.

CONSECRATION OF THE IVANHOE LODGE, No. 1779.

The new Masonic Hall, Sheffield, was on Tuesday, Oct. 29th, the scene of a busy gathering, the occasion being the consecration of a forth lodge in the town, under the novel title of the Ivanhoe.

We may remark en passant that a little novelty in lodge nomenclature is to be heartily welcomed.

W. Bro. Tew, J.P., D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, assisted by nearly the whole of the P.G. Officers, performed the ceremony of consecration in his usual impressive style, whilst the effect was further enhanced by the admirable manner in which Bro. C. Harvey, P.G.O., and his staff rendered the musical portion.

The Rev. Bro. W. Collins Lukis, P.G.C.; delivered the following oration, which commended itself specially to the brethren for the very intelligent and thoughtful spirit in which the author dealt, though at no great length, with two prominent subjects of discussion in the Craft.

I shall occupy your time for a few moments only, because another interesting ceremony is about to demand your attention. I shall, therefore, allude to two topics merely, which, in my estimation, and I am confident in your estimation also, are of vital importance to the present well-being and future interests of the Craft. One relates to Masonic faith and its fruits; the other to lodge practice; and I am encouraged in the course I propose to take by the reflection that the founders of this new lodge are well-educated men and able Masons, who have a desire to maintain, and hand on to others, the principles of the institution in all their truth, purity, and fulness. By them, I trust, I shall be acquitted of any intention to sermonize. 1. The Freemasons of the United Kingdom were startled a short while ago by the revolutionary decision of a certain continental Grand Lodge to change the fundamental faith of the Order. This action is of so fatal a character to the best interests of Masons, whether in their individual or in their corporate capacities, that it is wise in our assemblies to direct attention to it. I think, sir, that it is wise to make especial reference to it, on an occasion like the present, because if new lodges are to be continually added to the roll—if the splendid institution to which we owe allegiance is to prosper now, and in the future, that prosperity and permanent stability must rest upon loyalty to the grand principles which has so long a time symbolized in our midst, and have been the guiding star of the Craft. We have been taught that Masonry is an universal temple, of which true and faithful brethren are the lively stones which externally contribute to its beauty. But we have been taught also that its internal and real glory is due to the Supreme Divine Architect, who is enthroned over all, and fills the temple with the effulgent light of His attributes. If, however, the outside world is to be convinced that the principles of Masonry are of divine origin, and pure, and its requirements just, it will be by our clinging to this faith, and practising out of the lodge that which we are taught within it. My brethren, I trust we are all proud, in a proper sense, of the high distinction which proclaims us to be the polished stones of the human family, who possess liberty of belief in that license, and wholesome regulations which join us together in a harmonious bond for active usefulness without offence to the conscience of any one. All of you, no doubt, remember what was the one especial virtue which shone forth in the lives of ancient believers, of whom their vigilant enemies remarked "behold! how they love one another!" These men endeavoured to practise what they had learned. Heaven-taught love was their distinguishing characteristic. Virtue, honour and mercy, or in one word brotherly love, divinely inspired, is ours. Love, and its practical exercise, commended them in the eyes of their adversaries, and if Masonry is to fulfil the work for which it is intended, it will be by a firm adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Order, by a close conformity, by modest and correct demeanour both within and without the walls of the lodge, and by a careful maintenance in their fullest splendour, of those truly Masonic ornaments—benevolence and charity. But in order that Masons may attain to all this, it is desirable that they should have the opportunities of acquiring that knowledge which will fit them to do so; and this leads me to the second topic. It has been truly said, with respect to Masonic education that intelligent men cannot be carried through the various degrees without receiving impressions of mental and moral, social and relative obligations; that to this end, at each step of their advancement, they should be instructed in those principles which will assist them in the building up of their manhood; and that it is only where there is any neglect in the teaching that individuals fail to comprehend the elevating and advancing character of the institution, and never grow into a living Masonic temple. One word then on the subject which relates to a section of Masonic work which is too often made a secondary consideration, and is allowed to take in the minds of many candidates a lower place than bodily refreshment. I allude to the too frequent omission of the Ancient Charges and Lectures on the Tracing Boards, including the Fifteen Sections of the Lectures. The Charges are, perhaps, less often omitted than the Lectures, but it is not a rare thing in country lodges to hear the First and Second Tracing Boards explained? and not their omission, in many instances, owing to a desire not to curtail the expected social gathering? I am aware that liberty to omit them is accorded, if time will not permit; but I presume that this liberty was not intended to make any part of Masonic instruction in the lodge subordinate to refreshment. These Lectures, delivered intelligently, accurately, and modestly, are of inestimable value to young and old Masons alike, and it is a grievous loss when they are persistently omitted. They set forth most clearly the true principles of Masonry, and the significance of much that is very puzzling to beginners. They qualify men for office, and especially for the highest and

most responsible position in the lodge. I will not take up any of your time by presuming to enumerate the numerous methods by which so detrimental a practice as that to which I have alluded may be obviated and dislodged; they will naturally suggest themselves to your own minds. But I will conclude with the expression of my belief that the founders of this new lodge are deeply impressed with the truth, that the prosperity of a lodge does not depend upon its numbers, but on the high moral and intellectual tone which should pervade the body. May the title and the device of the shield borne on your banners, by its simple argent field, ever serve to remind you who have adopted them of honour and purity, the alleviation of distress, and chivalry in the protection and defence of innocence. Be assured of our earnest hope that, both with regard to the present intended rulers of the Ivanhoe Lodge, and their successors in office to the end of time, the words, (with our interpolated word) of the Lady Rowena, when conferring the reward of chivalry upon the victorious son of Cedric the Saxon, may be always true: "Upon brows more worthy could a wreath of [Masonic] chivalry never be placed."

The ceremony of consecration being ended, that of installation was next taken in hand by Bro. Ensor Drury, P.M. 296, P.G.W.; and his manner of performing the duties of Installing Officer is too well known in the province to require commendation.

The first W.M. is Bro. A. Hay, P.M. 139, P.G.S.B.; a veteran in the Craft, whose genial disposition has always secured the respect and friendship of young and old alike. Under such auspices the Ivanhoe may be fairly expected to be as prosperous as the sister lodges. Bros. Gatty and Radford, were appointed S. and J. Wardens respectively, Bros. Wright, Jos. Brailsford, Owen Gilbert Hay, J. A. Brailsford and Cooke, were appointed to the other offices.

About eighty brethren afterwards dined in the banqueting room of the hall.

DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT SHIPLEY.

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The following is a copy of the address presented to the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon:—

Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master—The brethren of this lodge, being animated with a desire to promote the interests of Freemasonry, have caused these premises to be erected for their convenience and accommodation. They are wishful, should the various arrangements meet with your lordship's approval and that of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, that the building should be solemnly dedicated to the purposes of our Order, according to the ancient usages of the Craft; and that your lordship will formally declare it open on this auspicious occasion. My lord, with sentiments of the heartiest welcome, the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, humbly beg your lordship to accept their most sincere and grateful thanks for the honour your lordship has condescended to do them by consenting to be present and take part in the ceremonies of this day. The reality and world-wide usefulness of Freemasonry is sufficiently testified by its continual spread throughout all lands, and is especially identified in our own favoured country by the results of those labours which proceed from brotherly love. In this visit of your lordship we are proud to recognise and acknowledge a noble example of that first grand principle of Freemasonry, which cannot fail to support and animate us in all our Masonic duties. Although occupying so deservedly high and distinguished a position, no doubt your lordship finds a pleasure in being present; and associated as your lordship's noble name will henceforth be with this lodge, it will also continually remind us, as members, to take especial care that the Airedale may be always worthy of the distinguished honour conferred upon it. One and all the brethren of this lodge feel (so magnanimous has been your lordship's kindness) that no words can adequately express their sentiments of gratitude towards your lordship, and they pray that by the providence of the Great Architect of the Universe your lordship may long be spared to devote to Freemasonry that love and attachment to our illustrious institution, which, we believe, have entirely influenced your lordship to come amongst us, in so generous a manner, on this occasion. We most cordially wish your lordship health, prosperity, and happiness; and trust that this visit to Airedale will not be the least pleasurable of your lordship's Masonic experiences; but that your lordship will always be able to look back upon the proceedings of this day with feelings of unalloyed satisfaction.

In response to the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," which was most enthusiastically received with loud and continuous cheering, his lordship said:—Worshipful Sir and brethren—It is with no common feeling of satisfaction I find myself here to-day; and it is also a great satisfaction to meet with so hearty a welcome. If there was one circumstance that could have pleased me more than another it is the pleasure of having my health proposed by one of the oldest members of the Airedale Lodge; by one whom I am quite willing to accept as a representative brother. I thank the Airedale Lodge most heartily for their invitation; I thank the representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire who have attended here to-day; and I thank all those representative brethren who have come to join in the interesting ceremony of to-day and to assist in giving me so hearty a welcome. I, too, share the regrets that have already been expressed of the lack of accommodation; but I rejoice to see so many here present. My knowledge of Yorkshire is, as yet, small, yet it is such as to teach me that no plainer, franker speaking people lived than Yorkshire people, none who could give so hearty a welcome.

The county possessed some of the best temporal gifts which God could send. Brethren, I cannot lay claim to an extended age in Masonry, as some around me can, but since I have been enrolled in its ranks I have taken considerable interest in its welfare. I can truly say I have never known the Craft in so prosperous a position. We are wealthy, we are powerful; we are free from internal strife; and that is a condition of which all who are in authority ought to be justly proud. May I qualify that remark, however, with one word of counsel, in a homely saying, "that times of prosperity are times of anxiety and watchfulness." Our strength lies not in the number, or the wealth of our members; it rather lies in our maintaining intact the great principles of Freemasonry, in standing steadfast to its great and good landmarks, in acting in whatever sphere we move, in our corporate and private capacities, honestly and honourably to its precepts. I am glad to have made your acquaintance to-day, and I shall carry away with me a lively recollection of to-day's ceremony and of your truly fraternal welcome. I trust the day may not be far distant when I may have another opportunity of speaking to you (loud cheers), not then as a half stranger, but as an old friend. One reason that takes me away so soon and so hurriedly to-day is that I am going to see your late Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon. He is an old and dear friend of mine. No one felt more deeply the loss we sustained by his secession from our Order than I. After many periods of doubts and anxiety did he decide on the action he took, and although I have no sympathy with his action, yet I believe he acted honestly and conscientiously to his convictions.

I am sure, brethren, it will be a source of satisfaction to him to know, as it is to me, that though his Masonic brethren disagreed with the action he took he had not forfeited their esteem. Allow me again to thank you, and I hope soon to meet you again. (Loud and continued applause.)

His lordship again rose, and said: I rise to give you the sentiment "Success to the New Hall." To no one could that task be more acceptable. May all the good omens which form a part of that strikingly interesting ceremony in which we have to-day taken part be accomplished in this lodge. May the oil of kindly feeling and brotherly goodwill ever make smooth the differences and dissensions our natures are prone to; may the grain, the symbol of plenty, indicate the combined growth and prosperity of your lodge; and may the salt, which symbolises "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," make your Masonic meetings pleasant and attractive. Accept my every good wish for your prosperity.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Worshipful Master," "Past Masters," "The Building Committee," "The Secretary," "The Musical Committee," and last of all "All Poor and Distressed," brought this red-letter day in the annals of Airedale Lodge to a truly harmonious and happy termination.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A special general meeting of this Association was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. J. Perceval, Treasurer; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and A. Tisley, Secretaries; J. H. Southwood, Arthur E. Gladwell, Charles Atkins, E. Mallett, Thomas Smith, and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bros. E. J. Jolliffe, Aldersgate Lodge; W. P. Webbe, J.D. 138; and W. Dudson, were elected members of the Association.

An alteration was made in the bye-laws to the effect that when the funds in the hands of the Treasurer amounted to £50, a donation should be given to one of the three Institutions, the votes for which were to be in the name of the Association. Another alteration was made as to the day of annual meeting. The annual subscriptions to be payable on the 1st of May. Another alteration was made, giving members of the Association power to make suggestions.

At the election of officers Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford was elected Chairman of the Association, on the motion of Bro. Perceval, seconded by Bro. Mallett. Bro. Perceval was re-elected Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. Woodford, seconded by Bro. Gladwell. On the motion of Bro. Southwood, seconded by Bro. C. Atkins, Bro. Erasmus Wilson, and the Rev. Dr. Brette, were re-elected Vice-Chairmen. Bro. Tisley was re-elected Secretary on the motion of Bro. Woodford, seconded by Bro. Southwood; Bro. James Willing was elected second Secretary. The Auditors elected were Bros. Gladwell and Southwood.

The following brethren were appointed the Committee:—A. J. Altman, C. Atkins, J. W. Baldwin, A. Barfield, G. Graham Bell, T. Benskin, W. Bristo, A. Brookman, W. S. Chapman, H. W. Dalwood, J. Faulkner, W. H. Froom, J. Glaisher, E. J. Goodacre, C. G. Gumpel, C. G. Hill, Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. Holcombe, C. Horsley, G. Jones, G. Kenning, C. Lacey, S. F. Littell, E. Mallett, J. G. Marsh, H. Massey, W. Maxwell, T. Murlley, W. J. Murlis, J. Newton, J. B. Poole, T. Preston, Dr. F. W. H. Ramsay, H. H. Riach, S. Rosenthal, W. H. Saunders, W. D. Slyman, T. Smith, A. Treadwell, F. Tyerman, G. F. J. Warne, J. H. Watts, E. B. Webb, J. Webb, J. White, S. White.

Bro. Perceval reported that as Treasurer he had in bank £18 3s. 2d. and £3 he had received that day.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding concluded the proceedings.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Methuen has been presented with a handsome pair of candelabra by the brethren of Wilts, on the completion of his 25th year of office as Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire.

Obituary.

BRO. J. BOND-CABELL.

Bro. J. Bond-Cabell died at his residence, Cromer Hall, on Friday, in his 71st year. He had been ailing for some time, but not sufficiently to prevent him from leading an active life. On the previous Sunday serious symptoms set in, and Mr. Cadge was summoned, and notwithstanding that gentleman's assiduous care, Bro. Cabell died on Friday from congestion of the lungs. He came into possession of the Cromer Hall Estate on the death of his uncle, the late Bro. Benjamin Bond-Cabell, R.W.G.M. of Norfolk, in 1874, and he also took possession of the property that is situated in the neighbourhood of Chapel-street, Marylebone—property which the late Bro. Benjamin Bond-Cabell declared should not be tenanted during his life-time, he having had some dispute with the parish authorities respecting certain improvements. Bro. J. Bond-Cabell greatly improved the Cromer Hall Estate, and was foremost in supporting the various enterprises that were started with a view of benefiting the neighbourhood of Cromer. He held a high position among the Freemasons of Norfolk, was a D.L., and as a J.P., a constant attendant on the Cromer bench; he was also Chairman of the Cromer Gas and Waterworks Companies, and a liberal subscriber to religious and philanthropic societies. Deceased was born in Edinburgh in 1807. He married in 1838, Margaret, eldest daughter of H. Dewar, Esq., by whom he had five children, four of whom survive him—B. J. Cabell, Esq.; Margaret, wife of H. Hamilton, Esq.; Mary, wife of H. Jameson, Esq.; and Miss Georgina Cabell. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Cromer Cemetery privately, Rev. F. Fitch, vicar, officiating; nevertheless many personal friends showed their esteem by attending—these included Sir T. F. Buxton, Mr. Upcher, Mr. Mott, Mr. Cremer, Colonel Duff, M.P., Mr. T. F. Buxton, Mr. R. Gurney, Rev. Feilden, Rev. Beauchamp, Rev. Richards, Rev. Simpson (Overstrand), Rev. Mills, Rev. Sayers, Dr. McKelvie, Mr. Fluder, Mr. R. S. Baker, Mr. Jas. Cooper, Mr. T. W. Field, Mr. B. Rust, Mr. Hugo Greenwell, of London, Mr. Keith, Mr. John Arnold, and others. A large number of inhabitants and deceased's tenants also assembled to pay the last tribute of respect.—*Norwich Argus.*

BRO. JOHN BOSWORTH.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Bro. John Bosworth, P.M., Treas. of the Granite Lodge, 1328, which took place on the 17th ult., very suddenly, from apoplexy. He had been complaining of a shock to his nervous system from a railway accident, in which he unfortunately was early in September, but it did not prevent his attending to his professional duties up to the very minute of his death, which was instantaneous. He was initiated into Masonry in 1858, in All Soul's Lodge, 170, Weymouth, and exalted to the Royal Arch in the chapter attached to his lodge in 1859, and served the office of W.M. in 1861, and M.E.Z. in 1863. He was also P.P.G. J.W. in the Province of Dorsetshire. Bro. Bosworth did not confine himself to Craft Masonry, but was a distinguished member of the Weymouth Rose Croix Chapter, and Knights Templar Encampment in that town, in 1862. He also took the Mark Master Masons' Degree in 1865. During a lengthened stay in Colchester, he joined the Angel Lodge, No. 51, and was elected W.M. and subsequently Treasurer of that lodge. The Masons of Malta, both Royal Arch and Craft, will long remember his five years' sojourn there, when he became an active and zealous member of the lodge and chapter of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349. On returning to England he joined the Granite Lodge, which had not been long in existence, and twelve months ago was elected Treasurer, which office he filled to the great satisfaction of the members. Bro. Bosworth was one of those members of the Craft who had lived up to his tenets, and who devoted himself in a quiet unobtrusive way to the benefit of others. It may be truly said of him, "He did good by stealth, and blushed to find it fame."

BRO. GEORGE WOODLEY.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 880.

Brethren who annually visit the "hyacinthine isle," as E. A. Poe calls the Island of Zante, in the Mediterranean, will miss a familiar face; Bro. George Woodley is no more, he departed this life in the middle of last month, and thus a distinguished and useful Masonic career has been cut short, for our late brother was scarcely in his fortieth year.

The Woodley's hail from Devonshire, but have been long established in the Ionian Islands, and are looked upon by the Greeks as one of their own family.

Our lamented brother was a special favourite with the people, and his loss is much felt. His benevolence was proverbial, and the Star of the East Lodge will not only lose a good worker but an officer which will be difficult to replace.

BRO. JOHN GREEN.

We regret to record the death of Bro. John Green, of Church-street, Whitby, for many years identified with the public life of the borough. Bro. Green expired on Sunday afternoon, at his residence, Albion-terrace, after only a few weeks' illness. For many years in succession Bro. Green has been nominated as Parishioners' Churchwarden, and his regular attendance at the Parish Church for the performance of his official duties was only one among other indications that he did not regard as a sinecure any office which he undertook. He was first elected Churchwarden by the Whitby Vestry in 1853, and held office until 1854, when he retired. He was elected again in 1868, and continued in office until his death.

Bro. Green was also an ex-Town Commissioner and a member of the Burial Board, and in these and other ca-

pacities he had served the public well, without party spirit or sectarian feeling. He was likewise President of the Whitby Union Mill Provident and Industrial Society Limited.

As a Freemason and a member of the Lion Lodge, Whitby, No. 312, Bro. Green was honourably distinguished among the brethren. He was initiated into Masonry in the Lion Lodge in 1848, and was thus one of its senior members. In 1860, after fulfilling the duties of the subordinate, offices with fidelity, he was elevated to the highest position that of W.M., by the suffrages of his brethren. In that arduous situation he displayed superior qualifications, and exemplified high Masonic excellence. He was subsequently Treasurer to the lodge; and the counsel and aid of few Past Masters have been more constantly valued than those of Bro. Past Master John Green.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, 30th ult. Despite the heavy rain, a large number of deceased gentleman's fellow townsmen followed the cortege, to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. There was also a very numerous gathering of the members of the Lion Lodge, including the W.M., Bro. John Stevenson, many of the Past Masters, and most of the officers for the present year, who walked in procession to the cemetery, and rendered the last Masonic honours to their departed brother at the tomb. The bearers were mostly Past Masters of the Lion Lodge, viz., Bros. J. Stevenson, W.M., P.M. (and deceased's brother Churchwarden); T. Turnbull, J.P., P.M.; W. Stonehouse, P.M.; S. Reed, P.M.; J. N. Lawson, P.M.; W. H. Marwood, P.M.; W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M.; and Bros. T. Smailes and T. Wilson, two brethren of very long standing in the fraternity to which the deceased consistently adhered and was sincerely attached. The other members of the Craft stood uncovered on each side of the footpath as the coffin was borne into the chapel, and from thence to the grave. The Rev. George Austen, Rector of Whitby, read the burial service in the chapel and at the grave in a very impressive manner, and many seemed moved by the unostentatious solemnity of the proceedings.

During the funeral the flag on St. Mary's Church tower was lowered to "half-mast high," and the sound of the mourning peals issued forth from the belfry.—*Whitby Times.*

BRO. JOHN LEMON, P.M. and P.Z., No. 327.

We regret having to announce the death of Bro. John Lemon, one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Craft in the county of Cumberland. Bro. Lemon was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 327, Wigton, on April 3rd, 1833, in his 24th year, and was W.M. of his mother lodge on several occasions. He was exalted in St. John's Chapter, attached to St. John's Lodge, No. 327, Wigton, on Feb. 22nd, 1834, and was First Principal many times. He was a P.P.G.S.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland, and up to last September, during a period of twelve years, was the able and energetic P.G. Treasurer, when in consequence of failing health he tendered his resignation, much to the regret of every member of the province. On the formation of the Provincial Chapter for Cumberland and Westmorland, last year, the Earl of Bective, P.G. Supt, appointed Bro. Lemon P.G. Reg. Bro. Lemon, as head of the firm of Lemon and Pattison, was long in business in Wigton, as a woollen manufacturer, and about two years ago he withdrew from commercial pursuits, to settle down in Penrith, and pass the remainder of his days with his daughter. Thoroughly broken down in health, our late brother passed peacefully away on the 30th ult., at the age of 68 years. His remains were brought to Wigton, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., and the interment took place at the cemetery there. The Chapter of St. John on that day held their annual convocation, and, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the companions, accompanied by several others and brethren from different parts of the province, followed their late revered brother to his long home. Bro. Lemon was the very personification of good-heartedness and geniality, whether in Masonic or business circles, a thorough gentleman, whether in deportment or disposition; and every stranger who met him for the first time, ever afterwards had lively recollections of his kindness and bonhomie. It may be added that Bro. Lemon was one of the Stewards of his province, on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in 1875. His portrait, in chromo, was also published some years back, and most of the lodges in the province possess a copy.—*Val.*

BRO. KENNING'S INTERNATIONAL BANQUET.

Bro. Mucklé, one of the guests, and Editor, we believe, of the "Philadelphia Ledger," alludes to it in the "Ledger" of October 19th., in complimentary terms, so that by that time all our good American brethren and friends were perfectly safe at home again, after their long and interesting tour. We wish them all health and happiness. As we have before mentioned, a most interesting and successful home-gathering took place to welcome the wandering Knights of St. Mary's Commandery. We have also heard from Bro. C. E. Meyer.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Wrongs made Right.—Every day that any bodily suffering is permitted to continue renders it more certain to become chronic or dangerous. Holloway's purifying, cooling, and strengthening Pills are well adapted for any irregularity of the human body, and should be taken when the stomach is disordered, the liver deranged, the kidneys inactive, the bowels torpid, or the brain muddled. With this medicine every invalid can cure himself, and those who are weak and infirm through imperfect digestion, may make themselves strong and stout by Holloway's excellent Pills. A few doses of them usually mitigate the most painful symptoms caused by undigested food, from which they thoroughly free the alimentary canal, and completely restore its natural power and action.—[Advrt.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE ROYAL PRINCES AND THE A. AND A. RITE.—On Wednesday last, the 6th inst., their R. Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold were advanced to the Thirty-third Degree, at the head-quarters of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, 33°, Golden-square, W., in the presence of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, 33°, Grand Patron of the Order. The ceremony was performed by Lord Skelmersdale, 33°, the Sovereign Grand Commander, assisted by the other members of the Supreme Council 33°. A full report will appear in our next.

The consecration of the Brixton Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 233, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at half-past three precisely. The ceremony will be performed by V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., G. Sec., assisted by Bro. Donald Dewar, G. Asst. Sec. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The Shipwrights Company and Bro. Sheriff Burt requested the National Lifeboat Institution to allow one of its lifeboats to take a part in the Lord Mayor's procession. Some years ago Bro. Sheriff Burt took an active part in the formation of the Lifeboat Station at Swanage, on the coast of Dorset.

The discovery of a new island in the Polar Seas is announced by the following telegram from Tromso:—"E. Johannessen, who has just returned there, reports that he penetrated a considerable distance to the east, beyond Novaja Zemlja. On September 3, in longitude 66 East and 77.35 North latitude, he discovered an island which he has named "Ensomheden" (loneliness). It is about ten miles long, and level, the highest point not exceeding 100 feet. It was free from snow, with poor vegetation, but an immense quantity of birds. The sea was free from ice towards the north, and south, but drift ice was seen towards the south-east. There was evidence that the Gulf Stream touched the west coast of the island; the Stream runs in a strong current round the north coast towards the south-east. Everything about the ice was favourable for navigation so long as the vessel did not go too near the mainland of Siberia." The newly-discovered island lies, therefore, somewhat to the south-east of the region visited by the Austrian Expedition of 1873-4.

The Supreme Council of Italy (See at Torino) of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, nominated by acclamation on the 12th of October, His Imperial Highness the Prince Rhodocanakis, of Scio, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for Greece, and an honorary member of that for Scotland, for Ireland, for the southern jurisdiction of the United States, &c., to be an honorary member of that Council for life.

YORKSHIRE WEST.—We should have been happy to report the proceedings of the Installation of our esteemed companion Sir H. Edwards, as P.G. Superintendent, but as no companion has had the courtesy to send us either an official or even a published report, we are unable to do so.

The arrangements for the visit to Liverpool of the Governor-General of Canada, and their Royal Highnesses the Princess Louise, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold, are nearly matured. The Royal party will arrive on the morning of 14th inst. They will proceed to the Adelphi Hotel for a brief rest, and will then proceed to the Town Hall, where addresses will be presented to the Marquis of Lorne. The Royal party will drive to the landing-stage, where the Dock Board's steam tender, the Vigilant, will be waiting to convey them on board the Allan steamer Sarmatian. The tender will remain in attendance on the Sarmatian until she is just about to leave, and will convey the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold back to the shore.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Carnarvon, on Tuesday night, inaugurated the lecture season of the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution by the delivery of a lecture on "Imperial Administration."

Will any brother kindly send the Editor of this paper a copy of Loomis's "Masonic and Musical Journal" for October, 1877.

Although the "Princess Alice" Fund at the Mansion House reached the high figure of £37,000, it has all been expended or be-spoken. Besides the grants to widows, widowers, and dependent relatives, several admissions into orphanages have been purchased for children at a cost of between £15,000 and £16,000.

The installation meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, on Thursday next, Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse is the W.M. elect.

On Sunday, prior to his departure from Paris, the Prince of Wales presented to Inspector Gies, of the London Police, and to Sergeant Wright, of the Royal Engineers, valuable gold watches as mementoes of his appreciation of their zeal and of the valuable services rendered by them during the Exhibition. The gifts were, says *Galignani*; rendered doubly welcome by the kind and gracious words with which the presentation was accompanied, and by the fact that the portrait of his Royal Highness has been set in the back of each watch.

Colonel Henderson has issued a notice warning publicans that all Christmas draws for geese, &c., are illegal, and that offenders will be prosecuted.

The Subject of the Crayon Portrait, with a biographical sketch, in next week's *Whitehall Review* will be Lady Zetland.

Mr. Henry Labouchere's portrait and biography appears in this day's *Touchstone*.

Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middx., was elected, after a sharp contest, on Friday week, to represent the Pavilion Ward in the Town Council of Brighton, although the opposition against him was very marked, having come forward as an independent candidate, our brother was returned at the head of the poll. It was generally anticipated that the poll would be a close one, but the result was a great surprise, and created considerable excitement when announced.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was held at the Town Hall, Swindon, on Friday. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

BRETHREN AND MUNICIPAL HONOURS.—Bro. W. J. Lunt, P.M. and Treas. of the Everton Lodge, No. 823; Bro. T. H. Sheen, S.W. of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241; and Bro. Joseph Ball, of St. John's Lodge, No. 673, were, on the 1st. inst., successful in their candidature for municipal honours in the Town Council of Liverpool. There are now about a dozen brethren who occupy places in the Council, as members for various wards in Liverpool.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.—As we briefly announced last week, the consecration of the Kirkdale Lodge No. 756, was fixed to take place at the Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool, yesterday (Friday) afternoon, by Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P. G.M. West Lancashire. A report of the interesting proceedings will appear next week.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Doric Chapter of Instruction No. 933, are held regularly at Comp. Yetton's 248, Globe-road, Mile End-road, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The members of the Nelson Dramatic Club will give their fifth performance, under the immediate patronage of the Right Hon. W. N. Massey, M.P., and Bro. Capt. Charles Mercier, on Saturday next, the 16th inst., in aid of the funds of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester Square. The performance will commence at 7 o'clock, at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, Regent-street, and will terminate about 10.30.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, held at Lincoln on Friday week, the Marquess of Exeter was unanimously elected chairman of the society for the year ensuing. The meeting concluded after voting cordial thanks to the retiring chairman, Bro. W. H. Smyth, R.W.G.M., Lincolnshire.

The Post Office authorities state that information has been received from the French Post-office that the French packets leaving Bordeaux on the 5th of each month will for the present cease to call at Rio de Janeiro on the outward voyage. Under these circumstances, no mails for Brazil will be made up in London for conveyance by these packets until further notice.

GERMAN FREEMASONRY.—The Prussian Masonic Lodges celebrated on the 5th inst. the twenty-fifth anniversary of the initiation of the Crown Prince of Germany, now Grand Master of the German Freemasons. The *Tribune*, of Berlin, states that when the Crown Prince was presented for initiation in 1853 by his father, then the Prince of Prussia (heir presumptive to the throne), there appeared in the *Vossische Zeitung* an article commenting on this event. The president of the Berlin police had the editor before him, and used all possible threats for the purpose of making him name the author of the article. The editor said that he should first have the author's consent. On the following day he informed the president of police that the Prince of Prussia was the author of the article. The story is characteristic enough of much that exists in Prussia.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

Mr. Samuel Phelps, the tragedian, died on Wednesday, at Epping, from congestion of the brain.

The Prince of Wales will be the guest of Mrs. Gerard Leigh at Luton Hoo from December 2nd to the 6th. There is said to be three days' shooting, a county ball on the 5th, and visit to Luton, with the inspection of two of its chief manufactories, on the 6th.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 15, 1878.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
- " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.
- " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.

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, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 222, St. Andrew's.
- " 1306, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
- " 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq., W.

- Lodge 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
- " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgt.-st.
- Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 720, Pannure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
- Red Cross Con., 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hot., Adelphi.

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.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster-palace Hot.
- " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 166, Union, Westminster-palace Hot.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covnt.-Grdn.
- " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Varborough, 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.
- Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
- Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- London Masonic Charity Association, 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, at 11 a.m.
- Com. R.M.B. Inst. at 3.
- Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
- " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
- " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-street.
- " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.
- " 1593, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
- " 1305, St. Marylebone, 7, New-st., Portland Town.
- Mark Lodge, Old Kent, M.H., Masons Avenue, E.C.
- Rose Croix, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
- 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, NOVEMBER 14.

- Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot.
- " 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgt.-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 879, Southwark, Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- " 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
- " 1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Pk.
- " 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tav., Holloway.
- " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
- " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

- Lodge 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H.
- " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Ntug.-hill
- Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
- " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 554, Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.
- " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.
- Rose Croix Chap., St. George's, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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 15.

- Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
- " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
- " 1118, University, F.M.H.
- " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Encamp. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.,
- 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 16, 1878.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
- " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
- " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
- " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford
- Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
- Egerton Mark Lodge 161, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
- Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
- Derby L. of I., M.H. Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
- " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1350, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N.Hill-st., L'pool.
- " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
- " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirck.
- " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
- " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 786, Crosteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

- Encamp. Jacques de Molay, M.H., Liverpool.
- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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