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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The members of this lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., the W.M., Bro. J. Douglass, in the chair. There were also present the officers, Bros. C. J. Scales, S.W.; W. Side, J.W.; R. T. Kingham, I.P.M.; J. J. Michael, P.M.; J. Willing, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stiles (W.M. 1732), Sec.; H. Stiles, I.G.; H. Lovegrove, W.S.; and Daly, Tyler; with members, Bros. Edmunds, Gilbert, Gilbert, jun., Killingback, Rancey, Tuck, Beattie, H. Clark, C.C., Cruikshanks, F. J. Perks, Smith, Clarkson, Ward, Dimsdale, G. Edwards, Brooker, Debout, Musgrave, and others. There were several visitors, Bros. Hubbard, Detray, Kauffman, Moss, Browning, and others. As the candidates for initiation and passing were not in attendance there were, for the first time in the history of the lodge, no ceremonies worked, so the business on the summons was proceeded with. The election of Treasurer was unanimous in favour of Bro. J. Willing, P.M., who has held the office for some years to the satisfaction of the lodge; Bro. Daly was re-elected Tyler, and the S.W., Bro. C. J. Scales, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. It was proposed by Bro. R. T. Kingham, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Willing, P.M., "That the summer festival be held, as usual, in July," and a Committee was appointed for the purpose of carrying out the arrangements for the same. The following members were elected to serve on the Audit Committee:—Bros. Tuck, Cruikshanks, Beattie, Edmunds, and Ward, all the officers being ex-officio members. A vote of thanks was, by acclamation, given to Bro. J. Douglass, W.M., for the attention he had given to his duties, and the skilful manner in which he had performed them, during his year of office. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual toasts were given, and some excellent singing by Bros. Stiles, Musgrave, and Moss was much appreciated.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the London, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. T. W. C. Bush, W.M. There were also present, among others, Bros. Dixon, I.P.M.; Geo. Adamson, P.P.S.A.D.C. Kent; C. Butcher, S.W.; A. E. Staley, J.W.; Kennett Harris, W.S. 1185, S.D.; B. Buckworth, J.D.; J. Kimpton, I.G.; W. Woodward, W.S.; Jas. Rexworthy, D.C.; Frost, Organist; Recknell (acting Secretary), Mackrell, Charles, Chapman, Carter, and others. Visitors: Bros. Bayley, S.W. 185; A. Sturt, 1328; Moss, and Reeves. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Bro. Andrews was passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Fowler, Gathercole, Meek, and Bleck were initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M., which won for him the applause of all the brethren present. Some other Masonic business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well served banquet in the adjoining saloon, and afterwards honoured the customary toasts. The W.M., in response to the toast of his health, took the opportunity of thanking the members of the lodge for the very handsome manner in which they were supporting him in his Stewardship for the Girls' School at the coming festival, for which he was proud to tell them that his list already exceeded 100 guineas. The Visitors, in responding to their health, thanked the W.M. for the pleasure they had experienced both in his excellent working and the hospitality of the lodge. In proposing "The Officers" the W.M. expressed his grief at the great loss their worthy Treasurer, Bro. Adamson, had sustained in the death of his son, and also at the loss of the Dover pilot cutter off Dun-

geness, by which fifteen brother Masons had been suddenly called to the Grand Lodge above, one of them being P.M. and Treasurer of his mother lodge. The Tyler's toast brought an agreeable evening to a close, which was made the more cheerful by some excellent music and singing by Bros. Rexworthy, Kennett Harris, Bayley, Frost, and Recknell.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—At the last monthly meeting of this lodge the I.P.M. was presented by the officers and members with a five guinea Past Master's jewel, the square with the forty-seventh proposition of the Book of Euclid on a plate pendant within it, in recognition of his services to the lodge for the year 1878. During the present month Bro. Phillips has presided at the lodge of instruction, working under the warrant of the above lodge, when, in accordance with the bye-laws, the Seven Sections of the First Lecture have been worked as follows:—First night, First Section, Bro. Bemister; Second Section, Bro. H. Lashmore; Third Section, Bro. Card; Fourth Section, Bro. Phillips (the questions in the fourth being asked by Bro. R. Sharpe, P.M., Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the lodge). Second night, Fifth Section, Bro. James Cole; Sixth Section, Bro. C. Marshall; and Seventh Section, Bro. T. Lashmore. Bro. Sidney Myer has been elected W.M. of the lodge for the month of April, when the remaining eight Sections of the Second and Third Lectures will be worked, previous to the summer recess of the lodge, which, thanks chiefly to Bro. Sharpe, is in excellent working order, and has been the means of assisting materially in their duties the W.M.'s and officers of more than one of the lodges in the town during the past year.

SHEERNESS.—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—On Thursday, the 20th inst., a large number of the brethren of this old-established and very prosperous lodge celebrated their annual festival in the board-room of the Sheerness Local Board of Health (kindly lent for the occasion). The adjourned regular meeting of the lodge was duly opened at 2.30 by the W.M., Bro. J. P. Watts, the all important event of the assembly being the installation of Bro. Robert Derry, S.W. and W.M. elect. The following Installed Masters were present at the installation: Bros. T. M. Rigg, P.M., 1089, P.P.G.Reg.; W. Pannell, P.M. and Secretary 1089, Z. 158, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; Alexander Spears, P.M. and Treasurer 158, P.Z. and T. 158, P.P.G.O.; John Bagshaw, P.M. and S. 158, P.Z. and E. 158, P.P.G.O.; George H. Chisfield, W.M. 127; J. M. Longhurst, W.M. 133; William Rankin, W.M. 184; H. G. Clarkson, W.M. 1089; Henry Tuff, W.M. 1273; Wm. Turner Carpenter, P.M. 158; Thos. J. Firminger, P.M. 158; Joseph R. Brett, P.M. 158; M. W. West, P.M. 1089; E. J. Penney, P.M. 1089. Previous to proceeding with the installation, the W.M., Bro. Watts, presented, in appropriate terms, to Bro. W. T. Carpenter, P.M., in the name and by the unanimous vote of the lodge, a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of the esteem felt for him by his brethren, and for the very valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. Bro. Derry having been presented to the W.M. by Bro. Firminger, D.C., was duly and according to ancient custom placed in the chair of King Solomon in such a masterly and impressive manner by Bro. Watts, as to elicit the highest commendation from the brethren. Having been raised to the seat of government, the newly-elected Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his officers during his term of office:—Bros. J. P. Watts, I.P.M.; C. Austin, R.N., S.W.; M. J. Sullivan, R.N., J.W.; Alexander Spears, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Carpenter, P.M., Sec.; G. T. Green, S.D.; E. Stutely, J.D.; T. J. Firminger, D.C.; W. W. Grimwood, Org.; F. C. Paul, I.G.; H. Sole and J. H. Lee, Stewards; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The investment being concluded, the W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. Watts, with a Past Master's jewel, as a mark of respect for his services during the past year. Votes of thanks were unanimously given to Bro. Watts, P.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had installed his successor to the chair, and to the members of the Board of Health for the loan of the board-room. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, and for Adam's Lodge in particular, the lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, with solemn prayer. After the business had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the lodge-room, in the Victoria-buildings, where a most excellent banquet had been provided for them by Mrs. Green, of the Britannia Hotel, widow of the late Bro. J. G. Green, P.M. of Adam's, and P.P.G.J.D. of the province of Kent. The banquet was well served, well attended, about seventy-five being present, and thoroughly enjoyed by all, under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards honoured. The toast of "The W.M." was rapturously received, and gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Derry. After a most enjoyable evening, the brethren separated. Bro. Grimwood, the newly-appointed Organist, most ably presided at the pianoforte.

SCARBOROUGH.—Old Globe Lodge (No. 200).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-room on Wednesday, the 19th inst., the W.M., Bro. Charles Emerson, in the chair. There was a large number of the brethren present, and among the Past Masters were Bros. Woodall, P.P.G.J.W.; Walshaw, P.P.G.D.C.; Williamson, Millner, and Tomlinson. The officers present were Bros. W. B. Richardson, S.W.; J. R. Dippee, J.W.; C. Roberts, Sec.; E. Cooper, J.D.; and R. Hume, I.G. The lodge having been opened in ancient form, the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation to the mysteries and privileges of our ancient Order, Messrs. Creed and Whittingham, who were unani-

mously accepted, and duly admitted. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Bishop having been examined, was entrusted, and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, to which Bro. Bishop was duly raised. Some slight commotion arose during the solemn ceremony owing to the sudden illness of a visiting brother. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, the Treasurer, Bro. J. W. Woodall, presented his report, which showed the financial position to be very prosperous, and which was accordingly received and adopted. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Woodall, as Treasurer, and to Bros. Knaggs and Fowler, the Auditors, also to Bro. Millner, P.M., for his present to the lodge of a handsome pair of Deacon's wands. Bro. Woodall, who is a P.M. of this lodge and a very eminent Mason, expressed his desire to present a life policy of insurance to the Old Globe Lodge, for the purpose of founding a Masonic hall in this town when the lease of the present premises expires. The W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the Old Globe Lodge, tendered Bro. Woodall the best thanks of the lodge for his generous offer, which, he said, was very gladly accepted. The reports of the Easter Entertainment Committee, presented and read by Bro. W. Fraser, and of the Furnishing Committee, read by the W.M., were adopted. After a candidate for initiation had been proposed, and "Hearty Good Wishes" tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed about 9.45 in ancient form, after which a very pleasant hour was spent in social harmony and fraternal love, enlivened with songs and toasts, the E.A. song being especially honoured.

OPENSHAW.—Lodge of Faith (No. 581).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 19th inst., at the Drovers' Inn, Openshaw. At 6.30 p.m. the brethren sat down to tea, which was, as usual, most comfortably provided by the host, Bro. John Battersly, in his usual efficient manner. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 7.15, by Bro. Henry Darbyshire, P.M., acting Master, owing to the decease of the W.M., Bro. John Bedford, which took place on the 2nd inst., as duly reported in the *Freemason*. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. Greenup, S.W.; Hickson, J.W.; Walker, S.D.; Brougham, J.D.; Parker, P.M., Treasurer; Tyers, P.M., D.C.; Speakman, Hon. Sec.; Johnson, I.G.; Swift, Steward; Beswick, Tyler; Brown, Cordingley, Bradburn, Knott, J. Swift, Lloyd, J. T. Entwistle, J. Hilton; and visiting Bros. Hewitt and Reed, 78; and a brother from Lodge 471. The minutes of the last regular meeting were then read by Bro. Lee Speakman, Hon. Sec., and were unanimously confirmed, also the minutes of the emergency meeting which was held on the 7th inst., as also the dispensation authorising the brethren to wear the clothing of their respective offices on the occasion of the funeral of their W.M., was read by the Secretary, and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the First Degree by the acting W.M., when Bros. Brougham and Lloyd gave the tongue of good report for Mr. Richard Norris, who was then balloted for, and duly elected and initiated into Ancient Freemasonry by the acting W.M. The working tools of an Entered Apprentice Freemason were very ably explained by Bro. Greenup, S.W., to Bro. Norris, and the charge of initiation by Bro. Hickson, J.W., was, with much ability, delivered. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the test questions were put to Bro. James T. Entwistle, to entitle him to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and being answered in a satisfactory manner, he was entrusted with a seat of merit leading to the degree into which he sought to be admitted; he was then ordered to retire to prepare for the ceremony. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree by the acting W.M., who then called upon Bro. John Parker, P.M. and Treasurer, to take the chair of K.S., and raise Bro. J. T. Entwistle to the Sublime Degree of M.M., which he did in his usual very impressive and effective manner, after which the acting Master then assumed the duties of the chair, and, by authority, declared the M.M. Lodge was closed, and left open in the Second Degree, which degree was also closed, and left open in the First Degree. "Hearty Good Wishes" were then expressed by the visiting brethren, when the acting W.M. delivered a charge or message entrusted to him by the late and much lamented W.M. (for the brethren) shortly before his decease. The message was, with much brotherly love and feeling, delivered by the acting W.M., and with equal feeling and respect received by the brethren, who esteemed their late W.M. very highly. The lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, at 9.50 p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the festive board, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and on this occasion the harmony was dispensed with. The brethren, as usual, were taken to town by the bus provided each lodge night for their convenience.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. A. C. Woodley in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. Waters, I.P.M.; J. Wilkins, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M. and Treas.; C. Norman, P.M. and Sec.; C. Cooke, Org.; E. B. Hobson, S.D.; W. McCoy, J.D.; G. Beaver, I.G.; H. Roberts, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. J. Manning, I.P.M. 1472; E. J. Lloyd, J.W. 1472; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), &c. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, Mr. E. Deeks was, after approval, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. A distressed brother was then relieved with two guineas, and then the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were fully honoured. Bro. Waters then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," expressing his,

and the satisfaction felt by every member of the lodge, at the way in which the W.M. had carried out his duties. The toast was drunk most heartily. The W.M., after thanking them, said he very much regretted to see so few present. It was the smallest gathering during his year of office. He had tried to do his best for the lodge, and the way in which they had received the toast convinced him that he had the respect of every one in the lodge. There was one thing that must be looked to in accounting for the comparatively few present (some forty-five), and that was that their numbers now were not so great as they were six or seven years ago, when they numbered 120. The opening of the United Military Lodge at Plumstead had taken nearly all their military brethren from them, and now they only numbered 95. He trusted to see a fuller lodge at their next meeting; and concluded by again thanking them for the toast. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Lloyd, who expressed his great pleasure in making this, his second visit to the lodge. The first time he was very much impressed with the excellent style of the work done in the lodge, and the unanimity that prevailed among the whole of the members; and this time he was equally pleased with not only its working, but its cordial reception of its visitors. At the installation of the W.M. of his lodge, the Henley Lodge, on the 3rd inst., Bro. Woodley had spoken of the interest the Nelson Lodge took in the Henley Lodge as one of its children. They felt proud of being the child of such a worthy mother, and he certainly trusted that interest would always continue for their mutual benefit. "The Health of the Initiate" followed, and Bro. Deeks suitably replied. In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Woodley complimented the lodge upon having such an array of Past Masters as it had, and especially upon such as were present that night. The toast was drunk enthusiastically. Bro. Waters, P.M., in reply, said that his office was a sinecure, in fact he had nothing to do, for the W.M. was so well up in the ceremonies that he was compelled to acknowledge that his office was a sinecure. As to his two brother Past Masters present they had something to do in the lodge—one as Treasurer, the other as Secretary. Every Past Master was willing and desirous of giving his experience to any brother who required it, and were anxious to do all in their power for the welfare of the lodge generally. Bros. Butt and Norman briefly replied, and after "The Officers" had been toasted, the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasures of the evening.

WEST DERBY.—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge, which has its head-quarters at Bro. Rawlinson's Hotel, in one of the numerous pleasant out-townships of Liverpool, took place there on Thursday afternoon, the 20th inst., and the prestige secured by this lodge in the province was clearly evinced by the attendance and quality of the working. The annual celebration of the festival of the Patron Saint of Freemasonry in connection with the "Pembroke" is invariably marked by much enthusiasm and undoubted success, and that of 1879 may be fairly added to the increasing list of these festive and interesting gatherings. The chair at the opening of the lodge (fixed for half-past 3 o'clock) was occupied by Bro. J. Capell, W.M., and the officers present were Bros. Joseph Clegg, P.M.; W. Crane, P.M.; R. Bennett, P.M.; W. S. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. Bramham, J.W.; Peter Macmurdrow, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; T. G. Fisher, Sec.; W. S. Bennett, S.D.; W. Hiles, J.D.; W. Avis, I.G.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. H. Lyon, C. Ainsworth, J. P. Bradford, H. P. Bloomer, G. Baxter, S. Ibbotson, C. Bank, E. M. Hughes, L. Bramwell, J. Bramham, R. W. Taylor, R. J. Swales, W. Brown, J. P. Caperton, T. W. Blackstone, R. W. Crosby, and D. Parry. The visitors present were Bros. T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; J. Hughes, P.M. 220; F. Barnett, W.M. 249; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; T. Davies, W.M. 1182; W. Boddington, 1016; F. J. Turley, 74; J. Cave, 1095; T. F. Hill, S.W. 220; H. Hatch, J.W. 220; J. White, 1620; J. Corson, 823; S. P. Gore, 1356; W. J. Constantine, 1356; and W. Longbottom, 1013. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and unanimously confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. W. Jones, P.M., who installed Bro. Francis B. Bramham as the W.M. for the ensuing year, in a highly satisfactory manner. The following officers were subsequently invested for the year:—Bros. John Capell, I.P.M.; W. S. Bennett, S.W.; T. G. Fisher, J.W.; P. Macmurdrow, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas. (re-elected); W. Hiles, Sec.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C.; H. P. Bloomer, S.D.; L. Bramwell, J.D.; J. P. Bradford, I.G.; C. Ainsworth, S.S.; R. W. Taylor, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The balance-sheet, which was taken as read, showed that the lodge at the close of this year was in a much better financial position than it was when the last statement of the Treasurer was submitted. After business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Rawlinson, the chair being occupied by Bro. F. B. Bramham, W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. P. Macmurdrow, P.P.G.S.D., and Bro. W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., responded for "The Right Hon. Col. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers, Present and Past." Bro. J. Capell, I.P.M., submitted the toast of "The Worshipful Master," to which Bro. Bramham responded, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred on him that day, and assuring them that he would maintain the position of the lodge to the best of his ability. After the toast of "The Installing Master" had been proposed, to which Bro. Jones responded, the W.M. gave "The Health of the Worshipful Past Masters," and in doing so presented a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. Capell, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, as a mark of esteem, along with an elegant coffee service, the gift of private members. The presentation was acknowledged by Bro. Capell in feeling terms. He said that twelve months ago he told the brethren that, on being placed in the chair of the Pembroke Lodge, he felt

that to be one of the happiest moments in connection with one of the greatest honours which he had ever enjoyed, and now, at the close, he was extremely gratified to say that his year's occupancy of the W.M.'s position had been one of unalloyed happiness. He regarded the honour now with even increased feelings of pride, and, in looking at the very valuable and elegant presentation which had been made by the W.M.—one on behalf of the lodge and the other by private friends—he could hardly find words to express his joy and thanks for these altogether undeserved marks of their esteem and personal regard. He hoped long to be able to continue to work for the welfare and prosperity of the Pembroke Lodge, indeed, so long as the T.G.A.O.T.U. gave him health and ability he would spare no effort to enhance the position and increase the prosperity of a lodge in which he had so deep an interest. The toast of "The Past Masters" was also responded to by Bro. Past Masters Bennett, Vines, and Jones. "The Visitors," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bros. T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; T. F. Hill, S.W. 220; P. S. Gore, 1356 (who presented a valuable W.M.'s gavel to the lodge); H. Hatch, J.W. 220, and others. An excellent musical programme was supplied by Bros. T. F. Turley, Barker, Hughes, Hill, Hiles, Spinks, and Gough (who was the pianoforte accompanist). It should be stated that the "Happy Moments" of Bro. Hiles, the Secretary, gave "minutes" of delight to those who had the privilege of hearing his artistic rendering of the celebrated "Mariana" song. The brethren adjourned at an early hour, and the majority returned to town, greatly delighted with the pleasant day's proceedings.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel on Monday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; Baldwin, P.P.G.P. of Middlesex, acting S.W.; Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, J.W., W.M. elect; Lieut.-Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex; J. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex, Hon. P.M.; Nuthall, Treas.; T. O. Ockenden, Sec.; J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, I.G. (Freemason); Scott, W.S.; Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; S. Hill, P.M. 109; Inglis, P.M. 708; Purnell, P.M. 804; Noble, J.W. 975; Day and Murphy, 1512. The minutes of the February meeting, and an emergency meeting held on the 8th inst., were read and confirmed. There were present at the latter Bros. W. Hammond, W.M.; Forge, acting S.W.; Walls, acting J.W.; Ockenden, Secretary; Featherstone, acting S.D.; Hurst, J.D.; Bonell, acting I.G. The business of the emergency consisted only of the passing of Bros. Gerhold and Ellis. The ceremony of inducting Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny into the chair of K.S. was most ably performed by Bro. J. Hammond. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. W. Hammond, I.P.M.; Bond, S.W. (by deputy); Aston, J.W. (by deputy); Nuthall, Treas.; Ockenden, Sec.; Hurst, S.D.; Walls, J.D.; Scott, I.G.; Honeywell, Organist (by deputy); Featherstone, W.S.; Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Walls having given notice of motion as to the alteration of one of the bye-laws, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by the caterer, Bro. Andrews. The preliminary Royal and Craft toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M." was warmly proposed by the W.M., and most enthusiastically drunk. Bro. Col. Burdett, in reply, said that as he was the first Grand Master of the province he necessarily had had a great deal of experience of Freemasonry in Middlesex, and he was gratified at being in a position to state that he knew of no instance where a lodge had attained such large proportions in so short a time as the Wolsey Lodge had. This state of things for a young lodge was exceedingly creditable. It appeared to him that its consecration, at which he was present, was a thing of yesterday, and he well remembered being told at the time that the lodge would be a failure. This augury of ill-omen, however, was not borne out by fact, and he was pleased to think that the residents of the village had availed themselves of the opportunity of joining a local lodge. The success that had attended it was mainly due to the exertions of the first W.M., Bro. Hammond, who, during the two years that he had filled the chair had used every endeavour to increase its prosperity. He hoped that the members would strive to keep up the quality of the lodge; quantity was all very well in its way, but discrimination in the selection of candidates for admission was the chief thing to be considered. In conclusion, he said he felt proud at being present on so auspicious an event as the installation of the vicar of the parish into the chair of the Wolsey Lodge. He felt confident that their reverend brother had the interest of the lodge at heart, and that he would do everything in his power to render it a still greater success, and as the hour was getting late he should take the opportunity of proposing "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny briefly responded. He said that he followed in the footsteps of one who had set an example which would not easily be forgotten. He hoped that the members of the lodge would evince the same spirit during his tenure of the chair that had actuated them whilst under the sway of his predecessor. In the manifold and arduous discharge of his duties he hoped to be cheered by the presence, and assisted by the counsel, of the I.P.M., but, in any event, he should not disgrace the position. In concluding his remarks, the W.M. said that he should endeavour fearlessly to act according to those constitutions of the Order which had been laid down for the guidance of the Craft. "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, who duly acknowledged the compliment. "The I.P.M." came next, and at its conclusion Bro. Hammond was presented with a Past Master's jewel. In the course of his reply the I.P.M., in very feeling terms,

alluded to the premature death of Bro. Bernard Sharp, one of the founders of the Wolsey Lodge, and who, at the time of his demise, held the position of W.M. elect. He said that the idea of founding a lodge at Hampton Wick emanated from him, and he had taken, as they were fully aware, whilst his health permitted, a very active interest in its welfare. Their late lamented brother had achieved high honours in many degrees of Freemasonry abroad, and would, no doubt, have distinguished himself equally as well in England had it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to have spared his life. Out of compliment to his memory the W.M. had requested that the members should appear in Masonic mourning, and he (the I.P.M.) was pleased that the brethren had obeyed the mandate. This toast having been drunk in solemn silence, the remaining pledges, viz., "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers," terminated the proceedings.

HOUNSLOW.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Saturday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. H. A. Dubois, P. Prov. S.G.D., P.M., P.Z., W.M.; Henry Lovegrove, S.W.; George Clark, jun., J.W.; W. Ramsay, I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, Treas.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; Henry Clark, S.D.; C. C. Cruikshanks, J.D.; Dr. Whitmarsh, I.G.; F. J. Perks, D.C.; G. J. Dunkley, Organist; J. Daly, Tyler; W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, T. W. G. Wood, W. S. Dunkley, and W. A. Villars. The visitors were Bros. M. S. Larham, P.M.; C. P. McKay, W.M. 720; H. Baldwin, White, E. W. Dubois, and H. C. Le-vander, M.A., Prov. Grand Secretary of Middlesex, and V.P. Board of General Purposes. The minutes of the consecration and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for some joining members, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bros. H. B. Marshall, W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, and T. W. G. Wood were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed (by permission of the W.M.) by Bro. McKay, W.M. 720, a friend of one of the candidates for raising, the whole ceremony, including the lecture and traditional history, being given. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bros. W. S. Dunkley, and W. A. Villars to the Second Degree. Messrs. F. W. Gretten and N. Voice, who had been previously balloted for, were duly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The draft bye-laws were read and approved, and ordered to be submitted to the Prov. Grand Secretary for approval by the Prov. Grand Master. An important part of the proceedings was the presentation by Bro. H. B. Marshall of a very handsome copy of the Sacred Law, which he had promised on the evening of his initiation. The W.M. thanked the donor in an appropriate speech, and proposed a vote of thanks, which the J.W. seconded, and will be recorded on the minutes. Bro. H. Lovegrove expressed the pleasure felt by himself and the founders of the lodge at the presence in their midst of a very distinguished Mason, Bro. H. C. Le-vander, Prov. G. Sec. (who was prevented from being present at the consecration), and proposed that he be requested to accept honorary membership of the lodge. This proposition was seconded by Bro. G. Clark, J.W., and carried unanimously. At the close of the proceedings, which lasted over three hours, the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Inn, where a banquet had been provided, and a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

CHARTERHOUSE CLUB.—This well known and deservedly appreciated club, formed some years since for the purpose of working ceremonial alone, to the entire exclusion of section working, thereby enabling brethren appointed to office in lodges to have immediate opportunity for perfecting themselves in their duties, has now, after a period of unfortunate changes of places of meeting, settled down in most comfortable quarters in West Smithfield. The removal of the club to the excellent hostelry of Bro. T. Butt, the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, E.C., took place a few weeks ago, and the meetings since then have shown evidence of a new vitality which bids fair to ensure a great success for the club. On the 4th inst., it was resolved to inaugurate the change of quarters by holding a first annual festival on Tuesday, April 1st, in the large new assembly room recently built by Bro. Butt for the enlargement of his extensive premises, and this festival promises to be of a noteworthy character. Bro. Wm. Butt, P.M. of Lodges 917 and 1677, will officiate as President; Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426, as Senior Vice-President; and Bro. William Webb, W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, 382, at Uxbridge, as Junior Vice-President. The Director of the Ceremonies on this occasion will be Bro. John Syer, of the Panmure, 720, and Montefiore, 1017. A lodge will be opened at 6 p.m., and the ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., the Great City Lodge, 1426, &c.; this will be followed by a banquet. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns. At the club meeting on Tuesday, the 18th inst., there was a goodly gathering of members, Bros. James Stevens, as W.M.; Simmons, S.W.; Humphreys, J.W.; Wm. Hames, Preceptor; when the ceremonies of the First and Second Degrees were worked, and the detail of arrangements for the festival discussed. We wish the club every success, and that the approaching entertainment may result in advantage to the Craft generally and the thorough enjoyment of its members.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—At the meeting of this lodge of instruction, which was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., the following brethren attended:—Bros. J. J. Holland, W.M.; W. A. Blackmore, S.W.; J. Frost, J.W.; P. V. Denham, S.D.; A. N. Newens, I.G.; J. G. Carter, C. Digby, F. H. Newens, and A. A. Denham. Bro. Holland, who was complimented by Bro. Carter (the Preceptor) for his

proficiency, went through the working of the two degrees, Bro. A. N. Newens being the candidate. Bro. P. V. Denham gave notice of motion as to the disposal of the lodge funds now in hand. It is proposed to devote a portion of the money to presenting Bro. J. G. Carter with a testimonial for his untiring energy and kindness in acting as Preceptor.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway. Present: Bros. L. R. Rogers, P.M., W.M.; T. Press, S.W.; J. Pigot, P.M., J.W.; J. Pigot, Treas.; H. B. Dunn, Sec.; A. Goode, S.D.; Dunn, J.D.; S. Goode, I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. P. Dickinson, Preceptor, J. Pigot, L. R. Rogers, T. Goode, J. W. Wright, L. Grout. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. T. Goode, candidate for raising, examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and ceremony of raising rehearsed, and traditional history given. The lodge was closed in Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Press having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER (No. 25).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 24th inst. Present: Comps. John Bertram, M.E.Z.; G. R. Sherville, H.; C. Martin, J.; W. Kirby, P.Z., Treas.; W. Platt, P.Z., S.E.; Joseph Last, P.S.; E. C. Rowley, 1st Asst.; W. Land, 2nd Asst.; Hatton, Elsbey, Baxter, and others. The first business was to elect and instal the officers, and the following companions were duly appointed:—Comps. G. R. Sherville, M.E.Z.; C. Martin, H.; Land, J.; Baxter, N.; Hatton, P.S. Bros. J. E. Shand, J.W. City of Westminster Lodge, 1563, and George Draton, I.G. Robert Burns Lodge, 1025, were then balloted for, and duly exalted. A banquet followed, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Songs and a recitation by Comp. Thomas followed, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

MACDONALD CHAPTER (No. 1216).—The usual convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, 20th inst., at the Head Quarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell, and was, as usual, well attended. The fittings and furniture of this chapter are both unique and elegant, and never fail to elicit from visitors general admiration. Present: Comps. W. J. Messenger, M.E.Z.; P.Z. Waterall (acting H. in the absence of Comp. Hastie); Newington Bridges, J.; W. H. Thomas, Scribe E.; A. Bradley, P.S.; Captain Styan, A.S.; and W. Allen, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Larlham, and J. Stevens, P.Z. 720; and H. Thompson, J. 619. The chapter having been duly opened, the minutes of the consecration of the 16th January were read and confirmed. Bro. G. H. Besly, of the Macdonald Lodge, was then introduced, and in a very able manner exalted by the M.E.Z. into the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry, the whole ceremony being well performed. After some other business the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned for refreshment, which was provided by Bro. Kethro, the caterer to the corps, and it gave general satisfaction. The whole of the customary toasts were not given, for reasons assigned, but that of "The Health of the M.E.Z." was not allowed to be omitted. It was proposed in very appropriate terms, in which the ability he had displayed in the performance of the ceremony received its due share of commendation. The M.E.Z. very briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and in doing so remarked that he was glad to see present amongst them that evening Comp. Thompson, from whom, when attending the Domestic Lodge of Instruction, he had received a considerable amount of assistance in qualifying him for the duties he had to perform in the Craft. He also welcomed amongst them Comps. Stevens and Larlham, of the Panmure Chapter, and was glad to have the opportunity of proposing their health. The toast was very cordially drunk by the companions. Comp. Stevens said that when he found himself in a difficulty he thought the sooner he got out of it the better, and, therefore, he at once returned thanks to the companions for the favourable manner in which they had received his name, and expressed the renewed pleasure he had experienced in being amongst them that evening. Comp. Thompson also returned thanks, and said that he had very great pleasure in visiting the chapter that evening for the first time, as he on many occasions had had most gratifying meetings and associations with the members of the 1st Surrey. In the first place he had for many years experienced the repeated acts of kindness in meeting with them "on the untied field" of Wimbledon; in the next he had the gratification of meeting them in the Macdonald Lodge, and that night his pleasure had been supplemented by meeting them in the Macdonald Chapter. Their M.E.Z. had been pleased to refer to the services he had rendered to him in the lodge of instruction, but he believed he had over-estimated any little assistance he might have rendered, but as regarded the Royal Arch Degree at any rate the pupil had outstripped the teacher, and although he might endeavour to do so, he thought it would be long indeed before he should be able to overtake him in the race. Humble, however, as might be his efforts, he would try what he could do, and if he failed to reach his high standard he would try to emulate his bright example. Thanking the companions for the hospitality they had shown to him, he said his visit to the Macdonald Chapter

would ever remain in his mind as one of the most agreeable evenings he had ever spent in the company of the members of the 1st Surrey. Comp. Larlham also responded, and said that as he had so often been a visitor there he almost began to consider that he was a member of their chapter, and he should briefly thank them for including his name with the toast. Comp. W. Cranch sung in exquisite style "The Thorn," and some other songs, and a most pleasant evening was passed, the companions adjourning about eleven o'clock.

HANDSWORTH.—St. James Chapter (No. 482).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the New Inn, on the 17th inst., at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The chapter was opened in due form by the Principals, E.Comps. the Rev. W. Randall, M.E.Z.; J. Jacobs, P.Z., H.; F. Caddick, J.; when the rest of the companions were admitted, among whom we noticed Comps. J. F. Pepper, E. (acting P.S.); F. W. Payton, N.; G. J. Payton, Treas.; R. T. Horley, 1st A.S.; W. H. Ward, T.Parton, and F. Garner, Janitor; also the following visitors: Comps. Thos. Howkins, P.Z. 43; John Pursall, P.P.G.J. Warwickshire; J. S. Kennedy, M.E.Z. 1031; Thos. E. Shaw, M.E.Z. 1016; Henry Smith, M.E.Z. 74; P. Howse, H. 1016; W. T. Belcher, H. 1031; J. H. Parkes, 938. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and the bye-laws read, the ballot was taken for Comps. W. B. Tatlow, Wolverhampton, Thomas Parton, West Bromwich, as joining members, also for Bros. James Roberts, J.W. 662, and Heywood Hartland, O. 662, for exaltation, and found in each case to be unanimous. Those brethren being in attendance were duly exalted, the whole ceremony, with lectures, being given in a very efficient manner. The M.E.Z. invited E. Comp. Thos. Howkins to take the chair as Installing Principal, when E. Comp. the Rev. W. Randall was re-installed as M.E.Z.; F. Caddick, as H.; W. H. Ward, as J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions as officers, viz., J. F. Pepper, S.E. (for the fourth time); F. W. Payton, S.N.; G. J. Payton, Treas.; R. T. Horley, P.S.; J. Jacobs, P.Z., D.C.; F. Garner, Janitor. After several propositions had been made, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the M.E.Z. thanking E. Comp. T. Howkins, Installing Principal, for the splendid manner in which he had performed his work. The Visitors complimented the Principals and acting P.S. on the manner in which the ceremonies had been rendered.

TYWARDREATH.—Unity Chapter (No. 1151).—The usual quarterly communication of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., in the Masonic Rooms. Present: Comps. W. Tonkin, M.E.Z.; Rev. Dr. Treffry, as H.; T. Polkinghorne, J.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Standard Bearer Cornwall, P.Z.; De Legh, P.Z.; T. C. Stephens, P.Z.; W. Roe, Treas.; W. Rundle, S.E.; W. P. Smith, C.E., Prin. Soj.; J. Stephens, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and this being the annual convocation the ballot was taken for the officers for the ensuing year, with the following were duly elected:—Comps. E. Holmes, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; J. Polkinghorne, H.; W. P. Smith, C.E., J.; E. Wellington, Scribe E.; N. H. Lamb, Scribe N.; Sylvanus Trevail, Treasurer; Walton, Principal Soj.; Elliott, Janitor. A candidate having been proposed for exaltation at next meeting, and the other business disposed of, the chapter was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. Present: Bros. J. H. Banks, W.M.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; P. Dodgson, J.W.; J. S. Cumberland, M.O. York Lodge (T.I.), as M.O.; J. W. Robinson, S.O.; G. W. Thompson, J.O.; W. F. Lamony, W.M. 229, Chap. (Freemason); Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treas.; J. Adair, Sec.; J. Gardiner, P.M.; J. Harrison, J. R. Banks, and Jos. Abbot. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. The lodge then proceeded to consider certain alterations in the existing bye-laws, the first of which had reference to the Tyler's salary. Rule XIII. reading thus, "Brethren of lodges holden under foreign jurisdiction shall pay the extra fee for registration and certificate," was altered as follows: "Brethren of lodges holden under foreign jurisdiction, acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, in addition shall pay the extra fee for registration and certificate." This latter alteration is made to meet the case of brethren belonging to lodges holding under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, now working in England, who may wish to become joining members of Whitwell Lodge. One of these Scotch Mark Lodges has been working in Maryport for some years past, but is now practically broken up, though we are not aware that the warrant has been called in. Another alteration was made in the mode of proposing candidates for advancement. It was agreed to subscribe the sum of two guineas to the list of Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, W.M. Henry Lodge, No. 216, who is a Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. After some other matters had been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

CHIPPING SODBURY.—Lyegrove Lodge (No. 218).—The members of this lodge assembled at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 24th inst., for the purpose of installing a W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present amongst the visitors Bro. I. Walker, M.A., P.M., and D.P.G.M.; and Bros. E. Hill, P.M.; E. J. B. Mercer, W. M. Howes, Jesse Haward, W. H. Young, J. S. Tuckey, &c. The installation ceremony was admirably per-

formed by Bro. Wm. Munro, W.M. (Canyng), P.P.S.W. (Somerset), P.G.S., after which Bro. James Payne Curtis, W.M., made the following appointments to office: Bros. Geo. Rennie Powell, P.G.J.W., I.P.M., and Treasurer; W. M. Lowick, S.W.; F. J. Vizard, J.W.; Algernon Ludlow, M.O.; Thomas Parker, S.O.; Thomas H. Hughes, J.O.; Thomas Tinsley, Secretary; Wm. Munro, D.C.; James Iles, Org. and Registrar; John Naysmith, S.D.; Joseph R. Monks, J.D.; Samuel Davies, Steward; and C. Iles, Tyler. After the business of the day the brethren sat down to a capital dinner at the Grapes Hotel, which was presided over by the W.M., Bro. James Payne Curtis. The toasts usual on such occasions having been proposed, "The Health of Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G. Chaplain and P.G.M. for Gloucestershire, with his Deputy, Bro. I. Walker, M.A.," was accepted with the greatest enthusiasm. The D.P.G.M. submitted in an admirable speech "The Health of the W.M., Bro. J. P. Curtis," which was most cordially drunk. The W.M. then returned thanks, and also proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Rennie Powell," to whom, on behalf of himself and the other members of the lodge, he presented a very handsome jewel of the Degree. The I.P.M. having thanked the brethren for their kindness of feeling, "The Health of the Installing Officer" was proposed, and responded to by Bro. Munro in suitable terms. "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was then given, and called forth capital speeches from Bro. Hill and other visitors. The usual concluding toast, "All Poor and Distressed Masons," was cordially responded to, and the proceedings of a very capital meeting were closed.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst. The following members were present:—Bros. W. F. Lamony, W.M. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W. and Org.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Treas., Reg. M., and Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler. Visitor:—Bro. T. Weatherston, Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, Maryport. The minutes being read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. Paisley, Steward Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, which proved unanimous, and he, being in attendance, was admitted, and regularly advanced to the degree of M.M. The W.M. stated it had been his intention to act as Steward for Faithful Lodge at the ensuing festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund; but having received an intimation from the W.M. of Henry Lodge, No. 216, stating the intention of that W. brother to act in a like capacity, he (the W.M. of Faithful Lodge) thought one lodge in a small province like Cumberland would be sufficient, and he would let it stand over till next year, so far as Faithful Lodge was concerned. Bro. Thomas Mason, of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, having been proposed and seconded as a candidate for advancement, the lodge was closed with the address from the chair.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY.—This distinguished encampment met on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were present, amongst others, Sir Knights D. M. Dewar, G.R., acting M.E.C. in the unavoidable absence of Sir Knt. Morgan; E. Baxter, P.E.C., acting Prelate; Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; Driver, 1st Captain; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C., &c., acting 2nd Captain; T. C. Walls, Expert (Freemason); A. Williams, C. of the Lines; Rawles, Equerry. The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, Comp. R. Berridge was most impressively and ably installed a Knight of this ancient Order, and duly proclaimed. The conclave having been closed, an encampment of Knights of Malta was formed, and Sir Knights Walls, Williams, and Berridge received that interesting and quaint degree. The ceremony was performed by Sir Knight Dewar, assisted by Sir Knights Rosenthal and Paas. The Sir Knights then adjourned to an elegant banquet, well served by Comp. Best and assistants. At the conclusion of the repast the customary toasts of the Knights Templar Degree were given briefly but pertinently by the acting M.E.C. Sir Knight Rosenthal ably responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." In giving "The Health of the M.E.C.," Sir Knight Paas congratulated the encampment upon possessing a member who at a moment's notice could carry out the impressive and arduous ceremony of installation so well as Sir Knight Dewar had done that evening. In concluding his remarks he hoped that their genial and talented P.E.C. and Recorder would be spared many years to come among them, and to render his valuable aid in the performance of the ceremonies of their beautiful Degree. Sir Knt. Dewar having briefly responded, then gave "The Newly-installed Sir Knight." This toast having been heartily received, Sir Knt. Berridge made a neat reply, in which he expressed the great satisfaction it had afforded him at being present that evening, and also the impression the ceremony had made upon him. In conclusion he hoped that the members of the Mount Calvary Preceptory would never have occasion to regret having admitted him among them. "The Past Eminent Commanders" was acknowledged in a humorous speech by Sir Knight Baxter. "The Health of the Officers" followed, coupled with the names of Sir Knights Driver, Walls, and Williams, who severally replied. The Equerry having been called upon to discharge his duty, the meeting terminated.

PLYMOUTH.—Royal Veterans Preceptory (No. 10).—The annual meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, on Friday, the

21st inst., and after the inception of a new Frater, the installation of the E. Commander elect, Sir Knt. J. Henry Keats, took place. The ceremony was performed by E. Sir Knt. Charles Godtschalk, P.E.C., P.P.G.M., in the presence of a large Board of Installed Commanders; amongst others were Sir Knts. Vincent Bird, P.G. Treas.; Hon. W. Hylton Jolliffe, P.G.M.; Col. Fitzgerald, P.G.C.; Rear-Admiral F. H. Glasse, B.E., P.G.S.P.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G.T.; E. A. Davies, P.P.G.V.C.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.T.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.M.; Isaac Watts, P.P.G.I.; J. Austin, P.P.G.E. The following Fraters were appointed as officers for the year: Sir Knts. Samuel Jew, P.E.C.; Thos. Heath, 1st Cap.; S. L. R. Templer, 2nd Cap.; L. D. Westcott, Pre.; Josiah Austin, Treas.; J. B. Gover, Regr.; W. Brdwinning, Ex.; John James, C. of L.; J. P. Sawyer, Herald; F. B. Westlake, S.B.; I. Watts, A.; T. Smith, Guard. The Priory of Malta was then opened, and Sir Knt. J. H. Keats was duly installed as E. Prior. The Fraters adjourned to the Globe Hotel for refection.

STONEHOUSE.—Loyal Brunswick Preceptory (No. 24).—A meeting of this preceptory was held at the Sincerity Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 20th inst., when Sir Knight Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G.C., was installed as the E. Commander, the ceremony being performed by Sir Knt. E. A. Davies, P.E.C., and P.P.G.V.C., assisted by Sir Knights J. J. Daw, P.P.G.H.; Hon. W. Hylton Jolliffe, P.G.M.; Colonel Fitzgerald, P.G.C. (England), and P.G.C. (Devon); I. Watts, P.P.G.T.; F. R. Toms, P.P.G.A. The following officers were appointed: Sir Knights J. J. Daw, P.E.C.; Hon. W. Hylton Jolliffe, 1st Cap.; Elliot Square, P.P.G.C., 2nd Cap.; Rev. J. E. Risk, P.P.G.C., Prelate; J. Harris Square, Examiner; W. Milesworth St. Aubyn, C. of L.; I. Watts, Treasurer; J. E. Curteis, Arch T. and P.P.G.R., Reg.; H. Bartlett, 1st H.; T. W. Coffin, 2nd H.; J. F. Matthews, S.B.; J. Rogers, Guard. The usual banquet was held at the Globe Hotel, Plymouth.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—On Tuesday, the 11th inst., the installation meeting of this preceptory was held at York, when a candidate was admitted to the Order, and the E.P. elect (Sir Knt. J. S. Cumberland) was installed in the chair of E.P., the ceremonies of the evening being worked by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whythead, P.E.P., G. Capt. of Guards England. The epidemic of bronchitis, which has prevailed in the north during the late bad weather, prevented many from being present, and numerous letters were read from members confined to bed through serious illness. There was a good attendance of visitors, amongst whom were E. Sir Knts. W. Hill, Sub-Prior of West Yorkshire; W. Beanland, P.E.P., Bradford; C. L. Mason, E.P. Fidelity, Leeds; Andrews and Monckman, Bradford; and S. E. Seanor, Leeds. The E.P. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Const.; G. Simpson, Marsh.; P. H. Rowland, Sub. M.; Rev. W. Valentine, Chap.; T. B. Whythead, Reg.; A. G. Duncombe, Herald; J. G. Croft, Swd. Bearer; C. Palliser, Std. Bearer; G. H. Simpson, Org.; M. Millington, Capt. of Guards; J. Ward, Equerry.

Multum in Parbo; or, Masonic Notes and Queries.

ALBAN, St.—Albanus is said by some to have been a Roman Knight, who was converted to Christianity by Amphibalus, of Caerleon, and to have presided over the operative Masons. He is said to have been at Rome seven years, and served under Diocletian; but in consequence of hiding his friend and convert, Amphibalus, to have been put to death in 303, and thus become proto-martyr of England. The Guild Legends all mention St. Alban as having benefited the operative Masons, though there is a little variation as to the amount; as having obtained for them a charter, probably a Guild charter, and as having presided over their assemblies. This is, of course, only pure Masonic tradition, but it is very continuous and distinct. In an unpublished poem, by John Lidgate, in the British Museum, "Lansdowne 699," we have a full account of St. Alban's martyrdom. The poem is very long, and was written 1439 by John Lidgate, for John Whitehamstede, Abbot of St. Albans, and translated from French and Latin. According to this account St. Albans was "Borne, as I said, in Brutis Albion, a Lordis sonne," an Englishman; sent to Rome with Bassianus, son of Severus; made a Knight of Rome by Diocletian, and on his return from Rome became High Steward, and was "beloved and doted of hih and low degree." Carausius, destroying Bassianus, according to Lidgate, St. Alban received and was converted by Amphibalus, and as Amphibalus escaped, St. Alban was put to death. Lidgate states that St. Alban's family coat of arms was St. Andrew's Cross. He may have been, and probably was, the President of the Roman Guild of Masons.

ALDORTH, THE HON. MRS.—She was the Honourable Elizabeth St. Leger, and the only daughter of Arthur St. Leger, first Viscount Doneraile. She married Richard Aldworth, Esq., of Newmarket, county Cork. At that time the meetings of Lodge 44, an aristocratic lodge, were held at Doneraile House, her brother, Lord Doneraile, who succeeded his father in 1728, being the W.M. On one occasion, the adventurous young lady, hearing that the lodge was about to assemble, was anxious to hear what was going on; and, according to one account, she concealed herself in a clock, and according to another she saw the proceedings of the lodge through a crevice in the wall; that she was made a Freemason is undoubted, though when so made does not quite clearly appear. Her portrait in Masonic clothing hangs in many of the Irish

lodge rooms, and relics of her are preserved, such as her apron and chair. Her name appears in the list of subscribers to Fife's D'Assigny's pamphlet, Bro. Hughan points out to us, in 1744. She was a great benefactress of the poor and needy. One panegyrist has said, "She was the best and kindest of women." Some writers have found fault with the story of the clock; we, on the contrary, think that it only serves to show how true it is, after all, that sentiment, like kindness, "makes the whole world kin." She died about the beginning of this century, having been born about 1713. But the dates of her life and death are uncertain, though why, we know not. The only account of her, published at Cork in 1811, is singularly meagre. We think it right to add that her family believe the story of the clock to be incorrect, and prefer the statement of the crevice in the wall.

ANCIENT MASONS, ALSO CALLED ANTIENT MASONS, OR ATHOL MASONS.—They form the body which succeeded in 1739 from the Grand Lodge, on some grounds of real or pretended complaint, and formed illegal lodges of their own. They took the name of Ancient York Masons, though very improperly, and they established a Grand Lodge of their own, and chartered many private lodges eventually. We need not to-day go into the cause of the schism, as at this distance of time it is impossible to lay down accurately either the grounds or facts connected with such a regrettable act. Some of our writers have said that the main cause was the making of certain alterations in the ritual. But as in 1813 there was really no irreconcilable difficulty in the union of the two Grand Lodges as regards working, we are inclined to believe that the points of difference were very trifling, and purposely exaggerated by those who perhaps thought they had hardly sufficient of merit acknowledged, or dignity awarded, in the old Grand Lodge. Laurence Dermott seems to have become ere long the ruling genius of the rival Grand Lodge, though he was not on the scene in 1738. It has been said also that the institution of the Royal Arch was a great cause of difference and division, but this is hardly borne out by the facts of the case. It is probable that Ramsay's manipulations were known in England, though there is no proof that we are aware of that Ramsay ever had anything to do with our Grand Lodge, which, as he was an avowed Jacobite, was not *prima facie* very likely. But Dermott may have seen, and possibly did appropriate, the words "Royal Arch," and though this nomenclature was new, the substance was well known. Hence, practically, the differences between the two bodies were really very small, though we may admit that the Ancients more fully developed what is now termed the Royal Arch Grade, and gave to it its distinct position and separate organisation. After 1775, the Ancient Masons seem to have been generally called Athol Masons, in honour of the third Duke of Athol, Grand Master in 1771. He was installed March 2, 1771, and Dermott as D.G.M. Bro. Hughan mentions this on the authority of the records of the ancient Grand Lodge. In 1813, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, father of our gracious Queen, was Grand Master of the Athol Masons, and H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. The happy union was effected, to the great good of Freemasonry alike in England and in the world. Preston says that the Ancients had no Grand Master until 1772, but Preston seems to be in error. For the list of Grand Masters, see the word Grand Master.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD RODDA.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Richard Rodda, of East Stonehouse, Devon. On Monday evening, the 17th inst., he was at a Masonic banquet at Devonport, and never seemed to have been in better spirits. He made one of those interesting speeches on matters affecting the Craft for which he was well-known among the brethren, and when the meeting for a short time became convivial, he amused the company by one of his Cornish recitations, for which he had such an aptitude, and no wonder, for he was a Cornishman, having been born at Redruth in 1816, and was consequently sixty-three years of age. On Tuesday he attended to his usual business, but in the afternoon he was seized with violent inflammatory pains, and not becoming better, Dr. Hingston was sent for, who administered to the relief of the patient; but on Wednesday, the symptoms becoming alarming, Dr. Bulled was called in to advise, and the united assistance of the two physicians procured for a short time relief from the intense pain he suffered. On Friday, however, it was apparent that the sickness was one unto death, and although, to a great extent, relieved of the pain, he gradually yet quickly sank, and expired at 12.25 at mid-day of Saturday. Our deceased brother was well known to the Craft in the West of England, and a most devoted Freemason, as the following list of his connections with the Craft will show:—He was at the time of his death P.M. of Lodge Fortitude, having served the office of W.M. on two occasions, and was P.P.G. Reg. of Devon. In Mark, he was P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Royal Arch, P.Z. P.P.G.S.E.; Knights Templar, P.E.C., P.P.G. Chan., Past Grand Almshouse of England; Rose Croix, P.M.W.S. Hyshe Chapter. About twelve years ago he was presented by his brother Masons with a testimonial—*salvator, &c.*—in recognition of his exertions in getting up the Fortitude Memorial Fund, which was raised in memory of the late Lord Fortescue, and by Bro. Rodda's personal efforts upwards of £1000 was collected, and at the present moment there are about a dozen persons receiving £26 yearly from the fund. He was seldom behindhand with his donations, both private and public, for any good or for charitable purposes, and although few knew of his private charities there are many who will miss his kindly

donations. Bro. Rodda was a widower, his second wife having died about ten years ago. He leaves a family. The funeral took place on Thursday last.

BRO. JAMES SETTLE ELLISON.

We are exceedingly sorry to have to chronicle the sudden death, from apoplexy, of one of the truest Masons this century has produced, in the person of Bro. James Settle Ellison, who died at his residence at Leamington, on the 11th inst., aged 62. The news will be a great shock to our brethren in Gibraltar, where our Bro. Ellison held an important Government appointment for a great number of years, and from which he only retired in 1872. Bro. Ellison, whose Masonic career was both long and useful, was initiated nearly 40 years ago, in Lodge 325, I.C., held in that island, becoming its W.M. in 1845, having previously joined the Lodge Friendship, No. 278, E.C. He was, in Dec. 1845, appointed District Senior Grand Deacon, in 1853 District Senior Grand Warden, and in 1859 District Grand Secretary, which office he only relinquished on leaving the island in 1872. In Royal Arch Masonry Comp. Ellison in due course reached the chair of First Principal in Chapter 325, I.C., at the same time being a member of the Calpean Chapter, No. 278, under the English Constitution. Bro. Ellison did not confine his energies to Craft and Arch Masonry, having taken the degrees of Mark Master Mason in 1846, Knight Templar in 1863, Rose Croix 1866, Knight of Constantinople 1868, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine in 1870, &c., &c.

CERAMICS IN MASONRY.

In a second article on this subject, the *Liberal Freeman* (New York) says that in general terms all articles of porcelain or pottery bearing Masonic emblems or devices may be classed under the name of *Staffordshire* ware, and that bowls, pitchers, &c., coming from China are due to special orders from shipmasters and others. The following review of the present state of the art will be found interesting:—

"The productions of this country (America) are entirely devoid of any originality, but much progress has been made within the past five years in the common grades of earthenware. China and Japan manufacture largely at the present time, but their work does not compare with the older pieces of centuries ago. England, since the Paris Exhibition of 1867, has made great progress, for at that time they discovered that the French display far excelled theirs, and at the Exhibition of 1878 the porcelain from England was pronounced the most attractive feature of the entire collection. The manufacturers of porcelain in England receive great encouragement from the nobility, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is one of their best patrons, both by purchase and advice, often loaning rare specimens of his own to be copied.

"France received a blow at the time of the war of 1871 from which it has not yet recovered, but the great taste of this nation shows itself, most particularly in its productions of porcelain, and it will soon more compete with the world. The Royal factory at Sevres flourished under the Empire, but at present it produces nothing new. Germany has its Royal factories at Dresden and Berlin, both of which are carried on with enterprise and taste. Their productions at present are magnificent, and command the admiration of all the world. The manufacture in the smaller towns has largely increased within a few years, but mostly by imitations of the work done at the Royal factories. Austria has several factories of importance, and is making great progress. Italy is reproducing copies of the last century, but makes nothing new."

PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT AMERICAN FREEMASONS.

There was recently presented to the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, of Pennsylvania, life-sized oil-painted portraits of fourteen of the H.W. Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A.M., some of whom are still living, but the majority of them are deceased. These portraits were presented by R.W.P.G.M. Robert Clark and R.W.P.G.M. and present R.W. Grand Secretary John Thomson. The Library Committee have had these portraits handsomely framed, and they now occupy conspicuous places on top of the book-cases in the Library in the new Masonic Temple. The paintings are creditable works of art, and the likeness in each portrait is very striking.

The following are the names of those represented in the paintings, together with the dates of their administrations as R.W. Grand Masters:—

Cornelius Stevenson, 1812 (serving only one year); Samuel Badger, 1828 and 1829; John M. Reid, 1836 and 1837; Samuel H. Perkins, 1838 and 1839; Joseph R. Chandler, 1840 and 1841; Wm. Burger, 1843 and 1844; James Pace, 1845 and 1846; Peter Fritz, 1847 and 1848; Wm. Whitney, 1849 and 1850; Dr. Anthony Boutonville, 1851 and 1852; James Hutchinson, 1853 and 1854; Peter Williams, 1855 and 1856; Dr. John K. Mitchell, 1857. (Dr. John K. Mitchell died during his term of office.)

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Grand Secret.—With the variable temperature of this country, ill-health will creep in unless the blood from time to time be purified, and noxious matters be expelled from the body. In this the public may be its own physician. Holloway's Pills may be purchased at a trifling cost; instructions for taking them will be furnished with the Pills, and a little attention, with few instructions, will enable persons to keep themselves in health under very trying circumstances. These Pills act as alteratives, tonics, and aperients. Holloway's medicine should be ready for instant administration when the slightest symptom gives warning of approaching indisposition.—[Advt.]

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

The installation of the officers of the Orion Lodge, No. 1153, E.C., took place on Wednesday, the 11th of Dec., at the lodge room, Ballarat; Bro. Kelly, P.M., being the installing officer. Bros. T. Kennedy was installed as W.M.; T. Potter, S.W.; M. S. Clark, J.W.; J. Embling, Sec. and Treas.; Shorthouse, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; E. Ellis, I.G.; Wholohan, Tyler. There were a large number of visitors from other lodges, including Bros. Wheeler, W.M.; Nevett, Little, and Peake, P.M.'s, Yarrowee Lodge; Herbert, W.M.; and White, McCartney, Robertson, and Trevor, Past Masters, St. John's Lodge; Hamilton, W.M., and Hale, P.M. Buninyong Lodge; Weickhardt, P.M. All Nations Lodge, Clunes; Babington, P.M. Zetland Lodge, Kyneton; and Tait, P.M. Havilah Lodge, Creswick. The S.W. of the Smythesdale Lodge, Bro. Bishop, and Bro. Salmon, of the Avoca Lodge, Ararat, were also present. The installation ceremony was ably performed by P.M. Bro. Kelly, who, during the meeting, was presented by the newly-installed W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. Kelly suitably acknowledged the gift, and feelingly thanked the donors for the kindly feelings they entertained towards him. After the lodge was closed, about forty-five of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Wilkins. This having been done ample justice to, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Wheeler, W.M. Yarrowee Lodge, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Kennedy, remarking as he did so that the Orion Lodge had shown great discernment in choosing so able a Mason to preside over it. The toast was drunk with musical honours, and in replying Bro. Kennedy said:—W.M. of the Yarrowee Lodge—I return you my most sincere thanks for proposing my health; to you worshipful sir, for the very flattering manner in which you proposed it, and to all for its hearty acceptance. I have to thank the brethren of my own lodge for placing me in my present honourable position. I trust I am fully sensible of the honour of being elected to preside over you, which, in my opinion, is the highest compliment any body of men can jointly bestow on any of their members. I shall to the best of my skill and ability, without either fear or favour, endeavour to discharge the duties of my office in accordance with our ancient laws and regulations. I am happy to say our lodge has materially improved, both numerically and financially, for the last twelve months, and I hope at the expiration of my term of office my successor will find it in as good if not in a better position. If I can succeed—it is my earnest desire to do anything that will tend to the advancement of Masonry in general, and the return of my own lodge in particular—I shall retire perfectly satisfied. Brethren, I again thank you for the very kind way my health was proposed and received. Bro. Hamilton, W.M. (Buninyong) then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Kelly," and complimented him upon his zeal as a Mason, and the way in which he had performed his duties that evening. The toast was enthusiastically received, and in responding Bro. Kelly said: Bro. Hamilton, W.M., and brethren, I return you my most sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which my health has been proposed and drunk. Nothing I have done during my term of office afforded me greater pleasure than that of placing Bro. Kennedy in the chair of King Solomon. I am sure he will, as he told you, discharge his duties to the best of his skill and ability; and though the usefulness of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren will materially depend on the zeal and ability of the W.M., yet his labours will be of little avail if not well assisted by his officers and supported by the brethren. I believe there is no ceremony connected with Masonry which so well illustrates its dignity as the one I have this night performed. What a vast field of thought does the placing of our W.M. in the ancient chair of King Solomon open up to us. It points out Masonry as the line of union between the civilised countries of every age and of every clime. It is the only institution that connects us with the sages of antiquity. It has frequently been asked, whence Freemasonry takes its rise, but the question is not easily answered, because it has been anterior to the age of history, and contemporary with, if not preceding, civilisation itself. Some date its origin from the building of the holy temple at Jerusalem by King Solomon; but though that may be an epoch in its history, it no more marks its origin than the Grand Mastership of St. John the Evangelist, or of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Centuries before the building of King Solomon's temple, when the golden fleece was watched by the sleepless dragon, when Priam reigned at Troy, Freemasonry flourished. The legend of the golden fleece is regarded as a lively fancy, the very existence of Troy has been questioned, and Jerusalem is only known from its sacred connections. Still Freemasonry flourishes full of life and vigour. Our greatest and most venerable institutions are but of yesterday when compared to it. Freemasonry was an ancient institution when the first Pope was placed in the chair of St. Peter, when the first king sat on the throne of England, when democracy was rocked in its cradle at Athens. It saw the growth and decay of all the great States of the past from Nineveh to Venice; it saw the founders of Rome suck the wolf on the banks of the Tiber; it saw the same Rome as mistress of the world, with Greece and Judea, Egypt and England, as Roman provinces paying tribute to the Caesars; it now sees it as the decorated tombstone of its buried greatness. Other institutions have occupied human attention for a short time. Freemasonry has seen them all come and go. It saw the Magi perform their rites at Memphis, heard the Delphic oracle mystify its votaries, witness the age of chivalry pass through the south and west of Europe as a brilliant meteor. Their very existence is now only known to the historian, yet Freemasonry flourishes throughout every part of the globe. Why? Simply because of the soli-

dity of its foundation. It is founded, not on the gratification of the passions, not on the promotion of self-interest, not even on the achievement of ambition, but on the practice of every moral and social virtue. Those excellent precepts which are taught in a Masonic lodge must leave some impression on the minds of its members, and though they may be sometimes disregarded, can never be entirely forgotten. I do not go so far as to say that they can alter human nature, and change a depraved and worthless person into an honourable man, but I do say they restrain the evil propensities of the wicked, and call into action the virtues of the good. They supply us with fortitude to withstand the pleasant allurements of vice, and teach us not only to moderate our passions, but to be temperate in our conversations and our very thoughts. And I have no doubt that so long as Freemasons place men like Bro. Kennedy in their chairs, Masonry will continue to flourish throughout every part of the globe, and be influential in dispensing the beauties of virtue and lessening the aggregate of human misery and vice. Bro. Embling next gave "Sister Lodges," to which Bro. H. Herbert, Wheeler, Weickhardt, Hamilton, Bishop, and Salmon replied. The toast of "The newly-installed Officers," proposed by Bro. H. I. White, was replied to by Bro. T. Potter, S.W.; and the following toasts were then drunk: "Our Visitors," by Bro. McDonald, responded to by Bro. Little, P.M.; "Past Masters of the Orion Lodge," by Bro. Robertson, P.M., responded to by Bro. Kelly; "Past Officers of the Orion Lodge," by Bro. Nevett, P.M., responded to by Bro. Price. Bro. Kelly, P.M., then proposed, in deservedly complimentary terms, "The Health of Bro. Price" (who is on the eve of leaving the colony), and the toast was feelingly responded to by Bro. Price. The toasts of "The Ladies," "The Press," and "The Host and Hostess" followed, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The following officers were installed at St. John's Lodge, 427, I.C., Ballarat, on Thursday, Dec. 12th, 1878, by the installing Master, P.M. Bro. Herbert:—Bros. J. Showman, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; W. Lawson, J.W.; Bryce Paton, Sec.; W. P. Martin, Treas.; J. Leggo, S.D.; Proctor, J.D.; Hennah, I.G.; Morgan, Tyler. The installing ceremony was ably performed by the installing Master, Bro. Herbert, P.M. There was a large number of brethren of the lodge present, and amongst the visitors were Bros. Baker, D.P.G.M.; Small, P.P.G.S.W.; C. B. Finlayson, P.D.G.J.W.; Scott, R.W.D.I.; Robertson, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Wheeler, W.M., and Little, P.M. of the Yarrowee; T. Kennedy, W.M.; Kelly, P.M. of the Orion; Babington, P.M. Zetland Lodge, Kyneton; A. Wilson, W.M., and J. Hart, P.M. Havilah Lodge, Creswick; Batson, Weickhardt, and Eberhard, P.M.'s All Nations Lodge, Clunes; Smith, W.M., and Ahoe, P.M. Sebastopol Lodge; Caselli, R.A.C.; and the Rev. Charles Clark. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Gallery of Arts in the Academy of Music, where over 100 of them partook of a banquet, supplied in capital style by Bro. Walker. After the supper the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Masters," coupled with the name of the G.M., the Prince of Wales, were proposed by Bro. Showman, W.M., and duly honoured. Bro. Showman, W.M., then proposed the toast of "The Three Provincial Grand Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Baker, D.P.G.M. Bro. Baker, in responding, apologised for the absence of Bros. J. T. Smith, P.G.M.; Ellis, P.G.S.; A. Hart, P.G.J.W.; and J. Durose, P.G.I.G., who had intended to be present, but who were prevented by unforeseen obstacles. Bro. Kelly, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Small, P.P.G.S.W. Bro. Small suitably responded. Bro. C. B. Finlayson, P.D.G.J.W., then, in fitting terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M. Elect, Bro. Showman," and, in doing so, dilated upon the onerous duties he had before him, and the certainty he felt, from his knowledge of the newly-installed Master, that they would be faithfully performed. Bro. Showman, W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the kind and hearty way in which the toast of his health was received. He felt proud of being placed in the honourable position of W.M. of St. John's Lodge, a position, he thought, worthy the ambition of any one. He was grateful for his preferment, more particularly as he considered he had been chosen from amongst men quite as worthy of the honour as himself, if not more fitted to the position; and that too, by the unanimous vote of the lodge. He hoped the success that had attended his humble efforts in the cause would encourage the younger members to persevere in learning and fulfilling the tenets of the Order. He could say that as he advanced he became more and more enthusiastic in pursuing his course, and the more he saw of Masonry the more he admired and revered it. The question was often asked of Masons, what was Masonry? It was an elevated system of morality. Many different theories had been propagated as to its rise and origin, but it is certain that the date of its origin was very remote. In the building of King Solomon's temple was to be found the symbol of the life of every true Mason. Each block and stone used in building the temple had to be hewn square and truly formed, and every Mason should enact that life which will show no blemishes or imperfect formation of character. The universality of Freemasonry was admitted, and it was to be found practised in all nations, by men of every religion. He would inform the brethren that there were no less than seventy-five Grand Lodges, numbering in all 450,000 members; and this, with the addition of some 50,000 who were in countries where the practice of the Craft was forbidden by the laws of the land—such as Russia and some countries in South America—would make about half a million of members. When it is known that the Masons form the elite of society, it will be understood that they exert a very peaceful influence in the world. The theme of Freemasonry was infinite, and as he felt he was not able to do justice to it with the few

remarks he had made, he concluded by again thanking the brethren for the manner in which they had drunk his health, and stating that he would do the best he could to faithfully discharge the onerous duty they had placed upon him. Bro. Little, P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. the Rev. Charles Clark," which was duly honoured and responded to. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

NOTES OF AMERICAN MASONRY.

By BRO. ROB MORRIS, OF LA GRANGE, KY., P.G.M., &c.

Several of our Grand Lodges have become embarrassed by debts, incurred through building projects; and as references to them occur in our published records, it is proper that I should explain them to the readers of the *Freemason*. I will commence with my own Grand Lodge, that of Kentucky.

The organisation of this body occurred in 1800. Meetings were held at Lexington, one of the oldest cities in the State, and before the inauguration of railways, the largest. A Masonic temple was built there as far back as 1820, and upon its destruction by fire, an edifice of fine proportions, and occupying a commanding site, was erected. In 1838 the sittings of Grand Lodge were removed to Louisville, which, at the present, is very much the largest city in Kentucky, and the Masonic temple there is principally owned by the Grand Lodge.

The debt which troubles us in Kentucky was incurred in the construction of our Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Louisville, completed and dedicated last year. This noble edifice, worthy of the great fraternity, was erected by voluntary subscriptions, and nearly completed, when, through the influence of a tornado, in 1876, the central portion was thrown down, and so an absolute loss followed of some thirty thousand dollars. Even this might, in better times, have been overcome, but the great depression in business caused the financial ruin of many of its most liberal donors. In 1876 the Grand Lodge ordered a proposition to be submitted to the consideration of all the lodges (500 in all) for an annual assessment of one dollar per year for five years upon each member of the lodges. To the honour of Kentucky liberality this was adopted by a handsome majority, and already two annual assessments have been paid. But the burden is heavy; many have become recalcitrant, and a feeling is abroad through the State that may lead to rescinding the assessment. I think it will not carry, yet the very agitation of the proposition is working injury to the cause. The "home," as it is affectionately styled, is doing its charitable work, about 150 pupils being boarded, clothed, and educated under its roof. A printing office has recently been established in a building near by, erected for the purpose, and some twenty of the boys are learning the typographic art. Bookbinding is proposed, and other industrial pursuits. For it is not deemed proper in a country like ours to rear boys and girls in idleness, even though the "home" is a grand charity.

In Indiana the financial trouble of Grand Lodge arises from a different cause. Eight years ago the Grand Lodge of that State was in possession of a large and commodious hall at Indianapolis, with ample grounds attached, and not a dollar in debt. Dissatisfied, and desiring to have a finer building, they tore down their hall, and, like the man in the parable, "built greater." The outstanding debt is about seventy-five thousand dollars. The rooms and offices are not rented, as was anticipated, and so there is no income. Foreclosures and judgments threatened the Grand Lodge until they have ordered an annual assessment of one dollar per member upon the lodges, to run for five years.

Massachusetts is in trouble from the same cause. They built a costly and imposing edifice when prices were at their highest, and thought to carry the unpaid portion for twenty-five or fifty years until the debt could be liquidated. But rumour has it that the sheriff has made a levy, and their splendid temple will be sold for its debts.

New York is in trouble for similar causes. Owning a noble hall, of which they are justly proud, the debt presses upon them as an incubus. Their building would not sell to-day, if forced upon the market, for the amount of its incumbrance.

Pennsylvania has an enormous debt (nearly a million dollars) resting upon that matchless temple in Philadelphia, which was such an attractive sight to visitors there during the centennial year. Yet so well are the financial affairs of that Grand Lodge conducted, and such faith have the citizens of the Quaker city in Masonic matters, that no trouble is found in carrying the burden, heavy as it is.

Maryland is in trouble; and the principal business of Grand Lodge for a number of years has been to keep afloat their bonds, and prevent their liabilities from crushing them.

But I will not draw out the gloomy tale any further. Perhaps it will serve to warn your readers that there is nothing so burdensome to a Masonic organisation as debt. Many of our secular lodges have found it so, and if once we recover from the financial depression, which begun in 1874 (may God speed it), let us hope that the record I have brought forward will stand as a warning for the generations to come.

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BIRTHS.

MAXWELL.—On the 23rd inst., at South Kensington, the wife of Brevet-Major Robert James Maxwell, of a son.

YORKE.—On the 23rd inst., at the Residence, York, the wife of Mr. Edward Yorke, of Halton Place in Craven, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

RUSDEN—JEFFERY.—On the 22nd inst., at Islington Parish Church, William Henry, son of Mr. Henry Rusden, of Falmouth, to Jane Jennings, daughter of Mr. B. J. Jeffery.

DEATHS.

ELLISON.—On the 11th inst., at his residence, 5, St. Mary's Crescent, Leamington, James Settle Ellison, aged 62, P. Dist. S.G.W. Gibraltar.

WOODFORD.—On the 22nd inst., at Lake View Villa, Keswick, Major-General Sir John Woodford, K.C.B., aged 95.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1879.

TIME'S CHANGES.

Time, that great arbiter of human life and destiny, is ever active and busy amongst us and ours. It accompanies us along our earthly pilgrimage, beginning with "our cradles," and ending with our "graves;" it lightens up our often arid and discontented present with pleasant memories of the past, and it throws over the dim and distant horizon of our future hopes the glamour of brighter aspirations, and better, because enduring expectations. Not that time itself can ever satisfy the longings or the wants of man. No, being passing and limited in duration, it does not, and cannot, consort with the innate anxieties and anticipations of even this mortal race of ours, but still it is the most important "factor" in the great and lifelong history of humanity, and is replete with the most solemn, the most tender, the most cherished, nay, the most sacred feelings, we believe, of us all alike. We should not like to believe it otherwise, and so we dismiss the doubt with indignant alacrity. And hence, short though the measure of time be for us all alike, the highest and the humblest of human beings, many are its effects, important its influences on us all. It often leaves us, for instance, when most we desire its presence, when its gifts seem to us the most varied, and its promises the most refreshing. It accompanies us often but a little portion of the normal way, often arrests its footsteps at an early milestone, and for us, sometimes when we least expect it, we find ourselves bereft of time, our journey over, our tale told out. For time, be it well understood, is the one limit here, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., of all our hopes and plans, all our longings and our dreams, our joys and our sorrows, our labours and our duties. Curious paradox! Though sometimes most ephemeral, it often goes with us to a green old age, mellowing the memories, and deepening the responsibilities of earth, and making the decline of life itself venerable and loving to those who still dare to trust in the reality of old affections, of proved friendship, and of lingering souvenirs. And thus we see, we think, clearly how many and great indeed time's changes must be to us all, whether as mortals or as Freemasons. We behold, for instance, in the every day condition of our common humanity, family ties severed, and loving hearts disunited; we miss the tender voice, the beaming smile, the gracious presence, the bright promise of youth, the comely associations of old age. For few of us all "time's changes" have no significance, for many of us they have consequences momentous and enduring. Time was, time is, and yet time is not, alike for us and ours. The friends and hopes of youth are gone; bright anticipations have yielded to sobered sadness; the vacant chairs round our board are not filled up; the empty spaces in our family circle are not closed in; and amid all assemblies comes the sad and subduing recollection both of the "touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still." We need hardly add how that this account of time's changes squares with that of our Masonic circle with which many of us are so bound up. Week by week we miss the true and trusty, the old and bold, the kind old friend of long years, the cheery mate, ever smiling, always confiding; and as we look back to-day a sigh comes to us all as we recall the friendly faces which are wanting among us, the cheery voices which are hushed, the warm hearts which are still. And if time's changes then bring to us all those trials and troubles, and careworn hours, and chastening recollections, which are, more or less, the heritage of us all equally, let us also trust that they may appeal to us, with some elevating emotions, and some better and purer, and we will add eternal anticipations. Time will not be always time—its changes will one day end, its ravages, and havoc, and decay will one day be done away with,

thank God, for ever. For when time has ceased to dominate this lower world and dying man, it will be exchanged in God's own good time for the glad hours, blissful recognition, blessed privileges, and perfect knowledge of eternity.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION AT CHRISTMAS, 1878.

We are glad to note the great success which has attended our Boys' School in this important examination. Fourteen boys went up, and all passed. Nine obtained "honours" in the first class, three in the second class, one in the third class, one in the fourth class. We congratulate the authorities and Bro. Dr. Morris on this auspicious state of things, and it will be a pleasure to our brethren to know that the efficiency of the School is thus so fully maintained.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

We confess that we look with some apprehension, and no little doubt, on the constant formation of Grand Lodges in our Colonial Dependencies. Too often they are the result of the proceedings of a "caucus" of irresponsible brethren, the product of the exertions of mere "wire pullers," or party agitators. There are, however, new "Grand Lodges and new Grand Lodges," and while we do not deny that under certain circumstances the formation of a Colonial Grand Lodge is both allowable and tends to good, we advise all our colonial brethren to be very cautious in taking part in proceedings which are questionable, and in getting up jurisdictions which are needless. Let them beware of Masonic agitators.

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.]

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the letter of Ill. Bro. Graham, the Secretary of the Supreme Council of New Zealand, which was in the *Freemason* of the 8th inst., it appears that, in General Pike's opinion, the Supreme Council of England and Wales was originally formed in consequence of Dr. Crucefix, its founder, having received the obligation by communication. It is a well-known fact, that the A. and A. Degrees have been frequently so conferred. The General, however, says that "nothing could have been more irregular. Yet it is too late to question the legitimacy of the Supreme Council of England."

Such a remark comes with particular bad grace from General Pike, the head of the Supreme Council of Charleston, U.S., for it is a notorious fact that that Council was spuriously formed by one Mitchell, who without the slightest authority assumed the 33rd Degree, conferred it on one Dalcho, and, although one of the fundamental rules of the Order is, that not less than three Sovereign Grand Inspectors General can form Supreme Councils, yet these two individuals formed General Pike's Council, which he now so modestly designates the "Mother Council of the world." Truly, "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones."

Yours fraternally,

JOHN THOMAS LOTT, 33°,
Member of the Supreme Council
of the G. Orient of France.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION, 1878.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Governors' report of the Cambridge Local Examination notifies that thirteen out of the fourteen girls sent up from this Institution to the examination have passed.

Frances Gardner has taken second class honours, with distinction for religious knowledge and zoology.

Five have taken third class honours, viz.:—Doral Bowles, Ellen Cates, Helene Meacock, Alice Thornbury, and Letitia Whitley.

Six have satisfied the examiners in all subjects generally, viz.:—Eliza Beveridge, Katherine Emery, Edith Nash, Annie Pattison, Elizabeth Roberts, and Beatrice Wray.

One, Dora Jennings, has satisfied the examiners in all the preliminary subjects, religious knowledge, and English.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. A. Rucker in the chair. The other brethren present were:—Bros. A. H. Tattershall, William Stephens, H. A. Dubois, Herbert Dicketts, E. Letchworth, Col. Peters, Fredk. Adlard, C. H. Webb, F. R. W. Hedges, (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).
The business of the meeting was merely formal.

CONSECRATION OF THE DINBYCH CHAPTER, No. 1177.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 19th inst., the Dinbych Chapter, No. 1177 of Royal Arch Masons of England, was consecrated at the Royal Gate House Assembly-rooms, Tenby, in the presence of several distinguished members of the Craft. The chapter having been duly opened, and the companions of the new chapter having entered, the acting M.E.Z. proceeded to constitute the companions into a regular chapter according to ancient form. The ceremony of consecration was most impressively performed by M.E. Comp. Captain S. George Homfray, P.Z., P. Standard Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, P.G.H. of Monmouthshire, assisted by E. Comps. White, as H.; W. Watkins, as J.; and Roberts, as D.C.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, the following companions were installed as Principals for the ensuing year:—Comps. Howell Davies, M.E.Z.; Henry Adams, H.; George Parry, J.

The following companions were appointed and inducted officers of the chapter:—C. W. R. Stokes, Scribe E.; W. H. Richards, Scribe N.; R. Lock, P.S.; R. W. Williams, 1st A.S.; A. W. J. Stokes, 2nd A.S.; J. R. Rowland, S.; W. H. Richards, Treasurer.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. W. H. Ribbon, Hwlford Chapter (464).

The brethren dined together in the evening at the Royal Gate House Hotel, the newly-installed E. Comp. M.E.Z. presiding. The banquet was put on the table by Bro. J. Gregory in his usual well-known style. The usual Royal Arch toasts were given, and during the evening the proceedings were enlivened by several songs by the companions, and the utmost harmony prevailed.

On the following day a number of brethren belonging to the Tenby and neighbouring lodges were balloted for as companions, and the following were duly exalted:—Bros. J. G. Lock, J.D. 1177; J. L. Lister, Sec. 1177; C. B. Priest, 1177; M. M. Thomas, 1177; R. J. Morley, 1177; and R. Mathias, Org. 1177. The last named was subsequently appointed Janitor; Bro. Lock, J.J.; and Bro. Priest, D.C.

A banquet took place in the evening at the Royal Gate House Hotel, at which a good number were present.

SOUTHAMPTON NEW MASONIC HALL.

The corner stone of this new hall was laid, without official demonstration or ceremony, on Monday afternoon last, by the R.W. the Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was met by the D.P.G.M., Bro. W. Hickman (Chairman of the Hall Company), Bro. J. R. Weston, P.M., Vice-Chairman, and several of the directors, with many shareholders and Masons. The stone having been duly laid, thanks were tendered to the P.G.M. for his presence, and he subsequently lunched with a few of the brethren in the present hall.

The principal elevation of the new hall, which is to be in the Italian style of architecture, freely treated, faces Albion-terrace, and is fifty feet in length; the side elevations, facing the beautiful Western Bay of Southampton, and overlooking the New Forest, extending about 73 ft. The passage, five feet wide, is approached by an arched porch, with a passage and a corridor or lobby, nine feet long, leading to a cloak room, with bay windows overlooking the Western Bay. There will be an ante-room or chapter-room, 26 ft. 4 in. by 18 ft. 9 in., with a height of eleven feet, its bay windows overlooking the Western Shore. The lodge-room will be 45 ft. by 30 ft. and 18 ft. high, and will be lighted by two lanterns from the roof. There will be a banqueting room, facing Albion-terrace, 38 ft. 6 in. by 25 ft., also 18 ft. high, together with a kitchen, wash-house, pantry, and serving passage. A back entrance will be from Forest View. On the one pair floor, over the ante-room, will be four rooms, and other accommodation for the lodge-keeper. The material is to be of white brick in all the exposed parts, with dressings partly in moulded brick, and of stone to the architraves and pediments. The roofs will be slated and tile capped. The plan altogether is adapted to a very irregular frontage in Forest View. The architect is Bro. J. G. Poole, of Portland-street, and the builder, Bro. S. Stevens, who it is hoped will have the hall ready for occupation during the present year. The corner stone was placed in the north-east corner of the building, and bears a suitable inscription.

Major-General Sir John Woodford, K.C.B., the oldest of the surviving Waterloo officers, died on Saturday last, at his residence, Lake View Villa, Keswick.

The next Installation Meeting of the Holy Palestine Preceptory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday next, the 2nd prox., at 6 p.m.

The consecration of Chapter Sincerity, No. 1019, was appointed to take place at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield, on Friday, the 28th inst.

THE FREEMASONS' HALL, IPSWICH.

Our readers, more especially the Suffolk brethren, will be pleased to hear that the new Masonic Hall, Ipswich, is now completed, and that the formal opening ceremony is shortly expected to take place, most likely in Easter week, when a large gathering of the brethren in the province is certain. The P.G.M., Lord Waveney, and the D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, Bro. Rev. J. Martyn, P.G.C., are expected.

The new hall is built of red brick and stone facings. It consists of a very handsome lodge-room, about fifty feet long by twenty-three feet wide, and twenty-two feet high, ceiled lights, &c. The banquet hall below is same size. There are various rooms and chambers, kitchen, lavatories, &c., with every requirements for Masonry. The total cost will not exceed, including furniture, £2000, partly raised by voluntary subscription. The architect is Bro. H. Luff, of Ipswich, who has given great satisfaction to the Committee. The building has been carried out under supervision of Bro. Oliver T. Gibbons, manager for Messrs. E. and E. C. Gibbons, builders, Ipswich, who has done his contract exceedingly well. In fact, the work has only occupied some four months from commencement.

The St. Luke's Lodge, 225, held their first meeting there last week, when Bro. T. Wentworth, W.M., one of the trustees to the building, gathered together over fifty brethren to a sumptuous supper after the work of the lodge was over. The business occupied nearly five hours, as there were four raisings, three passings, and three initiations down for that evening.

The Masons of Ipswich may be congratulated on having now got such a capital hall to hold their various lodges in, as they have all united in the erection of this building.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF FREEMASONS' HALL, MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 1469, AT CRADOCK, SOUTH AFRICA.

The above lodge was established in 1874, Bro. W. B. Chalmers, Civil Commissioner and resident Magistrate, being the first W.M., and has held its meetings in the Government School-room, under a five years' lease. The desirability of the lodge possessing its own building had frequently been discussed by the brethren, and the approaching termination of the lease of the government buildings necessitated action of a decisive nature. Bro. Henry Beadle, J.W., placed at the disposal of the lodge, for less than half its cost, a valuable and suitable building site, and this generous deed was supplemented by money subscriptions from other brethren and promises of further assistance from extraneous sources. Little time was lost in commencing the serious work of building. Bro. W. Stonin Leigh, P.M., who is well known to members of the Craft in England and Scotland, kindly furnished appropriate plans, and undertook the duties of Secretary and Treasurer of the Building Committee, and Bro. Albert Ziervogel, Dis. Gr. Pur., I.P.M., the Chairman of the Committee, arranged for the supply of the requisite building material at the lowest possible outlay; other brethren actively assisting in various ways.

The foundation walls having been built, it was decided to lay the corner stone, with Masonic rites, on the 12th of February, 1879, being the day of regular monthly meeting, and accordingly the lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m. The following brethren were present:—Bros. J. E. Green, W.M.; A. Ziervogel, D.G. Pur., I.P.M.; W. B. Chalmers, P.M.; W. Stonin Leigh, P.M.; A. E. Austen, S.W.; Henry Beadle, J.W.; T. R. Smallman, as Treas.; James W. Riches, Sec.; S. J. Griffiths, S.D.; A. C. Maynard, as J.D.; James J. Games, Steward; A. Saunders, as I.G.; W. H. Hepworth, M.D.; A. Campbell, E. Plumbridge, Geo. Armstrong, A. J. Wright, and J. S. Distin, jun., and the following visiting brethren:—Bros. O. Fehrsen, M.D., Goede Hoop Lodge (D.C.); T. W. Smith, Canonbury, 955; D. W. Canood, lately Meridian, 1469; Henry Rowland, Albany, 389; Frederick Munnik, Goede Hoop Lodge (D.C.); W. R. Taylor, Wodehouse, 1467, and others.

The procession was then formed in the following order: Band of Cradock Volunteer Rifles, playing the "Freemasons' March" in slow time; the builder (Mr. James Mills), with plan; Tyler (Bro. John Urie), with drawn sword; visiting brethren two and two; members of Meridian Lodge two and two; Inner Guard with dirk; Bro. Hepworth, M.D., with mallet, and Bro. Plumbridge with trowel; Steward with corn in golden vessel; Junior Deacon with wine, and Senior Deacon with oil in silver vessels; Secretary with scroll, and Treasurer with box; Bro. Campbell with Bible; Bro. Rev. W. C. Wallis, rector of St. Peter's Church, wearing surplice and stole; Junior Warden and Senior Warden; the Past Masters; Worshipful Master; detachment of Cradock mounted volunteers, under Lieut. Kidger.

On arriving at the site of the new building the procession opened out, allowing the officiating brethren to take up their position at the stone, the brethren forming a circle round it. The band played "The Queen's Anthem" while the stone was raised to the required height. The Rev. W. C. Wallis offered up the following prayer: "Almighty and Eternal God, architect and ruler of the universe, Maker of all things, and Judge of all men, regard, we humbly beseech Thee, with Thy special favour this our present undertaking, and grant that the work which we now commence in Thy name may conduce to Thy glory and to the temporal and eternal good of Thy dependent creatures. Bless the Craft in this town with Thy special blessing, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this work may continue Thy faithful servants unto their lives' end. Let their practice shadow forth the blessed principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and when Thou shalt be pleased to call them hence, and the earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, give them a building

of God, a house not built with hands eternal in the heavens;" followed by the Lord's Prayer, in which the brethren joined audibly, and the response Amen. So mote it be.

The Secretary read aloud the inscription to be placed under the stone, and the Treasurer placed in the cavity in the lower stone a tin box, covered with blue velvet, containing the inscription, and sundry coins of the present reign.

The W.M. spread cement over the lower stone, and the upper stone was slowly lowered; three distinct stops being made in bringing it down; and was properly laid by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M., S.W., and J.W., the band playing "The Vesper Hymn," and the brethren standing "to order," with arms crossed. The J.W. was called upon to plumb the stone, the S.W. to level it, and the I.P.M. to square it, and with three knocks the W.M. declared it "well and truly laid," saying, "May the Great Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown this edifice, of which we have now laid the foundation stone, with every success. So mote it be."

The builder handed the plan to the W.M., who, on returning it, enjoined him to use due care and diligence in the erection of the building, and expressed a hope that it would be completed without accident to the workmen, and prove creditable alike to the builder and the Craft.

The vessel containing the corn was handed to Bro. Leigh, P.M., who strewed it upon the stone, saying, "Corn being a symbol of prosperity and abundance, I strew it upon this stone that our lodge may continue successful and promote the benefits resulting from Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." The wine was handed to Bro. Chalmers, P.M., who poured it upon the stone, saying, "Wine being a symbol of refreshment and cheerfulness, I pour it upon this stone that our lodge may enjoy the blessings arising out of perfect peace and tranquillity." The oil was handed to Bro. Ziervogel, I.P.M., who poured it upon the stone, saying, "Oil being a symbol of joy and happiness, I pour it upon this stone that our lodge may reap the advantages of Masonry with rejoicing and festivity."

Bro. the Rev. W. C. Wallis then said, "May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of this place with all necessities, conveniences, and comforts of life, assist in the erection of this building, protect the workmen against every accident, and long preserve this structure from decay, and grant us all a supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. So mote it be." Response by the brethren: "Glory be to God on high. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen."

This closed the ceremonial, and after the band had played "The Queen's Anthem," the procession reformed and returned to the lodge room, the band playing the "Freemasons' March" in quick time.

Bro. W. Stonin Leigh, P.M., as Secretary and Treasurer of the Building Committee, gave a brief statement of the funds collected. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. the Rev. W. C. Wallis and others for assistance rendered on the occasion, and the lodge was then called off to resume with the regular business at 8 p.m.

It is expected that the new building will be completed and ready for occupation by the 24th June, St. John's Day, the day of annual installation, and most probably the dedication and consecration ceremonies will be united with that of installation of W.M.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Lest some of my readers may be startled at the real object of the present article I shall defer presenting a full revelation until a pause has been duly honoured. The pamphlet now "looking at me" is a rare octavo, of some thirty-nine pages, and has experienced over some hundred and ten summers. I have never seen more than another copy before, which had London on the imprint, but the present one was reprinted at Dublin by W. G. Jones and J. Milliken, during the same year, 1768, the title being "Masonry the Way to Hell: a Sermon, wherein is clearly proved, both from reason and Scripture, that all who profess these mysteries are in a state of damnation; Mystery, the Whore of Babylon, &c., Revel." London, &c. Where this most extraordinary sermon was delivered, and by whom, we know not. It cost a "British sixpence" on publication, but now it is such a curiosity that it would take many of such little coins to procure a copy. The London edition consisted of twenty-two pages, but the Dublin one, from which I quote, contains thirty-nine. I am not sure now exactly as to the character of the first issue, but as there are representatives of this wonderful discourse in the grand libraries of Bros. E. T. Carson and R. F. Bower, perhaps one, or both, of these brethren would kindly state how far their copies agree with the following. The writer of the pamphlet commences with the verse 5 of Revelations xvii., and proceeds to explain the errors commentators have fallen into by presuming the word mystery referred to the Romish Church, for "the words of the text relate entirely to Masonry." The author considers he proves in the sermon, "both from reason and revelation, that by the title Babylon is understood Masonry," especially because it is evident because "upon her forehead was a name written mystery." The relevancy of such a proof we must not stay to consider, but evidently it quite satisfied the mind of the author, and others similarly constituted. The application of the word harlot (page 9) is curious. "As women of that character affect to inspire men with the warmest ideas of pleasure, &c., so the Freemasons or male harlots * * * (!) practise upon others their deceitful arts, to inveigle them to be initiated in their mysteries." The seven heads of the woman of prophecy would have nonplussed any ordinary mind, but the writer perceives the allusion at once, as (of course) it is the seven

members necessary to constitute a perfect lodge, who would doubtless on such occasions bring their heads with them. Should such a suggestion not be acceptable to all his readers, he suggests that the description applies to the "seven steps."

At page 15 the method of the reception of "the poor deluded candidate" is most graphically described, but it would not do to reprint these wonderful revelations without permission, for if they led many to keep from our society from their perusal how sad it would be. However, to speak frankly, my time is scarcely at my command sufficiently to write out such stuff, and, indeed, were it otherwise, and any gentleman was led to determine never to enter a Masonic lodge because of his belief in the statements made in the pamphlet, or in any other stupid exposé, I should consider that a positive benefit had accrued to our society, as there would be one weak-minded individual the less in our ranks, and the Order would be the gainer by the result.

From page 19 to page 23 the author seeks really to show there is no mystery really in Freemasonry, or his argument falls to the ground as to its being the Babylon mentioned in Revelations. The writer is evidently well informed of the movements of his Satanic Majesty, as he ravenly tells us that "whenever two or three Masons are met together to celebrate their mysteries, there the devil is essentially in the midst of them."

The crime of murder, it seems, is quite an ordinary event amongst the Freemasons, "and to this terrible charge may be added a strong attachment to the diabolical art of necromancy."

The author asks of the distinguished men who patronise the Craft "When shall the time come that an English alderman, like a Roman citizen, shall be contented with his frugal meal of turnips?" On this subject we are not able to offer an opinion. The last division of the pamphlet is devoted to show that all those who adhere to the abominations of Masonry will be damned.

Finally the writer implores the brethren to "Be not any longer the wicked instruments of bringing upon children yet unborn the horrors of temporal, and upon their deluded fathers eternal misery."

The work is numbered 857 in Bro. Carson's most excellent "Mason Bibliography," and styled by him "an exceedingly scarce pamphlet." His copy was published in London, and the Dublin edition appears still scarcer.

Of course many answers were forthcoming, not the least curious being one entitled "Masonry Vindicated: a Sermon, wherein is clearly and demonstratively proved that a Sermon entitled 'Masonry the way to Hell' is an entire piece of the utmost weakness and absurdity," &c. (London, 1768); and another, known by the startling title "Masonry the Turnpike Road to Happiness in this Life, and Eternal Happiness Hereafter" (London 1768). All these pamphlets are scarcely ever heard of now, but Freemasonry continues to increase in prosperity and usefulness.

MASONIC HIGH GRADES IN CANADA. (From the Prescott Messenger, Feb. 14.)

In writing upon Masonic High Grades, I wish, as a preliminary, to be distinctly understood as meaning, by the term, a variety of degrees, conferred by a variety of rites, and which degrees are in effect not strictly, but merely quasi Masonic. They are not strictly Masonic, for the reason that the Craft Grand Lodge, the ruling body in pure, ancient and symbolic Masonry, of which every Master Mason's lodge is a component part, entirely ignores them. It—the Grand Lodge—does not forbid them; it does not acknowledge them; it simply knows them not. Every Master Mason is well aware that all the benefit that he can personally derive from the Order, all the relief and assistance that those near and dear to him can claim, in short all Masonic utility, emanates either from the Craft lodge or Grand Lodge. Hence all useful, practical, and beneficial Masonry begins and ends in the Master Mason's lodge, and the Master Mason himself—being raised to the Sublime Degree—is the peer and equal of any Mason upon earth. This being the case, all the "High Grades," professing to be Masonic, cannot in strictness be considered as properly so; they are only, as before stated, quasi Masonic. It is true that there is no real harm in any Mason taking any or all of them; they are in most cases amusing, in some instructive; they are the toys or recreations of an idle hour, in which many Masons, being but children of a large growth, find pleasure by indulging in. They are generally harmless, always useless, and in truth are valueless excrescences upon the body Masonic. With this declaration of what is generally held to be the sound Masonic law upon the subject, I will proceed to notice the manner in which the "High Grades" are used and sometimes abused in Canada. The rites claiming to possess them are as follow:

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Thirty-three Degrees, which originated at Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A., 31st May, 1801.

The Rite of Mizraim of Ninety Degrees, which originated at Milan, in Italy, in 1805.

The Rite of Memphis of Ninety-six Degrees, which originated at Paris, in France, 7th July, 1838.

The Ancient and Primitive Rite of Thirty-three Degrees (being a condensation of the Rite of Memphis of Ninety-six Degrees), which originated at Paris, in France, in 1862.

The manner in which these various rites were primarily constituted was this. During the latter half of the last century, a vast number—some hundreds—of pseudo Masonic degrees were fabricated and set afloat in Europe, and were generally entitled "Side Degrees." It at length occurred to some enterprising Masons that it would be both pleasant and profitable to congregate a quantity of these

Degrees together, to number them consecutively, beginning with the fourth (leaving to genuine Masonry the questionable honour of being the first, second, and third), and administer them to brethren who had a fondness for high sounding titles, resplendent jewelry, and "fuss and feathers" generally, at a price. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, being first in the field, led off the game, and the others followed suit, and they have continued up to the present time, sometimes flourishing, sometimes nearly dormant, their good or ill success chiefly depending upon the state of the times, that is, as to whether money was plenty or scarce. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has been, by all odds, the most successful, and is at the present time by far the most widely diffused of all these rites, but at the same time it has shown itself to be in many cases the most intolerant and arrogant amongst them. Owing to its priority of origin, and some pretended charter of constitution, purporting to emanate from Frederick the Great of Prussia (which most Masonic writers of repute now consider forgeries), it seems disposed in some countries, of which Canada is one, to claim for itself the sole right and title to propagate the "High Grades," and to pocket the fees attendant upon such propagation. The most learned and distinguished member of this rite, the Hon. Albert Pike, Thirty-three Degrees, Chief of the Supreme Council of the United States—the Mother Supreme Council of the world—distinctly repudiates any such design on the part of himself or his Supreme Council, to practise this selfish and illiberal policy. In a letter to the chief officer of the Rite of Memphis in Italy, bearing date 18th February, 1877, Bro. Pike says: "We have never interfered to prevent the establishment within our jurisdiction of what is here called the Oriental Rite of Memphis (which has been reduced by its possessors to thirty-three degrees), because we conceded to the fullest extent the right of all Masons to practise any Masonic rite, ancient or modern, without hindrance from any one, and because we held that each, our own included, ought to stand or fall, succeed or fail, upon its own merits."

Now, Bro. Pike is not only a distinguished Mason, but a distinguished jurist also, and as it is generally admitted that to his very great genius and ability the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite owes almost entirely its present prominence among the rites, it must, therefore be evident to every impartial mind that this opinion of Bro. Pike, so liberal and truly Masonic in its principles, expresses the law of his rite, and that in effect, arrogance or intolerance are no real or fundamental part of its constitution, and that these objectionable qualities are merely errors into which men of narrow minds and weak understandings—inflated by imaginary distinctions—have unwittingly fallen. It may now be affirmed as a settled truth that the law of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite neither requires nor permits its members to interfere with other rites, and those who have done so have displayed not only intolerance but ignorance.

I have been led into this disquisition upon High Grade Rites and their relations to each other by a recent perusal of the proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada, at the last session held in Montreal in October, 1878. In his address, the Presiding Officer, "The Most Illustrious and Most Puissant Sovereign Great Commander of The Holy Empire"—(Great Caesar, what a title! the Brother of the Sun! and Father of the Moon! and Lord of a thousand white Elephants! of Oriental fame, must pale and fade away before the lustre of this Magnifico!)—This stupenduous Potentate, I say, took occasion to fall foul of some aspiring brethren in the small and insignificant village of Maitland, Ontario, who not having the fear of the Supreme Council before their eyes, had the audacity and atrocity to obtain lawful authority to confer the Degrees of the Rites of Mizraim and Memphis, and the Ancient and Primitive Rite, and to publish to the Masonic world a very mild and modest register of the various rites and degrees worked in that ambitious little village. For this act of so called rebellion against the "very superior persons" (in a Disraeli sense) of the Supreme Council, these presumptuous villagers were hauled over the coals most unmercifully, were called "prostitutors of Masonry," and defiers of the powers that be, "traffickers in degrees," in short, a most unsavoury stream of mock Masonic Billingsgate was poured upon their defenceless heads. Perjury was plainly intimated, and swindling, if not worse, hinted at. And why all this swelling indignation, this letting loose of a tornado of wrath? Merely because the Maitland brethren had done that which Bro. Albert Pike, the very highest authority in this same Ancient and Accepted Rite, had publicly proclaimed every brother had a perfect right to do without molestation from any one.

But as if to show the inconsistency into which a rage for supremacy, combined with a greed for fees, will hurry even "Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Holy Empire" (I write this title with awe), it was deliberately resolved by the Supreme Council at this same session, that as the mountain would not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain; that as the general insensible public would not so far appreciate the beautiful and sublime Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as to seek after them, that these Degrees must "go for" the public, and that consequently emissaries must be sent into the cities and towns of Canada to endeavour to stir up the enthusiasm of the Masonic fraternity, and induce them to receive the Degrees of Perfection—Fourth to the Fourteenth—at the rate of thirty dollars per head. The "denounced" of Maitland only published a Register of Degrees, and that without a scale of fees; the "Illustrious" ones of the Supreme Council not only advertise their price, but in addition send out "Drummers" to dispose of their wares. In this connection I feel irresistibly impelled to give a quotation from Pickwick. Mr. Alfred Jingle having eloped with Miss Rachel Wardle, and being desi-

rous of obtaining a marriage licence, consulted Mr. Weller—the immortal Sam.

"Do you know-what's-a-name—Dector's Commons?" said Mr. Jingle.

"Yes, sir," replied Sam.

"Where it is?"

"Paul's Churchyard, sir, low archway on the carriage side, booksellers at one corner, hotel on the other, and two porters in the middle as touts for licences."

"Touts for licences?" said Mr. Jingle.

"Touts for licences," replied Sam. "Two coves in white aprons touches their hats as you walk in. License, sir, license? Queer sort them, and their masters, too, sir."

As Jack Bunsby, another of Dickens' characters, would say, "The bearing of this here quotation lies in the application of it." My application is this. Can a discriminating Masonic public draw a parallel between the "two coves in white aprons touting for licences," and two illustrious deputies of the Supreme Councils, also in white aprons, touting for thirty dollar fees through the towns and cities of Ontario and Quebec?

As regards the real value of these High Grade Degrees, I can speak with authority, being possessed of about all of them. As I said before, some are interesting, some amusing, and all harmless. To a Master Mason they are of no practical utility, he already having all that Masonry can give him, as regards rank, benefit, or position. Still if he is possessed of Masonic curiosity and a spirit of research, if he can spare the time and can afford the expense, I can with good conscience recommend him to take them, if it can be done conveniently, and he is not victimised by enormous fees. If they will do nothing else for him, they will at least entitle him to affix certain mysterious numbers to his signature, to wear a variety of costly jewels, and to call himself by magnificent titles, such as "Illustrious Brother," "Sovereign Prince," or "Sovereign Grand Inspector General." To my mind, and in this I am sustained by most Masonic writers, the grades or degrees known as the "Rose Croix" and "Kadesh" are by far the best, and singularly enough these are Templar Grades, properly belonging to the "Order of the Temple," and of which it was somewhat surreptitiously deprived. They have no connection with and are out of place in the hotch-potch aggregation of "Side Degrees," which form the principal ingredients in all the High Grade Rites. The Order of the Templar, I may here observe, is not in any sense a Masonic rite or Order, although the degree of a Royal Arch Mason is now required as a pre-requisite for admission to it. It is a Christian chivalric Order, and is generally considered to be a genuine continuation of the old knightly Order of the Temple of the Crusades, and admission to its ranks is eagerly sought after and highly esteemed.

Feb. 6th, 1879.

MAITLAND.

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

The Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, held its anniversary meeting on the 27th December, 1878, in Shanghai, when the Worshipful Master was installed, and the officers appointed for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened at nine p.m. by W. Bro. H. S. Morris, W.M., at which time there were about forty brethren present, including Bros. Pemberton, W.M.; Birt, P.M. 428, S.C.; Jansen, W.M., Ancient Landmark, Am. Com.; Koch, P.M., Lodge Germania; Weiler, S.D.G.W.; Drummond Hay, D.G. Treasurer of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, and several well-known brethren. At 9.15 p.m. the R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. C. Thorne, entered the lodge, accompanied by Bros. Hart, D.G.J.W.; J. I. Miller, D.G. Registrar; Thos. W. Kingsmill, Pres. D. Board of G. Purposes; Moore, D.G. Sword Bearer; Orme, D.G. Secretary; Evans, D.G.S.D.; Fentum, D.G. Organist; Brown, D.G. Pursuivant, and was received with the customary honours. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Morris, W.M., requested Bro. Thorne to honour the lodge by performing the installation ceremony, and Bro. Thorne, D.G.M., having acceded to the W.M.'s request, assumed the chair. Bro. Anderson, S.W., who had been unanimously elected as Master for the ensuing year, was then presented, and was duly installed in due and ancient form. The lodge having been closed respectively in the Third and Second Degrees, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Robinson, S.W.; J. F. Holliday, J.W.; Wm. White, Treas.; J. D. Bishop, Secretary; H. A. Johnston, S.D.; J. Findlay, J.D.; T. Hore, Tyler. After which the D.G.M. delivered addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and the lodge respectively. The W.M. then thanked the R.W.D.G. Master and his officers for their attendance and assistance in the working of the installation ceremony. The R.W.D.G.M., in reply, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to assist at all times in the working of our ceremonies. He called the special attention of the brethren to the necessity of their making themselves conversant with our ritual, so that they might always be ready to aid the W.M. in the working of the lodge, should any of the officers, unfortunately, be absent; he also urged them by their conduct outside the lodge to uphold the high character of our Masonic institution. The W.M. then thanked the visitors for their attendance, and after some Masonic business had been attended to, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 10.45 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room, where a cold collation was spread. After ample justice had been done to the viands, and the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Morris, P.M., proposed "The M.W. the Grand Masters and Grand Officers of Sister Grand Lodges," which was responded to with honours. The W.M. then proposed "The R.W.D.

G.M. and the D.G. Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China," and Bro. C. Thorne briefly replied, thanking them for the kindly feeling shown to him. Bro. Robinson, S.W., proposed "The Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Kingsmill, P.M., to which Bro. Kingsmill responded, and whilst thanking the brethren on their behalf, he must ask them to pay a special mark of honour to one who had only that evening taken his seat amongst the Past Masters; he alluded to Bro. Morris, P.M., who had presided over them as W.M. during the past year; how well he had performed his duties, and how kind and courteous he had proved to all, was so well known, that to dilate upon his many virtues would be superfluous. To prevent being tedious, he would call upon them to show their appreciation of Bro. Morris by the manner in which they responded to the toast of the health. Bro. Morris replied, and heartily thanked the brethren for the assistance rendered to him during the past year. He thanked Bro. Kingsmill for bringing his name before the lodge, and the brethren for thus enthusiastically responding to it. He had to express his thanks to the brethren of the sister lodges who from time to time had visited the Northern Lodge and assisted in its working. Personally he had received much attention at the hands of the P.M.'s of those lodges. That night they were favoured with the company of many of the members, and he felt assured the brethren would with him pay their tribute of respect by responding to the toast of "The Sister Lodges." He would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Short, W.M. elect of Lodge No. 1097. Bro. Short briefly replied, and thanked the brethren on behalf of his own lodge, as also on behalf of the Royal Sussex Lodge. Bro. Thorne, D.G.M., in the absence of Bro. Hart, D.G.J.W., drew the brethren's attention to the happy selection of officers made by the W.M. Many of them had filled subordinate offices, and were now gaining the reward of merit. All promised fairly for a successful year. He pointed out to the officers some of the duties expected from them, and urged them to a regular attendance to their duties. He commended to the brethren the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge." Bro. Bishop, Secretary, in a few well chosen words, expressed on behalf of himself and brother officers their thanks for the notice taken of them. He then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Housbury, in returning thanks, said how pleased all brethren were to visit the Northern Lodge of China, where they always received a hearty welcome. That night they had partaken of its hospitality, and he was sure by the happy faces of his brother visitors, who stood with him, that they felt deeply indebted to the brethren for the kindness received at their hands. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated at 12.30 a.m.

The election and installation of office-bearers of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428, for the ensuing year took place at Shanghai, on the 20th December, when the lodge, in response to an invitation of Bro. T. Pemberton, the R.W.M., had the honour of a visit from the District Grand Master of English Freemasons in Northern China, accompanied by his officers. The lodge met half-an-hour earlier than usual, and balloted for the candidates who had been previously nominated for the different offices, the voting resulting in the election of the following: Bros. T. Pemberton, R.W.M.; W. Burt, I.P.M.; W. Youngson, S.M.; U. W. Harris, S.W.; F. T. Williams, J.W.; W. Youngson, Treasurer; J. J. G. Thurson, Secretary; J. Gould, S.D.; J. D. Clark, J.D.; J. Beckhoff, I.G.; R. A. J. Andersen, S.S.; J. Tonkin, J.S.; A. Silverthorne, D.C.; W. Van Corbach, B.B.; G. Baffy, Hon. Org.; T. Hore, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. Pemberton, thanked the members for the confidence they had reposed in him by his election a second time to the highest position in the lodge, and took the opportunity to thank his officers for the great assistance they had rendered him, without which he was sure the success that had characterised their proceedings during the last twelve months would not have been achieved. Punctually at nine o'clock, the R.W. District Grand Master of Northern China, English Constitution, Bro. Cornelius Thorne, and his officers, were announced, and were received by the brethren with the customary honours of their rank. The R.W.D.G.M. was accompanied by the following of his officers:—Bros. Hart, D.G.J.W.; T. W. Kingsmill, President of Board of General Purposes; H. Evans, D.G.J.D.; Geo. B. Fentum, D.G. Organist; Moore, D.G. Sword Bearer; and J. Brown, D.G. Puist. W. H. Anderson and H. J. Camajee, D.G. Stewards; and among the visitors present were Bros. Rohl, of the Lodge Germania, German Constitution; M. H. Cook, I.P.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution; D. C. Jansen, W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution; Weiller, S.D.G.W. of the District Grand Lodge, Japan, and other eminent Masons, there being altogether about seventy-five brethren present. The R.W.M. expressed to the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers the pleasure their visit afforded to the brethren of the lodge. It was an honour of which they were all proud, and their pride would be enhanced by the R.W.D.G.M. kindly consenting to officiate as Installing Master. The R.W.D.G.M. thanked the brethren for the warm reception accorded to him and his officers, and said it was always a pleasure for them to meet their brethren on occasions like the present. Being himself a honorary member of the lodge, it was his duty to be present and assist in the labours; therefore, they had, as it were, doubly honoured him in asking him to conduct the installation ceremony. The R.W.M. thereupon vacated the chair, and handed over the gavel to the R.W.D.G.M., who then proceeded with the business. Bro. Birt, I.P.M., presented the retiring W.M. for re-installation, explaining that he had again been elected Master of the lodge by a large majority. Bro. Pemberton was then re-installed in the chair of K.S., and was saluted by all the brethren in due and

ancient form. At the request of the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Hart, D.G.J.W., obligated and invested the office bearers in their respective positions, which was followed by the usual addresses, given by the R.W.D.G.M. to the R.W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The R.W.M. again thanked the Master and officers of the District Grand Lodge, and the visitors generally, for their attendance, and hoped they would not leave without partaking of the refreshments provided. The lodge was then closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, and the brethren retired to the banquetting hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M., Bro. T. Pemberton, rose and proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and then gave "The Rulers of our respective Countries," after which Bro. W. Birt, P.M., 30°, proposed "The District Grand Lodge of Northern China," and thanked the R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. C. Thorne, and his Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Jas. Hart, and the other officers of the District Grand Lodge for their presence, and for conducting the installation of the Master and officers of the Lodge Cosmopolitan, to which Bro. Thorne, R.W.D.G.M., returned thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to, and afterwards proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." At the call of the R.W.D.G.M., the health of the W.M. was then drunk with musical honours. The W.M. gracefully acknowledged the compliment the R.W.D.G.M. had paid him by proposing his health in such felicitous terms, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. In conclusion, he proposed "The Healths of the Officers of the Lodge," and again referred to the great assistance they had rendered him during the last twelve months. Bros. Johnston, S.W., and Youngson, J.W., each responded. Bro. Johnston next proposed "Our Sister Lodges in Shanghai," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Kingsmill. Bro. Kingsmill responded. Bro. Cook, in response to loud calls, also said a few words as to the good feeling that existed among the different lodges in Shanghai, and took occasion to propose the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," and Bro. Birt, replied, thanking the members of the District Grand Lodge and visitors for the cordial reception given to the toast. The W.M. next called upon the brethren to drink to "The W.M.'s elect of Sister Lodges," which was accordingly done, and Bro. Anderson, of the Northern Lodge, and Bro. Short, of the Tuscan Lodge, replied. The Tyler's toast, "Poor and Distressed Masons," was then given, whereupon the majority of the members of the District Grand Lodge withdrew. Several other toasts were afterwards given, interspersed with songs; and the gathering, which may well be described as one of the largest and most successful held under the auspices of Scottish Masonry in Shanghai, was appropriately brought to a close by the health of the founder of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, Bro. Donaldson, being drunk in a bumper.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Lieut. Teignmouth Melvill, 24th Regt., and Lieut. Col. Arthur Geo. Durnford, killed at Isandula, on the 22nd January, 1879, were both Masons.

Bro. William Malthouse, of the Central Meat Market, will come forward as a candidate for the office of Common Councillor for the Ward of Farringdon Without, when a vacancy occurs.

Bro. John Soffery has received from Her Majesty the Queen, and also H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, letters thanking him for copies of his poems "Welcome" and "Epithalamium."

The public will be glad to learn that the medical attendants of the Vice-Chancellor Malins consider that he is making such satisfactory progress towards recovery from his late accident, that he is sanguine of being able to resume his judicial duties early in the Easter Sittings.

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was held at Willis's Rooms on Tuesday week. The meeting was numerously and influentially attended, His Grace the Duke of Northumberland occupying the chair. The report stated that the lifeboats of the Institution had saved 471 persons from shipwreck, and helped to rescue seventeen vessels from destruction.

The trustees of the British Museum have decided that the galleries of that Institution shall be opened to the public until eight o'clock p.m. from May 8th till the middle of July, and thenceforward to the end of August until seven o'clock.

The want of cooling and refreshing drinks, which are at the same time slightly though not overwhelmingly stimulating, has long been felt, and has been acknowledged by the faculty. We are glad to be able to state that several eminent physicians have testified to the value of the Pilsener beer imported and sold by Bro. F. Jacob and Co., of Gracechurch-buildings, and now sold at all the best restaurants. It contains all the properties of a gentle stimulant and an innocuous quencher of thirst. We strongly recommend our readers to patronise this very nice and wholesome beverage. In our advertisement columns will be seen the opinion of the merits of the "Pilsener" beer by the *Daily Telegraph*, no bad authority on matters of taste.

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

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.—The Quarterly Convocation of the Metropolitan College will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday next, 3rd April.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to preside at a festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, 15, Soho-square, to be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Monday, May 5.

Mr. W. Spottiswoode, President of the Royal Society, was presented at the levée held by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Monday. Amongst those who attended were Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., Mr. E. L. Lawson, Mr. J. D'A. Samuda, M.P., Mr. Marwood Tucker, and Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson.

We learn that the installation of the Master of the Temple as Dean of Llandaff will take place in Llandaff Cathedral at the morning service on Tuesday next.

The usual Quarterly Court of the Governors of the Scottish Corporation was held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the temporary offices, Fleur-de-lys-court, Fetter-lane, Bro. Dr. Charles Hogg in the chair. A letter was received from Mr. Cross on behalf of the Queen, acknowledging the receipt of an address by the Governors on the occasion of the death of the Grand Duchess of Hesse.

The annual meeting and distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, will take place in the Exhibition Palace, Earlsfoot-terrace, on Thursday, the 8th May next.

The North Warwickshire Hunt Meeting, at the Regent, on Wednesday last, was presided over by Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, who has recovered from his recent attack of bronchitis and gout. The arrangement with Mr. Lant, Nailcote Hall, for hunting the country remains undisturbed, but complaints of inadequate subscriptions were made.

The master, wardens, court of assistants, and clerk of the Glass-sellers' Company are arranging a complimentary dinner, to be given next month, in honour of Bro. Sheriff Burt. The entertainment is not to trench on the funds of the company, and the members of the court are restricted to one visitor each.

On the occasion of the University Boat Race the *Marion Wood* will be moored off the winning post at Mortlake by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. There will be a band on board.

The balance sheet and report of the second Tottenham, Enfield, and Edmonton Masonic Charitable association has been issued by which it appears that a sum of £176 2s. 6d. has been subscribed, out of which sixteen appropriations have been made to the three Charities. The members are to be congratulated upon having secured the services of a Treasurer and Secretary, whose zeal and energy have assisted materially its prosperity.

ROYAL SEA BATHING INFIRMARY.—The annual general meeting of the governors of this charity was held on Tuesday, at the offices, 1, Queen-street, Cheap-side, Bro. Colonel Creaton presiding. Bro. Clabon, Hon. Sec., read the report, which stated that while a large number of patients had been received during the year the mortality was about a third less. They had admitted during the year 647 patients, of which number 517 had been discharged and 111 had died, leaving in the hospital on January 1, 1879, 119 patients. The subscriptions amounted to £784 1s. 5d., and the "Hodgson" 5s. fund to £1257 7s. 1d. There was a considerable falling off in the donations and legacies, the former amounting to £452 5s. 7d., and the latter to £889 10s. 3d. The balance-sheet showed total receipts £5546 0s. 5d., and expenditure £8414 17s. 5d., leaving a deficit of £2868 17s. to be made up by the sale of stock. The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Spencer Smith and carried. The following gentlemen were appointed Vice-Presidents: Lord Sondes, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Moses Montifiore, Hon. Spencer Law, Sir Thos. Tyler, Canon Zarver, Mr. Jocelyn Percy, Alderman Sir Thomas Dakin, Mr. Robert Heath, Mr. Chas. C. Hardy, and the Rev. Samuel Prosser, M.A. The Directors, Auditors, and Treasurer were re-elected, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—Our readers will be gratified to hear that the London Cottage Mission, of 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C., gave their twelfth Irish Stew Dinner, on Wednesday, at Conder-street Hall, Limehouse, E., to several hundred poor children, numbers of whom were turned away as funds were so low. The little ones were as hungry as ever; for many of their parents are still out of work and cannot provide the common necessities of life for them. For three months this charity has laboured hard to assist the poor suffering children, and has succeeded so far as to have given several thousand dinners, besides free teas, during this severe and trying winter. This mission studies in every way to do good, both temporally and spiritually, and has a missionary agency a colporteur to circulate pure literature, free reading rooms for working men, Sunday schools, mothers' meetings, clothing club, penny bank, evangelistic services, and lectures for the people, and a variety of good work. A bazaar and fancy sale is also in progress to enable the promoters to purchase Conder-street Mission House and Hall, and it is to be hoped that our readers will not allow so good a charity to flag for want of means, but will aid it with goods or money, which will be gratefully received by Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., and by Mr. Walter Austin, at the office of the Mission, 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

In consequence of the visit of the Queen to Italy, the annual presentation of drawings by the boys of Christ's Hospital to her Majesty will not take place this year.

Prince Waldemar, third son of the Crown Prince of Germany, died suddenly of heart disease at half-past three o'clock on Thursday morning. The deceased Prince was born on the 10th of February, 1868, and had, therefore, completed his 11th year.

The Eastern Telegraph Company have concluded their arrangements, and the ships carrying the cables will depart immediately. The first ship will sail right away to Natal, and will commence to lay the cable towards Mozambique. The other ships will join her, and, taking there several sections of cable, will make a complete cable to Aden, where it will join the Eastern Telegraph system, which communicates directly with India, China, Australia, &c. The cable will be worked under the general administration of the Eastern Telegraph Company.

AMBULANCE CLASSES.—Major Duncan, R.A., on Wednesday last distributed, in connection with the ambulance classes of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the certificates gained by members of the 2nd Middlesex (her Majesty's Customs and the Docks) Artillery Volunteers. The ceremony took place in the lobby of the Custom House. Major Duncan in his address mentioned that ambulance classes had now been established in no less than fifty of the principal cities and towns in England, the most recent being Margate and at Rugby Junction, where fifty porters had been enlisted in the cause. It was not their intention to intrude on the province of the doctors, but rather to assist them in the first instance. All the collieries had readily accepted the proffered aid, and he was glad to hear that only recently there were five cases of saving life due to the action taken.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 4, 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, MARCH 29.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

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-rd., N.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, MARCH 31.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Viaduct Hot., Holborn.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
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.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dunder, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

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 Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
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, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st.

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-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1765, Trinity College, 61, Wyndham-st., W.
" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 199, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Hot., Albion-rd.
Rosicrucian Society, Metropolitan College, F.M. Tav.

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-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., 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-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
Mark 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
" 223, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st.
K.T. 134, Blondel, Cannon-row, Westminster.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., 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-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., 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-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
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, April 5, 1879.

MONDAY, MARCH 31.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.
" 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Leonard's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 484, Faith, Gerald's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Mariborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkey, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Alpass Encamp., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 680, Selson, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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