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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met in great strength on the 25th ultimo at Anderson's Hotel. The officers present were Bros. C. Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Mallett, I.P.M.; Heapy, S.D.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Tiley, W.S.; Abrahams, A.W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of Middlesex, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Thomans, P.M.; Kennett, P.M.; Cobham, and Longstaff, Tyler. The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed the W.M., with the assistance of the officers, raised Bros. Weeden and Nathan, passed Bro. Kendall, and initiated Mr. Joseph Lloyd, the ceremonies being well performed. The election of Trustees upon the Benevolent Fund was adjourned until the next meeting. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. J. Terry, S.C., R.M.B.I.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex; Ferguson, P.M., 177; Dean, P.M., 417; Williams, 147; Andrews, 382; Tapp, Eccleston; and Prime, Hemming. After the banquet, which was well catered for, the customary Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. The health of "The W.M." was ably proposed by the I.P.M. In the course of his remarks he said that Bro. Dairy had been many years among them and was highly appreciated by them all. He believed that the destinies of the Faith were quite safe in the W.M.'s hands, and that the lodge would be represented by him in the same exemplary way as it always had been. It was Bro. Dairy's extreme desire to do his duty well, and that at the end of his year of office it was his intention to leave, if possible, a larger balance in the Treasurer's hands than had ever been held by that worthy official before. There were many ways of economizing the funds of the lodge without unduly stinting the creature comforts of the brethren or the requirements of the charities, and this was the course their W.M. intended to carry out. The W.M. briefly, in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and expressed his obligations to the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had received it. He hoped that this year of office would end as prosperously as it had begun, and that when he left the chair he should carry with him the good wishes of every member. In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. earnestly impressed upon the candidate the necessity of carrying out, as far as possible, the good principles of the Order, viz., "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." He assured him that by doing this he would be only exercising that duty which one brother owed to another, or in other or more familiar words, "To do unto others as you would wish others to do unto you." The candidate having responded, the remaining toasts, viz., "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Charities" were proposed in brief, though pertinent terms, and having been heartily received and acknowledged, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the proceedings terminated.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).—The installation meeting of this famous old lodge was held last Saturday evening at the City Terminus Hotel. Bro. W. Beattie, W.M., presided, and after the formal portion of the day's work had been concluded, installed in the Master's chair, Bro. Frederic Julius Macaulay, S.W. and W.M. elect. The brethren invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices for the ensuing year were, Bros. William Beattie, I.P.M.; George Powell, S.W.; the Rev. W. S. Moses, J.W.; W. Batty, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.M., (Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes), Sec.; F. Statham Hobson, S.D.; A. V. Haines, J.D.; S. W. Yockney, I.G.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., (Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies), D.C.; F. G. Bailey, A.D.C.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. Bro. Beattie then delivered the

addresses, completing the whole of the work in admirable style. The W.M. also invested his officers with the proper formula most fluently and impressively. When the installation ceremony was concluded, the W.M. said the very agreeable duty devolved upon him of presenting Bro. Beattie with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the brethren of St. Thomas's Lodge, in remembrance of the very successful and pleasant year they had had during the time he had occupied the W.M. chair. All he could say at that moment, when placing the jewel on Bro. Beattie's breast, was that worthily indeed had he won it and most worthily did he wear it. Long might he be spared to enjoy the appreciation of his brethren, not only in St. Thomas's Lodge, but among the Craft generally; and he congratulated Bro. Beattie on having received the jewel. Bro. Beattie, I.P.M., in acknowledging the presentation, said it was rather difficult for him to find appropriate words in which to express all he should like to say in return for that beautiful jewel. All the brethren knew how much he appreciated the kindness of the brethren of St. Thomas's Lodge and how much he esteemed and respected every member of it; and he believed that feeling was mutual. He could assure the brethren that the past had been a very pleasant year of office. He had met with kind consideration on the part of every member of St. Thomas's Lodge, and whatever his future lot might be, or wherever it might be cast, he should always look back with feelings of pride and satisfaction to his official connection with St. Thomas's Lodge, more particularly during the past year. Bro. Levander then read the correspondence, among which was a letter he had received the day before from the present W.M., presenting new columns and square, level and plumb-rule for the Warden's chairs, as a token of the very pleasant year he had had as S.W. Bro. Batty, Treasurer, proposed, and Bro. W. Dyott Burnaby, P.M., seconded, that the handsome gift be accepted, and when this motion had been carried a vote of thanks to the W.M., proposed by Bro. Levander, Secretary, and seconded by Bro. Batty, Treasurer, was also carried. Bro. Levander having announced that he had received circulars soliciting Stewards from the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School for their next festivals, read a letter from Bro. Lambert, P.M., in which he stated that if no other brother offered himself as Steward for the Girls' School festival he should be happy to take that office, and place ten guineas on his list if the brethren of the lodge would make up the amount to thirty guineas; it was resolved on the motion of Bro. Batty, seconded by Bro. F. T. Dubois, P.M., that Bro. Lambert's offer be accepted. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. Amongst the brethren, who numbered in all seventy-five, who sat down to banquet were Past Masters Fredk. Thomas Dubois, James William Lambert, William Dyot Burnaby, and visitors, W. Ferguson, J. W. 1101; J. S. Tamburni, 33; R. Payne, S.W. 1328; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; T. H. Edmunds, G.S.L.; F. W. Levander, P.M. 1415; Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M., Middlesex; B. James Fisher, W.M. 444; Thos. Higgs, P.M. 106; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; F. W. Percival, 357; E. S. Sidolph, P.M. Chaucer; Thomas Green; F. Pendered, P.M. 33; George J. Byass; John Ferrier, W.M. 957; Henry E. Wallis, W.M. 33; John Strapp, P.M. 33; John Davis, P.M. 33; Capt. J. Russell Clipperton, S.W. 66; James Glaisher, P.M. 33, P.G.D.; John Aird, 259; Col. James E. Peters, P.M. 1460; P.G.J.W. Middlesex; James R. Clinton, P.M. G.S. Lodge; John Davies 76 (Ireland); James Ushor Peter de Lande Long, Past Grand Deacon; J. O. Carter, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, P.M. 209; Rev. Dr. Ernest Brett, W.M. 1657; J. Tickle, P.M. 1196; W. Adams, 33; J. C. Park, 33; Daniel Nicholson, P.M. 19; C. M. Dodds, 171; Edward King, P.M. 857; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; Geo. W. Dixon, W.M. 805, P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; Robert Roberts, W.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; P. P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason.) In proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that Her Majesty commended herself to all her people in every relation of life. Independently of politics they looked upon her as the head of the state, as serving a great purpose, doing a great duty, and doing that duty in a most exemplary manner. After the toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." had been duly proposed and honoured, the W.M., in giving "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," said he might be allowed this opportunity of suggesting that in addition to drinking his lordship's health as a very great Mason, the brethren might congratulate him upon his recent domestic felicity. He would not venture further to introduce so delicate a subject, but he could not resist the temptation of reminding the brethren that their noble Pro Grand Master had recently been married. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, in replying to the toast of "The Deputy G.M., and the Rest of the Grand Officers," said he felt great diffidence in replying to the toast when other Grand Officers were present. Whether it was Present or Past Grand Officers they were always anxious to do their duty to the Order in general, and they were happy to find wherever they went that there were others coming on to hold the offices now filled. There were able and efficient brethren round the table, and he hoped some day or other to see them in Grand Office. He had no doubt when they were called upon to fill such office they would perform their duties as efficiently as those who had gone before them. The present officers must pass away at some time, and it was necessary that there should be some ready to occupy the vacancies. Going to another subject it must be superfluous for them to express an opinion as to the working of St. Thomas' Lodge; but he must say that he had seen a great deal of Masonic working, both in England and in

other countries, but he had never seen the working, from that of the junior officer to the Master in the chair, done so fairly, clearly, and without any hesitation whatever as he had that evening. It must be satisfactory to every one present. Those brethren who belonged to the lodge were accustomed to it, and it was nothing new to them; but the visitors would agree that there were few instances when they had witnessed such perfect working as they had that evening. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," with which he coupled the name of Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., said that he was happy to think, that on most occasions of the lodge's meetings they had visitors present. On no occasion was it more agreeable to him than now. The presence of visitors was a sign of that hospitality which should prevail throughout the Craft. He had had the great honour and pleasure of being a visitor at other lodges, and he knew the gratification derived from such visits. He trusted that those visitors who had honoured the lodge with their presence that evening would have the same feeling of gratification which he had experienced when he visited other lodges. The visitors that evening were very numerous; their name was legion; but whatever number might be present the brethren welcomed them heartily. Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., replied, and said that looking around the table he was almost inclined to use the word legion that had been suggested as being the true representative of the number of visitors to this lodge; but he that as it might, he thanked the lodge in the name of every brother now standing up, for the favour the lodge had done them by giving them that opportunity of seeing the excellent working of the lodge, and partaking of its hospitality. He had ever held that as lodges were naturally limited in number, it was most important that there should be a free intermingling of the one with the other, and as he had held that opinion how gratified must he be that evening in seeing that St. Thomas' Lodge had followed it up to perfection. He recollected that when he had the honour of being present last year there were nearly as many visitors as now. The members of the lodge therefore did a good piece of Masonic work in inviting brethren of other lodges to see their working, because by that free intercourse of lodges the working of all was brought more and more into harmony. It was alike in all essentials. In no part of the country to which he went was there a fundamental difference. Whether in Scotland or Ireland, although there were some differences in the system, essentially it was all alike; but the more the different brethren met together the better it would be for the Craft, that it might be not merely like, but like in reality, and that, he thought, was a very important thing. The W.M. had spoken of the pleasure it had given him to visit other lodges, and he (Bro. Glaisher) thought he might say for all the visitors present that they had experienced the same pleasure in visiting St. Thomas's Lodge, and hoped that even again the same opportunity would be afforded them. Bro. W. Beattie, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he was sure the toast would be received with enthusiasm and acclamation by all the brethren. They were well aware that Bro. Macaulay was not an amateur at working. He had worked at the junior offices, and as he had qualified himself more and more he had gained the esteem and affection of the brethren of the lodge in proportion. He prognosticated for Bro. Macaulay a happy, prosperous, and beneficial reign while he occupied the chair of K.S., and he was sure he would, to the best of his skill and ability, carry out in their integrity every thing that fell to the office of W.M. Bro. Macaulay was well known to all the members of the lodge, and to most of the brethren present who were visitors, and he, Bro. Beattie, was sure that the whole of the company would join with him in drinking with all sincerity to the health of the W.M. and to his having a happy and prosperous year, hoping that at this time next year they might feel that he had performed the duties of his office with satisfaction to himself and advantage to the lodge. The W.M., in reply, said he begged to thank the brethren most heartily for the very great honour they had done him in responding so unanimously to the sentiments of his kind friend, the I.P.M. He felt that in much that Bro. Beattie had said of him he had been too promising; but as he should desire to do, not only for St. Thomas's Lodge in particular, and the Craft in general, all he could, though his poor powers were very limited; still, to the best of his ability, they were at the disposal of the brethren. He felt that he might have applied to himself that morning the words of the great Psalmist, "I am small and of no reputation;" but to the brethren of St. Thomas's Lodge he was indebted that night for a high place. His trust and hope were that he might not be found wanting in his attempt to do his duty by the Craft and by St. Thomas's Lodge. He had a very perfect recollection of his initiation in this lodge, and of being seated between the W.M. and Bro. Glaisher on that occasion. He had never forgotten the kind words addressed to him then as the initiate; they were deeply engraven on his mind, and in addition to that he had had most excellent friends in the several Masters who had preceded him in the chair. Whether in geniality, in perfect efficiency, in regularity of attendance, in hospitality or in any other essentials, he had had such excellent examples that they could not possibly be lost on a mind such as he hoped he possessed, that was imbued with Masonic principles. With those feelings he hoped the brethren would allow him to thank them, and to offer them one and all the right hand of fellowship, the perfect essence of which they, no doubt, understood. Having said this much on behalf of himself and of his occupation of the chair, he would add in reference to what his kind friend, Bro. Beattie, had said as to not only the probability but certainty, (if he might be spared) of retirement to the rank

of the honourable band on his left, that he hoped his duty would be done with such skill as to render him worthy of that position. To that end he would work, and with that object he was now before the brethren. Being on his feet he would now economise time by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," a toast which needed no words to recommend it. The Past Masters were the "elder brethren" to whom the Master must look for counsel and support, for assistance and advice. It was only natural, it was only right and proper that it should be so, otherwise it would not have been so ordained. The Past Masters had evidently been designed for useful purposes; and in St. Thomas's Lodge they carried out those purposes to the fullest extent. They had a bright array of Past Masters in that lodge, Past Masters who were not content with the honours they had attained, but who were regular in their attendance and constant in their adhesion to the Master for the time being. Therefore they deserved the best consideration of the brethren. They were not, like the visitors, legion, but they formed a goodly array. Bro. W. Beattie, I.P.M., in reply, said it was rather a novel position for him to have to return thanks for the Past Masters of the lodge, but he would do the best he could. The W.M. had been pleased to allude to the Past Masters in a slightly facetious manner, and it almost reminded him of Lord Beaconsfield's expression about a stationer who had either retired from business, or from whom business had retired. However, he could not say he had retired from business, because no doubt his services might be required. When they were required he could truthfully say on behalf of himself and the other Past Masters they would be freely and cordially given. Any assistance they could render or anything they could do to maintain the position that St. Thomas's Lodge had achieved for good working or good discipline they would be most happy to do. He thanked the brethren on behalf of himself and the other Past Masters for their very kind reception of the toast, and he hoped that they might for many years have the pleasure of seeing the Master of St. Thomas's Lodge on installation night surrounded by an assemblage as large as, or even larger, than that he now saw before him. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Officers," remarked that it had been a great pleasure to him to promote to the different offices brethren who in offices they had already filled showed qualities which entitled them to promotion. The brethren he had appointed had displayed not only efficiency in working but general efficiency and utility. The Rev. W. Stainton Moses, J.W., (Bro. Powell, S.W., having been compelled to leave early) in reply, said that all the officers were determined, to the best of their several abilities, to do the work of the lodge with efficiency, so as not to throw any discredit on the high traditions of the lodge. The W.M. would set them an example which they would find it to their benefit to follow. Outside and beyond their offices, the officers of the lodge felt they were united together by a bond of unity, companionship, and fellow feeling, of which the W.M. set them one of the brightest examples. Nothing they could do should be wanting in the fulfilment of the several duties they had to discharge, and if he might go further than this he would say it might be a tradition of St. Thomas's Lodge that there was in it good fellowship and good working, brotherly love and charity, and that being so, the officers would use every effort, that in these respects it should suffer no diminution. The officers also were grateful to the W.M. for giving them the opportunity of carrying those theories into practice, and they wished the W.M. during his year of office health, prosperity, and happiness, and that when he left the chair he would find that the traditions of the lodge had suffered no diminution. Bros. Batty, and Levander, responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The evening was enlivened by some beautiful music and singing by Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; John Hodges, Alfred Kenningham, Joseph Thornton, and Thurlay Reale, under the conductorship of Bro. Osborne Williams.

URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Bro. Legge, W.M., presided. Bro. Charles Lacey, P.M., &c., occupied the S.W. chair, and Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, the J.W. chair. Bro. Webb, P.M., acted as D.C. Among the brethren present were, Past Masters J. Hanson, Richard Henry Marsh, J. Reddingware, J. Tickle, J. Simpson, R. H. Pearson, Treas.; J. E. Carpenter, Sec.; and visitors:—Bros. W. H. Mulley, P.M. 256; W. Porchison, 12; Geo. H. Carter, 1702; W. R. Smith, 1702; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; W. C. Maddever, W.M. 504; W. F. C. Moutrie, P.M. 11; S. H. Parkinson, W.M. 1642; R. Gifford, 784; S. J. Hilliard, P.M. 174; W. Brown, P.M. 1609; Charles Lacey, P.G.D. Herts; George Jones, J.W. 174; F. J. Dellow, 174; W. J. Hunter, W.M. 1677; H. C. Levander, W.M. 1415; S. J. Weston, P.M. 194; W. J. Compton, S.W. 194; C. Rowlands, 1642; W. J. Foster, 19; T. Lee Roberts, S. F. Watts, P.M. 194, and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The only work before the lodge was the installation, a ceremony which Bro. Legge performed in admirable style, placing Bro. R. H. Blatchford in the chair of the lodge as its Master for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed to office were, Bros. Legge, I.P.M.; J. T. Heath, S.W.; T. J. Eckstein, J.W.; R. H. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; Dr. Carpenter, P.M., Sec.; W. Radbord, S.D.; Chas. Hawksley, J.D.; G. E. Fairchild, I.G.; Tickle, P.M., W.S.; Buck, Steward; Butler, D.C.; and W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses the brethren voted ten guineas to the list of Bro. Legge, I.P.M., who stands as Steward for the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Five propositions for initiation and one for joining were then given in

after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. As the hour was late when banquet was concluded the speeches were very short. Bro. Legge, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, was young in the chair and no doubt felt nervous. He hoped, however, that when the lodge met again for installation next year he would feel more easy than he did at present. The brethren would admit that the W.M. had made a very good beginning, and it had been with great pride that he (Bro. Legge) had installed him in the chair. The W.M. had been pleased in the course of the evening to refer to the long friendship that had grown up between himself and him (Bro. Legge) since they were boys together. He (Bro. Legge) looked upon it with equal satisfaction. The field of Freemasonry was a large one, and he hoped the W.M. would look upon his entrance to it as one of the most progressive steps he had taken in a good cause. The W.M., in reply, said he hoped the brethren had overlooked any imperfections they had seen in him, and if they had confidence in him he was sure their confidence would not be misplaced; and if at the end of his term of office, when he hoped to instal his successor, he retired to the position of P.M., he trusted he should carry with him the good wishes of the brethren. It was now seven years since he was initiated in that very room, and on that memorable night he never dreamt he should at the close of his seven years' apprenticeship occupy the chair of the lodge. He had, however, done so, and he was very proud of his position. Bros. Charles Lacey and H. C. Levander responded to the toast of "The Visitors." In proposing "The health of Bro. Legge, I.P.M.," the W.M. said, although he was obliged to make very short speeches, he could not suffer the brethren to depart without returning Bro. Legge their very best thanks for the noble way in which he had conducted the ceremony of the evening. Bro. Legge had been known to the brethren some years, and the longer they knew him the better they liked him. As Bro. Legge had told the brethren, he had known him (the W.M.) many years. He was a very good fellow at heart, though he had some crotchets. Who had not? But they sank into insignificance by the side of his other good qualities. He had now great pleasure in presenting him with a P.M. jewel which had been voted by the lodge, and he hoped, as they went down the hill together, he might for many years have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Legge wear it. Bro. Legge, in acknowledging the toast, said he did not know that he had merited all that had been said, because he held it to be the duty of every Mason who took office to do his utmost to perform the duties of his office properly. He had tried to do so ever since he had been a member of the lodge, and he had tried to do what he had done with goodwill and the utmost zeal. He hoped, as far as he had gone, that he had pleased the brethren, and more than that, that he had done some good to the Institution. That had been his great aim, and it always would be his great aim, and he would recommend those brethren who were coming on to do the same, for it was a little secret in that lodge that until they were in and out of the chair they were nowhere. They had a great deal of work to do, and when they had done it they would find they were just becoming useful in the cause of Masonry. The toasts of "The P.M.s.," to which Bros. Dr. Carpenter and Tickle replied, and "The Masonic Institutions," to which Bro. Legge responded, were then given, and Bro. W. Steedman, P.M., having given "The Tyler's Toast," the brethren separated, after spending a very pleasant evening, which was made additionally agreeable by the singing of some capital songs.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1316).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 3rd inst. There was a fair attendance. Bro. George Buckland, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. Edward Swanborough, S.W., C. Wellard, J.W.; E. Stanton Jones, Secretary. In the absence of the S.D., Bro. Herr Meyer-Lutz took the place of that officer, Bro. Maclean filling the posts of J.D. and I.G.; F. Delevanti D. of C.; C. E. Tinney, Organist; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The following members were present:—Bros. James Weaver, P.M.; W. A. Tinney, P.M.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M.; E. Frewin, P.M.; C. S. Jekyll, P.M.; Arthur Thomas, John Wallace, Robert Soutar, Luigi F. Lablache, Wallis Mackay, H. M. Edsall, Charles Beckett, Geo. E. Fairchild, A. Castegnier, Lionel Brough, G. R. Egerton, H. J. Ashley, E. D. Humphrey, W. J. Kent, P. S. Castell, and L. B. Wooldridge. Visitors:—Bros. Marsh, P.M. 1296; Bedford Lemere, S.D. 193; G. M. A. Low, I.G. 1589; S. Whaley, 1670; E. D. Godwin, P.M. 76; J. M. C. James, D.C. 795; Alfred Pinto Late, I.P.M. 795; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (*Freemason*). The lodge, which has special power conferred by the Grand Lodge of holding its sittings during the day, was opened at two o'clock. The Secretary having then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed, it was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Wallis Mackay and H. M. Edsall were examined, and, having very satisfactorily given proof of their claim to preferment, retired, after which the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and these brethren, having been re-admitted, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, the W.M. performing the ceremony with that precision and unhesitating skill which all Freemasons like to see. There being no further business before the meeting, the lodge was formally closed in the Three Degrees, and the brethren adjourned until the first Monday in March.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday evening last. There was an average attendance of both members and visitors. In consequence of the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. Henry Charles Reeves, Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., kindly officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. T. C.

Walls, S.W.; C. H. Köhler, J.W.; W. Stuart, Sec.; H. Speedy, S.D.; W. P. Webb, J.D.; F. Honywell, Org.; and George Longstaff, Tyler. The following members were present:—Bros. H. Higgins, P.M.; W. Mann, P.M.; J. W. Kock, P.M.; D. Drysdale, P.M.; A. Baldock, W. H. Barry, J. Jenkins, A. Town, H. Cruse, H. C. Higgins, T. Hayward, H. G. Robinson, H. G. Stranger, W. Sandon, D. Downes, John Bolton, John W. Fowler, J. W. Brooke, John King, and W. Bavin. Visitors:—Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, 1512; G. H. Downie, 186; W. Bowden, 186; L. Coleman, 186; F. Gilbert, 1507; W. W. Morgan, 177; George Hugall, 1539; M. Bellamy, 1367; J. Hardy, 190; A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened at half-past four in the customary form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed to. It was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, Bro. Town being passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and Bro. Jenkins raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, Bro. Thomas Charles Walls, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Everett, who very efficiently performed the ceremony of installation, after which, the Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the brethren saluted the newly-installed Master in the usual manner. The lodge was then closed in the Third Degree, and the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—C. H. Köhler, S.W.; H. Speedy, J.W.; E. F. Page, Treasurer; H. Stuart, Sec.; W. P. Webb, S.D.; F. Marsden, J.D.; H. G. Robinson, I.G.; A. Stokes, D.C.; H. G. Stranger, W.S.; John Bolton, A.W.S.; F. Honywell, Org.; and Geo. Longstaff, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and on the motion of Bro. W. Mann, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. W. Kock, P.M., it was unanimously agreed that Bro. H. Higgins, P.M., who kindly volunteered his services for the office, should act as Steward to the Girls' School at the next anniversary. It was subsequently agreed that the lodge should give Bro. Higgins 10 guineas to head his list. Bro. H. C. Reeves, I.P.M., then, in very complimentary terms, bore testimony to the skilful manner in which Bro. Everett had performed the duties of Installing Master, and concluded by moving a resolution to the effect that a vote of thanks to Bro. Everett should be recorded on the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bro. Higgins, and having been put to the meeting, was unanimously carried. Bro. Everett very briefly acknowledged the compliment. The business before the lodge being then concluded, it was closed in the usual form, after which the brethren repaired to the banqueting-hall, and sat down to a splendid banquet, presided over by the newly-installed W.M. The customary toasts followed. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," having been duly honoured, Bro. Hardy sang the "Village Blacksmith" in capital style, after which Bro. Reeves, I.P.M., said it was a very pleasing duty to him to propose "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Walls had gone through all his offices with the greatest credit, and he now filled the very honourable chair which he (Bro. Reeves) had just quitted, but he was quite sure that the brethren had selected the right man to fill it, and he felt certain that they would have a most successful year under his presidency. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, whereupon Bro. Webb sang the beautiful melody from "Martha" commencing "She Appeared." The W.M., in acknowledging the toast said that by a singular coincidence that very night four years ago he had the pleasure of being initiated into the Kennington Lodge, and he could scarcely realise that, after so short a period as had elapsed between that time and the present occasion, he was presiding over so large and influential a lodge as the Kennington. He might say that when he was initiated, he was so impressed with the principles of the Craft, and the manner in which he was initiated, that he became infatuated with Freemasonry, and within twenty-four hours joined a lodge of instruction, and the result had been that he now found himself holding the high and responsible position of W.M. of the Kennington Lodge. After a few words of encouragement to aspirants to preferment, the W.M. concluded by assuring the brethren that it would be no fault of his if his tenure of office did not prove a successful one. "The Visitors" having been proposed, Bro. Stokes sang "My Pretty Jane" in capital style, after which the most of the visitors gracefully acknowledged the toast. The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters," and decorated Bro. Reeves with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which the latter, in a few appropriate sentences, acknowledged. All the other Past Masters having also briefly responded the W.M. delighted the company with a capital rendering of the well-known ballad "Love me once again," which was warmly applauded. He then, in very eulogistic terms, proposed "the health of the Secretary and Treasurer," who, in replying, both commented upon the very satisfactory condition of the affairs of the lodge, and assured the brethren that it would be their constant aim to promote its interests in every way they could whilst they continued to act as office bearers. The W.M., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," took occasion to allude to the controversy which is agitating the minds of Freemasons everywhere just now with regard to raising the initiation fee. There was, he said, a gradual access to the numbers of Freemasons without a corresponding increase in the contributions, and, consequently, the demand on the Charities was exceeding the available funds at their disposal. This was a fact that required investigation. It arose mainly from the circumstance that there was not that care taken in the initiation of candidates into the Order that there ought to be. It very often occurred that brethren were made Masons who had no right to be admitted into the ranks of the Craft, and who, after a very short time, came upon the Charities, and, he thought, this practice ought to be religiously guarded against. He was glad to see that the fees were to be increased. He thought the average fee would soon amount to 12 guineas for initia-

tion; but, for his part, he did not think that this sum was sufficient. The three Charities at the present moment were most powerful, and they must not allow Freemasonry to degenerate into a benefit society, for then they would lose the patronage of the highest in the land. It should be pure and cosmopolitan, but not a benefit society. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Mann, P.M., replied, and in doing so, took occasion to point out that during the last year upwards of £40,000 had been collected amongst Freemasons on behalf of the three Institutions, and also so far corroborated the view of the W.M. as to say that those who sought relief were generally men of only two or three years' standing in the Craft. "The Officers" having been drunk and suitably responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. All the arrangements for the banquet were most creditably and successfully carried out.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the New Cross Hall. There were present, amongst others, Bro. W. A. Simmons, W.M.; Thiellay, P.P.G.S. of Middx., S.W.; L. Beck, P.G.O. of Middx., J.W., W.M. elect; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. of Middx., Treas.; H. Keeble, P.M., &c., Secretary; Smith, S.D.; Green, J.D.; Cowley, I.G.; Grammant, D.C.; Hubbuck, P.G.S., Hon. P.M. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bro. Bickerton, W.M. 1329; Stephens, W.M. 1475; Isbister, W.M. 1531; Kirk, W.M. 1687; Cooper, P.M. 73; Lightfoot, P.M. 147; Levy, P.M. 188; Bumstead, P.M. 548; Andrews, P.M. 871; Macdonald, P.M. 1158; Moss, P.P.G.R. of Middx., P.M. 1326; Vickery, J.W. 1775; Moffatt, S.D. 1558; Crossland, S.D. 1687; Batchelor, 72; Clark, 79; Long, 1275; Healey, 1348; Dunbar, 1538; Carter, 1687; Livermore, 1687; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., &c. (*Freemason*). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted, Bro. L. Beck was duly and most ably installed W.M. for the year ensuing by Bro. Hubbuck, assisted by Bro. Cooper as S.W., J. T. Moss as J.W., F. Walters as D.C., and E. Smith as I.G. The impressiveness of the proceedings were considerably enhanced by the organ accompaniments of Bro. Gibbs, P.P.G.O. of Kent. The officers appointed and invested for the year were Bro. Thiellay, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Walters, Treas.; Keeble, Sec.; Gibbs, Org.; Green, S.D.; Cowley, J.D.; Grammant, I.G.; Moss, D.C.; Macgillivray, W.S.; Hinton, A.W.S. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hubbuck for his services as Installing Master. The banquet was well served in the large hall, by Mr. G. Leidig, purveyor, of Lewisham High-road. "The Queen and the Craft," "The W.M.G.M.," and "The P.G.M., D.P.M., and the Rest of the Grand Officers," having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M., in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him at being once more installed Master of a lodge. During his connection with the New Cross Lodge, he had received nothing but kindness and courtesy from its members, and he took that auspicious opportunity of returning them his very sincere thanks for their consideration. He pledged himself that he would carry out the duties of his position to the best of his ability. He had served the office before, and, consequently, was acquainted with the onerous and arduous responsibilities attached to the Masonic chair. In conclusion, he hoped to leave the position in the possession of their fullest confidence, supplemented by an unanimous opinion that he had done ample justice to the lodge, but, as self laudation was no praise, he should bring his remarks to a finish by quoting the homely phrase, "that the proof of the pudding was in the eating." In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. took occasion, in very feeling terms, to allude to the serious illness that had overtaken Bro. Simmons at the very commencement of his Mastership. He was, however, greatly improved in health, and he hoped that that happy state of things would long continue. It afforded him (the W.M.) the highest possible pleasure in being the vehicle of conveying to the I.P.M. the substantial marks of the esteem of his brethren of the New Cross Lodge, which had taken the forms of a very handsome Past Master's jewel and time-piece. In concluding his remarks, he trusted that the I.P.M. would live many years to come among them as one of their most highly esteemed and honoured Past Masters. The I.P.M., in reply, briefly thanked the brethren for their handsome gifts, and hoped that his health would enable him in the future to devote his energies to the well being of the lodge. That night, twelve months ago, was one of sorrow to him, for he was then dangerously ill, but it was an anniversary now of rejoicing. Notwithstanding the precarious state of his health, he had endeavoured to carry out his duties conscientiously, and as a proof of his interest in the lodge, as one of its founders, he was happy to be in a position to state, that on the next occasion, he should introduce, subject to their approval, four initiates and two joining members. "The Visitors" and "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed. The former toast was acknowledged at length by Bro. Bumstead, Kirk, and Crossland. In introducing the latter toast, the W.M. paid a high compliment to the efficient and zealous services of their veteran Bro. Walters, in the capacity of Treasurer, and eulogised the care and attention bestowed upon the Secretarial duties by Bro. Keeble. This pledge having been acknowledged, the toasts of "The Officers" and "The Masonic Charities" terminated the proceedings. The enjoyment of the brethren was greatly enhanced by the pleasing singing of Miss Moss, of the R.A.M., who was assisted by Bro. Solomon and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the first Saturday in May.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—This lodge held a further meeting on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, under the presidency of Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M. Among the other brethren present were, Bro. John Douglass, S.W.; Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, Treas.; Stiles, Sec.; Hyland, S.D.; Cook, J.D.; Deller, I.G.; Holt, D.C.; Smith, W.S.; Sellis, Lloyd, Barcham, Dovey, Bennett, Merion, Jacques, Callaghan, Armstrong, Philpott, Nixon, and visitors:—Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; J. J. Michael, Thompson, Ravensbourne, H. Stiles, Cooch, Kauffman, and Speedy. The W.M., who was suffering from a very bad cold, raised Bro. James W. Smith and E. Tompkins; passed Bro. W. R. A. Cole; and initiated Messrs. Ben. P. George, John Wells Wheeler, and P. Jagels. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the lodge as its Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet; after which the usual toasts were honoured.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the Courtfield Hotel, South Kensington, on the 18th ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Read. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and Bro. Dunstan and Barclay were examined and approved, and retired for preparation, and the lodge being opened in the Second Degree, they were severally passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Messrs. Kirk and Norman were initiated. A proposition for initiation was made, and the W.M. informed the brethren that the Grand Secretary had certified his assent to the bye-laws of the lodge, and that they would be printed and circulated among the members without delay. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by Bro. Silcock. In responding to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Read called the particular attention of the members of the lodge to the words of sound advice given by the Grand Secretary at the consecration banquet, that their great aim should be to obtain, as members, men who were worthy of being enrolled in the Craft, and that in his opinion the mere idea of making a lodge great in numbers was a mistake, and that by introducing into Freemasonry men whom they would not care to know otherwise, they would not be doing their duty to the Craft. We understand that Bro. Silcock, the landlord of the Courtfield Hotel, is again seeking a full license for the house, and we hope that he will be successful, as the accommodation of such a house is much needed in the neighbourhood.

ROYAL HANOVER LODGE (No. 1777).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 25th ult., when there were present:—Bro. H. A. Dubois, P. Prov. S.G., D.P.M., P.Z., W.M.; H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; W. Ramsey, Hon. I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, Treas.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; H. Clark, S.D.; C. C. Cruikshanks, J.D.; G. J. Dunkley, Org.; S. Daly, Tyler, and others, with visitors:—Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P. Prov. G.P., and Cannon. Bro. H. B. Marshall, W. Hulis, C. J. Axford, and C. W. G. Wood having been entrusted, were passed to the Second Degree, and the ballot having been taken for four gentlemen, the two who were present, Messrs. Walter S. Dunkley and W. A. Villais, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The W.M., Bro. H. A. Dubois, was indisposed, but managed to get through the ceremonies in his usual style, except the passing, which was very kindly taken by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.M. After discussing some business matters, the lodge was closed. The next regular meeting will be on the 22nd of March. The brethren partook of refreshment, when the usual toasts were honoured, that of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master (Col. F. Burdett) and the Provincial Grand Officers" being ably responded to by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P. Prov. G.P., and the party separated at an early hour.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The annual meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the lodge-rooms, Stramongate, on Thursday, 30th ult., at three o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. Geo. McKay, presided, and was assisted by Bro. John Banks, S.W., W.M. elect; Watson, J.W.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; John Talbot, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. Wilson, P.M.; Hogg, Sec.; Nelson, P.M.; Harrison, Theobald, Gooding, Baron, Taylor, Bell, Atkinson, Medcalf, Winder, and about fifty other brethren. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the approach at the door of the lodge of the Deputy Grand Master of the province, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., was announced, and on that Worshipful Brother's entrance he was saluted as became his office and rank. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, Bro. John Banks, W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. McKay, who opened and closed the Board of Installed Masters, assisted by Bro. Bowes and Nelson. All the newly-invested officers were placed in their respective situations, and their jewels and duties fully explained by Bro. John Bowes, who also presented the working tools of the Three Degrees to the W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel for the banquet. The newly installed W.M., Bro. John Banks, presided, and was supported on the right by the Deputy Grand Master; Bro. McKay, Titus Wilson, Hogg, and others, and on the left by Bro. John Bowes, Holme, Talbot, Wilson and others. The company numbered over fifty. Grace after meat having been said by Bro. the Rev. H. Chaplain, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most agreeable evening was spent. We are glad to be able to congratulate this old lodge on its increasing vitality. It has always borne a good name for correct working, and now there is a goodly number of efficient Past Masters

ever ready to afford instruction to the members in the lower degrees. So mote it be.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Monday evening, the 27th ult. The W.M., Bro. J. Rymer Young, was supported by Bro. C. E. Hindley, S.W.; Dr. Young, J.W.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; James Paterson, S.D.; John Harding, P.M.; Dr. Mackie, F. Walter, Geo. F. Curzon, Robt. Gibbon, A. Crawford, and Thos. Domville, Tyler. The visitors included Bro. E. C. Cooper, P.M. 484, Prov. G.S.B.; D. W. Finney, W.M. 1250, Prov. G. Steward; W. Pollitt, P.M. 1250; W. H. Jenkins, J. H. Galloway, W.M. 1250. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded, Bro. Sec. reported that he sent the W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, an extract from the minutes just read relating to the passing of Bro. Flatan, and read that brother's acknowledgment of the same. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Archibald Crawford, as a fit and proper person, which proved unanimously in his favour, and he being present, was initiated by the W.M. in a manner that called forth the congratulations of the "elder brethren." The working tools were presented and explained by the J.W., Bro. Dr. Young, and the charge was delivered by Bro. Bowes. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors, and no other business presenting itself, the lodge was closed.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th ult. Present, Bro. Schiemann, W.M.; Roberts, S.W. (W.M. elect); Nicholes, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treas.; Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Pears, S.D.; Cousins, J.D.; Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; D. C. Tolley, P.M., P.P.G.D. Org.; Dick Radclyffe, P.G.S., I.G.; Apter and Andrews, Stewards; Hume, P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Reid, P.M.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B., Middx. P.M.; Stedwell, P.P.G.W., Middx. P.M.; Strange, P.P.G.D., P.M.; Bryett, P.P.G.S.W., P.M., and others. Visitors:—Bro. Biggs, P.P.G., Sec.; Mallam, P.M. 108; W. Beattie, W.M. 142; W. V. Brown, W.M. 771; Taylor, W.M. 1046; Fleck, S.W. 771; Cantrell, P.G.J.D., J.W. 771; Bingham, P.G.S.D., P.M. 771; Barrett, No. 3; Scott, P.M. 101; Masters, 145; Green, P.M. 27; Pattison, 34; Green, 1022; Newman, 1101; Ridley, 1101; Manley, 1257; Sharples, 348; Johnson, 771; Glover, 100, 305, 574; Spence, 185, and others. As the W.M. had not arrived at the time named on the summons, the lodge was opened by Bro. Moss, I.P.M., who then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wilson, P.M. Bro. Pantling was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Hume here again occupied the chair of W.M., and proceeded to install Bro. Roberts as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bro. Nicholes, S.W.; Pears, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treas.; Carter, P.M., Sec.; Dixon, P.M., D.C.; Tolley, P.M., Org.; Cousins, S.D.; Dick Radclyffe, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Andrews, A.D.C.; Apter and H. J. Stollery, Stewards. Letters of apology were read from Bro. Sir D. Goch, P.G.M.; General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; and Colonel Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex, who expressed their regret that previous engagements would not enable them to be present. On the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel for banquet. The usual toasts were given in good style by the new W.M. Bro. Dick Radclyffe, as on former occasions, gratuitously provided the floral table decorations, and seemed on this occasion, if possible, to exceed his previous efforts.

STOWMARKET.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 516).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting on Friday, the 24th ult. It was numerously attended. Bro. J. W. Sheridan, P.P.G. Registrar, who for the second time has been installed Worshipful Master of the lodge, named Bro. E. Beveridge and Jas. Hughes, his Wardens, and Bro. C. Turner, Senior Deacon. There was a goodly number present, including Bro. J. S. Cockledge, S. H. Wright, C. Turner, W. Ransom, Geo. Tydeman, Rev. Angell, and A. H. Diaper (W.M. of the Lodge of St. George and Corner Stone, London). After two candidates had been initiated, and the usual Masonic business gone through, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, a banquet having been provided by Bro. Edward Bridges, of the Fox Hotel. After many dainties had been enjoyed various toasts were given, including that of the worthy Secretary, Bro. S. H. Wright, the brethren showing by their demonstration how much they appreciated the long and valuable services of that gentleman. Bro. C. W. Sutton returned thanks on behalf of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," as also did Bro. Ranson, Smith, Peddar, and Gudgeon. Bro. Wright proposed "The Health of their highly-respected Bro. Spencer Freeman," which was responded to by Bro. James Hughes, who spoke of the deep love Bro. Freeman had for Masonry; although from ill-health unable to be present, his heart was in the cause of charity, which was Masonry. After several songs had been sung the proceedings terminated, all trusting that the coming year may be a happy one for their W.M. and brethren.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The January meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Swan Hotel on the 29th ult. The W.M., in consequence of a recent severe family bereavement, was not able to be present, and other brethren were kept away by the severe weather, still there was a goodly number present. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Sergeant, P.M. and Treasurer, and he was supported by Bro. Prior, P.M., Secretary; Coombs, S.W.; Thody, J.W.; Carter, S.D.; Stafford, J.D.; Verey, I.G.; Canon Brereton, Chaplain; Col. Stuart, P.M.; Cuthbert, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Billson,

P.M.; Cookson, P.M.; and Bros. H. Allen; Foster; Kilpin; Thompson; Whittaker; D. Stuart; Page; Bosanquet, and as visitors, Bros. Upcher and Bro. Blackburn, a resident in Bedford. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Bosanquet was duly raised, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Prior, P.M. The Lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Sergeant, P.M., passed Bros. Page and Dugald Stuart. Our Brother Carter, the S.D., deserves praise for the manner in which he did the duties of his office. Several items of business were disposed of, and upwards of twenty brethren sat down to supper and spent a pleasant evening.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The annual meeting took place at the Town Hall, on Tuesday the 21st ult., for the purpose of installing as Master for the ensuing year Bro. T. H. Chandler, P.M. 355, P.P.S.G.W., Wiltshire, who had filled the office of S.W. of this lodge (of which he is now a member) during the past year. There was a considerable muster of the brethren to do honour to the much-esteemed W.M. elect, including Bros. J. Wilkie Burman, M.D., W.M.; Harry Howse, J.W.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; William Nott, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Reg., Wilts, Sec.; J. A. Randell, J.D.; and the Rev. H. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Wilts, Chap.; G. S. A. Waylen, Stwd.; the Rev. T.F.T. Ravensham, P.M., P.P.G.C., Eng., P.P.G. Chap., Wilts; J. Chandler, P.M. 355, 663, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Wilts; Thos. Raymond, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Wilts; H. J. Ward, P.M., and other members of the lodge; whilst amongst the visitors were, Bros. J. V. Toone, P.M., 1478, P.P.J.G.D., Wilts; W. H. Dill, P.M. 906, P.P.G.P., Somerset; Quartermaster-Serjeant Davis, and Serjeant-Major Archer of the 99th Regiment (from the newly-established 38th Brigade Depot at Devizes), and others. After the usual preliminaries the retiring Master, Bro. Burman, duly installed his successor, Bro. T. H. Chandler into the chair of K.S. in a Board of 12 Installed Masters. The new Master appointed and invested the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Dr. Burman, I.P.M.; W. H. Burt, S.W.; H. Howse, J.W.; Rev. H. Richardson, P.M., Chap.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Nott, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Randell, S.D.; G. S. A. Waylen, J.D.; S. Badham, I.G.; Thos. Waite, P.M., M.C.; F. S. Hancock, Stwd.; John Hayter, Tyler. Addresses to the officers on their investment were given by Bro. Nott, and the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren by the Installing Master. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M. for his conduct in the chair during the past year. Bro. Nott on behalf of his daughter, Miss L. Nott, presented to the lodge a handsome alms bag, which she had worked in velvet and silver. It was accepted with great pleasure, and the warmest thanks of the lodge were ordered to be conveyed to her for the same. Before the lodge was closed the alms bag was sent round as usual, the proceeds on this occasion being devoted to the funeral expenses of Alice McHugh, daughter of a deceased P.M. of this lodge, who, until her death on Christmas morning last, had been for some years maintained by the brethren. After the completion of the business and the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where Bro. Raymond had provided an excellent banquet, aided as usual by liberal contributions of venison and game from Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—On Thursday evening, the 30th ult., the brethren of this lodge met at the Rampant Horse Hotel, for the purpose of installing Bro. Pankhurst, as W.M. for the ensuing year. About forty brethren attended, including Bros. George Baxter, Horace Lacey, Butters, Mansfield Bailey, Hunt, Roslin, Barnes, Chambers, Reeve, Dr. James Offord, P. Soman (*Norwich Argus*), G. Thirkettle, T. Campling, J. W. Taylor, W. E. Provart, R. Baldry, J. W. Lacey, A. E. Atkinson, Green, S. N. Berry, and Madge. Among the visitors were Bros. A. M. F. Morgan, P.P.D.G.M.; Barwell, P.G.S.; Moore, W.M. Social; H. C. Riches, P.M. Sincerity, Dunsford, P.Z., P.M. 213; G. Jewson, W.M. Sincerity; Tyce, Quartermaster Mills, W.M. Walpole; J. Stanley, W.M. Perseverance; J. E. H. Watson and H. Youngman; Perseverance; Isley, Walpole; T. Watson, Doric; C. Cubitt, W.M. Union, and other brethren. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. A. J. Berry, the retiring Worshipful Master, assisted by Bro. Baldry, P.M., who gave the address in a manner not to be surpassed, Bro. Campling, P.M., acting as Master of the Ceremonies. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. A. J. Berry, I.P.M.; S. N. Berry, S.W.; G. Green, J.W.; L. Butters, S.D.; J. Hunt, J.D.; Chambers, I.G.; Madge, Organist; J. W. Lacey, Treasurer; W. Murrell, Tyler; and that indefatigable Bro. G. Baxter, P.M., Secretary. After the installation the brethren sat down to a banquet supplied by Bro. Coleman in his best style, the table being tastefully decorated with plants and flowers bountifully supplied by Bro. Daniels. During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were given, that of "The W.M." with full Masonic honours. The question of the Masonic Charities formed the staple of the speeches—and very rightly too—the P.G. Secretary obtaining numerous promises of support from visiting brethren by his powerful appeal. This province is decidedly waking up to its duty towards our Institutions. We wish Bro. Pankhurst every success during his year of office, and if he follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, Bro. A. J. Berry (who, we may add, was surprised by the presentation of a beautiful Past Master's jewel), the well-working and success of the lodge will be ensured. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Baldry, Taylor,

Dr. Offord, and others. Bros. H. J. Minns and W. N. Smith (of the Cathedral choir), were unavoidably absent.

EAST DEREHAM.—Sondes Lodge (No. 996).—The installation of Bro. J. Wnear as W.M. of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday week at the Eagle Hotel, Host Minn preparing an excellent banquet. The after-proceedings were of a very enjoyable character, the Eagle being "all in a flutter" of excitement till past high twelve.

BRADFORD.—Townley Parker Lodge (No. 1083).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Mosley Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 3.30, by the W.M., Bro. John Wood, assisted by the officers of the lodge. The following visitors were present, representing neighbouring lodges:—J. W. Abbott, 1030; H. E. Clauson, 1077; P. F. Brownbridge, 1459; H. Darbyshire, 581; J. Parker, 993; R. Cauldwell, 1458; J. Bridgford, 1077; W. Dumville, 1011; J. Whittaker, 277; J. Bedford, 581; J. Westall, 852. At 4 p.m. the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Hoyland, S.W., who is also a P.M. of this lodge, was for the second time installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. P. M. Cauldwell, 1458, 1011 and 1077. The following brethren were then appointed to the several offices:—Bros. S. R. Brown, S.W.; C. H. Smith, J.W.; John Wood, I.P.M., Treas.; C. Hammer, (by proxy) Secretary, (for the second year); G. Higham, P.M., as D.C., (by proxy) (being absent through a sudden illness); J. F. Clark, S.D.; J. Dickinson, J.D.; Downs and Ashworth as Stewards; E. Barlow, as I.G.; Blackshaw, as Org.; and J. Sly, Tyler. The address to the Master was ably given by the Installing Master, the address to the Wardens by a visiting P.M. Bro. John Parker, the address to the brethren by Bro. Bridgford, P.M. 1077. Bros. P.M. Darbyshire, Bridgford and the Installing Master, invested the officers with the collars and jewels of their respective offices, when by virtue of the power invested in him the Installing Master closed the lodge in the several degrees, and then adjourned for refreshment. The banquet was well served up by Bro. S. Atherton the host. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly given and responded to by the several officers and brethren. Bro. P.M. Coupe in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was a great honour to be appointed for the second time in one lodge to the important office of W.M., it said we are satisfied with your past services and we have confidence for the future. After a song from Bro. Wm. Dumville, the W.M., responded in a few appropriate remarks. The toast of the Past Masters was responded to by Bro. Wood, I.P.M. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. John Parker, P.M. 581, thanking them for the very liberal spread, which, at all times, is well known to be put on the festive board of the Townley Parker Lodge. Bro. Parker reminded the brethren that this lodge was an offshoot of the Lodge of Faith, to which he had the honour to belong, and congratulated them upon the position the lodge had attained, and concluded by expressing a hope that their prosperity might continue, and a desire to see any brother at the next regular meeting of the Faith Lodge. The last toast being proposed, the brethren separated at 10.45, after having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the Townley Parker Lodge.

BRIGHTON.—Hova Ecclesia Lodge (No. 1466).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Ship Hotel, on Wednesday, 22nd ult., at 5 p.m., and the proceedings were of an unusually interesting character. The W.M., Bro. Capt. Frederick Huth, having opened his lodge, initiated Mr. Charles Walter Kelly, son of the esteemed Vicar of Hove, into the mysteries of the ancient Craft. A thoroughly hard working Master, Capt. Huth spared not himself, but gratified the brethren by his admirable rendering of the "Charge," and exposition of the First Tracing Board. To demonstrate the fact that he was supported by officers, men versed in the ceremonies of Masonry, the W.M. then called upon Bro. Capt. Stratford, P.M. and J.W.; who, having seated himself in the chair of K.S. examined Bros. Alexander S. Price, and Henry E. Price as to their proficiency in the First Degree; finding them perfect, Bro. Stratford, entrusted them with a test of merit and dismissed them for preparation. He then opened the lodge in the Second Degree and proceeded to pass the aforesaid brethren to the degree of Fellow Craft. Capt. Stratford having thus furnished proof of his capacity for work, then gave place to Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M. and S.W., who expounded the Second Tracing Board. This concluded the actual work of the lodge. Few lodges perhaps have been so singularly fortunate as the Hova Ecclesia in possessing members whose practical interest has apparently had but one object in view, that of making their lodge renewed, not only for its "good working," but for its completeness in detail of its furniture, and ornamentation. Consecrated not yet five years back, the lodge, numbering now some thirty-one members, has from time to time received many valuable gifts. At its consecration, a splendid set of silver jewels was presented by the widow of one of the founders of the lodge—one held indeed in "high estimation among his brethren and his fellows"—the lamented Bro. Jabez Gomez. This handsome gift was then supplemented by the presentation of three pairs of gauntlets, by Bro. Capt. McWhinnie. Bro. Capt. Huth signalized his installation by presenting three handsome oak arm chairs for the W.M., S.W., and J.W., next Bro. Capt. Stratford added a beautiful set of tracing boards, with an easel for their better demonstration, then came Bro. Robert Neil who gave a large tessellated carpet. On this present occasion Bro. H. A. Donett, rose and asked the W.M. to accept a chair, for the S.D. Bro. W. H. Cockburn making a similar request, his chair being for the

J.D., Bro. H. Price adding a chair for the I.G., and Bro. Alexander Price, three chairs for the I.P.M., Chaplain, and Secretary, respectively. All the chairs were made to match Capt. Huth's, and were splendid specimens of work. Bro. C. J. Smith next requested the W.M. to accept on behalf of the lodge a pair of pillars, representing those which of old were wont to arrest the attention of those of our ancient brethren who sought the middle chamber of King Solomon's Temple. Bro. Smith said he had, during the long time it had taken him to hunt up what there was known of the originals, and superintend the production of these, put on paper some notes which the lengthened tale of work during the evening forbade his inflicting upon the brethren on this occasion, but he hoped to find an opportunity in the early future of submitting them to the lodge; and perhaps find them honoured by a place in the columns of the *Freemason*. These pillars were magnificent specimens, the workmanship affording abundant evidence that in entrusting his designs to Bro. H. Hagher, the son of the respected Tyler of the province, Bro. Smith had been more than justified. Standing upon pedestals, rendered in imitation of red granite, the columns, four feet six inches high and twelve inches in diameter, spring from ebonized vases, and are capped by handsome chafiters, the carved work thereon being beautifully carried out, the net work, lily work and pomegranates being most accurately illustrated, columns and chafiters being gilded in such a manner as to represent brass rather than gold. Two globes, celestial and terrestrial, finely crown the whole; these were presented to Bro. Smith, by Bro. J. Malby of Little Queen-street, London, and were exquisite samples of his art. The admiration of the brethren was excessive at the impressive appearance of these pillars, which in all stand between eight and nine feet high. Votes of thanks to the brethren who had made the various presentations, among whom Bro. Malby was included, were carried by acclamation, and the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon its good fortune in possessing Masters who evidenced so practically the interest they felt in their lodge. The following were the brethren present:—W. Bros. Capt. F. Huth, W.M.; C. J. Smith, S.W. and P.M.; Capt. Stratford, J.W. and P.M.; Capt. McWhinnie, I.P.M.; W. H. German, P.M., Treasurer; Bros. Rev. E. Richards Adams, Chaplain; H. A. Dowell, S.D.; A. S. Price; Captain Lutman Johnson, D. of C.; W. Toore St. Auburn; T. T. Skipton, Reginald Huth, W. H. Cockburn, J.D.; H. E. Price, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Morley, Capt. Francis Handley, C. W. Kelly, and T. Hughes, Tyler. Visitors, W. Bros. W. R. Wood, P.G. Steward, P.M. 811; Geo. Smith, P.M. 732; E. Folkard, G. Vickers, and H. Hughes.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—There was a very large assembly of brethren at the usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. There were altogether nearly 100 brethren present, several of the visitors hailing from a great distance. Bro. Lindo Countenay, W.M., was as usual in his place, and his officers present were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. Bell, P.G.S., P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; J. McKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Atkinson, Secretary (acting S.D. and J.D., in consequence of the absence of the brethren holding these offices); H. P. Squire, J.S., acting I.G.; R. Burgess, Hon. Org.; W. Savage, S.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Mr. John Wainwright, Mr. F. J. Stimson, Mr. George Henry Pareze, (professionally known as Dixon, of Mason and Dixon), Mr. Walter Hemming, (professionally known as Witty Watty Walton), and Mr. Henry were duly initiated into the Order, and seven candidates were passed to the F.C. degree. Bro. P. Lowndes, Hon. Treasurer of the recent dramatic performance at the Royal Amphitheatre for the decoration of the banqueting-room of the Masonic Hall, reported that there was likely to be a nett balance for the purpose, of upwards of 100 guineas, after paying all expenses. Bro. Marson, P.M., and Bro. J. M. Boyd, an indefatigable and esteemed private member of the lodge, were unanimously elected Auditors of the performance accounts. The W.M. said the House Committee had shown a disposition to absorb the money in the proposed general scheme of decoration, apparently forgetful of the promise given to the members of the Dramatic Lodge when the subject of the performance was first mooted, that they would be allowed to entirely decorate the room indicated, at their own expense, and according to designs approved by the House Committee. It was unanimously resolved that the money realised on the occasion of the performance at the Royal Amphitheatre (of which the W.M. is one of the lessees) should remain in the bank to the credit of the lodge until the Committee allow the original understanding on the matter to be carried out. It was agreed, on the motion of Bro. A. Woolrich, Treasurer, seconded by Bro. J. Bell, P.M., to invest the S.D.'s chair with a life governorship (in perpetuity) of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, as the outcome of recent private subscriptions by the brethren of the lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the representatives of about twenty lodges, and the business closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where they secured as much social enjoyment as the miserably cold, cheerless, and comfortless nature of the apartment would allow poor shivering Masonic humanity. There were a few speeches of the standard kind, and recitations and songs were furnished by several members, including Bros. R. J. Roberts, F. J. Stimson, Dr. Johnson, Woodend and Howard (of the Tynwald Lodge, Isle of Man). Bros. R. Burgess and J. Skeaf, P.G.O., provided the accompaniments for the "singers," and the meeting closed shortly after seven o'clock.

BRIGHTON.—St. Cecilia Lodge (No. 1636).—On Tuesday, 28th ult., additional interest centered in the annual meeting of this lodge, in consequence of an official visit by the R. W. Prov. G. Master, Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., attended by the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The proceedings took place in the Royal Pavilion, and at the close of the business a splendid banquet was provided for nearly 100 guests in the banqueting-room. Bro. C. Sandeman was duly installed as Master for the year, the ceremony being performed very ably by Bro. J. Eberall, who vacated the chair, and to whom was presented a Past Master's jewel for his services. The officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. Eberall, I.P.M.; W. T. Nell, S.W.; S. T. Foat, J.W.; H. Payne, Treasurer; A. J. Hawkes, Secretary; R. T. Nye, S.D.; R. J. Pope, J.D.; W. H. Gibson, D.C.; W. Roe, Organist; Smithers, Std.; W. R. Wood, I.G.; and Bro. T. Hughes, Tyler. The lodge closed at six o'clock, and soon after the "refreshment" of the inner man commenced, Messrs. Sayers and Marks discharging the duty of caterers with marked success. Among the guests were the R. W. Prov. G. Master and the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, Bro. H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton and P.M. Royal Brunswick); John St. Clair, W.M. 1722, Prov. J.G. Warden; Cave-Brown-Cave, P.G. Chaplain; R. Crosskey, P.G. Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Secretary; W. Hale, P.S.G.D.; Mark B. Tanner, P.M. 811, P.J.G.D.; C. Tomkinson, P.M. 811, P.G. Supt. Works; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D.C.; W. G. Sharp, P.G.A.D.C.; Jos. Farncombe, P.G.S.B.; A. King, P.G. Org.; W. T. Nell, P.G. Purst.; A. J. Hawkes, G.T. Evershed, F. J. Rubie, G. B. McWhinnie, Frank Holford, Prov. G. Stwds.; J. W. Stride, Royal York, P.P.J.G.W.; G. H. Day, P.M. Royal Brunswick; N. H. Declamere, 1248, P.P.G.S.D. N. and E. Yorks.; W. H. W. R. Burrell, Ockenden; C. W. Hudson, Royal York; S. W. Chaucer, 1540; S. P. Weston, Royal York; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon; W. Smith, P.M. Royal Brunswick; A. Campbell Doric, 933; H. Abbey, W.M. Yarborough; T. H. Price, Mayor of Arundel and P.M. Howard; E. W. Byass, W.M. Ockenden; A. Taylor, W.M. Tyrian; B. Bennett, W.M. Royal Brunswick; T. J. Sabine, P.M. 1540, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; S. H. Soper, Royal Brunswick; Rev. H. M. Davey, W.M. Union; H. W. Hauxwell, Royal Brunswick; T. H. Crouch, W.M. Lodge of Friendship, P.P.G.D.; W. Sendell, Royal Brunswick; E. Martin, Royal Brunswick; P. O. Rickards, Royal Clarence; C. Greenwood, jun., Grove; J. N. Staples, Royal York; W. C. Bayliss, Royal York; S. T. Ridley, Royal Brunswick; W. J. Smith, Royal York; H. N. Jenner, Royal Brunswick; G. D. Legge, Royal Jubilee; R. Willard, Royal Brunswick. Among those present were nearly all the members of the St. Cecilia Lodge, and over thirty Past Masters of various lodges in the province.—The customary loyal and Craft toasts were honoured as is the custom in the Craft, Bro. Kuhe responding as a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge of England on behalf of that august body.—The W.M. gave "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," and said the province of Sussex was particularly fortunate in having so popular and energetic a chief. Sir Walter Burrell, in responding, spoke in flattering terms of the excellent working in the St. Cecilia Lodge, the admirable manner in which the books were kept, and the general management of its affairs. Bro. H. Davey, Mayor of Brighton, in giving "The Deputy Prov. G. Master and the rest of the Provincial Officers," spoke of J. H. Scott as a most efficient lieutenant to an excellent captain, who had associated with him a body of officers who were of the highest Masonic distinction in the county. The toast was suitably acknowledged, as was also that of "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. Eberall. Other minor toasts followed. The speeches were interspersed with some excellent songs and glees by Bros. S. H. Soper, E. Broadbridge, Mellison, W. Roe, G. Cole and Boxall. The accompanists were Bros. Kuhe, S. Gates and W. Roe. The former gave two of his brilliant pianoforte solos, and received enthusiastic applause. The installation of the St. Cecilia Lodge was one of the most enjoyable Masonic gatherings which has taken place in the provinces for some time.

BRIDGEND.—Ogmore Lodge (No. 1752).—An ordinary meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., when the Deputy Prov. G.M. of the province, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, paid the brethren a visit. The lodge was opened at 6 p.m., and immediately raised to the Second Degree, when several brethren were passed, the ceremony being ably performed by the Master of the lodge, Bro. J. Sim Woolley, Prov. G.D.C., who subsequently lowered the lodge, and initiated four candidates to the E.A. Degree. Some propositions having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in ancient form. The members and visitors afterwards met at the festive board, and after Bro. B. Williams's catering had been fully appreciated, several toasts were proposed. The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the hearty way his health had been drunk, congratulated the Master on his excellent staff of officers, and from what he had seen, predicted a creditable future for the lodge. To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. E. Sladen, of Indefatigable Lodge, 1523, and Bro. Jno. Rees (Silurium), replied. The Deputy Prov. G.M. proposed "The Officers," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Pennington, J.W., and Henning, Secretary. The latter proposed "The Health of the Treasurer," and expressed a regret, in which he was sure the lodge fully joined, that Bro. Podmore was about resigning his post on leaving for Yorkshire. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Podmore, who tendered his good wishes for the future of the lodge. The proceedings were varied by the songs of Bros. Collier, Perry, and J. H. Thomas, I.G. The monthly meetings of this lodge have been changed from the third to the fourth Monday.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Bro. F. Reed was the W.M., but, after ably working the First Degree, he resigned the chair to Bro. W. A. Morgan (the esteemed W.M. of the 1044). Bro. C. Digby afterwards presided, when he rehearsed the Third Degree (Bro. F. Reed being the candidate) in a very impressive and correct style. The S.W. was Bro. A. A. Denham, and the J.W. Bro. P.V. Denham. The other brethren present were Bros. H. R. Jones, J. Frost, W. Marshall, J. G. Carter, and C. M. Monk. Bro. A. A. Denham proposed, Bro. Carter seconded, and it was carried *nem. con.*, that Bro. Marshall be elected a member. The Secretary (Bro. Denham) will be the W.M. at the ensuing meeting.

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KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Stramongate, on Thursday, the 30th ult., at one o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Joseph Bintley, through domestic affliction, the first chair was occupied by E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.N., as Installing Principal, who was supported by E. Comps. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.Z., Prov. Grand H.; John Holme, P.Z., Prov. Grand J.; Titus Wilson, P.Z.; John Talbot, H., Z. elect; Geo. McKay, Prov. G.S.E., J., H. elect; Nelson, P.S., J. elect; Banks, Taylor, Bell, and a goodly number of other members. The chapter having been opened by the Principal, assisted by other distinguished members of the proper rank, the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. E. Comp. Bowes then proceeded to instal the Principals for the ensuing year, viz.,—E. Comps. Talbot, McKay, and Nelson, each being presented by E. Comp. Titus Wilson, P.Z., Treas. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the subordinate officers were invested, and the usual proclamations, salutations, and greetings were observed. The proceedings were closed with the ancient benediction by the Installing Principal. We regret to observe that several exaltations were of necessity postponed for want of time, as the Craft lodge held its annual meeting in the same room at three o'clock. We would recommend that in future, exaltations due should be cleared off at a chapter of emergency, held prior to the annual convocation, as it is scarcely ever convenient to take them on the same day.

Mark Masoury.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adams Lodge (No. 6).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall-buildings, Banks Town, on Thursday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and, no doubt, it was very pleasing to the brethren, to see among the members of the lodge, Bros. F. Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary, and P.G.M.W.; Lewis Finch, P.G.M. Treas. of Kent; also Bros. A. Spears, P.M., P.G.M.S.W.; C. Austin, P.G.M.S.D.; and Lieut. B. D. Acland, P.G.M. St. B., all of Kent. Officers present:—Bros. J. Bagshaw, I.P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.M. Asst. Sec.; F. J. Penney, S.W., W.M. elect and P.P.G.M. J.W.; J. T. Nixon, J.W., and P.P.G.M.S.O.; M. J. Sullivan, M.O., P.P.G.M.D.C.; H. A. Johnson, S.O., and P.P.G.M.S. of Wks.; C. Austin, J.O., and P.G.M.S.D.; G. T. Green, S.D., and P.P.G.M.O.; T. G. Redmond, J.D.; J. Bridges, as I.G.; and J. A. Khurst, Tyler. Through the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. Firminger, Bro. Past Master Spears opened the lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing was then proceeded with by Past Master Spears, who was most ably assisted by the Grand Secretary. Bro. E. J. Penney, the W.M. elect, being duly presented by Bro. Lewis Finch, the Prov. G.M. Treas., was installed into the chair of A., proclaimed and saluted in due form. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—in the absence of the late Master a P.M. was invested for him as the I.P.M.; Bros. J. T. Nixon, S.W.; in the absence of Bro. J. Hancock, B. D. Acland was invested for him as J.W.; M. J. Sullivan, M.O.; C. Austin, S.O.; G. T. Green, 30; A. Spears, P.M., Treasurer; C. Perkins, P.M.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Secretary; T. G. Redmond, S.D.; T. H. Smith, J.D.; J. Bridges, I.G.; and B. J. Akhurst, Tyler. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes of the lodge to Bros. F. Binckes, A. Spears and L. Finch, for their efficient services to the lodge. The meeting was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, when the brethren adjourned to the Britannia Hotel, where a most excellent dinner was provided by Mrs. Green, with her acknowledged taste and skill. After grace and the cloth removed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts of the Mark Degree. In returning thanks for the G. M. Lodge, Bro. Binckes earnestly advocated the true principles of charity, and gave an account of our noble Masonic Institutions, and their probable future; also Bros. Spears and Finch responded on behalf of the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent, and expressed their regret that, through a prior engagement, the new D.G.M. was unable to attend. The W.M.'s health having been proposed by the I.P.M., and most fraternally responded to by the brethren, he replied and said he felt it a great honour to be installed the W.M. of Adams Mark Lodge, and he could sincerely say that nothing should be wanting on his part to make his year of office a successful one. Feeling certain he should receive the same kind support from the P.Ms. as others had done before, it afforded him much satisfaction in proposing their very good health, which was suitably responded to by P.M. J. Bagshaw. The W.M.

next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," and said he had no doubt he should receive their hearty and cordial assistance in carrying out the duties of the lodge, coupling the name of Bro. J. T. Nixon, S.W. with the toast, who in replying assured the W.M. that he and his brother officers would render him all the assistance that lay in their power. With several pleasing songs, the evening was spent in peace and harmony.

Knights Templar.

IPSWICH.—Prudence Preceptory (No. 75).—At the quarterly meeting of this preceptory on Wednesday evening, held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Sir Knight Rev. R. N. Sanderson presided, and after installing Comps. Armstrong and Perrot, from Bury St. Edmunds, and Comp. J. B. Pearce, from Norwich, Sir Knight Frederick Long was installed as Preceptor for the next twelve months, appointing Sir Knights Tracy, Constable; W. H. Lucia, Marshal; Grimwade (Hadleigh), Sub Marshal; Shepherd, Captain of Lines; Sanderson, Prelate; and Luff, Registrar. Sir Knight Pitcher having, from ill-health, resigned the Treasurership, he was elected an hon. member of the preceptory, and Sir Knight Mills was unanimously elected in his stead. After labour, the usual refreshment was partaken of.

India.

BOMBAY.—Keystone Chapter (No. 757) E.C.—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, on Monday, the 11th November, 1878. Present, M.E. Comp. Counsell, P.Z.; V.E. Comp. Watson, P.H.; M.E. Comp. Barrows, P.P.Z., as P.J.; M.E. Comp. Rowe, P.P.Z.; Comp. Tomlinson, S.E.; M.E. Comp. McKenzie, P.P.Z., as S.N.; Comps. Armstrong, P.S.; Brennan, 1st A.S.; Beale, 2nd A.S.; Robinson, Treas.; Seager, Janitor; and Comps. Jones and Sowden. Visitors:—M.E. Comps. Gordon, P.Z., No. 154, S.C.; Davie, No. 757 E.C.; and Darabak Cluchgur, 124, S.C. The summons convening the convocation was read. The minutes of the previous committee were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. R. Sowden, J.W. "Concord" No. 757, E.C., a candidate for exaltation, and declared quite clear. The ballot for Comp. John Jones, as a rejoining member was taken and also declared quite clear. The resignation of Comp. Molletteller was read and accepted with regret. Comp. Davie then signed and received his Grand Chapter certificate. Bro. Sowden having been duly elected a candidate for exaltation, and having taken the O.B. of a R.A.M., he was introduced in due form and passed out for further preparation, after which he was admitted. The addresses were impressively delivered by the Three Principals to the edification of the newly-exalted companion, as also all the companions present. Comps. Sowden, Jones and Beale then signed the bye-laws. M.E. Comp. Rowe proposed, and M.E. Comp. McKenzie seconded, that three companions who have been duly served with the notice of exclusion be now excluded; carried unanimously. There being no further business the chapter was closed in due form at 8.45 p.m.

Jamaica.

PORT MARIA.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 554) S.C.—The annual installation of officers of this lodge, took place at the lodge rooms in this town, on Thursday, 12th December, 1878. The heavy rains prevalent, prevented several of the members attending. The Master elect, Bro. Isaiah Issachar Lyon, was inducted into the seat of K.S. by the retiring Master, Worshipful Bro. Amos D. C. Levy, President of the Board of Provincial Grand Stewards, and the following are the officers of Bro. Lyon's administration:—W. Bros. J. J. Lyon, Master; A. G. C. Levy, I.P.M.; Bros. T. C. Dias, Depute Master; T. G. D. Broughton, S.W.; G. F. Coward, J.W.; D. A. Berwick, Sec.; James Nelson, Treas.; A. A. Lindo, S.D.; W. L. Mathews, J.D.; Henry F. Hire, I.G.; J. Alleyne Hinds, Tyler. After lodge the brethren assembled at the ball room of the Court-house, where a large party of gentlemen had been invited to partake of a sumptuous banquet, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, as well as "The Grand Masters," "Prov. Grand Lodges," "Masters," &c., &c., the company separating at a late hour.

DEAR AND CHEAP VEGETABLES.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* of January 18th mentions that in a suburb of London the following prices are charged for vegetables:—Carrots, 1d. each; turnips, 3d. each; parsnips, 3d. each; savoy, 2d. each; potatoes proportionately dear. These exorbitant prices should induce all who have a spare piece of ground to grow their own vegetables. Messrs. Sutton & Sons, the Queen's seedsmen, Reading, supply collections of vegetable seeds for the amateur's small garden at 12s. 6d., 15s., and 21s. each, the latter collection carriage free; while those who prefer making their own selection can have all seeds sent free by post (except peas and beans) on receipt of order. "Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture," which contains full particulars as to when to sow, what to sow, and how to sow, may be had post free for 15 stamps, or for 1s. at all the railway bookstalls.

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Answers to Correspondents.

ERRATA.—In our reports of lodge meetings last week the names of the following brethren were printed in error:—Pownhall for Pownall, Forsythe for Smythe, and in the Reviews W. Soman for P. Soman.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Sussex Daily News," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Hebrew Leader," "Victoria C. Woodhull's Life Sketches," "The Manchester Guardian," "The Hull Packet," "The Civilian," "The Broad Arrow," "Touchstone," "The Scottish Freemason," "Brief," "The Citizen," "Thrift," "Risorgimento," "Kensington," "The Masonic Record of Western India," "Hajnal," "Caslon's Circular," "European Mail," "Public Ledger Almanac, 1879," "Proceedings of an Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Virginia," "The Advocate," "Sunday Times," "Masonic Token," "On the ventilation of rooms, house-drains, etc.," by Bro. P. Hinckes-Bird, F.R.C.S., "Our Home," "Westminster Papers," "New York Dispatch."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

OHREN.—On the 29th ult., at St. Mark's-road, Sydenham, the wife of C. M. Ohren, of a daughter.

VINCENT.—On the 2nd inst., the wife of Thomas Vincent, of 1, Arthur-st., East, E.C., of a son.

WIGHT.—On the 31st ult., at 428, Liverpool-road, N., the wife of George Wight, of a son.

DEATHS.

GRIFFITHS.—On the 2nd inst., at Ethelbert House, London-road, Worcester, C. C. Whitney Griffiths, J.P., 30.

SMITH.—On the 27th ult., at Rawul Pinder, Punjab, Emma Corrie, wife of Major W. Smith, R.A., in her 31st year.

WALFORD.—On the 1st inst., at 2, Nelson Crescent, Ramsgate, Edward Berry Walford, of Romford House, Upper Norwood, aged 66.

NOTICE.

The *Freemason* of next week will consist of twenty pages, and will contain a full report of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in addition to the usual matter.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1879.

OUR NEW W.M.'S.

Our lodges have recently been very busy, and still are, and still will be, for a short space, in installing the new Masters for 1879-80, and we cannot but earnestly express the hope that the choice has been wisely made, and on public grounds alone. Just now an incompetent W.M. is a sorry sight, a great anomaly, and we wish we could think that neither private partiality nor unreasoning cliquism had anything to do with the elevation to the Master's chair, and that public running and private worth were the sole claims and conditions of high office. No doubt in this, as in other matters, the public opinion of the Craft, and the good sense of the brethren are rendering such elections amongst us a test of merit and a proof of duty. Still, as here and there, the old heresy lingers, we feel constrained to "testify," once more to-day, against possible abuses and probable laxity in this respect. Now, we admit at once, if even the sterner censor taking the high Masonic moral line disapproves, that lodges have a right, if they so think, to elect a brother whose social position gives a sort of prestige to the lodge itself, especially in the eyes of the world profane. We can quite understand such a position, and make allowance for it, but then a lodge can only do that once in its existence; if it repeats the "little game," it sows broadcast the seeds of its own eventual disruption and dissolution. But, with this one exception, we contend that the Master should be the most skilled brother attainable, a "bright Mason" technically, morally, and one who is not ashamed to do his own work, who is willing to learn, able to instruct. To put a mere "parrot" or an "automaton" into the Master's chair is, to use an old simile, as if you planted a birch broom in the ground and expected it to blossom and to bloom. And not only must the W.M. be an "expert Mason," he must be a "fair man," a just man, a brother in whose decisions all can confide, to whose ruling none can properly object. As long as he is W.M. and in the "curule chair," he must sink his individuality in that of his office, and should never forget that just as he presides over "work," so is he the interpreter of "law," and is bound to give a courteous hearing, and ensure just rights and liberty to all. It is always a pitiable sight when a W.M. hurries over business, slurs over difficult questions, and rules out discussion, simply because "it is late," or because the complaisant Steward has announced "dinner on the table." We know of few more important positions than that of W.M., in which more good or more evil may be done, and, therefore, we desiderate in all lodges a selection of the W.M. on the true principles of Freemasonry, namely, merit, character, and ability.

THE POWERS OF A QUARTERLY COURT.

As some misapprehension appears to exist on this subject at the various meetings of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, it seems well to point out what are the exact powers of the Quarterly Courts. In the first place they are the Supreme Courts of the two Institutions, the Supreme Courts of Appeal and of Legislation. They are completely superior to the General Committee, whose decisions on nearly every subject they can approve or reject, and from their final decision, there is no appeal. They ultimately approve of all the candidates for the number of vacancies, and, in fact, are supreme in all matters affecting the general interests of the Schools. The election of officers, is, however, reserved to the General Committee, except in certain specified cases,

where the House Committee appoints, or the Secretary recommends an assistant. Indeed, there are practically no other limits to the powers of a Quarterly Court, except such as the laws of the Institution provide, or the common sense regulations of public meetings prescribe. Some one has been pleased to contend, we believe, that the Quarterly Court cannot order an inquiry as to the laws, appoint a Committee, or receive a report, but that all such arrangements must be left to the General Committee. But we need not point out to our readers that the Quarterly Court can appoint, from its own inherent authority, and from the necessity of the case, any number of committees, and receive any number of reports, and that the General Committee has nothing to do with the matter at all necessarily. Indeed any such view can only be based on an impossibility of interpreting the objects of the laws on the one hand, or pure inability to understand the Queen's English on the other. Any such objection is utterly futile and ridiculous, and can neither could it be seriously made by a sensible person, nor properly entertained by any competent chairman of a Quarterly Court. True it is that under the former laws a notice was to be given in writing at a General Committee of the intention to move a new or alter an old law. But this is done to ensure notice being given, so that no Life Governor need be taken by surprise, and is not meant to detract from, as indeed it could not, the legitimate functions and normal duties of the Quarterly Court. We hope we have heard the last of this "word fencing" and "hair splitting," which are a great hindrance to the due discharge of business, and that brethren who are so fond of interrupting the legitimate course of needful "agenda papers," will kindly remember in future that time is precious to all, and that as Freemasons we should be above needless objections, and frivolous fault finding.

WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION OF OUR AMENDED LAWS FOR THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

A very curious and interesting discussion arose at the last general meeting of the Girls' Committee, on Thursday last. Two girls came up on petition for admittance who had sisters in the School, and in the first place it was held that they were ineligible by virtue of the new laws, but, subsequently, it was decided to admit these petitions, as the new laws were not confirmed. As a general rule, as we know, all alterations in laws require confirmation, in some form or other, and at the meetings of the special court for the consideration of the amended bye-laws, it was understood, and, in fact, announced, that those laws would be read for confirmation at the next Quarterly Court. Indeed, it is necessary absolutely to do so, as the boys and girls have now different qualifications as regards subscription to the lodge. By the new laws confirmation is necessary, and, therefore, until confirmed, the new laws do not, as is the general case, take effect. But, curiously enough, though it was assumed that there was a confirmation under the old laws there is apparently none, and this alone constitutes one proof, if proof were wanting, how defective on many points the old laws really were. It may be doubted whether we may not now ask, under which law, "Bezonian say," we are, and the response will be somewhat difficult, perhaps, at first sight, as though caution and common sense are on the one side, it is more than doubtful whether the old laws are not really on the other. Hence, being in a "fix," to use a modern slang expression, the best thing to do is to try and get out of it as soon as we can, and we, therefore, are glad to think that until the Quarterly Courts are held, and the new laws are confirmed, we shall give poor petitioners the "benefit of the doubt." There is one point, however, which we think has not been taken into consideration, namely, that the minutes of each preceding Quarterly Court must be read for "confirmation" and not merely for "information," and on confirmation it is within the power of all to move the non-confirmation of any previous resolution, or portion of the minutes. Sub-

stantially, therefore, the power exists by the nature of things, though not given in special provision, or by express words. We are aware that some doubts exist on the subject, and that different opinions have prevailed, and much confusion has been created, in respect of the minutes read for "confirmation" and "information." But we are equally clear, that the "right of non-confirmation exists," and that the minutes of each preceding meeting, whether of Quarterly Court, General Committee, or House Committee, must be read for confirmation, (not merely for information), and be confirmed or non-confirmed at the subsequent meeting by the members present. At the Quarterly Court the minutes of the preceding Quarterly Court must be confirmed, though the minutes of the General Committee, House Committee, &c., are read for "information." We hope we have heard the last of this mistaken view of things, as the result has been hasty legislation and overhand treatment of matters, almost without consideration, and certainly without appeal. By the restoration of the undoubted privilege of "confirmation," possible abuses are checked, and matters soon fall into a reasonable and legal groove.

RESTORATION OF ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

We are privileged in being able to state, that a meeting of Freemasons, under distinguished auspices, will be held on Tuesday next, February, 11th, at Freemasons' Tavern, in the Ladies Coffee-room, to form a Committee to assist in restoring in whole or in part the West-Face of the Abbey. The chair will be taken at 4.30. This is a subject full of interest to Freemasons.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT ANNIVERSARY.

Before we greet our readers again the Anniversary Festival of this excellent Institution for 1879 will have taken place. We hope that in our next issue we may be able to announce another proof of the unchanging activity of Masonic charity and a happy result to the labours of Bro. Terry, and an unprecedented list of Stewards.

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.]

VOTES FOR THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS IN APRIL.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
By your kind permission I am permitted to ask such of my brethren, Life Governors of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, who have not promised their votes and have no special case to support, to kindly spare me such of them as they can at the approaching election. I will only say that they will be gratefully received, and faithfully applied to their destined purpose, by
Yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.
18, Upper Porchester-street,
Hyde Park-square, W.
February, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,
As the time is now approaching for the election of the boys and girls to those celebrated Institutions belonging to the Fraternity, would you allow me to call the attention of the London subscribers especially to two candidates for the Boys' School with their last application each, in order to secure if possible those votes as yet unpledged, in their behalf. The names of the two boys are Christian Frederic Frost and Frank Arthur Giles. The former is one of four children, who has been entirely dependent upon the mother since 1871. The father was a Life Subscriber, and has been Steward for both Institutions; he also held the rank of W.M. and Grand Steward during his eight years of Masonic life.

The father of the latter was 12½ years a subscribing member of the Old Kent Lodge, No. 15; the child is one of four dependent upon a stepmother, the present Mrs. Giles having no surviving issue. These unfortunate ladies appear to have been entirely deserted by the former friends of their late husbands; they have had empty promises and that has been all. Now, brethren, there is an opportunity of showing what London can do, by wiping out the disgrace of the last October election, when out of three candidates on their last application, only one was returned, and that a partially Provincial case. Up to this time these boys have only received ten and three votes respectively, and I trust this reminder will be all that is necessary to give them the benefits of the Institution, to which their father's services so justly entitle them. The London Masonic Charity Association has taken up these

cases, and will gladly receive proxies on their behalf. With regard to the girls, there are fortunately no last applications, except those who have already one or more sisters in the School. The case taken up by the Association is, Eliza Emma Williams, whose father is afflicted with that dreadful scourge, insanity.

I remain, dear Sir and Bro., yours respectfully and fraternally,

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

"OLD, BLIND, AND IN WANT."
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the under-mentioned additional donations, and desire, at the same time, to mention that I unwittingly scheduled the "Friends in Council Lodge, £5 5s." twice, viz., on December 7 and 21st. The second should have been "Grand Masters." The total sum collected for the poor old lady is £60 14s., and I heartily thank one and all for kind and fraternal help and sympathy, and none more than yourself, through whose charitable courtesy the good has been done.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,
JOHN B. MONCKTON.

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Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W.,
6th Feb., 1879.			

MASONIC CHARITIES AND ITINERANTS.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I certainly think that Bro. James H. Neilson, whose letter appears in your issue of last week, is to be congratulated upon his very successful experience in regard to itinerants, because, as he says, "that out of several hundred cases he has only been imposed on once by an unworthy brother, and has only come across one impostor."

I am sorry to say that my experience has been widely different, for out of every hundred applicants at least twenty have been either unworthy or rank impostors.

Bro. Neilson's course of procedure might do very well for Ireland, but I fear it would not work in England.

His suggestions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are, I think, usually followed, but No. 5 (as to the telegrams) would not be practicable. For instance, during the last twelve months, had I followed the course suggested, I should have had to wire to several parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, America, India, the Cape of Good Hope, Germany, France, Switzerland, &c., which would have entailed some considerable expense. Even supposing I had confined my telegrams to the United Kingdom, I fear I should have had to wait in many cases a long time for replies, as W.Ms. do not often visit the lodge rooms except on lodge nights.

No. 6 is very well in theory but not in practice. Only last week I received a letter from a correspondent, as under, "Have reason to know that Bro. ——— has not gone to Glasgow, although our Tyler bought his ticket for him," and I have known cases where tickets have been obtained to distant places, and the applicants put into the train, which they have left at the first important town on the road, and have positively stated to the parties to whom they applied in the latter places "that they have never been relieved before." In fact, I may say, I can trace many such cases from reports I have received.

Now, what we want is some medium by which lodges, Committees, and Almoners can be put on the alert without delay. It is beyond all reason to expect to do this by circular, and I can only see one channel, and that is by your publishing a sheet with your weekly issue, which, if necessary, could be charged as a small additional subscription, this could easily be pasted in a guard book and indexed, thereby, at once forming a complete reference. I shall be glad if some one will improve upon the schedule in my letter of the 25th ult.

Yours fraternally, ALMONER.

MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should feel obliged if you would answer the following questions in your excellent paper:—

1. Are brethren, who have served as Wardens of warranted lodges in other constitutions than the English, entitled to be elected Masters of lodges, or is it necessary to have been a Warden in an English lodge?
2. Would a P.M. of another constitution, who had never been a Warden, be eligible for the Mastership of an English lodge?
3. Is it correct for a Royal Arch Mason to visit a lodge (Craft) in Royal Arch regalia? and would the Master of the lodge be justified in refusing admission to companions in Royal Arch clothing, who are well known to the M.M.?
4. Does the degree of Royal Arch entitle a brother to rank as a P.M. and remain in a lodge during the installation of the W.M.? and what would probably be the penalty imposed by the Grand Lodge on a brother so transgressing?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
F. IRVING DE LISLE, M.D.,
Napier, N.Z., Nov., 1878. J.W. 1577.

[1. No. Yes. 2. No. 3. (1.) Certainly not. (2.) Most certainly. (3.) No. But we fancy this question alludes to a confessed "Crux," very difficult to deal with and decide. By the English law and usage none but "Installed Masters" can form the Board of "Installing Masters." "Passing the Chair," once in vogue,

has been wisely abolished. The "comity" of conflicting jurisdictions in the colonies may, perhaps, induce a W.M., (without much actual blame), to allow a P.M. of the Irish jurisdiction for instance, simply "passed the chair," (who can prove himself to be a P.M.), to be present in a Board of Installing Masters. The Degree of R.A. conveys no privilege of a P.M., and under the English laws, on complaint to the Board of General Purposes, a W.M. disobeying the laws would be undoubtedly, we think, suspended "ex officio."—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Is a brother who has never filled either of the chairs able to take the W.M. chair as the first Master of a new lodge?

Yours fraternally, SEC.
Feb. 4, 1879.
[Strictly speaking, perhaps not, but we fancy it is sometimes done.—Ed.]

APRONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow the following to appear in the *Freemason*?

What authority have we to have the blue edging of our Master Mason's apron two inches deep?

"Nov. 26th, 1728. The Stewards for the year are allowed to have jewels of silver (though not gilded) pendant to red ribbons about their necks, to bear white rods, and to line their white leather apron with red silk.

"On March 17th, 1730. The Grand Lodge (to cure some irregularities) ordered, that none but the Grand Master, his Deputy, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sword Bearer (who are the only Grand Officers) shall wear their jewels in gold, pendant to blue ribbons about their necks, white leather aprons with blue silk, which sort of aprons may be also worn by former Grand Officers."

The following is copied from Bro. T. Manningham's, D.G.M., letter to Bro. Saucer, at Haag, 12th July, 1757, which appeared in the *Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror* of Aug. 15th, 1868, which letter Bro. Hughan well remembers from the part he took in the controversy at the time of its appearance:—

**** "The only distinction of ribbons or jewels that we make in our lodges, you will find in our "Book of Constitutions," viz., Grand Officers wear their jewels gilt, pendant on blue ribbons, and their aprons lined with blue; those brethren that have served the office of Steward at our grand feast (from which number all Grand Officers, except Grand Master, must be elected) wear their jewels of silver on red ribbons, and lined their aprons with red; all other brethren wear white aprons, and their jewels pendant on white ribbons, neither are they suffered to wear other jewels than the square, level, and plumb, the compass belonging only to the Grand Master."

The Book of Constitutions edition, 1871, p. 124, after describing the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft's aprons, describes the "Master Mason,"—"The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one-and-a-half-inch deep."

The Grand Steward and Grand Officers have their edging three-and-a-half inches.

Page 125. The Prov. Grand Officers. "The garter-blue edging to the aprons must not exceed two inches in width."

Two inches is also the regulation of the edging in the R.A. apron.

Will some brother who is well versed with the apron be kind enough to give an account of the different styles that it has gone through to the present time. It will be instructive and interesting to many of the readers of the *Freemason* besides

Yours fraternally, R. W. O.

Reviews.

IRISH FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR 1879.

As usual this useful and interesting publication deserves the notice of the reviewer and the thanks of Freemasons. To Irish Freemasons it is both valuable and authoritative. Though we fear we are not in much favour (we know not why), in Molesworth-street, we venture to make a suggestion. Why not give the names of all the Irish Provincial Lodges, as well as of the Dublin ones? We cannot understand why not, or why the Irish Provincial Lodges (as in Belfast, for instance) are to be deprived of their names, and only mentioned by their numbers. Though people often ask "what's in a name,"—there is a good deal in it—especially Masonically and in lodge life, and we fancy the little blot only requires to be pointed out to be attended to. We feel sure that such an addition would add greatly to the value of the Irish Masonic Pocket Book, and the convenience of the Irish and English brethren. Bro. Oldham, as the editor, deserves, as we have before observed, both praise and thanks.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

We have received the February number of this Parisian Masonic magazine, and rejoice to see our good old friend and brother, Adrien Grimaux, in great force, if in "bad form." To adopt some words of a recent correspondence in the *Times*, the brother who expects to test the science of Freemasonry by the charlatanism of French Masonic writers just now, like our amiable opponent Grimaux, will surely find no equal antagonist outside a lunatic asylum. Though our worthy confrere attacks the *Freemason*, "more suo," and talks of the "bile du journal Anglican," (we are, unfortunately, somewhat bilious at times,) we do "not usually employ a "park of artillery to overthrow a house of cards," and we are not "going to be so silly as to dignify" our good brother's tirade, "by any loose criticism."

We are amused to find the *Monde Maçonnique* coming to the rescue of the "Grand Conseil," but we are surprised at nothing. Apparently Bro. Grimaux does not yet realize that the Grand Lodge of England has nothing in this world to do with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, or that they are two independent bodies. Neither does he apparently value the honest utterance and manly independence of the *Freemason*, a pure Craft journal. But here we stop. The *Monde Maçonnique* is otherwise well worth reading.

BRIEF, Vol. II.

We like this new volume of a well-known paper much, and we feel sure that *Brief* is destined to become a very successful venture. If short, it is always sweet; and if brevity be the soul of wit, *Brief* has countless claims to commend it to the artist, the student, the professional man, the "fellahs" we daily meet, who read little, and understand less; and, above all, to the family circle. It is very good reading, and improves on longer acquaintance. We can honestly commend it.

SCOTTISH MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1879.

A very useful and well-compiled little book of Masonic information and reference. For Scottish Freemasons it must be often consulted and much valued.

VIVISECTION NECESSARY TO PHYSIOLOGICAL DISCOVERY.

By E. WARD. James Burns, 15, Southampton-row.

We never have read a publication with greater pain, and we may add loathing. It is simply a record of unjustifiable experiments, morbid horrors, and, in our opinion, useless cruelty. Its moral appears to be that two American citizens have "done" the police, Mr. Busk, and the Home Secretary. Let us hope that many of the statements in the pamphlet, especially as regards "squaring," &c., must be taken "cum grano salis." We cannot believe that medical science is advanced by such, to us revolting acts.

CONSECRATION OF THE St. ANDREW'S MARK LODGE, No. 237.

The ceremony of consecration of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester, with the accustomed solemnities. There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province of Kent, including many Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. the Rev. W. Sicklemore, Prov. Grand Master for Kent, was not able to be present, through indisposition, but we were glad to learn that much interest had been taken in the formation of this new Mark lodge by the M.W. Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, who, although he could not attend personally, was represented by several of the Grand Officers. The Consecrating Officer was the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary; assisted by V.W. Bro. D. Dewar, P.M.O., Asst. Grand Secretary. The clergymen who took part in the more solemn portion of the consecrating duties were Bro. the Rev. C. A. Silbe, Prov. Grand Chaplain; and Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain; the latter delivering an eloquent and deeply lauded oration on Mark Masonry and its intimate connection with religion.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, W. Bro. Capt. George Wattson, P.M., G.J.D., was installed as the First Worshipful Master of the St. Andrew's Lodge, 237, under the registry of the Grand Lodge of England; the following officers were then appointed, for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. S. Warne, S.W.; T. Wyles, J.W.; R. C. Burfield, M.O.; J. P. Griffin, S.O.; J. Willmott, J.O.; Rev. T. Robinson, Hon. Chap.; T. Elliott, Sec.; Lewis B. Biggs, Treas.; Ashdown, S.D.; W. Watson, J.D.; Penfold, D.C.; E. Barrell, I.G.; and J. Oram, Tyler.

Several brethren were then advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason. The inaugurate banquet subsequently took place at the same hotel, at which there was a large gathering of brethren. The usual loyal, Masonic, and other toasts were duly honoured, the entire proceedings of the day passing off in the most satisfactory manner. In honour of this occasion the Mayor, F. F. Belsey, Esq., who is also the Constable of Rochester Castle, gave permission for the city flag, as well as the flag of the new lodge to be hoisted upon the castle from the "Gundolph" Tower, which act of kindness afforded much pleasure to the brethren for the ready manner in which their application was granted.

PROVINCE OF DEVON.

A largely-attended meeting of the officers of the Masonic lodges in Devon was held on Tuesday 21st at Plymouth to consider the propriety of forming a fund for the clothing, educating, and establishing in life of the children of destitute or deceased brethren of the Province. Bro. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M., presided. It was determined to establish a fund for the purpose named, and a committee, representing various lodges in the province, was appointed to carry out the scheme, to frame by-laws, to call subscribers' attention to the scheme, to receive applications of candidates, to call a meeting of life governors and subscribers within three months, to assist the trustees, and, if practical, to elect candidates. It may be added that subscribers will have one vote for every five shillings subscribed, and a contribution of five guineas annually will constitute a life governorship. The object of the scheme is to supplement the educational facilities of the London Masonic Schools by raising a fund for the education of children in the province without removing them from their friends, and by this means to help many children whom it would be impossible to get into the London Schools. The meeting was very unanimous and hearty on the subject.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The following companions were present:—Comps. S. Rawson, as Z.; Capt. Piatt, as H.; Capt. N. G. Philips, as J.; John Hervey, E.; Erasmus Wilson, N.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.S.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, 1st A.S.; Henry C. Tombs, 2nd A.S.; Jas. Lewis Thomas, Sword Bearer; H. G. Buss, Standard Bearer; Joshua Nunn, as Director of Ceremonies; C. B. Payne, Janitor; H. J. P. Dumas, E. S. Snell, Thomas Fenn, A. J. Duff Filer, Col. Creaton, James Glaisher, Peter de Lande Long, J. M. Case, John A. Rucker, F. P. Morrell, Powell, Hyde Pullen, R. A. Grey, E. J. Barrow, C. F. Hogard, H. C. Levander, H. A. Dubois, Wm. Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, M. D. Lecwenstark, J. W. Clever, E. H. Letchworth, J. W. Lambert, T. Massa, P. Wagner, W. Noak, F. G. Baker, E. H. Thiellay, Col. Somerville Burney, W. H. Perryman, W. Dodd, D. M. Goss, Peter Robinson, John J. Pakes, Charles Hudson, E. J. B. Bumstead, and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

After the minutes of last Quarterly Convocation in November had been read by Comp. Hervey, E., and confirmed, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Col. Creaton, President, seconded by Comp. F. P. Morrell, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. F. P. Morrell, the Grand Chapter adopted the recommendation of the Committee and granted the prayers of the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Henry Frances Z., John W. rdsworth as H., Mark Potter as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, Wakefield, to be called the Sincerity Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield, in the West Riding, of Yorkshire.

2nd. From Comps. Joseph Nicholson as Z., Peter de Eggesfield Collin as H., Thomas Mandle as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, Maryport, to be called the Nicholson Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Maryport, in the county of Cumberland.

3rd. From Comps. Walter Wellsman as Z., Henry Wadhams Dalwood as H., John Henry Dodson as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, London, to be called the St. Dunstan's Chapter, and to meet at Audleton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the city of London.

Permission was also granted to the Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, to change its name to the "John Hervey Chapter," following the permission already given to the "Hervey Lodge" to change its name to that of the "John Hervey Lodge."

Col. Creaton then read the following paragraph of the Committee's report:—

The Committee regret to report the lamented deaths of Comp. Benjamin Head, Past Sword Bearer, an appointed Member of the Grand Chapter Committee, which occurred on the 24th December, and of Comp. John Boyd, P.Z., No. 145, an elected Member of the Committee, which occurred on the 30th December, in whose place Grand Chapter will have to proceed to the election of some other companion.

Comp. Rawson then rose and said—Companions, I am sure you will all join with me in a feeling of regret at the death of these two companions. I do not know whether I shall be in order in proposing from the chair that our regrets be expressed in this Grand Chapter; but I am certain, if I am not out of order, this Grand Chapter will agree most cordially in my own expression and wish, that the minutes of Grand Chapter should record our regret at the death of two companions so highly respected as our Comps. Benj. Head and John Boyd. I will, therefore, move "That the regret of Grand Chapter for the death of Comps. Head and Boyd be recorded on the minutes of Grand Chapter."

Col. Creaton—I shall have great pleasure in seconding it.

Comp. John A. Rucker, P. Soj., thought that a letter of condolence should be written to the relatives of the deceased companions.

Col. Creaton said this was not necessary.

Comp. S. Rawson afterwards announced that the M.E.Z. had appointed Comp. A. J. Duff Filer on the Committee in place of the late Comp. Head.

Comp. William Stephens was elected in the place of the late Comp. John Boyd.

Col. Creaton said he had received a note from Comp. S. Leith Tomkins, the son of the late Comp. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, informing him that the balance due to Grand Chapter by the Grand Treasurer at the failure of the late firm of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., bankers, had been paid in full from his late father's private estate that day. (Applause).

Grand Chapter was then closed.

[We understand that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have also received in full, from the private estate of the late Grand Treasurer, the balance due to them by the failure of the bank in which he was a partner.]

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

The consecration of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, will take place on Monday next, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The Consecrating and Installing Officer will be Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart occupied the chair, and there were likewise present, Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; C. J. Perceval, A. Tisley, A. Durrant, S. Rosenthal, J. G. Chancellor, J. M. Dosell, F. Adlard, H. T. Thompson, W. F. C. Moutrie, Richard Tyrrell, W. Paas. W. Roebuck, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Binckes announced the death of Bro. Benj. Head and Bro. John Boyd.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford then said that he thought it would ill become the brethren, considering the long and valuable services of Bros. Head and Boyd to the Institution and to Masonry generally, and the high respect in which they were held by the whole of the Craft, if they separated without recording an expression of their deep regret at the loss they had sustained by the death of these old and valuable friends. He would, therefore, move "That an expression of the deep regret of the brethren at the death of Bros. Benj. Head and John Boyd be entered on the minutes of this day's proceedings."

The motion was seconded by Bro. S. Rosenthal, and carried.

On the motion of Bro. W. F. C. Moutrie, seconded by Bro. A. Durrant, the Secretary was directed to write a letter of condolence to Bro. A. H. Diaper, the grandson of Bro. Benj. Head, and to Bro. Jermyn Boyd, the son of Bro. John Boyd.

The report of the Audit Committee was read and passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

One candidate was placed on the October election list, and one other was deferred.

An application was read from a former pupil for assistance to enable him to go to the Military College at Sandhurst, his own friends being about to raise some of the necessary funds. As the Committee can only do this to the amount of £20, and this pupil had already received the usual outfit of £5, the Secretary was directed to ascertain whether there was a reasonable prospect of the friends of the pupil making up the whole of the difference between the £15 and the requisite sum, and if so, that a further application should be made to the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, on Friday, the 31st ult. Present:—Comps. W. W. Beach, M.P., the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent; W. Hickman, H.; H. Cawte, J.; J. E. Le Feuvre, S.E.; R. L. Loveland, S.N.; G. F. Lancaster, P.S.; M. E. Frost, Treas.; J. W. Willmott, Std. Br.; C. B. Whitcomb, D.C.; R. Osborne, O.; C. W. Arnold, Z. 1395, G.A.S., and Prov. G. J. Surrey; J. Cawley Eager, 1395, P.G.A.S.; W. A. S. Elliot, S. G. Kirchhoffer, 859; W. Payne, 342, P.P.G. Std. B.; G. F. Lancaster, 487, P.P. G.A.S.; R. Eve, 723, P.P.G.J.; S. Cole, Z. 723; P. Benham, P.S. 723; J. S. Hickley, P.Z. 723; H. Hacker, P.Z. 723; S. T. Smith, S.E. 723; J. Harrison, P.Z. 804, P.P. G.S.B.; E. E. Street, S.E. 804; T. Francis, 804; F. Powell, S.N. 903, and other companions.

The P.G. Treasurer, M.E. Comp. M. E. Frost, having produced his accounts, showing a satisfactory balance in hand of over £60, was unanimously re-elected, and the Auditing Committee were instructed to report as to the amount which should be subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent invested his officers as follows:—

Comp. W. Hickman, 394.....	Prov. G.H.
G. F. Lancaster, 487.....	Prov. G.J.
J. E. Le Feuvre, 394.....	Prov. G.S.E.
H. Hacker, 723.....	Prov. G.S.N.
S. Cole, 723.....	Prov. G.P.S.
J. Harrison, 804.....	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
W. Payne, 342.....	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
M. E. Frost, 487.....	Prov. G. Treas.
R. Osborne, 487.....	Prov. G. Reg.
T. Benham, 723.....	Prov. G.S.B.
E. E. Street, 804.....	Prov. G. St. B.
F. Powell, 903.....	Prov. G.D.C.
R. Osborne, 487.....	Prov. G.O.
J. Biggs, 130.....	} Prov. G. Janitors,
J. Exell, 487.....	

and on appointing Comp. Hacker, Scribe N., in the name of the Panmure Chapter presented him with a handsome jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of his chapter, in recognition of his very valuable services in the Order.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a first-rate dinner was provided.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL COMMITTEE.

The annual general meeting of the above-named committee was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 24th inst. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., Chairman, presided. Bro. Councillor Lunt, P.M. 823 occupied the vice-chair, and there was a numerous gathering of members. The minutes of the previous Quarterly General Committee and of the several meetings of the House Committee were read by the Honorary Secretary (Bro. J. T.

Callow, P.G., Treasurer), and were unanimously confirmed. On the motion of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, seconded by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., Bro. Robert Wylie was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Bro. John Houlding, P.M. 823 proposed the re-election of Bro. Councillor Lunt as Vice-Chairman, a proposition (seconded by Bro. Thomas Salter, J.W. 241) which was carried by acclamation. Bro. J. B. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., the Hon. Treasurer, submitted his annual statement of accounts, which, after being circulated amongst the brethren, was taken as read. These accounts showed that £43 was derived from the rent of lodges, £105 from chapters, £46 from miscellaneous rents, £41 from lodges of instruction, which, with other items, made the total income £827 18s. 9d. After paying all demands the Treasurer had in hand about £64 in connection with the Masonic Hall Committee; £43 8s. for the furnishing and decorating fund, and £23 odd for the building fund. The Chairman congratulated the brethren on the highly satisfactory character of the balance-sheet, and trusted that they would be able at the close of another year to show even a larger surplus. The Hon. Treasurer said that the rents of all the lodges had been paid, and the committee at the close of the year did not owe a single farthing. He also said that, as compared with last year, there was a decrease of £23 4s. 7d. in the gas account, in consequence of the alterations in the cooking arrangements. On the motion of Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G., Secretary, seconded by Bro. R. Robinson, P.G., Registrar, Bro. Goepel was unanimously re-elected Hon. Treasurer; and on the motion of Bro. Cottrell, P.M. 823, seconded by Bro. Ballard, P.M. 724, Bro. J. T. Callow was also unanimously re-elected Honorary Secretary.

The brethren then balloted for twenty-one members of Committee, and the following were declared elected:—Bros. J. Pemberton, Dr. Smith, J. Hayes, Ballard, R. Martin, Jan., J. Houlding, A. C. Wylie, D. Jackson, R. P. France, R. H. Evans, J. Hocken, H. Jackson, Cotterell, J. W. Burgess, T. Clark, H. S. Alpass, H. Ashmore, W. H. Cooper, G. Broadbridge, R. Robinson, and H. Firth. Bros. Boulton, H. A. Tobias, W. T. May, and Thomas McCracken, were appointed Auditors for the coming year.

The Chairman, before the conclusion of the business, said he had a very gratifying announcement to make. Bro. McCracken had generously offered fifty guineas towards the general decoration of the Masonic Hall, if the other brethren would personally subscribe the other 200 guineas. (Applause). He hoped a general scheme of decoration would soon be carried out, and that Bro. McCracken's generous offer would induce the brethren to subscribe liberally towards the object in view. (Hear, hear.)

A letter was read from Bro. Major Turner, P.P.G. Treasurer, contributing five guineas, and the following other donations were announced:—Bro. J. Houlding, ten guineas; Bros. Alpass, Dr. Smith, R. Wylie, H. A. Tobias, R. Robinson, and J. R. Goepel, five guineas each; Bros. J. W. Burgess, Pemberton, R. H. Evans, Cooper, A. C. Wylie, and J. T. Callow, two guineas each; and Bros. A. Hart, J. Hayes, R. P. France, D. Jackson, J. L. Houghton, J. Hocken, Webster, T. Clark, Reader, and Ballard, one guinea each. It was incidentally stated that a plan of decoration, which would cost about £1500 to carry out, had been submitted to the House Committee, but this was left over for future consideration.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, for their services during the past year.

SERVICES OF THE FREEMASONS' LIFEBOAT, "ALBERT EDWARD."

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir,—

I trust the accompanying communications particularising the important services of the Freemasons' "Albert Edward" lifeboat on the 24th ult. will be of sufficient interest for insertion in the *Freemason*.

I am, yours faithfully, RICHARD LEWIS.

The Freemasons' Lifeboat, the "Albert Edward," belonging to the National Lifeboat Institution, and stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, was instrumental, on the 24th ult., in rendering most important service to a shipwrecked crew of fourteen men. Signals of distress were seen from the vessel in question about seven o'clock in the morning, at which time the wind was blowing very strong from the east, accompanied by a heavy sea. The Lifeboat promptly responded to the signals, and on reaching the Swin Middle Sands, she found a large barque ashore there. She proved to be the "Hebe," bound for London with a cargo of timber. The sea was furiously breaking over the unfortunate ship, bumping her on the sandbank, and threatening every instant to destroy her. The crew were huddled together on the port quarter. They had previously lost four boats, and a steamer had tried to save them, but found it impossible to do so, and now they eagerly watched the efforts of their brave rescuers. The Lifeboat had no easy task before it. Three times it was filled with water. Six times the plucky crew strove to get near the wreck and failed. Again they tried, and eleven lives rewarded their perseverance. Then the "Hebe" shifted and the heavy sea and wreckage made it too dangerous to lie by her; but, after much anxious labour and one or two narrow escapes, the rest of the crew (which numbered fourteen in all, were hauled into the boat by means of life lines. A great number of people heartily welcomed the Lifeboat and freight when returned. The shipwrecked Norwegian sailors presented a pitiable sight on landing. Several were unable to walk

from cold and cramp, among them the captain, a man advanced in years, who had to jump overboard with a life-line, and in doing so struck heavily against a floating spar. In a room kindly opened to them by the spirited proprietor of the Royal Hotel the poor fellows received the utmost attention from Dr. Main and many other gentlemen, who are always ready and foremost in rendering help in such matters. After the Lifeboat took in the crew, its cable had to be slipped in order to save it and its crew.

Too much cannot be said in praise of this noble and successful effort to save life, under most trying circumstances on the part of the "Albert Edward" coxswain, and crew, who are a willing, able, and disciplined set of men, and we feel sure the Freemasons will be highly gratified by this second proof of the value of their gift, and thankful for such answers to their best wishes. On Sunday morning, by the invitation of the worthy President of the Branch (the Rev. H. Law, Vicar of St. Paul's) both crews attended divine service at St. Paul's, when special prayers were offered up; and the Vicar, in most suitable and feeling terms, alluded to the event. The crews walked to and from church in couples, and in returning, some of the inhabitants fell in. Several of the Local Committee and the Hon. Secretary also were present. In the evening the crews attended the Wesleyan Chapel, a large number of people being present at the service.

The National Lifeboat Institution having conveyed the intelligence of this lifeboat service to the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, through General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., C.B., his Royal Highness directed the following answer to be sent to the Institution:—

"Sandringham, Norfolk, Jan. 27th, 1879.

"Sir,

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. In reply to the same, I am directed by the Prince of Wales to beg you will assure the committee of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution that the information you communicate of the lifeboat 'Albert Edward,' which was presented to the Institution last year by the Freemasons of England, having been instrumental in saving, on the 24th inst., a shipwrecked crew of fourteen persons, has caused his Royal Highness much pleasure and satisfaction.

"I have the honour to be, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"DIGHTON M. PROBYN, L.C.,

Comptroller.

"To Richard Lewis, Esq., Secretary
"Royal National Lifeboat Institution."

FUNERAL OF BRO. W. H. BARTLE.

The funeral of Bro. W. H. Bartle, whose death was announced in the *Freemason* of the 25th inst., took place on Saturday week at Kensal Green Cemetery. The cortege left the house of Bro. J. Bartle, 236, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, at half-past one. Several hundred persons were present, Bro. J. Bartle, the father of the deceased; Mrs. Bartle, the mother; three Misses Bartle, the sisters; Bro. Francis Bartle, the uncle; and many near relatives; together with several of the friends of the family followed the hearse.

Among the brethren and officers of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge who attended were, Bros. Parkhouse, W.M.; G. Penn, I.P.M.; W. J. Murlis, P.M.; E. M. Lander, S.W.; S. Smout, jun., S.D.; J. Woodman, W.S.; Hook, Steward; J. Pushman, R. Scholefield, P.M.; R. C. Green, C. Rowlands, F. Crabb, J. T. Newland, W. W. Buckland, J. R. Roberts, J. Empson, E. Rogers, J. Whittlesea, R. H. Pearson, P.M.; Dr. Carpenter, P.M.; Dr. Pocock, H. Pardee, P.M.; J. Johnstone, J. Adkins, F. Webster, J. Kelley, F. Monson, C. E. Woodward, P.M.; G. C. Harding, G. Arrowsmith, E. Monson, T. Heath, Henry Stevens, W. Oldrey, J. H. Wood, and B. Jeffries. About seventy brethren, chiefly members of the lodge took the lead, each bearing a sprig of acacia. The funeral car with six horses bore the remains of the deceased in a polished oak coffin covered with a violet silk pall, a large velvet quantity of choice azaleas, camellias, lilies of the valley, &c., &c., in baskets and wreaths surmounting it. The mourners were conveyed in two mourning coaches, and about twenty private carriages, many of them belonging to members of the lodge followed. The whole of the work people of Bro. Bartle came next, numbering about sixty. The brethren formed single file line at the entrance of the chapel and the cemetery, and a square about the bier in the chapel, and at the grave. Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., performed the service most impressively, and at the words "earth to earth," &c., the brethren threw their sprigs of acacia into the grave. Bros. Garstin, of Wigmore-street, were entrusted with the funeral.

Brethren desirous of possessing a copy of the *Freemason Card Almanack for 1879*, with portraits of the Grand Masters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, should make early application at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, London. The Publisher will be pleased to send a copy to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of two penny stamps.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

At Grand Chapter on Wednesday last Col. Creaton announced to the Companions present, that he had received a letter from Bro. S. Leith Tomkins, son of the late Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, informing him that the balance due to Grand Chapter at the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co., had been paid in full out of the private estate of his late father. Our readers will also be pleased to learn that the balance due to the Masonic Institutions has also been paid in full out of Bro. Tomkin's estate.

We learn from the *World* that Bro. the Hon. Lord Ossulston, 33^d, is lying ill of fever at Peshawar. We extract the following remarks from our contemporary. "The heir to an earldom and a fine estate, courted and caressed by the world of London society, the young Guardsman abandoned the Capua of St. James's about four years ago, and exchanged into the 4th battalion Rifle Brigade, then in India, with the view of seeing service if possible, and also being with his brother who is in the same battalion."

A warrant for the formation of a new lodge to be called the *Coborn*, to meet at the Bow Vestry Hall, has been granted by the M.W.G.M. The consecration will take place as soon as the necessary preliminaries are arranged.

Bro. G. S. Graham announces that his 14th Annual Evening Concert will be given in the Angell Town Institute, Gresham-road, Brixton, on Thursday next, the 13th inst. Several well known artistes will appear.

A Masonic Ball, under the auspices of Lodges 279, 523, and 1560, will take place in the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, on Tuesday, February 18th under distinguished patronage.

The *Birmingham Gazette* announces the death, on Sunday last, of Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths, of Worcester. He was a magistrate for the city, and held high rank in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

A CHARMING GATHERING.—Bro. Alderman J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035, the respected Mayor of Bootle (a borough immediately adjoining Liverpool), signalled his year's office most pleasantly on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., at the Town Hall, Bootle, where about 200 youngsters of both sexes, whose ages ranged from five to fifteen, were entertained and present at a fancy dress ball there. The scene was a most charming one, and the little ones seemed to enjoy their piquant and novel gathering as only children can. Bro. Newell was accompanied by the Mayoress, and amongst the "children of older growth" present were:—Bros. S. E. Ibbis, J. P. McArthur, Major Pierce (town clerk), J. Wells, and others. Bro. H. Molyneux and Miss Molyneux conducted the "ceremonials" as a labour of love, and Bro. Duncanson's band discoursed dance music for the multitudes of little dancers.

CLOSING OF DRURY-LANE THEATRE.—Last Tuesday evening notices were suspended outside the theatre, Drury-lane, stating that owing to unforeseen circumstances it had been found necessary to close the theatre for the present. It is said that Mr. Chatterton, finding that the Pantomime was not remunerative, had proposed to the performers to consent to a reduction on their salary, and that the majority agreed to do so. Some, however, refused to accept of any reduced payment, and therefore Mr. Chatterton determined to close the theatre. Numbers of persons came to see the performance, and had to go away disappointed.—*Standard*.

The *Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book for 1879* is now ready, price, post-free, 2s. 2d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

Winchester, the oldest chartered corporation in the kingdom, having nearly reached its 600th anniversary, is about to provide its chief magistrate with a gold chain and jewel badge, at a cost of 300 guineas.

The ball in connection with the Cripplegate Pension Society will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday week, Feb. 17th, under the patronage of Bro. Sir Charles Whetham, Lord Mayor of London; Bro. George Burt and Bro. Thomas Bevan, Sheriffs of London; and Bro. Alderman Knight. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. U. Knell, Hon. Sec., 77, Fore-street, City.

An emergency meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of England will be held at No. 2, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C., on Tuesday next, at 2.30 p.m., to vote an address of condolence to her Majesty the Queen on the death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The name of Dr. Holt was erroneously given for that of Dr. William Hope, Deputy Master Elect, No. 2, in our report last week of the General Committee of this Institution, as one of the candidates for the House Committee.

Bro. S. C. Hall has retired from the position of editor of *Social Notes*, and in the current number of that periodical expresses his thankfulness for release from a very heavy labour, and his grateful sense of the aid he has received from many men and women of great ability.

The meetings of the Capper Lodge, No. 1070, will in future be held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice are expected to arrive at Windsor Castle from Osborne about the 20th inst.

The Duke of Edinburgh has accepted the post of President of the Ashford Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association.

The "Masonic Magazine" for February is now ready, price 6d. It may be obtained of any bookseller or newsagent, or direct from the office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
 For the Week ending Friday, February 14, 1879.

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, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
 " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
 Mark 234, Brixton, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
 " 1791, Creaton, F.M.H. (Consecration.)

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, FEBRUARY 11.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Henrietta-st.
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
 Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 S.C. 33°, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

- Festival R.M.B.I., see Advt.
 Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
 " 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tav., N.W.
 " 1620, United, F.M.H.
 Mark, Old Kent, M.H., M.A., Basinghall-st.
 Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq. W.
 S.C. 33°, M.H., 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.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 Duke of Connaught, Fauucc Arms, Fauucc-pl, Kenngtn at 8.
 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.
 Thistle M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Lodge 19, R. Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H. Camberwell.
 Chap. 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot.
 " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple, City.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
 Rose Croix, 4, Mount Calvary, 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.
 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.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
 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, February 15, 1879.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

- 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.
 Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 Drby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Atheneum, Lancaster,
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N.Hill-st. L'pool
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth 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, FEBRUARY 14.
 Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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