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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).**—In the presence of upwards of eighty brethren, Past Masters, and visitors, Bro. Geo. S. Pare, S.W. of the above lodge, which holds its meetings at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., was on the 17th inst. installed its chief. Prior to the ceremony, however, the retiring Master, Bro. David Posener, raised Bro. Balver to the Third Degree. In due course Bro. Pare was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and having declared himself qualified, and giving his pledge to uphold and guard the regulations and landmarks of the Order, was placed in the chair of his predecessor according to ancient form, the rather onerous duties of the ceremony being performed by the installing Master in a manner gratifying alike to himself and his hearers, as was amply shown by the applause which greeted him at the end of the addresses. The newly-installed Master next invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. Posener, I.P.M.; W. T. Bayley, S.W.; F. Cioaker (by proxy), J.W.; J. Peartree (by proxy), Treas.; P. Lévy, Sec.; Geo. Bilby, P.M., Org.; T. W. C. Bush, L.D.; J. Barber (by proxy), J.D.; Staley, I.G.; B. D. Barnett, D.C.; Sol. Barnett, W.S.; Potter, Tyler. The W.M. next invested Bro. D. Posener with a handsome gold P.M. jewel voted by the brethren to mark their appreciation of his services. The auditor's report was then read and adopted, which disclosed a very satisfactory financial condition, the lodge balance being £201, and the balance of the benevolent fund £853. Bro. John Constable, P.M., having given notice of motion on a previous occasion, proposed that the sum of thirty guineas from the lodge fund be given in equal portions to each of the three Masonic Institutions, which, after a friendly discussion, was agreed to. A very ample and exceedingly well-served banquet followed. After grace was sung the usual toasts followed, characterised in this instance by the absence of all stereotyped claptrap, the speakers confining themselves to a few common sense remarks, following the example of the new Master. Replying to the toast of his health, proposed in flattering terms by the I.P.M., the W.M. gave expression to his sense of the good feeling shown towards him throughout the whole period of his connection with the lodge, and promised his best attention both to the interest of the lodge and the enjoyments of the festive board. Among the speakers were Bros. Cubitt, Albert, J. D. Burnett, J. H. Ross, Constable, Lazarus, Spiegel, and others. Past Master S. Solomon spoke on behalf of the benevolent fund, calling attention to its flourishing state and absence of applicants for its benefits, which rendered needless all appeal for subscriptions, yet he trusted the fund would continue growing, so that in case of emergency the power might be in their hands to render substantial aid to any members whose needs may entitle him to sympathy, as they had frequently done in the past. Under the general direction of Bro. Pare the proceedings could scarcely fail of success, the diversions being greatly aided by the renowned skilful vocalists, Bros. D. Moss, Barrett, Kenningham, and De Lacy. The visitors present were Bros. T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Bassington, W.M. 205; Lazarus, W.M. 1017; Spiegel, W.M. 188; Kent, P.M. 879; E. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; Mickley, P.M. 449; Chaloner, Sec. 1178; Peprill, 180; Russell, 1227; Moss, 1706; Barrett, 1706; Herold 1056; Cullon, 1031. The P.M.'s were S. Solomon, M. Harris, N. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Defries, J. D. Barnett, J. Constable, N. Gluckstein, E. Gotthère. Universal regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. John Peartree, P.M. and Treas., he being prostrated by a most dangerous illness. May the G.A.O.T.U. speedily restore him to health and vigour.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 715).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Saturday, the 15th inst., when Bro. Henry Mug-

geridge, the Senior Past Master, installed Bro. Edward Phillips W.M. for the ensuing year (whose installation had been deferred from January, in consequence of the severe and painful illness of Bro. Phillips, caused by a cold caught in Paris during the Exhibition.) The new W.M. appointed the following brethren to the different offices, viz., Bros. A. C. Cope, S.W.; Henry Watts, J.W.; Ernest Zwinger, S.D.; Harry Bennett, J.D.; J. C. Howell, I.G. Bro. S. G. Myers was invested as Treasurer, and Bro. Henry Muggeridge as Secretary. Bro. William Birdseye, the I.P.M., who had been previously invested with the Past Master's collar and jewel, and presented with the usual gold jewel for his good and valued services during the year 1878, accepted the office of Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held on Wednesday, the 14th day of May next. This lodge was consecrated in October, 1857, by Bro. John Havers, P.G.W., who installed Bro. Henry Muggeridge the first Master. Bro. S. G. Myers, in whose house the idea of the lodge originated, was first Junior Warden, since which Bro. Muggeridge has installed every Master of the Panmure Lodge, with the exception of the Master in 1872, Bro. William Bennett, who he subsequently installed as Master of the Anerley Lodge, 1397. Bros. Muggeridge and Myers are the only two original members remaining in the Panmure Lodge, in addition to whom there were present Bros. Phillips, W.M.; W. Birdseye, I.P.M.; Watts, J.W.; Zwinger, S.D.; John Gale, P.M.; H. Birdseye, P.M.; Crossfield, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Weedon, P.M.; Shayer, and Richardson; there were also present the following visitors, viz.:—Bros. J. Clever, P.M. 12 and 171; W. C. Banks, S.W. 1225; W. F. Kibble, I.G. 1426; J. M. Walter, 763; E. M. Hubbard, P.G. Steward; W. McCall 103. The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet, prepared by the good people of Cannon-street Hotel, which they appeared to enjoy very much.

**CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).**—This excellent lodge has now we believe definitely taken up its quarters at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Its old dwelling place at Tidal Basin will, however, long be remembered as the birthplace of a lodge that has, during the time of its existence, added perhaps more members to the Masonic fraternity than any lodge in the Metropolis. The causes that have led to this change are in no way prejudicial to Bro. Hillier, host of the old house of meeting, but to the fact that he having found it necessary to enlarge and alter his house at Tidal Basin, could not accommodate the brethren during the alterations, and hence the removal. The meeting on Thursday, the 13th inst., was both large and enthusiastic. Among the visitors were:—Bros. G. Stephens, 1623; J. J. West, P.M. 548; J. Manning, W.M. 1472; Jas. Thomas, 704; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others. The officers of the lodge present were:—Bros. F. Brien, W.M.; E. West, P.M.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M.; J. Dorton, I.P.M.; P. McCarthy, S.W.; H. Taplay, J.W.; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M., and Treas.; Jas. Mitchell, Sec.; J. W. Job, S.D.; W. Dorton, J.D.; W. Nevins, I.G.; Mat. Sherwin, Org.; A. R. Mason, D. of C.; R. Brown, and W. Harris, W.S.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Johnson was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. in a style seldom surpassed at any lodge, and Mr. N. Sykes, having already been balloted for, was initiated into Freemasonry. There being no further work before the lodge, it was closed and the brethren adjourned to a plain but elegantly served repast. This having been discussed and the cloth cleared, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts which were becomingly honoured. Bro. P. M. West, then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," a privilege of which he was proud. He felt sure they would agree with him when he said that from the manner in which the W.M. had carried out the duties entrusted to him that evening, not only in ruling and governing the lodge, but as well in performing the solemn ceremonies of initiation and raising, the honour of the lodge was safe in his hands. It must have been very gratifying to them, as it was to him, and if their Master continued so to carry out those duties, they would never have reason to regret having placed him in the proud, yet responsible position he now so well and worthily held. (Applause.) Bro. Brien, in reply, said he must in the first place thank Bro. West for the kind remarks with which he had accompanied the toast, and in the second the brethren for its hearty reception. Bro. West had said, "that if he continued as he had commenced his duties, the brethren would be satisfied with him." He would promise them that if he did not improve, at least he should not be any worse (cheers and laughter), but he trusted so to continue, by a constant care and undivided attention to the duties of his office, and the interests of the lodge, that at the end of his year they would say that he had done his duty as a Master and a Mason should, to a lodge like the Capper, over which he had the honour to preside. (Applause.) The next toast was that of "The Initiate," and Bro. Sykes suitably responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bro. West, P.M. 548, and Thomas, 704, and Bro. West, in response said he had to thank them very much for the manner in which his name had been placed before, and received by the lodge. He could only say that he was very pleased to be with them. It was his first visit, but he trusted it would not be his last. He was pleased to see the good and effective work done in the lodge by the W.M., and while they had such an officer to preside over them, their lodge could never go wrong. (Cheers.) Bro. Thomas was exceedingly pleased at this his second visit to the Capper Lodge, to find that they had come to that locality. His own lodge was held there, and he trusted that an unity might spring up between the lodges that would be beneficial to them both. He could without flattery congratulate the lodge upon its W.M. and officers, and they had treated him so well upon that occasion, that with their permission he should come again.

(Laughter and cheers.) The next toast was that of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," and in giving it, the W.M. wished to express to them his extreme regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. White, their esteemed and valued I.P.M., which absence had been caused by serious domestic affliction. He had received a telegram from Bro. White, stating that on account of the illness of his children he should not be able to be with them that night. Bro. White had a large family, and he felt sure that he was only expressing their wishes when he trusted that nothing serious would arise to cause a pang to the heart of their esteemed brother. (Hear, hear.) There was another thing that made him sorry for the absence of Bro. White. It was only yesterday that the good brother had paid fifty guineas into the Masonic Benevolent Institution, a sum which entitled their lodge to a Vice-Presidency. Had he been present he would have been able to tell them something about the gathering. (Cheers.) There were, however, present an array of Past Masters such as any lodge might be proud of, and if he could find words sufficiently to express his obligation to them, and the many services they had rendered the lodge, he might go on till midnight. (Hear, hear.) He would now ask them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved Bro. West, who in the absence of P. M. White, acted as I.P.M. during the evening, responded, and said, that anything the Past Masters could do for the benefit of the lodge they would only be too happy to do. The whole of them deeply deplored the cause of Bro. White's absence, and trusted the cause would soon be removed. The next toast was that of "The Masonic Press," to whom the W.M. said they were much indebted for reports of the proceedings of their lodges. He believed that by seeing the good work done by other lodges they were stimulated to try and emulate them. The *Freemason* carried reports of their meetings all over the world, and many a brother of the Capper Lodge in distant lands, when he got his *Freemason* felt his heart glow with pride when he saw in its columns how the good old lodge was flourishing. (Cheers.) He, therefore, asked them to drink the toast with all the honours it deserved. Bro. Jolly having suitably replied for this paper, the W.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge," especially complimenting the S.W. and Secretary for the many helps they had rendered in the work of removal, and said from S.W. down to Tyler a better set of officers no lodge could boast of. (Cheers.) Bro. McCarthy and Mitchell having replied, the Tyler's toast concluded a memorable evening in the annals of the Capper Lodge.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—This lodge held its principal meeting of the year at Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday last, when the brethren assembled at four o'clock to transact a large amount of business. The W.M., Bro. Edward Jacobs presided, and was well supported by his officers and a large number of lay brethren, in addition to which some forty or more visiting brethren from other lodges came to witness the installation of Bro. Arthur John Ireton, the W.M. elect. Among the visitors were several eminent Masons, including the following Grand Officers:—Bros. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G. Purst.; Tibbets, P.G. Reg. Leicester; Louis Beck, P.G. Org.; F. Binckes, Secretary for the Boys' School; and Hedges, Secretary for the Girls' School. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Ireton was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Thereupon the W.M. proceeded to address some remarks to the body of brethren assembled, and thereafter Bro. Ireton having given his assent in the usual manner to the ancient charges, recited by the Secretary, was duly obligated. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, to whom Bro. Ireton was presented, and installed into the chair of K.S. with the usual solemnities. On the return of the brethren the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted in the customary form, and then proceeded to appoint his officers which are as follows:—Bros. John Mason, S.W.; J. J. Sterne, J.W.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; John Coutts, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; C. Kedgley, S.D.; S. Jacobs, J.D.; W. H. Gullford, I.G.; George Stacey, Org.; George Coleman, D.C.; J. E. Collins, W.S.; C. Wyman, A.W.S.; John Jacobs, Steward; R. J. Potter, Tyler; all of whom were invested, except Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, who, it was understood, was absent through illness. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were then delivered by Bro. P.M. Edward Jacobs, by whom the entire ceremony was performed in a most able manner. No sooner had the new Master assumed the reigns of government than his skill was put to the test, for there were no less than five candidates for initiation in attendance, viz.:—Mr. Thos. Bourne, proposed by Bro. Ireton, seconded by Bro. Coutts, P.M. and Treas., P.G.P.; Mr. Alfred Bush, proposed by Bro. Coutts, seconded by Bro. Wyman; Mr. Henry Kelsey, proposed by Bro. Coutts, seconded by Bro. Ireton, who were balloted for and approved; and Mr. William Sage and Mr. F. Owen, already balloted for. The ceremony of initiation was very ably performed by Bro. Ireton, although it was rendered unusually arduous, from the fact that in consequence of the pressure of time the whole of the five candidates were necessarily taken at the same time. The only other business paper was a notice of motion by Bro. A. J. Ireton, given in open lodge on Tuesday, 14th January last, "That the initiation fee be increased from ten to fifteen guineas, and that bye-law No. 10 be altered accordingly," which having been put and carried, the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony. It was now past seven o'clock, and the brethren and their guests at once adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous

repass was served to them in the best style, to which ample justice was done. A very handsome dessert of all the fruits in season was generously provided by the W.M. himself. About eighty brethren sat down. On the waiters retiring, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and heartily responded to by all present. In proposing the first toast the W.M. remarked upon the excellent qualities of the Queen and the good fortune of Englishmen to be under such a ruler, and also referred to the recent bereavement she had sustained, and the deep sympathy that had been felt for Her Majesty by the whole Masonic body. "The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." the Sovereign of Freemasons, was responded to with enthusiasm. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," also received a very hearty response, the W.M. in proposing it remarking on the truly admirable manner in which the Earl of Carnarvon carried out the work of Grand Lodge. In proposing "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale, and that of the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," the chairman remarked that they had always a Grand Officer in the lodge in the person of Bro. Coutts to keep them informed of the doings of Grand Lodge, but that on this occasion when they had a number of other Grand Officers present, he should couple this toast with the name of Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D. Bro. Hogg in responding said that he had much pleasure in availing himself of the privilege accorded him and after a few remarks upon the good qualities of his fellow Grand Officers expressed the pleasure it gave him to see Bro. Ireton in the proud position acquired that evening. The W.M.'s name was one not unknown in English history, and he was quite sure that the brethren had done well in placing him in the chair of K.S.; that Bro. Ireton had come into the lodge resolved to attain the honour of the chair, and that having done so he was ready to give the brethren the advantage of his Masonic knowledge and his services. The brethren could not do better than rally round him and support him on every occasion. Bro. Hogg expressed himself as being extremely gratified at the working of the lodge, the gratification being the greater because it so seldom happens that a Master just installed, initiates five brethren in one night. And under such circumstances it was not surprising that the W.M. should propose to increase the initiation fee. He agreed with the W.M. in his desire to limit the number of the lodge. As regarded more particularly those for whom he was responding, the Grand Officers were always ready to do their duty and render their assistance whenever occasion demanded, just as the Deputy Grand Master was always ready in the absence of the Pro G. Master to carry out the work of G. Lodge. Bro. Edwd. Jacobs, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., and in doing so remarked upon the great support that Bro. Ireton had bestowed upon the Masonic Charities, and upon his many good qualities and fitness for the office he had assumed, and trusted that the brethren would all give their Master their most cordial support. Bro. Ireton.—Brethren, a Worshipful Master has a most difficult task to perform during the evening—he has to reply for himself. That time for me has arrived, and I know not what to say, for I fear I have not deserved any of the praise which our Immediate Past Master has passed upon me. You have elected me your W.M., and nothing I can do shall be omitted, no talent that is placed within me but shall be exercised to promote that hospitality that should exist among Freemasons. I desire to make this a model lodge—that as it is in the centre of the metropolis it shall be a centre of Freemasonry. That is the object with which we endeavour to promote the Covent Garden Lodge, and strive to make it second to none in Freemasonry. You have had several good Masters and there are several coming on—men of education, men who know what the world is and possess all the qualifications for a W.M. I have to thank Bro. P.M. Jacobs for the very kind manner in which he has spoken of me. I shall perform the office to which I have been elected with all the ability I possess, and I think I have the brethren all with me, and I thank you for the very unanimous way in which you have recorded your sympathy with me in drinking the toast to my health. The next toast that we come to is "The Health of our Chaplain." No! "The Health of the Initiates" comes next in order, but as I mentioned the Chaplain I will say that his absence is involuntary. I have received a beautiful letter from Bro. Holden, and am sorry to tell you that it is indisposition that has prevented his being with us this evening. I will now pass to the toast of "The Initiates." We have initiated five candidates to-day, and when, brethren, you know as much of them as I do you will rejoice at their admittance into our body. They are men not only of position, but men whose minds are Masonic in every way. They were Freemasons though they did not belong to our body. They are imbued with a feeling of good fellowship and all the Masonic virtues. We should always try to select men so well fitted as these are to become candidates, bearing in mind that it is not the length of the chain but the quality of the metal it is composed of that makes its strength. This toast was responded to very heartily, and having been briefly responded to by each of the five initiates, the W.M. proceeded to propose "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. Edward Jacobs, remarking on the skill and ability with which he had transacted the business of the lodge, and the large number of brethren he had initiated during his year of office, concluding by presenting him with a handsome Past Master's jewel and expressing the warmest wishes for his health to wear and enjoy the mark of esteem won from the brethren by his own merit. Numerous other toasts were drunk including "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to a conclusion at a somewhat late hour.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst. at the Masonic Hall, the chief business of the evening being the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Philip Braham, J.W. There was a good assembly of brethren, Past Masters, members, and visitors. The W.M., Bro. F. Wilkinson, was supported by about twenty P.M.'s. and W.M.'s of other lodges. The lodge was opened at 4.25, and the minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, a letter was read from the D.P. G.M., Bro. Else, apologising for absence, on the ground of previous engagement; also a notice from the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, announcing the festival to be held in May, and asking that a Steward might be sent from No. 41, consideration of which was deferred. The W.M. then vacated the chair, and Bro. T. P. Ashley, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. and Treas., took it for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and opened the lodge in the Second Degree. After the customary introduction and address, the Secretary read the ancient charges, and the W.M. elect having given his consent thereto, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the brethren below the chair retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened, in whose presence Bro. Braham was duly installed. The board having been closed, the M.M.'s. were re-admitted, and subsequently the F.C.'s. and E.A.'s., in both cases the lodge being brought down to those degrees. The usual proclamations and salutes were given, and the officers appointed as follows:—Bros. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, P.M. 43 and 958, &c., received the collar of S.W., which appointment was hailed by the brethren with great acclamation, he having rendered many valuable services to the lodge during his five years' sojourn amongst them, being ever ready to assist in any of the ceremonies, always willing to deliver charges, addresses, and Masonic lectures, &c., and at all times prepared to give instruction to brethren who may require such, or any other assistance Masonically, and in regard to the proper working of charity and other useful branches of the society, always exerting and interesting himself. The collar of the J.W. was given to W. Hunt; C. W. Radway, Sec.; T. P. Ashley, Treas.; R. B. Cater, S.D.; E. J. Mercer, J.D.; Thos. Wilton, D.C.; J. Rubie, Asst. D.C.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; A. Holmes, I.G.; Ames and Peach, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. The installing Master then gave the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren with great effect, indeed, the whole ceremony was marked by great impressiveness and solemnity, but previously, at his request, Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins gave an address to the I.P.M. in most impressive manner, and explained Masonically the symbolism of the emblem on his jewel, that is the forty-seventh proposition of the first book of Euclid. Bro. Wilton then, in the name of the lodge, and in most earnest and feeling manner, presented the I.P.M., Bro. Frank Wilkinson, with a handsome silver inkstand, to be accompanied by a scroll on vellum, as a testimonial for the able and courteous manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. of the lodge for two successive years. We would like to give this address in extenso, for it contained such truly Masonic and hearty brotherly feeling as rarely is found existing under any ordinary circumstances, but space will not permit. The I.P.M. on rising to return thanks, evidently affected with much genuine emotion, was received with such an ovation that for several minutes he was unable to speak, when, however, he proceeded to return thanks he was heard with the most profound attention, and without ostentation or humility of language thanked the lodge in very suitable terms, expressing his full determination that so long as he may be spared and able to do so he will still assist in maintaining the prestige of this, the oldest lodge in Somerset. On resuming his seat he was again greeted with hearty exhibitions of good feeling. Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins then announced that he had received a prospectus from Bro. HUGHAN, of the publication of another important Masonic work in a few weeks, and solicited the brethren to become subscribers for copies. He eulogized the usefulness and qualities of the author as well as of the work, and the beautiful manner in which it is being got up. A few orders have been placed in the hands of Bro. Hopkins. Bro. F. Wilkinson then proposed, and Bro. J. S. Turner seconded a candidate for initiation. Bro. Ashley presented a very ancient Bible, and a very old record of the lodges in this part of the country, for the library of No. 41. A vote of thanks was then proposed to the visiting brethren, which was responded to by Bro. C. Collins, W.M. Royal Sussex; Bro. Powell, of "Gooch Lodge, Wilts." Bro. Moutrie, 906, and others. Bro. F. Wilkinson then gave notice for the agenda paper of next month, that he should propose a vote of ten guineas to be given to Bro. General Doherty, on his going up as a Steward to the Masonic Girls' School at the ensuing festival. There being no further business the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and solemn prayer at 6.15, after which the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the banquet, which was capitally served by Bro. Rubie, P.M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After the cloth was cleared the usual toasts were given and some capital songs and glees by various members of the lodge, assisted at the piano by very much respected Bro. Pyne, organist at the Abbey Church, who also gave three or four excellent songs in his best style. Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins in responding to the toast of "S.W." alluded to a rather singular coincidence, that last week occurred the thirtieth anniversary of his investiture in his mother lodge, No. 43, in the same office he this day assumed in No. 41, both lodges having been founded or rather received a warrant of confirmation in the same year, 1733. Bro. T. P. Ashley, in proposing the "Masonic Charities," appealed to the brethren in a most urgent and feeling manner for increased support, alluding, of course, to the recent successful election of the boy Cooper into the School, and, we believe, that during the evening many promises and some actual donations and subscriptions were received by him for all the Institutions. After a most

enjoyable evening and cordial votes of thanks to the visitors, amongst which were some American brethren, and a hearty invitation for all of them to revisit their respective lodges, the brethren separated just at high twelve. We subjoin a list of the brethren who attended lodge, which was largely increased at the banquet. Bros. F. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Somerset; J. S. Turner, P.M.; S. G. Mitchell, P.M.; R. Mann, Hy. Leader, J. Maggs, James Robinson, F. W. Willis, Walter E. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Jacob Smith, Wm. Morris. Visitors:—Bros. R. Ford, P.M. 534; W. H. Peyton, 284; J. A. Innes, 639; Jno. Banks, W. H. Young, 906; General H. E. Doherty, C.B., P.M. 906, P.P.G.S.W.; Jas. Dutton, P.M. 53, and 855; F. Neebe, 1254; W. H. Dill, P.M. 906, P.P.G.P.; S. Edwards P.M. 53; Jas. Powell, 1295; Morris, 1295; C. Collins, W.M. 53; Wm. F. Collins, J.D. 53; E. T. Payne, P.M. 53; J. S. Bartrum, P.M. 379; and others. Besides the officers &c., mentioned in their proper places above. This report would be incomplete without mention of the ease and effectiveness with which the new W.M. conducted the proceedings of the evening, and that on this account, and the character of the officers he has appointed, a general impression prevails that there is every prospect of a happy and prosperous new year in store for Royal Cumberland Lodge, 41.

**GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Court-place, on the 5th inst., the W.M. Bro. J. Gallienne, P.D.P.G.M., presiding, supported by the following officers:—Bros. F. Clarke, S.W.; H. Dunn, J.W.; H. Wilkins, P.M., Treas.; W. De Jersey, P.M., Sec.; A. C. Quick, S.D.; W. Courtney, J.D.; H. Saunders, I.G.; S. Barter, Tyler, and about forty brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates, and two joining members, in each case proving successful. Bro. Wright was then examined, entrusted and then passed out. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Quant and Reed having given proofs of proficiency retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree when Bros. Quant and Reed were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in his very able and impressive manner. The lodge being resumed in the Second Degree Bro. Wright was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, when Messrs. Baigent, Newport, and De Jausserand, were admitted and initiated according to ancient custom. On the usual questions being put, the S.W. (Bro. F. Clarke) rose, begging the W.M. to accept for Mariners Lodge, the portrait of the most distinguished brother amongst them. This painting he said was a humble present from our artist, Bro. Boutillier, to his mother lodge, and he (the S.W.) begged to propose that the lodge defray the expense of a suitable frame, with inscription. The I.P.M. (Bro. R. Smythson), in seconding the proposition, further proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the donor, and that the same be recorded in the minutes of the lodge; this was carried unanimously. The W.M. then rose, and said, Bro. Boutillier, it is the portrait of myself which you have so kindly given to the lodge and I beg of you to accept my sincere thanks as well as the thanks of the lodge so cordially given. The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to the banqueting room, where an excellent spread was laid out, to which the brethren had been specially invited to remain, as it was provided by the brethren of the 105th Regiment, stationed in Guernsey. After justice had been done to the good things, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said—Brethren, you all know the toast which, as I.P.M., it is my pleasure and duty to propose, and I know you will receive it enthusiastically. Time was when Bro. Gallienne came amongst us and objected to our drinking his health except on his birthday, but now we will take care that he has twelve good ones this year. The W.M., in rising, said it would be ungrateful on his part did he not respond to the kindness of the brethren. He thanked them, and wished to give them a little advice, but he begged them to remember that he did not wish to be thought invidious. He wished them to take it as kindly as it was meant, coming from one of some experience in Masonry, he having nearly attained his thirtieth year of Masonic life. He then pointed out some of the duties of members in and out of lodge, and concluded an able speech by saying, "Our lodge is now in a prosperous condition as contrasted with what it was but a very few years since, but we must be cautious that that prosperity does not make us careless, and unmindful of the real purport of Masonry—charity. If we have done a little good in the past, let us try and do a great deal more in the future." "The P.M.s." being given and responded to, was followed by "The Initiates and the newly passed Brother." In proposing "The Health of the newly raised Brethren," the W.M. referred to the manner in which military men went through the ceremonies—the strict attention they gave, as if the discipline of their bodies was reflected on their minds. He would couple with this toast that of their hosts, the two newly-raised being part of them; personally he had always objected to anything of the sort being given; amongst some, he said, it was impressed as the correct thing when a brother was raised to provide a spread, but this was not necessary in this lodge, and if it had not been a spontaneous offering on the part of the brethren of the 105th Regiment, which, he thought, it would be ungrateful not to accept, he would have set his face against it. Bros. Quant and Reed (the newly-raised brethren), as also Bros. Briggs, Potton, and Battershill briefly responded. "The Officers" elicited a response from several of them, as also did that of "The Visitors." The Tyler's toast at length brought a very pleasant evening, which had been interspersed with some very good singing, to a close.

**FILEY.**—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the lodge room, Foord's Hotel, on Monday evening, Feb. 10th. The W.M., Bro. J. Johnson Field, in the chair. The lodge was opened at 3.15 p.m. The following brethren were present:—W. Budd, I.P.M.; W. G. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; R. M. Taylor, P.M., Chaplain; W. Fisher, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. H. Porrett, P.M., S.W.; J. McFaden, J.W.; Val. Fowler, J.D.; C. W. Scrivener, P.M., D.C.; W. Jefferson, Tyler; W. B. Jackson, Thos. M. Lee, James Barwick, H. A. Darby, R. Dobson, P.M.; R. Land, Wm. Cranswick, C. Ireland, C. Nicholson, E. Nesfield. Visitors:—Bros. W. H. Smyth, P.M. 712, P.G.M. Lincolnshire; G. H. Walsham, W.M. 1760, P.P.G.D.C.; these were Installing Masters in the place of Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who, by the death of his father the day before, could not attend; Sir W. L. Fielden, Perseverance, 345; G. Wilkinson, P.M. 250; A. E. Hudden, P.M. 818, South Africa; R. H. Peacock, P.M. 200; C. W. Winterbottom, 734, Sec.; Fred Hogg, British, 8; J. C. Lamb, 1610; G. Dixon, Org. 1760; G. O. Crowther, 1248; H. H. Prince, 298, P.P.G.S.B. Lin.; B. Shaw, Org. 200; W. B. Richardson, S.W. 200; A. S. Kirk, 304. Bro. W. B. Jackson, P.S.W., was installed as W.M. for the current year, the ceremony having been most ably performed by the Installing Master. After a most excellent dinner, presided over by the newly-appointed W.M., and served by Host Bro. Welborn, in his usual profuse and liberal style, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was most loyally received. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of all England" was the next, and after that "The Provincial Grand Officers," which was ably responded to by Bro. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The I.P.M. then gave "The W.M.," and, in an eloquent speech, took the opportunity of highly complimenting the members of the lodge resident in Filey, and also the Scarbro' brethren, and concluded by calling for musical honours, which were duly accorded. The W.M. responded in very warm and genial terms, thanking the brethren for having placed him in so high and coveted a position, and promising to do his utmost for the support and well-being of the lodge. The W.M. next gave "The Retiring W.M. and his Officers," to which Bro. Field, the I.P.M., responded in a very appropriate speech. Bro. Land, 200, here favoured the brethren with an excellent song, which was highly applauded. Bro. Taylor, P.M., the highly respected Chaplain of the lodge, gave "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Field responded in his character of Steward, and in a most feeling and impressive manner, calling upon the brethren present to exert themselves to the utmost to sustain those who, less fortunate than themselves, needed the kindly assistance and support of all such as could lend them a helping hand. Bro. McFaden, S.W., gave "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. Prince, Hogg, and Lamb, severally responded. The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Darby," as the oldest member of the lodge, who acknowledged the compliment by expressing the very great pleasure it afforded him, at his advanced age, in still being able to come amongst his highly esteemed brethren. The I.P.M. then called upon all present to drink "The Health of Bro. Fisher, P.M.," the very efficient and painstaking Secretary, and warmly thanking him for his valuable and untiring exertions on behalf of the Royal Lodge. Bro. Fisher briefly, but forcibly replied, expressing the pleasure he always felt in doing everything within his power to promote the interests and welfare of his mother lodge. The next toast proposed by the W.M. was that of "Bro. Woodall, P.M.," who was to have acted as Installing Master, but was prevented doing so by the death of his father, the highly respected banker of Scarbro', and upon the deceased gentleman the W.M. pronounced a high and deserved eulogium. The toast was drunk in solemn silence. Bro. Shaw, Organist of Old Globe, 200, and Bro. Dixon, of Leopold, 1760, greatly promoted the pleasure of the evening by their admirable rendering of solos and concerted pieces, each receiving an encore and the warmest thanks and applause of all the brethren. This very joyous and harmonious meeting was then brought to a close, amidst the heartfelt expressions of nearly fifty brethren who were present, that they might all meet again at the next anniversary in the same spirit of fraternal amity as now united them. The W.M. elect must have been highly gratified with the support accorded him by representatives from lodges situated in distant parts of the kingdom, and by the full attendance of Masons from the immediate neighbourhood, and a gratifying fact was also announced by the Treasurer, that the lodge, in the face of every outward depression, was in a flourishing financial condition. The W.M. appointed as his officers:—Bros. J. McFaden, S.W.; V. Fowler, J.W.; R. M. Taylor, P.M., Chap.; W. G. Long, P.M., Treas.; W. Fisher, P.M., Hon. Sec.; R. Land, S.D.; T. M. Lee, J.D.; W. Budd, P.M., E. Wesfield, Stewards; W. Cranswick, I.G.; W. Jefferson, Tyler.

**WINDSOR.**—Windsor Castle Lodge (No. 771).—The annual festival of this lodge took place on Tuesday, February 11th, at the Masonic Hall, St. Alban's-street, Bro. W. V. Brown, W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers, Bros. Fleck, S.W.; Cantrell, J.W.; J. S. Barton, S.D.; Manley, J.D.; R. G. Barton, I.G., and Past Masters Tolley, P.P.G.D.; Captain Cutler, P.P.G.J.W.; Grisbrook, P.P.G.D.; Bingham, P.P.G.D.; Powell and Nixon, together with Whitehouse, Treas., and P.P.G.S. of W.; Ralph Thorowgood, and others. The visitors were, Bros. Wilson, P.M. 209; Ashby, 162; Roberts, W.M. 209; R. C. Hallows, 33; W. Seward, jun., 1612; Wheeler, P.M.; Norman, P.M. G. Stewards' Lodge; Smith, 152; Glover, 100, 305, 574, P.P.G.O. The ballot was taken for Bro. Dr. Wm. Brown Holderness as a joining member, and for Mr. F. B. Kitto as a candidate for initiation. Both proved to be unanimous, and the latter gentleman was duly admitted. Bros. Vogel and Spooner were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremonies being most

ably carried out by the W.M. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Fleck, which was most impressively done by Bro. Tolley, P.M., assisted by Bro. Powell. The officers invested were, Bros. Cantrell, S.W.; J. S. Barton, J.W.; Whitehouse, Treas.; J. S. Tolley, P.M., Sec.; Manley, S.D.; R. G. Barton, J.D.; John Goddard, I.G.; W. H. Powell, D.C.; Hannis, A.D.C.; Ashby, Willett, and Seymour, Stewards. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which he carried out his duties during his year of office, which has been signalled by the re-decoration, at a cost of nearly a hundred pounds, of the beautiful little hall which belongs to this lodge, of which its members are so justly proud. One great improvement effected is the introduction of a centre sun light (with the letter "G" pendant), the light from which falling upon the newly decorated walls is most effective, while over the stalls, with which the hall is seated, the names of the Past Masters of the lodge since its formation have been inserted, leaving space for additions to be made for twenty years to come. The whole cost has been raised by the private subscriptions of the members and a few friends, together with a contribution from the Etonian Lodge, which meets in the same building. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Brown for his exertions in the matter, nor should the name of the indefatigable and deservedly popular Secretary, Bro. Tolley, be omitted. The banquet was held at that well-known hotel, the Castle, where a most sumptuous banquet was put upon the table by Bro. Kemsley, the excellent fare, wines, and particularly the waiting, giving the greatest satisfaction. Afterwards the usual toasts were honoured, interspersed with music, under the direction of Bro. Tolley, by Bros. Thornton, of St. Paul's, Smith, Eton College, Tolley and Thorpe Briggs, St. George's Chapel, while Bros. Glover and Kemsley contributed to the harmony of the evening, the former singing, by special desire, his Masonic song, "Woman, Dear Woman."

**KNUTSFORD.**—De Tabley Lodge (No. 941).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist of this flourishing lodge was held in their splendid lodge-room, at the Royal George Hotel, on Monday 10th inst., for the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, and the appointment of the officers for the ensuing year. Besides a large attendance of the brethren of De Tabley Lodge, including the R.W.P.G.M. Lord De Tabley, there were present, Bros. Rev. R. Hodgson, P.M., P.G.C.; Rev. N. Tanner, P.P.G.C.; J. Siddeley, P.M., Stamford; J. H. Evans, W.M. Earle of Chester Lodge; H. Bratt, Lodge of Sincerity; J. F. Smith, W.M. 1009; G. Fairhurst, J. Weston, J. Jackson. Bro. W. Leigh, S.W. having been unanimously elected was duly installed and invested. Bro. W. Nicholls, P.M., was the Installing Master, and was highly congratulated by the R.W.P.G.M., Lord de Tabley, and the brethren for the efficient and impressive manner in which he performed that duty. The Worshipful Master then appointed the following officers:—Bros. W. Nicholls, P.M., I.P.M.; D. Kinsey, S.W.; W. Taber, J.W.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.M., P.G.C., Chaplain; J. Siddeley, P.M., P.P.J.D., Treasurer and Secretary; C. Sherwin, S.D.; J. Partington, J.D.; A. M. Palmer, I.G.; J. Tuiss, Organist; M. Alcock, Tyler; W. Fair, P.M.; J. B. Cutler, P.M.; J. Hodgkinson, P.M.; A. Noakes, Stewards. The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by the worthy hostess, Mrs. Caldecutt, which reflected the highest credit upon her capability for catering upon such occasions. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with all the Masonic honours, and some excellent speeches were given upon the beauties of Masonry and its Charities. Bro. Farr, P.M., proposed "The Health of the R.W.P. G.M., Lord de Tabley," in a most feeling and interesting speech, giving a full account of the position the province stood with reference to our Masonic Charities, and the progress that had been made since his lordship had held the government of the Province of Cheshire. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm and applause, with all Masonic honours. The R.W.P.G.M. Lord de Tabley responded to the toast in a most eloquent and feeling speech, advocating the cause of the Masonic Charities at great length. The R.W.P.G.M., Lord de Tabley, in rising to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge" said, Worshipful Master and brethren, it gives me the greatest pleasure to be here to-day, and visit the lodge which does me the honour to bear my name; and being the first Worshipful Master of the lodge, I have always felt a deep interest in its working and prosperity, and am very glad to find it stands in so good a position with regard to our Masonic Charities, and earnestly hope the lodge will never lose sight of those noble Institutions, the pride of our Order, and the glory of our land; it therefore affords me great pleasure to propose "The Health of Bro. Leigh, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge." To me it is the greatest satisfaction to see such a good attendance of the brethren, such excellent working, and the efficient and impressive manner in which the Installing Master, Bro. J. Nicholls has performed that duty to-day is worthy of imitation, and gives credit to the lodge. I hope you will follow the example set you to-day, and at the end of your year of office be able to take the position he now occupies. I also trust you will have a pleasant and prosperous year of office, and that the peace and harmony of the lodge will in no way be disturbed, but will be more closely cemented by fraternal friendship and brotherhood. Bro. Leigh having responded in suitable and feeling terms for the honour, the R.W.P.G.M., Lord de Tabley, had done him in proposing his health, and the brethren for having placed him in the proud position of Worshipful Master of the De Tabley Lodge, assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain the dignity and lustre of the lodge, and hand it down as pure and unsullied to his successor as he had received it. Bro. Siddeley, P.M.,

1045, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master" said, Worshipful Master and brethren, it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to be present upon this occasion, and have the honour of proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Nicholls." The able manner in which he has performed that duty, and gone through the ceremony to-day, reflects the highest credit upon himself and the lodge, and is worthy of your imitation, and I hope you will all follow, and take him as a pattern for your future progress. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm and Masonic honours. Bro. Nicholls returned thanks in a suitable and feeling speech, assuring them it was for the love he had for the Craft which he had deeply at heart, that he worked to promote its best interests, and maintain the honour and dignity of the lodge to which he had the honour to belong, and so long as it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to give him health and strength, he should continue to do so, and his best services would be always at their command. A most enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by a selection of vocal and instrumental harmony, by Bros. Young, Pearson, Burgess, and Fairhurst.

**KESWICK.**—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The installation festival of this lodge, postponed from the previous monthly meeting, on account of a serious accident to the W.M. elect, was held on Monday evening, the 10th inst. The lodge has recently removed to its old quarters at the Keswick Hotel, which is a decided improvement on the cheerless, uncomfortable, and utterly unsuitable nature of the previous quarters at the County Court Rooms, whatever sceptics may say to the contrary. Without for a moment attempting to bolster up the practice of lodges holding their meetings in hotels, in this instance it was a matter of choosing the lesser of two evils, for we are thoroughly convinced that, had the late lodge premises been keenly inspected by some high authority, they would at once have condemned the building on Masonic structural grounds. Greta Lodge, we may add, although, for the first few years of its existence, a flourishing concern, has latterly fallen into decay; but it is to be hoped that a new era of prosperity has dawned upon Masonry in the "capital of the lakes;" indeed, there is now every indication that such will soon be a *fait accompli*. To revert to the business of Monday, the members were summoned for five o'clock, but, although there was an initiation on the summons, it was half an hour ere the lodge was opened. The members present were:—Bros. William Lamonby, W.M., P.P.G. Tyler; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; E. Hinks, W.M. elect; D. Pape, S.W.; Jos. Barron, Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; Jon. Scott, S.D.; G. P. Abraham, Org.; W. Gaspey, D.C.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; C. Thompson, Tyler; J. Wales, F. Jackson, W. Thornton, J. Rushford, T. Usher, D. Crowden, and A. Pettitt. The visitors were:—Bros. H. Cook, P.M., 119 Whitehaven, and 1225, Barrow-in-Furness, P.G.S.W., Cumberland and Westmorland; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Secretary; J. C. Hunter, P.M., 962, Workington, and 1225; R. Hooker, P.M., 1225; J. Huartson, P.M. and Treas., 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; J. T. McIntosh, 1225, and W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*). Bro. Hinks, the W.M. elect, it should be stated, attended the meeting under very disadvantageous circumstances, he having pluckily travelled all the way from Barrow-in-Furness, a complete cripple, the result of the accident before noted. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, including alteration of the date of meeting from the Monday before full moon till the first Tuesday in each month, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, was invited to take the chair, when Mr. James Coward, who had previously been balloted for, was admitted, and regularly initiated into Masonry. The initiate having retired, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Cook, P.M. 119 and 1225, assumed the presiding officer's position, and performed the whole ceremony of installation, inclusive of the investiture of the officers and charges, with a correct and rhetorical ability scarcely to be excelled anywhere. The officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. W. Lamonby, I.P.M.; D. Pape, S.W.; D. Crowden, J.W.; J. Barrow, Treasurer; (re-elected); J. Wales, Sec.; W. Hodgson, S.D.; W. Wilson, J.D.; G. P. Abraham, Org. (re-appointed); J. Rushford, I.G.; T. Usher, D.C.; C. Thompson, Tyler (re-elected). On the proclamations being put from the chair, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master for his kindness in coming so far, and the elaborate manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. A vote of thanks was also given to the Provincial Grand Secretary for his presence on the occasion. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002 having been elected an honorary member of Greta Lodge, in recognition of his willingness at all times to assist in the work of the lodge, hearty good wishes were tendered from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in form. The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, which was duly discussed, and an hour and a half was spent in toast and song, the proceedings, however, coming to an abrupt conclusion at ten o'clock, when the programme was little more than half through, in consequence of the discovery that the hotel, being situated to the north of the River Greta, and therefore out of the boundary of Keswick, must be closed at that early hour. The idea of an extension for an hour or two, it seems, had never entered the minds of the lodge committee, and unfortunately no justice of the peace was of the party, else he might have been prevailed on to hold a special licensing session. It was with deep regret, therefore, that the happy party were forced to separate in the very midst of their harmony and conviviality.

**DERBY.**—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—A very distinguished gathering of Freemasons took place at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 5th



inst., the occasion being the anniversary meeting of the above lodge, and the installation of its W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened by Bro. George Pipes, P.G.O., the retiring Master. Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Derbyshire, subsequently assumed the chair, and then Bro. Joseph Heathcote, S.W., was presented by two Past Masters Bros. S. Pipes, P.P.S.D., and J. Worsnop, P.P.G.P., for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was thereupon proceeded with by Bro. Bobart. It was most efficiently and impressively performed, and called forth high encomiums. The newly installed Master invested Bro. G. Pipes, the I.P.M.; Bro. Bobart, the Treasurer; and his officers as follows:—Bros. W. B. Hextall, S.W.; J. O. Manton, J.W.; W. Butterfield, Sec.; J. E. Russell, S.D.; C. D. Hart, J.D.; J. Parkins, M. of C.; J. Pakeman, I.G.; and G. Johnson and J. Lane, Stewards. A handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, was afterwards presented to Bro. G. Pipes, in recognition of his very able Mastership during the past twelve months, and was suitably acknowledged by him. There was also an amount of ten guineas voted from the lodge funds to the Masonic Charity for Girls. At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. At an early stage of the evening the W.M. was compelled to retire, owing to indisposition; the toast of the evening, that to the W.M., therefore, was robbed somewhat of its interest; nevertheless the W.M. was very highly spoken of, and his work in the subordinate positions in the Craft was very favourably commented upon. The toast to "The Visitors" was the next in interest, and showed that the Hartington Lodge heartily welcomed members of other lodges, and that its welcome was fully appreciated. Next, perhaps, stands the toast to "The Officers of the Lodge." In the selection of the S. and J.W.'s it was confidently anticipated that the chair of the lodge would not lack a suitable occupant at least for some time to come, and as regards the other officers, their work hitherto proved that much might yet be looked for amongst them. Our space is too limited to give the names of all those present, and it is a difficult matter to make a selection from such a large assembly of Masons of high rank. However we give a few names:—Bros. T. Cox, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; W. Naylor, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Marsden, P.M.; and F. Campion, P.M.; all of whom are also P.P.S.G.W.'s. of the province, E. R. Ward, W.M. 253; T. C. Hammond, P.M. 253; G. Small, P.M. 787; and W. Merry, P.M. 1179; Bro. Stone, the Tyler was almost overlooked in our report, but such a deserving officer and such a well informed Mason, is at all times prominent, and as it happens he very suitably "tyles" this report.

**MIRFIELD.**—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present, viz.: Bros. T. B. Fairclough, W.M.; J. T. Barras, S.W.; John Crowther, J.W.; John Walmsley, P.M., Treas. as S.D.; Jas. Barker, Secretary; J. Kenworthy, I.G.; W. Booth, Tyler; and J. Wainwright, P.M. John Barker, P.M.; Thomas Lang, P.M.; A. A. Stott, P.M.; and J. F. Crowther, P.J.W. The lodge was opened; in due form in the First and Second Degrees, when Bro. R. Lister, F.C. now entered the lodge, and having answered the usual test questions, was entrusted and retired. The W.M. now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.Z., &c., who opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and performed the ceremony of raising Bro. Lister to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a most impressive and solemn manner. The chair was again resumed by the W.M., and the lodge closed to the First Degree, when a most valuable and interesting present was made to the lodge by Bro. J. Wainwright, P.M., namely a piece of stone, originally forming part of one of the pillars of King Solomon's temple. This stone was obtained by our Bro. Wainwright himself on his recent visit to Jerusalem, and has been now given to the lodge, the members of which will long think of the giver with the most kindly feelings. It is scarcely necessary to say that a hearty vote of thanks was given to our worthy brother for his present, which was duly acknowledged by him. A candidate having been proposed the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, in ancient form.

**FELTHAM.**—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—A meeting of this young but successful lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on the 1st inst., when, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was an excellent attendance of the brethren, comprising the following:—Bros. J. R. Nichols, W.M.; W. Dunham, P.M.; John Mason, S.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; J. Elliott, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Pearson, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.D.; Rev. J. Jackson Wray, Prov. Grand Chaplain Middlesex, Chaplain; F. Jacob, J.D.; W. H. Goodall, I.G.; R. F. Potter, Tyler, and the following brethren:—Bros. J. Harris, G. R. Nichols, H. Randle, J. Dixon, C. T. Green, F. A. Pemberton, T. D. Dutton, E. W. Winter, W. W. Elliott, J. Fletcher, J. Davie, C. R. Schmidt, J. W. Bellamy, R. C. Smith, F. Wadeson, G. T. Church, and R. A. Fraser. The visitors were Bros. H. J. Fischel, 1381, and E. E. Crombie, 1623. This was the first regular meeting of the lodge since the installation of the popular W.M., and it amply confirmed the wisdom of the appointment. Bro. Nichols performed the whole of his duties to the gratification of every one present, raising Bros. Schmidt and Church, passing Bro. Fraser, and initiating Bro. William Derner in an excellent manner. The Worshipful Bro. John Mason, by consent of the W.M., made an eloquent appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, which met with a hearty response. The duties being concluded, the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the viands were all of the usual excellence, leaving nothing to be desired in the matter of either quantity or quality. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with commendable brevity, that

of "The P.G. Officers" being acknowledged by the Chaplain and Bro. John Mason. "The Health of the W.M.," proposed by the Treasurer, was received with acclamation, and acknowledged in brief but well chosen remarks. Bro. Goodall responded for "The Officers of the Lodge." The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion an evening which, miserable without, was distinguished by that feeling of good fellowship and brotherly love which is the distinguishing mark of our Craft in general and of the Elliot Lodge in particular.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presiding, supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, I.P.M.; Geo. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; W. Hanly, W.M. (Military Lodge 4th Dragoon Guards); and many other officers and brethren. The business consisted of a ballot for a candidate, and the passing of Bro. York to the Second Degree. The W.M. announced that Bro. T. Cooper, P.M., would be unable to attend the Benevolent Festival in London that week as he had fully intended, since he was suffering from very severe illness, but that he himself and Bro. A. T. B. Turner, Asst. M.C., hoped both to be present and would take up a list of about £40. This was very encouraging for so young a lodge. Great sympathy was expressed for Bro. T. Cooper, who is universally respected as one of the finest old Masons that York has produced, and the father of the Eboracum Lodge.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This very prosperous young lodge met in great strength, (it being election night) on the 3rd inst., at the White Hart Hotel. The lodge was opened punctually at 6 o'clock by the W.M. Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c. There were present also, besides others, Bros. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. of Middx., P.M., acting S.W.; the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny, P.M. 708, P.P.G.C. of Middx., Chaplain and J.W.; Smith, W.M. 201, acting I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, J.W. 1512, Sec.; B. R. Ashton, S.D.; J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., W.M. elect 1381, I.G. (Freemason); Forge, acting I.G.; Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with his customary ability raised Bros. Emms and Drummond. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Mr. Heinrich Gerhold, and having been declared unanimous, that gentleman together with a Mr. Henry Ellis, jun., (already balloted for), was initiated into the Order. The ceremony being well performed. The next business on the agenda was to consider a notice of motion by Bro. Walls, "That the day of meeting be the second instead of the first Monday in the months of February, March, November, and December." This motion having been supported by the Chaplain, Secretary, and other officers, was put to the meeting as a resolution and unanimously carried. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously, with the exception of one vote, in favour of Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny, who briefly returned thanks. The election of Treasurer and Tyler fell unanimously upon Bros. Nuttall and Gilbert. Upon the motion of Bros. Hurst and the Rev. C. de Crespigny, a jewel of the value of ten guineas was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M. for his able services in the chair during a period of two years. The W.M. having in a few well chosen sentences thanked the brethren for this mark of their esteem and confidence, proceeded to close the lodge. This ceremony having been duly performed, the brethren adjourned to a very substantial collation, ably catered for by Bro. Andrews. In consequence of the extreme lateness of the hour the toasts were necessarily curtailed and but briefly responded to. The installation meeting will take place on the second Monday in the ensuing month.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE** (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when the following were the brethren present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, W.M.; A. N. Newens, S.W.; B. Walker, J.W.; W. J. Huntley, S.D.; J. J. Holland, J.D.; F. W. Wardroper, I.G.; J. Frost, Sec.; S. C. Landon, D.C.; S. Stead, Tyler; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; H. R. Jones, P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; J. G. Kewney, P.M.; and Bros. R. Walker, John Stirk, George Fortescue, and A. A. Denham (Mid-Surrey Standard). The visitors were:—Bro. C. Digby (the newly-installed W.M. of the Doric, 933), and Bro. W. S. Stewart (of the Strong Man Lodge, 45), who wore the centenary medal. The lodge being duly opened, the W.M., very impressively initiated Mr. Thomas Arnison, Truro-villa, Wimbledon, and Mr. W. T. Bell, of New Wandsworth. The brethren afterwards proceeded to elect two Past Masters as trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and, after some discussion, Bros. Carter and Boddy, were unanimously chosen. The lodge was closed in due form, and an adjournment was made to the banquet room. The W.M., upon the cloth being removed, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with his usual felicity. Bro. Digby in replying to "The Visitors," referred to a remark from the W.M. that brethren were always welcomed at the 1044. He (Bro. Digby) had heard of "knife and fork" Masons, but he thought that, as the ruling principle of Freemasonry was charity, that more attention to the charities, and less to the Fourth Degree (laughter) would be better. Bro. Stewart also humourously replied, and said that in his lodge the brethren were induced to forego a banquet so as to subscribe more to the charities. He thought such a sacrifice—one of the stomach—was deserving all praise (laughter). The other usual toasts having been given, the Tyler's brought the evening's meeting to a close.

**METROPOLITAN MARK LODGE.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the Harp Hotel, Jermyn-street. Present:—Bros. J.

Mander, W.M.; Copeland, S.W.; Smallpeice, J.W.; E. Baber, Sec.; Tredwell, S.D.; and others. The ceremony of advancement was ably worked by the W.M. This Lodge of Instruction meets now every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

**METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.**—A largely attended convocation of this chapter assembled on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, to witness the ceremony of installation by Comp. W. Stephens, who occupied the First Principal's chair. Comp. Clarke, Prov. G.D. of Cer. Suffolk, the chair of H., and Comp. Wood, Z. of the Vane Chapter, the chair of J. Amongst the visitors were Comps. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C. of the Grand Lodge of England; the Rev. C. W. Hill, P.G.C. of Kent; Spencer Compton, Prov. G.H., Surrey; G. E. Wainwright, P.Z. 370; Lindus, P.Z. Vane Chap., and many other Companions of distinction. After the installations of the three Principals had been most solemnly performed; the chairs were occupied by Comps. Clarke as Z.; Brown as H.; and Stephens as J.; Walker, Scribe N.; and Wyer, P. Soj.; Massa acting as candidate. The ceremony was most impressively rendered, and much appreciated by the visitors, who expressed their admiration in unmeasured terms of the excellent working of the Chapter of Improvement, after which all were admitted members, and the nominal joining fee paid. A vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. W. Stephens for performing the ceremony of installation, many Companions having travelled a long distance to witness it, to which he briefly replied, thanking the Companions, and offering his humble services on any other occasion. This chapter of improvement is generally well attended, and any Companion seeking a knowledge of the Royal Arch Degree will be well repaid by a visit. Comp. Gompertz was elected Z. for the next term, Wyer H., and Lawrence J. We regret the absence by illness of Comp. T. W. White the Scribe E., who is at all times most indefatigable in his exertions for the good of the Royal Arch Degree.

#### Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER** (No. 185).—This old chapter met on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were present:—Comps. P. Wagner, M.E.Z.; P. Robinson, H.; J. Mander, J.; Harfield, P.Z., Treas.; Elsam, I.P.Z.; T. C. Walls, S.N.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Moss, P.S.; Stewart, 1st. Asst. S.; Davis, 2nd Asst. S.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Lowenstark, P.Z.; Whitey, Gispert, Pratt, Ellborn, J. Hurst, and Longstaffe, acting Janitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. in consequence of the candidate for exaltation not being present, ably worked a portion of the ceremony. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted in each case unanimously in favour of Comps. Robinson, M.E.Z.; Mander, H.; Walls, J.; Harfield, Treas.; Davage, S.E.; Moss, S.N.; and Stewart, P.S. The election of Janitor was postponed. A jewel was voted to the outgoing M.E.Z. There being no other business before the convocation, it was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Best, and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth, the First Principal gave the customary Royal Arch toasts which were duly honoured. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was warmly proposed by the I.P.Z. who spoke in high terms of the Masonic abilities of Bro. Wagner. This toast having been received with excellent "fire" the M.E.Z., briefly responded by thanking the companions for the support that they had given him during his year of office. He was sorry that he had no candidates for exaltation, but notwithstanding that misfortune, his term had not been altogether profitless, for they had "worked" the ceremony on more than one occasion. He hoped that his successor would have better fortune, because without the introduction of fresh blood into the chapter, it would necessarily in a few years assume but very small proportions. In conclusion, he heartily thanked them for having voted him a Past Principal's jewel which mark of their esteem he should ever regard as a most interesting souvenir of his year of office, and he hoped to be spared many years to come among them in the character of a Past Principal. "The Health of the M.E.Z. Elect," and "The Past Principals," followed, and these toasts having been drunk were briefly acknowledged by Comps. Robinson, and Elsam. The First Principal then proposed, in very flattering terms, "The Health of The Officers" which was responded to by all the companions thus honoured, with the exception of Comp. Stewart who had left. The Janitor having been called upon to discharge his duty the companions adjourned at an early hour.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Downshire Chapter (No. 594).—The first ordinary meeting of this chapter after consecration, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, was attended by an amount of success which gives good token of future prosperity. The attendance was good, and the working of the chapter was such as must have astonished every one. The First Principal was particularly impressive and efficient, and the other Principals and chief officers vied with each other in maintaining the excellence thus displayed by the M.E.Z. The chapter was opened in prompt time, amongst those present being Comps. R. P. France, M.E.Z.; John Hayes, H.; J. L. Houghton, J.; J. Whitfield, S.E.; F. Barnett, P.S.; Wynne Parry, R. Williams, T. Leacock, John Pye. The visitors were:—Comps. B. B. Marson, P.P.G. Soj.; A. D. Heskith, T. Williams, John Stockes, A. Woolrich, and Joseph Wood (Freemason). There were ten candidates exalted, eight of whom belonged to the Downshire Lodge, viz., Bros. James Montgomery, Richard Maddox, Thos.

Boswell, Wm. Evans, W. Peacock, Jonah Milner, W. Larker, and W. H. Veevers; one (Bro. W. Evans), to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge; and one (Bro. J. Walley), to the Mariners Lodge. As we have said already the work was splendidly performed, and Comp. F. Barnett, who was only exalted at the previous meeting, merits honourable mention for his P.S. work, in which he was assisted by Comp. B. B. Marson. The companions subsequently supped, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.**—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hotel, on the 12th inst. Present, Comps. J. A. Wardell, M.E.Z.; J. Willing, jun. H.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.; J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. 20 (I. C.); Scribe E.; W. Pissey, Scribe N.; E. Judd, Prin. Soj.; A. Lucking, I.P.Z.; Rev. A. F. Heaton. Visitor, Comp. A. J. Ireton, Mount Lebanon, 73. There being no candidates for exaltation, the companions proceeded to the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, viz.:—Comp. J. Willing, jun., Z.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, H.; W. Pissey, J.; A. Lucking, P.Z.; Treasurer; J. C. Johnstone, Scribe E. (re-elected); E. Judd, Scribe N.; J. R. Hemmann, Prin. Soj. Some candidates having been proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

**LIVERPOOL.**—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).—The annual installation of Principals in connection with this highly prosperous chapter took place recently at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a very large and highly influential gathering, which included Comps. R. Brown, Z.; Joseph Bell, P.Z.; B. B. Marson, P.Z., P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; J. A. Edginton, H.; W. J. Chapman, J.; A. Hesketh, Scribe E.; Jno. L. Houghton, Scribe N.; Lindo Courtenay, P.S.; E. Paull, Asst. S.; Peter Lassen, Janitor; Alfred Woolrich, Treas.; James Keet, S. Nickson, James Cootes, Thos. D. Dutton, F. Horne, Edward George, R. F. Mitton, H. P. Squire, J. W. Williams, R. W. Barnes, G. Maxwell, T. Holden, H. Pritchard, J. M. Askley, R. Burnett, A. Martin, I. H. Pryce, Sandbrook, and T. B. Myers. The visitors were Comps. F. Barnett, P.S. 594; R. P. France, Z. 594; John Hayes, H. 594; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.Z. 1094; Thos. Salter, S.E. 241; Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (*Freemason*). Comp. B. B. Marson, P.P.G.A.S. most impressively installed Comp. J. A. Edginton as M.E.Z.; W. J. Chapman as H.; and Lindo Courtenay as J. The other appointments and investitures were Comps. Robt. Martin, jun., P.S.; A. D. Hesketh, S.E.; F. G. Dutton, S.N.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; and P. Larsen, Janitor. A special and cordial vote of thanks was given to Comp. B. B. Marson for the faultless manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The following candidates were elected and exalted:—Bros. G. Lewis, 1356; A. Hemming, 1319; C. Courtenay, 1609; T. Davies, and E. H. Thomson, 1609; and R. Barnes, 1609. Two joining companions were also elected. The chapter having been closed, the companions, to the number of forty-eight, adjourned to the old lodge room, where a most excellent dinner was provided by the House Steward. After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the M.E.Z., Comp. Edginton, returned thanks for the chiefs and himself to Comp. Brown, for the kind manner in which he had submitted their healths to the companions, and after expressing a desire to do their best for the happiness and prosperity of all, proposed the next toast. He called on the companions to join with him in the pleasure of drinking "The Health of the J.P.Z.," remarking that his efficient rendering of the ceremonies had proved his great ability as a Royal Arch Mason, whilst his inimitable mirth and wit had greatly increased their social enjoyment, expressing how highly he prized the opportunity of presenting him with a P.Z.'s jewel, which the companions trusted he would accept as a slight token of their esteem and regard. Comp. Brown, in acknowledging the toast, stated that it had been his good fortune to form many warm friendships in the chapter, and he hoped to increase their number on those future occasions which he should have great pleasure in attending. The Z. then gave "The Health of the Past Chiefs," reminding the members that their great success was principally owing to the exertions made by their predecessors, and coupled with it the name of the Installing Principal. Comp. Marson, acknowledging the tribute paid to past service, stated that it was always a pleasure for them to be present to do what they could to further the interests of the De Grey and Ripon Chapter, as each meeting seemed happier than the preceding one, and in their minds nothing but pleasing memories of its past could remain. Comp. Bell also remarked that it would be a happy privilege to place their future services at the disposal of the chapter should occasion require it. "The Newly-Exalted Companions" were ably represented by Comp. Barnes, whilst Comps. Dr. Johnston, D. Bennett, and France, Z. of the Downshire Chapter, responded, in eloquent terms, for "The Visitors," and Comps. Chapman, Brown, Woolrich, Myers, and others, contributed in a marked degree to the musical enjoyment of the evening.

### Mark Masonry.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The following were present:—Bro. W. F. Lamony, W.M. (*Freemason*); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and P.M., as M.O. and Chaplain; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; H. Peacock, S.D.; F. Jackson, Steward, as J.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. George Brash, of

Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, having been previously balloted for, was admitted, and duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M. Grand Lodge certificates were presented to six brethren, after which Bro. W. Paisley, Steward Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1003, was proposed as a candidate for advancement. Nothing further remaining to be done, the lodge was closed in harmony.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite:

**TRURO.**—Cornwall Chapter Rose Croix.—At the annual meeting of the above chapter, the following officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested:—Bros. Edward Dixon Anderton, M.W.S.; Nicholas James West, C.E., P.M.W.S.; Chas. Truscott, jun., H. P. and Recorder; the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., 1st G.; Dr. William Mason, 2nd G.; Alfred Luke, Treas. and R.; William Lidgely, G.M.; Thomas Hicks, C. of G.; Dr. R. F. Stephens, C.; John Hocking, jun., Almoner; Richard Carter, Org.; P. F. Simcoe, D.C.; W. D. Rogers, 1st H.; William Reeks, Sentinel.

### Obituary.

**BRO. J. S. CUTHBERT, S.W., 823, 1576.**  
After an illness of considerable duration, Bro. James Stuart Cuthbert, S.W., of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, Liverpool, and who held a similar position in the Dee Lodge, No. 1576, meeting at Parkgate, Cheshire, expired at No. 2, Priory-road, Liverpool, on the 5th inst., greatly regretted by the numerous circle of brethren to whom he was well known, and by whom he was very highly respected, by reason of his genuine Masonic character, his amiable disposition, and his generous nature. His body was interred in Anfield Cemetery, on Saturday morning, the 8th inst., and the large attendance of brethren clearly demonstrated the general esteem in which he was held by the brethren of his own and other lodges. The Everton Lodge, in which Bro. Cuthbert had served every office until reaching the S.W.'s chair, was represented by Bros. Henry Ashmore, W.M.; John Houlding, I.P.M. (Chairman of the West Derby Board of Guardians), Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M.; William Wilson, P.M.; Thomas Shaw, P.M.; J. Boyle, Secretary; J. Beesley, J.D.; Brassey, I.G.; R. Webster, S.S.; Galley, J.S.; J. Jacobs; D. Callow; T. Bloomfield; and Medcalf. The Dee Lodge was represented by Bros. T. Chesworth, P.G.D.C. (Cheshire), P.M.; J. Jones, W.M. 1576; A. Richardson; W. Jones, Secretary; W. Foster; and D. Davies; and amongst others present were Bros. J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; W. O. Jones, J.W. 292; and J. Jenaway, 2496. At the conclusion of the funeral services, the assembled brethren threw sprigs of acacia into the grave, and many took a last look into the resting place of a worthy brother with tearful eyes.

### BRO. JOSEPH FRANCIS.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Joseph Francis, which took place on Jan. 12th, at his residence, 101, East-street, Kingston, Jamaica. The time was when the deceased held his place among the first of our mercantile men in the fancy and general dry goods line, but the lapsing of a policy of insurance and the occurrence of a devastating fire a few days thereafter, ere the policy had been renewed, cast him into deep and ever since continued difficulties; from that time his life had been a series of perplexities, nevertheless, throughout his difficulties he never lost sight of that gentlemanly and urbane deportment towards those with whom he was brought into association, which was always a marked characteristic of his life. In his hey-day he was ever charitable and kind to the poor, gaining at all times the esteem of a large circle of friends who amidst weal or woe ever entertained the kindest sentiments for him, and who now unite in regretting the demise of one whom they had learnt to regard as a truly honest and worthy man. Bro. Francis belonged to the Craft, and was among its leading and most respected members. By them his loss will be deeply deplored, and with them we unite in tendering to his bereaved wife and children our earnest condolences.

### DEATH OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF HEREFORDSHIRE.

We regret having to record the death, at the advanced age of eighty, of the Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, Bro. the Rev. J. Bowles, D.D., Vicar of Staunton Lacey, Salop. The deceased gentleman was the oldest Provincial Grand Master but one, having held the appointment since June, 1848. The younger brethren of the Province had not the opportunity of his acquaintance, the rev. gentleman for some few years past being able to devote but little time to the duties of his office owing to failing health, but by the elder members he was held in the greatest respect.

The principal work of his parish has also been for the same reason for several years entrusted to a curate.

In the parish of Staunton Lacey the deceased gentleman was highly esteemed and beloved, and the poor will miss a good friend.

The Rev. Joseph Bowles, D.D., was educated at Magdalen College, Oxford, and graduated B.A. in 1835 and M.A. in the year following. He was ordained deacon in the same year, 1836, and priest in 1837, by the Bishop of Lincoln; was domestic chaplain to the Duchess of Inverness and Rector of Stoke, Oxford, 1837 and 1838. He was appointed incumbent to the Donative of Sanford, Oxon, in the latter end of 1838, and in the same year was elected Chaplain to His Royal Highness the late Duke of Sussex. He was rector of Woodstock, Oxford, from 1841 to 1847, in which latter year he accepted the living of Staunton Lacey, Salop, which he has held from that date until his demise. The living of Staunton is of the gross value of £564 and vicarage, and is in the gift of Lord Windsor, who has just attained his majority.

### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence and quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters were held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. M. Clabon, President, Joshua Nunn, sen., Vice-President, and James Brett, jun., Vice-President, during the early part of the evening. Afterwards Bro. Joshua Nunn took the President's chair, and Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., the Senior Vice-President's chair. The other brethren present were Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, A. J. Duff Filer, P.G. Swd.B.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., Deputy Master No. 2; G. Cottebrunc, P.G.P., R. H. Giddy, District Grand Master, Griqualand; W. Mann, W. T. Howe, G.P., P.M. 186, E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; H. Bartlett, P.M. 147; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; W. T. Christian, P.M. 1662; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; H. T. T. Ross, G. Waterman, Samuel G. Hunt, C. S. Taylor, John G. Stevens, E. Branbridge, W. Keene, E. W. Braine, E. G. Legge, G. L. Moore, A. M. Cohen, John Palmer, S. J. Herapath, G. P. Britten, J. H. Leggett, W. Chick, Fredk. Moman, C. Buckhurst, A. Withers, W. Stead, J. Freeman, H. Young, Walter Mitchell, F. F. Johnson, John Dixon, J. Dawn, E. Squirrell, T. Cochrane, J. F. Rowe, B. Peacey, E. E. Pottle, E. Farwig, James Smith, B. H. Swallow, H. G. Heald, R. G. Tolmie, John Holden, W. Meadway, W. Allen, John Coe, F. W. Smith, A. B. Baker, John Avery, J. A. Hudson, J. H. Southwood, C. R. Cutmore, Wm. Stephens, George Read, H. King, S. H. Parkhouse, A. Beygram, C. R. McKay, George W. West, Elias Somers, Thos. Edmonston, W. C. Parsons, W. Smallpeice, C. B. Payne, G.T., and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The brethren, after the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge had been read, first confirmed grants made at the last meeting to the amount of £580. There were thirty new cases on the list, twenty-seven of which were relieved with a total amount of £542, two taking £75 each (£150), four £30 (£120), one £25 (£25), four £20 (£80), five £15 (£75), eight £10 (£80), two £5 (£10), and one £2 (£2).

### MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

No more pleasant festive gathering could possibly be found than that which has taken place for several years as part of the arrangements of the principals of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The lodge, during its existence, has deservedly secured a prominent place in the estimation of the fraternity in South-west Lancashire, and, as the annual merry meeting is held for the purpose of giving aid to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, it invariably secures a large share of patronage. The fourth annual ball, held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., was again eminently successful. There was an attendance of about 150 brethren and ladies, and, as all the arrangements were of a complete and satisfactory kind, the festive gathering assumed the feature of a happy family party. Bro. S. Schonstadt, W.M., was present, and amongst the other principals of the lodge were Bros. R. Robinson, P.G. Registrar, P.M.; A. Jones, I.P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; M. Hart, P.M.; H. A. Tobias, J.W.; S. J. Henochsberg, Sec.; M. Aronsberg, S.D.; and M. P. Tieski, J.D. The W.M. was the Chairman of the Ball Committee, and the other officers were Bros. A. Lyons, Hon. Treas.; H. M. Silver, Hon. Sec.; A. J. Henochsberg and H. A. Tobias, Captains of the Stewards; and S. J. Henochsberg and A. Hart, P.M. 724, efficient Masters of Ceremonies. During the evening an excellent supper was served, under the direction of Bro. Ludlow, manager of the hotel, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent by all who were present at the "Israel" ball.

### FATHER SUFFIELD AND THE FREEMASONS.

Father Suffield has made the *amende honorable*. Some ten or twelve years ago he was at West Hartlepool, a Dominican friar, founding, as he says, the Roman Catholic cause in that place, when he took occasion in a lecture to denounce Freemasonry as "bad, atheistic, and revolutionary." He was warmly brought to book by Bro. Emra Holmes and Bro. G. M. Tweddell, enthusiastic brethren of "the mystic tie;" but you may bring a horse to the water and not succeed in making it drink. The Rev. Father read the letters in the *Mercury*, but did not recant. He has done so now. The opportunity having been furnished by a reference to the correspondence in a "Masonic Memoir" of Bro. Emra Holmes, prefixed to his book just published, Mr. Suffield, now no longer a "Father," writes that when he denounced Freemasonry he did so upon an authority—the authority of the Pope—then believed by him to be "overruled by Providence," but which he has since discovered to be "an unrighteous assumption over God and man." Acting as "a freed man and an Englishman," his earnest wish has been to seek admission into a society promulgating the very principles he holds—"the worship of God and the service of man;" and has only been deterred from gratifying the wish by circumstances over which he has had no control. Dating from Oak Hill House, Broomhill, Sheffield, January 23rd, and addressing Bro. G. M. Tweddell, he desires it to be distinctly understood that, though not a Freemason in fact, he is in spirit.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

A CRUSADER.—Many thanks.

ERRATA.—In our edition of the 15th inst., referring to "Legacies to Freemasonry," the name should have been Frederick Thomas Mothersill, of Marsden-street, Manchester, and not Frederick Thomas Wethersill, of Mansion-street, Manchester.

## BOOKS &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"The Western Daily Mercury," "Kelet Orient," "Broad Arrow," "Brief," "Hull Packet," "Touchstone," "The Alliance," "The Scottish Freemason," "Citizen," "The Masonic Eclectic," "The Advocate," "Bundes Presse," "Our Home," "Masonic Advocate," "Insurance Journal," "Australian Freemason," "Jersey Express," "Risorgimento," "Grand Lodge Records, Connecticut; Ninety-first Annual Report, Vol. X., No. 1."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

KENSINGTON.—On the 14th inst., at 69, Grosvenor Square, S.W., Lady Kensington, of a daughter.

SAVAGE.—At Aubrey Street, Everton, Liverpool, on the 7th inst., the wife of Bro. Savage, jun., S.S. of the Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609), of a son.

## DEATHS.

BOWLES.—On the 8th inst., at Staunton Lacey, Salop, the Rev. Joseph Bowles, D.D., Grand Master of Herefordshire, aged 80.

DALE.—On the 13th inst., at Spring Bank, Lancaster, Martha, the wife of Francis G. Dale, I.P.M. 1353.

FRANCIS.—On the 12th ult. at Kingston, Jamaica, Joseph Francis, deeply deplored.

SMITH.—On the 14th inst., suddenly, Josiah Smith, of 28, Hatton-garden, in his 75th year.

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1879.

## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

The more we consider the result of this great gathering the more we are struck with its figures, the more we must applaud the efforts of all concerned. The totality of the Stewards' lists is alike a striking fact and remarkable reality, per se, and the festival of Wednesday week will long remain an "Alba Dies" in the annals of that useful and beneficent Institution, a "landmark," so to say, in its kindly and useful career. Last week we shortly glanced at a "general resumé" of the incidents and announcements which accompanied the last festival, to-day we propose to consider one or two other points in those speaking returns, which may not be without interest to our readers, or without profit to ourselves to peruse and ponder over. The metropolis has returned £6300 in round numbers, and in round numbers £1200 less than the provinces. No doubt, in the nature of things, this is but natural, and must be expected, seeing that London lodges and brethren stand in relation to the rest of the Craft as one-sixth against five-sixths. Indeed, the metropolitan returns, judged by an ordinary standard, are very marvellous in themselves, and reflect the highest credit on the zeal, energy, and benevolence of our metropolitan brethren, whose hearts, as many of us well know, are always in the right place. In our last notice we pointed out that the six highest returns from London varied from £325 10s. the highest, to £134 18s. 6d. the lowest. But we think it well to supplement that enumeration with the names of a few more lodges, from which, by the aid of the Stewards, three figures have been returned to gladden Bro. Terry's heart, and augment the funds of the charity. Such are Lodges 1671, W. W. Medcalf, Steward, £120 15s.; 1178, J. Stock, Steward, £118 3s. 6d.; 1288, S. T. Goode, Steward, £116; 259, J. A. Rucker, Steward, £115 10s.; 180, A. L. Annett, Steward, £115 10s.; 1383, H. R. Murchison, Steward, £113 18s.; 1471, J. Mather Steward, £113 8s.; 1613, G. M. Felton, Steward, £111 6s.; 228, R. H. Halford, Steward, £112 1s.; 1585, J. W. Robinson, Steward, £110 14s.; J. G. Stevens, Steward, £110; 141, C. Dairy, Steward, £107 10s.; 1657, Rev. Dr. Brette, £106 11s. 6d.; 1260, J. H. Southwood, £105; 657, W. Maple, Steward, £100 16s.; and 12, W. H. Bateman, Steward, £100. The other numerous returns vary from £96 15s. to £5 5s. There is one point we feel bound to note, namely this, that from No. 1700 only four metropolitan lodges subscribe anything, and the amount sent by these lodges is £215 17s. 6d. That, no doubt, is a good average, as it would give £50 per lodge, but still we regret deeply the fact that only four metropolitan lodges from 1700 have sent anything, leading to the inevitable conclusion that it is to old friends, not to new, at any rate from No. 1700 in the lodges, that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is indebted for these goodly returns. We wish we could believe that our lodges and chapters were doing their proportion of this work as lodges and chapters. Is it not to be feared that our lodges and chapters are spending all their available income, especially in the metropolis, on "creature comforts," and have little to spare for charity in general or in particular? Is it not the fact, that far too many metropolitan lodges and even chapters are in debt to their Treasurers, often in large amounts, rendering the position of such bodies, not at all a wholesome or a safe one? We do not ask these questions in a spirit of censorious complaint or uncomplimentary cavil, far from us be any such "animus," but we do ask them honestly, fearlessly, and fraternally, that so these "spots" on our "feasts of charity" may gradually disappear from among us, and we may enjoy a far healthier and more satisfactory condition of things both in our lodges and in our chapters. As regards the provinces, what can we say but that they are doing their duty? Since West Yorkshire set the stone a rolling, something like nineteen years

ago, how wonderful has been the development of provincial efforts for our great metropolitan Charities; and long may it so continue. Long may the metropolis and the provinces run a race of friendly zeal and eagerness, like those gallant boys, the Austrian and English "middies," in Syria, some few years back, to plant their national flag on the walls of the surrendered fortress, each endeavouring to do as much as possible for these excellent Charities of ours, which reflect such credit on our Order, and are speaking witnesses both of its goodly profession and its truthful practice, its utility, its reality, its blessing for mankind.

## MASONIC SARCASM.

Whether sarcasm is in itself allowable we must leave, we think, to the moralist and the casuist. There are those who declare that sarcasm is not permissible ever, as it constitutes a breach of the spirit of God's great moral law of love. On the other hand, we must not forget, it seems to us, that the sense of the ridiculous, the gift of irony seem to be born with some of us, just as the powers of the mind, the gift of imagination. It appears to us, however, though we are aware we tread on debateable ground in saying so, that sarcasm may sometimes be profitably employed and lawfully made use of in the affairs of life, in the contests of the world. Some of us may remember when the poet, appealing to a great and sarcastic satirist, says,

"Bethink thee Gifford when some future age  
Shall miss the promise of thy playful page,  
The hand which brushed a thousand fools away," &c.,

and, we confess, that in the ineptitude of the hour, the weakness and the "folly of fools," we are often led to believe that such powers of sarcasm are a great gift, to be legitimately used and "properly applied to their destined purpose." The historian of humanity might well also declare that to sarcasm we owe a great many of the most legitimate triumphs of common sense and right reason, alike in the affairs of men and the whirlpool of the world. Some are so constituted as only to be moved by sarcasm, and though some hides are so thick, as is often said, that nothing, "not even sarcasm," can touch them, yet as we ourselves know, there seems often to be a most legitimate sphere for its direct and prevailing use, either when "fools rush on where angels fear to tread," when we have to wage a warfare hourly with folly in various shapes and hues, when we have to contend to the loss of our temper, sometimes with that mournful vacuity of intellect, and that perversity of purpose which antagonize the best efforts and mar the most philanthropic plans. But what can we say of Masonic sarcasm? Is it justifiable? Can it be justified as between professed brother and brother, true to each other, whatever betide, "true and faithful," though oceans divide, though slanderers betray, though the faithless bewray, though the whole world stand in opposition and persecution? To deny to the Masonic mind the sense of the ridiculous, the gift of satire, irony, sarcasm, would be, we venture to think, excessively unreasonable and absurd, but then, by the moral law which Freemasonry promulgates, being that of God's Word, we are taught to control our tempers and our tongues, and to refrain from the full flow of indignant honesty, or justifiable complaint. In the progress of life and human affairs we often see those "jests," or sarcastic effusions, which if witty, amuse, if genial, delight, if seasonable and pointed, excite our hearty admiration, and so far all is well, and many of us can recal to-day the pleasant "pasquinades" of happier and cheery years, when we took life easily enough, when health was good, friends were many, cares were few, "the attic salt" of many a laughing rhyme, and merry "skit" still lingers with us agreeably though time has moved on rapidly since then, and memory seems to point with weird and wasted finger to vacant places at our board, to eyes that are dim, voices that are hushed, and hearts that are cold. But if what is most kindly and intellectual be allowed, what shall we say of those lamentable effusions we sometimes read, which betray nothing but personality and vulgarity, which are the offspring of wounded vanity



or excitable folly; which only grieve the thinking and intelligent, and make the Masonic and kindly-hearted sigh? We can only remark we suppose that they do amuse somebody, though whether that somebody is worth amusing is another and a different question. We saw, for instance, an anonymous fly-sheet the other day, which, very un-Masonic in tone and temper, was vulgar in conception and utterly worthless in its "tout ensemble." It could only have emanated from a very petty, narrow mind, utterly incapable of elevating itself, either to Masonic good feeling, sense, or decorum. There was nothing witty in it, or even amusing, that any one could laugh at a line of it; approval was utterly impossible, since being a merely personal attack, and penned in evidently an unworthy and vindictive spirit, it was as idle as it was ridiculous, and as unjustifiable as it was un-Masonic. Some great and dignified, and intellectual individual had been "sat upon," "snubbed," "snuffed out," "pro tem.," so he prints at once that foolish broad sheet. What a commentary on Masonic good will, Masonic professions, and Masonic brotherly love! But such is the world, "my masters," even in Masonry, and while the puppets move up and down, or talk with squeaking voices, and beat themselves with passion, and throw themselves into ridiculous "poses," the Masonic philosopher shrugs his shoulders, and leave them silently and complacently to that obscurity which is their proper lot, to that oblivion before which happily fade away to-day the impertinence of the ignorant and the personalities of the un-Masonic.

#### THE POWERS OF A QUARTERLY COURT.

We are told, though we can hardly credit it, that some doubt still lingers as to the real meaning of the laws of our educational Institutions in this respect, and as to the actual powers of a Quarterly Court. It was said at a recent Court, though nobody paid attention to so childish a remark, that the Quarterly Court had no power to receive a report from a Committee, or even to refer anything to a Committee. We could only charitably suppose that any brother who could deliberately make such a statement, and seriously, must, as our young men like to say, be "off his nut." Yet any such contention is really too puerile and too perverse to demand attention, or require confutation. It falls at once with its own inherent absurdity, pre-supposing on the part of the objector an entire unacquaintance with the phraseology and purpose of laws, and the dictates of custom and common sense, the Quarterly Court, we repeat, is superior to all other Committees necessarily, and is, as we before pointed out, supreme. We believe it was contended, and has since been somewhere repeated, that because among the powers of the General Committee it is laid down that it is to receive "all reports from Committees," therefore, admirable logician, no reports can be ordered or received except by the General Committee. If this argument be good, the House Committee could not delegate to a Sub-Committee any work without reporting to the General Committee and the Quarterly Court, the Supreme Court of Appeal, on almost any subject, if it does order a report must submit it first to the General Committee. Had good Bro. Obstructive taken the trouble to read carefully the words of the laws, did he enter into the construction of paragraphs, or the rules of legislation itself, he would understand, if he can do so, that all such provisions must relate to matters in what the lawyers term "pari materia." The laws relative to the General Committee only affect proceedings of the General Committee, and do not profess to touch upon, nor can they touch upon, the procedure of the Quarterly Court on the one hand, or the House Committee on the other. As we said before, we can ourselves hardly realize the fact in our own minds, that such obtuseness and such ignorance should prevail as to the powers of the Quarterly Court, and we doubt very much whether any one competent to understand the question at issue, does seriously entertain any doubt on the matter. We hope that if any such objections be made at the Quarterly Court, it will be at once overruled by the Chairman, as to discuss such a frivolous objection is both a waste of time, and an insult

to the common sense of the meeting. That the Quarterly Court has power to refer any number of questions to any number of Committees, is perfectly clear, and that without any reference whatever to the General Committee, an inferior body itself, we should have supposed must be patent to the dullest mind amongst us. We cannot, however, legislate for thick-headedness and perversity, but we can prevent the valuable time of a meeting being taken up by objections in which nothing is objected, and by casuistry by which nothing is manifested except a spirit of personality, or an insensibility to decorum.

#### RESTORATION OF ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

By a report elsewhere it will be seen that this movement progresses, and we are requested to state that all brethren desirous of joining the Committee should send in their names at once to C. E. Keyser, Esq., 47, Wilton-crescent, S.W. The maximum subscription is five pounds, but any lower sum will be received. We wish the proposal all success.

#### 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.]

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It was only yesterday afternoon that I found myself in a position to justify a definite correction of a statement which has obtained wide-spread publicity through the columns of both the Masonic and ordinary daily press.

Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., were the Bankers of this Institution, and the late Bro. S. Tomkins, a partner, was neither Trustee nor Treasurer, as he was to Grand Lodge and the other Masonic Institutions, and it is held this Institution has no *locus standi* as a claimant on the private estate. The information, therefore, should be—"The claims of all the Masonic bodies on the estate of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., have been paid in full, with the exception of that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

In consequence of the loss thus sustained, in amount £894, and on that account alone, we are compelled to obtain assistance from our present bankers to discharge the bills for the past quarter.

Surely, under these exceptional circumstances, we have the best possible basis for an exceptionally urgent appeal for sympathy and for increased practical support in our hour of need.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
FREDERICK BINCKES,  
Secretary.

6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
19th, February.

#### REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The question is often asked, have representatives any duties? In a circular I have just been sent, and dated December, 1878, and issued by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, it is stated that "the Most Worshipful Campbell H. Johnson, in his official communication as our Grand Master last year, tabulated the following as his views upon the duties of a Grand Representative, and they were approved by the Grand Lodge:—

"First. To visit at all regular sittings the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited; interchange published proceedings, and deposit with the Grand Secretary copies of all official documents emanating from the appointing power.

"Second. To acquaint himself thoroughly with the Constitution, code of jurisprudence, and forces of work in vogue in the Grand Lodge which he represents, that so he may be able to communicate them, when desired, to the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited.

"Third. To welcome, vouch for, and introduce worthy Masons from the jurisdiction which he represents; to detect imposters, if any, and to see to the judicious distribution of charity where demanded.

"Fourth. To strengthen the golden chain of pure attachment between the Grand Lodge, encourage mutual customs and goodwill, and give due warning of perils that may threaten to both."

How very few representatives fulfil these four requirements. The majority, I fear, consider themselves ornamentals.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

5, Up. Mount-street, Dublin,  
18th February.

#### THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Is it not true that the Grand Lodge should interpose some restriction to prevent lodges accepting propositions for membership from candidates residing at a considerable distance and under other jurisdictions, especially so to prevent London lodges admitting members resident in other jurisdictions and from places within reach of established lodges, thus facilitating the bringing dis-

credit on the Craft by the admission of unworthy members?

Last week's *Freemason* records a similar transaction to one I communicated to the *Freemason* some time since, when a candidate for Masonry, knowing he would be rejected by the two lodges in the town and neighbourhood of his residence, succeeded in securing membership in the Phoenix Lodge, 173, London; and as, in the case recorded last week by a member of 471, the individual intruded himself as a visitor where he would not be received as a member. Surely this is not a proper state of things, and something ought to be done to prevent the repetition of such censurable proceedings. If the credit and good character of the Craft is to be maintained this surely is not the way to secure it.

Will you, Sir, kindly give an expression of opinion on the subject, the *Freemason* being looked up to as an authority.

Fraternally yours,

A MEMBER OF 291.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you afford space in your journal for me to acknowledge, with gratitude, the following sums received since the Festival, on the 12th inst., viz.:—

Lodge	£	s.	d.
14 Bro. P. C. F. Tatham	...	...	10 10 0
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with ten lists yet to come in.

Your compliance will be much esteemed by,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES TERRY,  
Secretary.

#### Reviews.

##### DEBRET'S PEERAGE AND BARONETAGE, &c.

Dean & Co., 160A, Fleet-street, E.C.

This most useful work comes before us with much prominence and effect as one of the most handy and needful handbooks of the day. It is, in fact, indispensable to all, and we do not wonder, noting its correctness and fulness, to hear on all sides how much it is appreciated and approved of. We can honestly commend it, and we do so gladly to-day, having proved its accuracy and experienced its want.

##### THE BROAD ARROW. 2, Waterloo Place.

A publication intended for the public servants of the country, and is ably edited, and full of interesting and important information. We have been struck, however, with a review in the issue of February 8th, to which we think it right to call attention. The review praises the *Masonic Magazine* properly for February, but uses these words respecting its editorial management.

"Both poetry and fiction in this number of the *Masonic Magazine* are unusually good, while the initiated will find much that will attract his special attention. We regret, however, to see that the editor feels it requisite to disavow sympathy with the very best and most sound Masonic article in the whole magazine. Mr. Kenning would do well to clear out of his pages the mass of soft padding which seems to find favour in the eyes of the editor, and give more scope to good, sound, true Masonic principles, such as good Masons abroad as well as good Masons at home are capable of appreciating. We have had too much lately of the sophistication of Masonic truth."

We fear that the reviewer can hardly have read the article. The best of the joke is that the Editor had translated the article itself from the *Chaine d'Union*, but thought it needful to add a note of warning. And for this he is blamed; but what for?

Bro. Berton traces the origin of secret societies to the combination of servants against their masters, oppressed against oppressors, subjects against rulers, and puts forth the theory of a "droit de travail," which does not suit our view of the facts of history, or the progress of Freemasonry. Freemasonry does not come from secret societies qua secret societies.

He, no doubt, recognizes the operative guilds, but more as a combination of trade unions, organized against capital and masters than anything else. It is against this view that the Editor rightly protests as we have always done. It is quite clear that the reviewer knows nothing of the opinions of the editor, or he would not accuse him of sympathy with the "sophistication of Masonic truth." As is well known to others the editor has long been foremost in advocating the simple historical view of Freemasonry but he regrets mistaken theories and mischievous suggestions, as well as crude notions, and is not likely to fall into the rhapsody or nonsense of a French sentimental revolutionary school. We say this in fairness to our contemporary, because we feel the remarks of the reviewer, are alike penned in ignorance and injustice.

##### OUR HOME. Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.

A very useful little Masonic paper. No. 14, Vol. 1, has appeared, and we wish it heartily all the success it deserves.

##### THE MASONIC ADVOCATE. Indianapolis, Indiana.

One of the best Masonic papers we know, we are always pleased to see it, indeed too much praise cannot be accorded to it.

##### THE MASONIC ECLECTIC.

Admirably edited, and always worth reading.

## GRAND MARK LODGE.

A Grand Lodge of Emergency of the Mark Degree was held on Tuesday, 18th inst., at the offices, No. 2, Red Lion-sq., for the purpose of voting an address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W. Grand Master, presided, the remainder of the lodge being formed as follows:—Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, Past G.M.; Lord Henniker, G.S.W.; F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., as G.J.W.; D. M. Dewar, Asst. G.S., as G. Sec.; Robert Berridge, as G.I.G.; Thos. J. Sabine, G.M.O.; Rev. H. John Hatch, S.O.; C. Hunter, G. Swd. B.; J. B. Shackleton, G. Std. B.; Thos. W. Murley, P.G.S.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.D.C.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C.; H. Machin, Sussex; H. Baldwin, Sec. 234; Henry Lovegrove, J.W. 234, as Tyler; W. G. Brighten, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex and Surrey; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Dewar having read the notice convening the lodge,

Lord Skelmersdale said: Brethren, after taking advice with different members of the Grand Lodge it was thought advisable to call together this lodge of emergency for the purpose for which you have just heard the notice read. It was felt that for us to wait till Grand Lodge next June, which is the next regular meeting, we should be too late—we should be putting off this melancholy duty longer than we ought to do. I can assure you, brethren, that one particular body of Freemasons, viz., Mark Masters of England are not wanting any more than other bodies in loyalty to her Majesty, and under these circumstances I feel we are only doing to her Majesty a duty in voting to her an address of condolence on this occasion. All who knew the late Princess Alice, all who heard of her, must have known what a good woman she was, what a good mother she was, and what a good example she set to all in her station of life. No one can feel more deeply than parents—and many of us are parents—the loss of a child, and when the loss of that child is the first loss a parent has ever felt it must come the more deeply. It has so come to her Majesty. I am sure it is not necessary to say many words on this occasion, as I am sure you will all feel the deepest sympathy with her Majesty in this, the greatest affliction which has fallen on her uniformly happy reign.

Bro. Dewar then read the following address:—

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty—

"We, the Mark Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and possessions of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, beg permission, respectfully, to approach your Majesty with the humble assurance of our deep sympathy in the loss that your Majesty has sustained by the lamented death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.

"Recognising the great and noble qualities of the illustrious Princess, and the bright example that was afforded by her in all the varied relations of life, which she so signally adorned, we venture to hope that your Most Gracious Majesty will find some solace in the bereavement with which it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to visit you, in the knowledge that your grief is shared in by all your Majesty's subjects, without distinction of race or creed.

"Signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons,

"SKELMERSDALE, G.M.M."

The Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.G.M., I beg to move that the address just read be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Lord Henniker—M.W.G.M., I have great pleasure in seconding the resolution that this address should be presented. I do not think it is at all necessary for me to say one word in addition to what you have said. The fact that the Masons of England are one of the most loyal bodies in this country, and I think the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons is not less loyal than any other body of Masons in this country, is enough to recommend the motion that has been made to us. But we have also another thing to think of, which is this, that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is the Grand Master of the Order, not of this particular Order, but of the Ancient Order of Freemasons in England. We all of us belong to that Order, and we all feel for him in the great bereavement that he has suffered, and we all feel for the whole of the Royal Family in the bereavement they have suffered. I am told, and I believe with truth, that there is no member of the Royal Family who has felt this grief so greatly as His Royal Highness, and this is one reason which commends this vote to us. Another reason, I think, is this, that among Masons there is nothing which is so much valued as the home life and the purity of the home of the sovereign of this country. I am quite certain that those few words are enough, if it is necessary to add to what you have already said, to recommend the motion to this Grand Lodge. I am bound to say this, that I have been to-day at a meeting of the trustees of the fund which is being raised in this country for the endowment of a hospital at Darmstadt. I am bound to say this in order to explain the matter. The Masons of England, some of them at least, may be anxious to supply subscriptions that way, some may not, but it will be raised entirely privately; but as this motion has come before Grand Lodge I may mention that I am one of the trustees. The subject emanated at Darmstadt first of all; it received the approval of the Queen, the Patron of the whole Orders of Freemasons in this country, the Prince of Wales, and a great many people have subscribed to it. A great many other people wish to subscribe to it, not in large sums, but in order to show their affection for the Princess, who, as his lordship said, brought the home life of the Queen and the affection of the Royal Family on to others, and also joined her position in the homes of every day in this country more to

us. I only mention this that I hope some Masons may think it right to subscribe to this fund, not perhaps that their names will appear in the newspapers, not perhaps that they will get any glory by it, or gain any elevation by doing so; but simply because they may wish to show the kind feelings they have for the Royal Family, the great wish they have to carry out not only the work begun by Her Royal Highness herself, but a work which His Royal Highness, the Grand Duke of Hesse wishes to carry out, and hopes to be supported in this country. I have great pleasure in seconding this motion.

Lord Skelmersdale—I think I am right in saying that the fund already amounts to about £1500.

Lord Henniker—It is nearly £2000. I hope you will allow me, M.W.G.M., to add that I had no intention of mentioning this matter. I only wished to come and perform my duty as the Senior Grand Warden. I came up on purpose to attend this meeting. I came up fresh from the country, and I had no intention of making this statement; but as I was seconding the motion I really could not refrain from stating what I have stated.

The motion was put, and carried unanimously.

It was then arranged that the address should be engrossed, and afterwards signed by Lord Skelmersdale and presented to Her Majesty.

Bro. Dewar stated he had received letters of apology for absence, from the S.G.W., the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, and other Grand Officers, regretting their inability to attend Grand Lodge, but expressing their sympathy with the movement.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

## CONSECRATION OF THE COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).

The consecration of this lodge and the installation of the W.M. took place in the Vestry Hall, Bow, on Monday last. The proceedings commenced at half-past four, when the brethren met in an ante-room of the hall, and thence marched in the usual order into the lodge room, where they received the Consecrating and Installing Officer, Bro. James Terry, P.G.J.W., Herts., who appointed as his officers *pro tem.* Bros. W. R. Marsh, P.M. 1672, S.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, J.W.; J. Kemp Coleman, J.W. 1716, I.G.; W. Clarke, P.G.D.C. Suffolk, D.C.; C. B. Payne, P.M. and Grand Tyler, Tyler. The lodge was then opened in the Three Degrees, and after the preliminary formulæ customary on such occasions had been gone through, the Consecrating Officer delivered an able and impressive dissertation on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, dwelling with especial emphasis on the obligations which the Craft are under to support, as far as each member individually can, the charitable objects of the institution. The ceremony of consecration was then solemnly performed, the musical part of it being efficiently conducted by Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, Org., 907.

The Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the W.M. designate, Bro. C. A. Hejmann, P.G.D. Treas., Japan, was presented to the Installing Officer, and was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon.

The brethren having then saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees, he, at once, proceeded to appoint and invest his office bearers. Their names and offices are as follows:—Bros. F. J. Hunt, S.W.; W. H. Farnfield, J.W.; Edinger, Treas.; John Dennis, Sec.; R. M. Talbot, S.D.; W. Seaborn, J.D.; J. Kemp Coleman, I.G. *pro tem.*; G. Harrison, Tyler.

The W.M., in very complimentary terms, moved a vote of thanks to Bros. Terry and Clarke for the very able manner in which they had conducted the ceremonies, and further proposed that they should be elected as honorary members of the lodge, which was cordially agreed to.

In replying on behalf of Bro. Clarke and himself for the compliment conferred upon them, Bro. Terry assured the brethren that nothing could have given them greater pleasure than to inaugurate the Coborn Lodge, which, he trusted, would soon make for itself a name in connection with Freemasonry.

The Secretary next observed that it was his great pleasure to announce that the newly-installed W.M. had handed him a cheque for twenty-five pounds towards defraying the cost of the furniture and other appointments of the lodge, a statement received with loud cheers.

It was subsequently moved by the J.W. that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Hejmann for this seasonable and handsome donation. The proposition was carried with acclamation.

The W.M., in a few appropriate remarks, replied, taking occasion to observe that although he could not devote that attention to the chair which he would wish, owing to the circumstance of his having to go abroad, he could never fail to take a lively interest in the affairs of the lodge.

The J.W. and S.C. having mentioned the names of several joining members the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet in an adjoining chamber, over which the W.M. and his principal officers presided.

Besides those whose names we have already given, there were present:—Bros. Farnham, P.G. Steward; A. Ellis, 933; Thos. Bates, I.G. 1716; Leonard Potts, J.W. 1716; Thos. C. Thornicroft, J.W. 1401; James Kift, 789; G. J. Shipway, 813; F. H. Cozens, P.M. 907; Henry Alcock, 162; Hugh Cutter, P.M. 554; Chas. Brown, 1362; H. Ashton, 1185; C. Henry, 201; N. Joseph, 176; F. Farnan, P.M. 20; Chas. B. Payne, P.M., and Grand Tyler 27; E. J. Anning, 1625; Robt. H. Halford, P.M. 228; S. W. Thompson, 9; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (*Freemason*).

After the banquet was over, the usual Masonic toasts followed. "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were drunk with the usual enthusiasm, Bros. H. Ashton, F. Cozens, J. Kift, and C. Henry singing

the National Anthem and "Hail to thee, Albert." The W.M., in proposing the "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," said that as Freemasons they had all reason to be thankful to the Grand Officers for all that they did to promote the interest of the Craft. "True to the Core," was then very effectively sung by Bro. Charles Henry, and Bro. Farnham, P.G. Steward, suitably acknowledged the toast. Bro. Terry next said that, as Consecrating Officer, it devolved upon him to offer for the acceptance of the brethren the toast of the W.M. Bro. Hejmann had travelled many miles to be installed Master of the Coborn Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England, and he (Bro. Terry) had little doubt would return to Japan again, where he held the high distinction of being P.G.D. Treas., carrying with him a fair fame and high reputation to be promoted to a still higher position. If the honours that the W.M. had had conferred upon him elsewhere were an evidence of anything, it was that the Coborn Lodge would prosper under his Mastership. He (the speaker) knew that the W.M. was most desirous to do all he could to promote the interests of the lodge, and he was certain that when the ceremonies came to be performed they would be conducted in such a manner by the W.M. as to set a worthy example to all those who were to follow him in that high and responsible position. He would simply conclude by expressing the hope that health would be spared to the W.M. to preside over the lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. "By Celia's Arbour" having been charmingly sung by Bros. Ashton, Cozens, Kift, and Henry, the W.M., in responding to the toast, whilst regretting that he could not be there during the whole of his year of office, trusted that when he returned to London next winter he would be able to carry out his duties to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The next toast the W.M. had the honour to propose was "The Health of the Consecrating Officer and Director of Ceremonies." The brethren of the Coborn Lodge had every reason to be deeply grateful to these distinguished brethren for having consecrated it, and he personally was extremely indebted to them for having installed him in the chair. The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, another glee, entitled "Hart and hind are in their lair," was sung, and Bros. Terry and Clarke appropriately replied.

The remaining toasts, "The Visitors," "The Secretary and Treasurer," "The Charities," were duly honoured and responded to, being interspersed with some capital songs by Bros. Ashton, Kift, Cozens, and Henry, and the Tyler's toast brought a happy evening to a close.

All the arrangements for the banquet were most creditably carried out, the Secretary, who acted as W.S., leaving nothing undone to provide for the comfort of the brethren.

## ANNUAL BALL OF THE CARNARVON AND MIZPAH LODGES, Nos. 1572 AND 1671.

The third annual ball of the above lodges was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 7th inst., under very favourable auspices. Amongst the brethren present we noticed, Bros. Hale, W.M. 737; Hall, W.M. 455; Hanger, I.P.M. 455; Edward Terry, I.P.M. 1319; Bergmann, J.W. 1671; Maidwell, I.P.M. 27; Stevens, W.M. 1730; Genner, J.W. 455; Curtis, 145; Foreman, 34; Brock, 765; Barham, J.D. 144; Brown, P.M. 765; Clark, J.D. 1632; Hopkins, 1572; Hellier, W.M. 1572; Wooton, 1671; Nelson Reed, 1671; Perkins, 1572; Carter, 1728; Gow, 619; Noakes, 92; Blenkinsop, 754; Wiles, 1671; Hardy, 1572; [and several other brethren and gentlemen.]

Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit till five o'clock in the morning. The band was supplied by Bros. Coote and Tinney. An excellent supper was supplied by Bro. Rand, the manager of the Hotel.

Bro. Nelson Reed occupied the chair, and after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, gave "The Health of the Ladies," thanking them for their kindness in gracing the meeting with their presence, and called upon Bro. Jas. Curtis, 145, to respond. The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Curtis, in reply, said: Bro. Nelson Reed, brethren, and gentlemen—I rise with feelings of the greatest possible pleasure to respond to the toast of "The Ladies," which you have pledged with the enthusiasm it deserves. The pleasure is, however, mixed with a sense of responsibility, but if I am overwhelmed I know I shall be "overwhelmed in a sea of glory." Bro. Nelson Reed has, with that modesty which always characterises and so well becomes him, forbore to enlarge upon the good qualities of the ladies, but I feel that to-day surrounded by such a galaxy of beauty I must recite their praises. It is a pride and an honour to reply on their part, and, therefore, sinking my individuality, I appear for the time as a lady, and say—

"We are here as a boon and a blessing to men,

Like the Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pen." Some of you may not, perhaps, regard Mrs. Bardell as an enviable lady, yet she had, withal, her good qualities. Now, see the allusion to the owl. It is a well known fact in natural history that a young owl grows more beautiful every day, so does a good woman become daily more and more estimable. Carry it further, and what does Waverley suggest but a train of thought, as exhaustive as it is correct, in believing that the author of Waverley spoke forcibly and well, as in his poems he declared—

"When pain and anguish wring the brow  
A ministering angel thou?"

That is a truism, and here to-day we minister to your enjoyment; you would not have had a ball without us, and we are pleased to be your guests, and ye bachelors, if such



words are insufficient to impress you with our worth, learn from Tommy Moore, the Irish poet, that—  
 "There's a bliss beyond all that the minstrel has told,  
 When two that are linked in one heavenly tie,  
 With heart never changing and brow never cold  
 Love on through all ills, and love on till they die.  
 One hour of a passion so blessed is worth  
 Whole ages of heartless and wandering bliss,  
 And O, if there be an Elysium on earth,  
 It is this! It is this!"

We, being ladies, are, of course, ignorant of the mystic tenets of your Order, but we opine that charity has ever formed the mainspring of all your actions. We, then, claim to represent and to personify charity or love. Our very name is derived from two Saxon words 'Lef diau,' signifying to serve bread, an allusion to the feudal times when we personally doled out bread or distributed charity to the deserving poor. We are pleased to see, and we congratulate you most heartily upon that charity or love which has prompted the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges to join hand in hand this evening to promote our enjoyment. This is "the third time of asking," words in church of momentous import to us. Well, now we regard these words, as this is your third annual ball with much appreciation, because we feel that the success of your ball is ensured, and that for a long string of years to come your gatherings, as your happiness, will be great. Now, as then, we say—

"Stand firm and fast, nor slave, nor lord,  
 United bands of faithful brothers be;  
 Stand firm and fast, defend of one accord  
 Your holy rights and be for ever free."

Bro. Edward Terry, P.M. 1319, in reply to the toast, "The Health of the Visitors," said, I have a very difficult task to perform. It was quite true, as Bro. Nelson Reed has informed you that I have played many parts, and I might also add that I have performed in several pieces, but the part I have to play to-night is a most difficult one, inasmuch as my parts are always written for me, but to-night it is not so. On behalf of the visitors here I must thank you very sincerely for the great treat you have given us to-night at this your third annual ball. I myself have been to each, but think this the most enjoyable and successful ball you have had; I, therefore, trust next year to be one of your guests, as I am certain all my brother visitors hope to be invited again and again.

The Chairman proposed "Continued success to the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges' Ball," to which Bro. Goffin replied.

Bro. Clark, J.D. 1632, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who, in reply, thanked the ladies and gentlemen for responding to his call, and was glad to see such an assembly of fair ladies as was present on this occasion. It was quite true there had been some difficulty in arranging the ball, but that was overcome, as all present must acknowledge. He thanked the brethren and gentlemen for drinking his health, and hoped the next ball would be, if possible, more successful than the present.

Considering the bad times the attendance was good, there being 154 ladies and gentlemen present. The arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory character, thanks to the great and untiring exertions of the Stewards, the principal members of which were Bros. N. Reed (Chairman and Hon. Sec.), Clarricoats, Goffin, and Warden (Vice-Chairman.)

The duties of Masters of Ceremonies were fulfilled with great courtesy by Bros. Briggs and Reed. The brethren appeared in full Masonic Craft clothing with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office, and these added considerably to the fine effect of the gathering.

The following were the Stewards on this occasion:—Bros. Bromwich, 1671; Bullock, 1572; Burman, I.G. 1572; Clarricoats, Treas. 1572; Goffin, 1572; Lovebond, 1572; Meier, 1671; Pearce, W.S. 1572; Sissons, 1671; Still, W.M. 1671; Taylor, 1572; Warden, 1671; Whitaker, P.M. 1572; Willcock, 1572; Wright, 1671; Briggs, J.W. 1572; and Reed, S.W. 1572, and J.P.M. 1671.

#### ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

The adjourned meeting in connection with the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey was held in the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday afternoon last, Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, D.P.G.M. Suffolk, presiding.

Bro. C. E. Keyser, Sec. to the Committee, having been called upon to read the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., announced that there was a brother in attendance who wished to enter an objection to the proposed scheme, and he ventured to think that it would perhaps be better, since, at the last meeting a resolution had been carried to the effect that it was the intention of the meeting to carry out the proposed restoration, to hear the dissenting brother before they should proceed further. After a short discussion upon the rules which regulate the business of public meetings, it was agreed that the minutes be signed as corrected.

The Chairman then said the next paragraph on the agenda paper had reference to the calling upon himself to state the result of his endeavours to get the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, to act as the President of the Committee. He had much pleasure in stating that he had received a kindly letter from the D.G.M., in which he expressed his hearty approval of the object they had in view, and announced that it would afford him great pleasure to allow his name to appear on the Committee. (Applause.) Lord Skelmersdale had so many engagements, as they all knew, that he could not promise to be often present, but he would do his best to promote the work which he (the speaker) was sure the D.G.M. would do with all his heart. He had not heard from any of the Senior or Junior Grand Wardens, but he was in hopes that some of them would also consent to act on the Committee. (Hear, hear.)

The Secretary then announced that he had received letters of apology from several influential brethren who could not be present owing to the pressure of other engagements, and further stated that he had since last week received one or two more answers from patrons of the undertaking, amongst them being Colonel Starkie, Montagu Guest, P.G.M. Gloucester, who would be very glad to throw his influence and best endeavours into the movement; and Viscount Holmsdale, M.P., P.G.M. Kent. He had communicated with all the patrons, and he was happy to say he had only had three refusals. He begged also to say that he had received the following subscriptions:—Bros. Montagu Guest, £2; J. W. Edwards, I.P.M. 1479, £5; A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, £5; C. Keyser, S.D. 404, £5; Colonel Starkie, £5; Sir Albert Woods, £5; Viscount Holmsdale, M.P., £5; Rev. Dr. Griffiths, £5; and one or two others. (Applause.)

Bro. T. Wardle, I.P.M. 966, then addressed the meeting. He said he had come there that afternoon, as they might expect, with great diffidence, owing to the kind invitation of Bro. Keyser, who had been good enough to reply at some length to a letter which he (the speaker) had thought it necessary to address to that meeting on its first assembling. He would ask the kind indulgence of his hearers whilst he made a few remarks which he had very much at heart, not because he had any enthusiastic notions upon the question they had met to consider, but because it was one to which he had paid, as an amateur, a lifetime's attention. He ought to say that he was associated with men whose names were of the greatest possible weight in art, and, if his observations might appear disjointed, it would be more from his inability to address a public audience than anything else. He had come from North Stafford that morning, at considerable personal inconvenience, to be present at the meeting. He had two objects in coming. One was that as Worshipful Master of a lodge, his last act was to give notice of a resolution, which if passed, should be sent to the Grand Lodge, and to the Provincial Grand Lodge, calling upon Freemasons to try and take care of the buildings which were being so ruthlessly and mercilessly treated. He thought they had been for a long time past neglecting their duty in allowing, without protest, such things to be perpetrated, as had been perpetrated under the name of restoration. So great was his astonishment when he saw, in the *Freemason*, the proposal they had met to discuss, that he at once took the opportunity of writing to the last meeting, with the result that they now saw him there. He was much obliged to Bro. Keyser for writing to him, for that had induced him to come to London and address them. Another reason was that he was one of the promoters of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, having been on its committee from its commencement; although he did not appear there as the agent of that society, or at its wish or suggestion. He would not take up any time by discussing the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey in particular which might lead them into an architectural debate which he did not think was opportune or necessary. He ought, however, to say this, that for some time the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings had been using what influence it possessed with the St. Alban's Committee, and the Committee generally, against putting upon the nave the high pitched roof that is proposed, and the society were very glad to find that such protests as they had been able to make had been listened to, and that there was by no means a unanimous acquiescence in this high pitched roof. He was told that members of the Committee had even left the committee rather than be bound to do that which they thought was not right. He had himself heard at one of the committee meetings Earl Cowper say that he disapproved of the proposal.

The Chairman here reminded Bro. Wardle that the scheme was simply to restore the west front of the Abbey.

Bro. Wardle (continuing) was coming to that. He was strictly speaking to the question, as he would show that the putting up of a nave roof would necessitate the raising of a gable to the west front, which would be a most monstrous thing to do. That was why he mentioned the subject of the nave roof. By all means let them have as much of the stone of the old work as possible; but as to doing what the circular proposed to do—which he was happy to find was at variance with what Bro. Keyser had told him in his letter, which said "we propose to restore, not to renew"—he entered his warm protest. Bro. Wardle then read the following excerpt from the circular referred to:—

"The architect's estimate for the restoration of the central porch is £2,500, and for each of the side porches £2,000, or for the entire west front £9,000. These sums appear at first sight very large, but very much will have to be done on account of the decayed and mutilated condition of the stonework, and the cost of reproducing and repairing the elaborate details of the design will necessarily be considerable. Of those portions which have at some time been wilfully destroyed, sufficient fragments have been discovered to enable the architect to restore the porches in accordance with the original plan of Abbot John de Cella."

He earnestly protested, as far as he might do in politeness and courtesy to the meeting, against any so-called restoration whatever—any building from fragments to imitate what it was before, any re-duplication of the old work, the spiritless carving of masons whose work bore no comparison to, and, in fact, was utterly insipid when put by the side of the work of their older brethren. Let him give an instance. It was proposed to alter the porches—to re-duplicate them—to restore them with modern mimicry. They had only to go to Westminster Abbey to the north porch and see what had been done there in putting up a porch in place of the old one. One would think that the architects would cer-

tainly do their best for Westminster Abbey. He ventured to say it was a most disgraceful structure, and it was not worthy of a second-rate architect's clerk. When once they, as Freemasons, committed themselves to this scheme, they really should have no power to correct the mistake they would make. He knew from experience that they would have no power in controlling what was being done. The architect himself would have no power, because he could not be there constantly and see what was going on. He (the speaker) knew what was going on in the west porch of the Lichfield Cathedral now. The old cathedral was being absolutely destroyed, and Bro. Keyser in his letter, called attention to that as an instance of modern restoration where sad damage was unnecessarily done. He knew he stood alone in this matter, and felt his position very much, but he trusted the brethren would bear with him patiently for a few minutes longer. He had said pretty nearly all that he need say on the point, except this, that he did not wish their Masonic body committed to any work of re-duplication whatever. That was his great anxiety, and it was that which had chiefly brought him there on that occasion. Many mistakes had been made by deans and chapters and other people, who were well enough intentioned in matters of this kind, but let them not follow such examples. He thought they ought to respect the work of their older brethren more than to permit any spiritless imitations to disfigure their beautiful work.

The Chairman having to leave, in consequence of having to attend his lodge meeting, Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D. was called upon to occupy the chair.

Bro. Wardle, resuming, said he would like to conclude his remarks by reading to them a quotation from Professor Ruskin's "Seven Lamps of Architecture," giving them all that possibly could be said on the subject.

Bro. Woodford objected to this. He ventured to say that if Bro. Wardle would give his own opinions they would be very happy to listen to what he had to say. Like all other students, he had read and knew well Professor Ruskin's work.

Bro. Wardle, continuing, said he knew at what a disadvantage he stood, because he had no real influence in the matter except a love for the old work, but he would just say that he did very much more strongly than he had done, earnestly and fraternally protest against the proposed scheme. They had no business to commit their brethren to any such re-duplications as were clearly proposed, and, although he knew he would not have a seconder, he begged to move that the resolution which referred to the restoration of the west front of St. Alban's Abbey be rescinded. He would add that if they wanted to do anything to the memory of St. Alban no one would more willingly join in any suitable project than he. There were plenty of green fields in the county where they might erect a memorial to St. Alban, but let them do something new; but as to tinkering their beautiful old art by restorations he most humbly protested against that.

No seconder to the resolution being found it fell through.

Captain Dick wanted to ask Bro. Keyser a question. He understood from the minutes that there was a limit fixed to subscriptions, namely £5. Did this refer to lodge or individual subscriptions?

The Chairman—Only to individual subscribers.

A short discussion here followed, most of the brethren taking part in it, as to whether the Hertford Committee and the London Committee were at one upon the essential principles of the published circular setting forth the objects of the movement.

Bro. Woodford pointed out that a resolution had been unanimously passed at the last meeting to the effect that a Central Committee should be formed in London, and that the Hertfordshire Committee should be incorporated in the Central Committee, and that they had all received a copy of the circular with an intimation that this meeting was to be held, which, seeing that there had been no objections lodged, was tantamount to saying that they generally agreed.

This view being concurred in, it was decided, on the motion of Bro. Keyser, that a remodelled circular, containing some additional information demonstrating the connection of St. Alban with Freemasonry, which Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, kindly undertook to supply, should be sent to every Secretary of the lodges in England.

The Secretary then announced that Bro. George Kenning had kindly consented to act on the Committee, and also that he had received a letter from Bro. John Hervey, P.G. Sec., to whom he had made formal application to be allowed to hold their meetings in the Board Room of the Freemasons' Hall, stating that the Board of General Purposes would be very happy to let them have the room for holding their meetings. Loud applause followed this announcement.

Bro. Woodford thought it well, before the meeting separated, to point out that it must not be supposed that there was no answer to Bro. Wardle's remarks. To this the Chairman and meeting assented, as no opinion had been expressed, owing to Bro. Wardle's motion not having found a seconder.

The meeting was then closed.

A meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, the 27th inst., at 4.30, to further consider what steps are to be taken in connection with the movement.

#### LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The fortnightly Committee of this Association took place at 1, Clifford's Inn, on Wednesday, 19th inst., when new members were elected, the routine business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, March 5th, at 5 p.m. Brethren are requested to take notice of the alteration.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

We understand that, in accordance with arrangements made last year to suit the convenience of several lodges, the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, will be held on Saturday, June, 21st. The place and hour will be advertised in due course.

Amongst the officers specially selected for duty at the Cape is Deputy Commissary Gordon, who has been for some time past in charge of the foreign issue branch in the Ordnance Store Department, Assistant Commissary Spinks, of the same department, will go out in charge of the Ordnance Corps, sailing from Woolwich in the City of Venice on Friday. He was entertained at a special Masonic banquet, given by the United Military Lodge, at Plumstead on Saturday night, and presented with a field glass and diamond ring. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction, Marquis of Granby, New Cross, this evening at 7. The Preceptors, Bros. Macdonald and Andrews, will divide the work.

A stroke of good fortune, it is said, has befallen an officer serving with his regiment in the Kyber Pass. Some years ago he quarrelled with his father, ran away from home, and, as is common in such cases, enlisted as a private in a foot regiment. By degrees he rose, and now holds the position of adjutant to his corps. Quite recently his father died, and evidently had forgiven his truant son, seeing that he has left him a fortune of £60,000 and an estate near Rockferry, in Cheshire.—*The Broad Arrow*.

Bro. W. T. Rickwood, of 33, Cheapside, J.W. of Lodge, 192, is a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Metropolitan Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Association. Bro. Rickwood states in his circular, that having had some years' experience in similar pursuits he feels sure he could satisfactorily discharge the duties of the office.

We are asked to announce that the ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, Junior Grand Warden, Herts, in La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, on Wednesday next, the 26th inst. Brethren will appear in Craft clothing. The lodge meets at No. 2, Maddox-street, Regent-street, W., at 7 p.m.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**—We regret that by an inexplicable error on the part of our reporter the Chairman is said to have proposed the toast of "The Board of Stewards," whereas it was proposed by Bro. J. L. Thomas, G.A.D.C.

A presentation of an interesting character took place at the Devonshire Hotel, Hindpool-road, Barrow-in-Furness, on Thursday week. For the past nine years Bro. H. Bagot, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S. of W. for W.L., has acted as Secretary to the Committee which has carried out the arrangements for the annual ball which is held in aid of the Masonic Charities. Recently he has intimated his intention of resigning the post which he has so creditably filled. The General Committees of lodges 1021 and 1025 determined to mark their appreciation of the services he had rendered by the presentation of a suitable testimonial, and on Thursday evening he was presented on behalf of the Committees, by Bro. G. B. Nalder, W.M. 1025, with a handsome tea and coffee service. Bro. Bagot in appropriate terms acknowledged the gift.

At the last meeting of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 6th inst., an illuminated copy of the vote of condolence which had been passed unanimously by the lodge at their previous meeting, was signed by Bro. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, M.A., the W.M., and by Bro. G. J. Fraser, the Secretary, for the purpose of being forwarded to the widow of the late Bro. F. P. Cockerell, G.S. of W., who was a P.M. of the lodge. The vote of condolence was illuminated on vellum, and was a very beautiful specimen of the calligraphic art, serving as an elegant and lasting memorial of the esteem and regard in which our late brother was held.

**THE ZULU WAR.**—As we have so many readers and brethren in the military and naval services we are glad to note the announcement of a brilliant victory at Rooke's Drift, by Col. Wood and his column, on the 24th January, over 4000 Zulus. We trust are long to hear that our gallant soldiers have brought their wily foes to reason and submission.

In the report of the Granite Lodge meeting last week the W.M. was made to say that Royalty formed part and parcel of the Constitution—it is needless to say that Royalty was intended.

The Masonic Hall, Hackney, has been purchased for £3500, by the church at Cambridge Heath, of which the Rev. W. Marshall is pastor. It is intended to devote the building chiefly to Sunday-school purposes, and accommodation will be thus provided for 2000 children. The large hall will hold 1500 persons. Nearly £4000 beyond the purchase price will be required to finish, fit up, and furnish the building, which is to be designated the "Morley Hall," in recognition of the services of Samuel Morley, Esq., M.P.—*Christian World*.

The Consecration of the Sir Charles Brigh Lodge No. 1793, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, at half-past four punctually. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, assisted by Bros. Sir Charles Bright and H. G. Buss. Bros. J. Hurst, R. W. Forge and J. Piller are the office's designate. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The consecration of the South Down Lodge, No. 1797, will take place on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., at Hurstpierpoint. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. J. Henderson Scott, Deputy Grand Master of Sussex.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February 28, 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 22.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.  
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

## 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 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H. Camberwell.  
" 1793, Sir Chas. Bright, Clarence Hot., Teddington (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 25.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1348, Ebury, 68, Regent-st., W.  
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.  
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Rose Croix 28, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.  
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.  
Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.

## 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, Fauces Arms, Faunce-pl., Kennington 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 27.

Gen. Com. Girls' School at 4.  
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.  
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.  
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

Lodge 1421, Langthorne, White Swan, Stratford, E.  
" 1563, City of Westminster, 68, Regent-st. W.  
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., 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 28.

House Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.  
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Bd. of Wks., Catford Bridge.  
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## 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., Jermy-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, March 1, 1879.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Liverpool.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.  
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.  
" 1052, Callender, Public Hotel, Rushholme.  
Neptune, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.  
Mariner's, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale, Liverpool.

For Masonic Meetings throughout Scotland see *Scottish Freemason*, which can be obtained at the Office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.

The consecration of the De Vere Lodge, No. 1794, will take place on Monday, March 3rd, at the Mechanics' Hall, Nottingham. The ceremony, which will commence punctually at 3 p.m., will be performed by the W. Bro. John Watson, D.P.G.M. Notts, assisted by the present and past officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The officers designate are Bro. Isaac Davis, W.M.; Samuel G. Gilbert, S.W., and H. J. Norris, J.W. The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Mr. Robert Henry Bullock Marsham, of the South-Eastern Circuit, as a metropolitan police magistrate, in the room of Mr. Benson, who has resigned.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Glad Tidings.—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are throughout the year borne down by its protracted tortures. Let all sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony and assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged, without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves. —[ADVT.]