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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).—This lodge met on Tuesday evening the 7th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Hotel, Leadenhall-street, after an interval of five months, and there was a good muster of brethren. Among those present were Bros. Thomas Cox, W.M.; J. H. Thomas, I.P.M.; W. George, S.W.; W. Beard, J.W.; Pettifer, S.D.; White, J.D.; Powell, I.G.; Reynolds, Sec.; Bond, Treas.; and Past Master's Wynne, Hastelow, Scott, Grimsby, and Taylor. Mr. Adolphus Bullock, F.S.A., was initiated by the W.M., and Bro. McNeill was raised to the Third Degree. After the business had been concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to one of Bro. Painter's sumptuous banquets. Among the toasts was that of "The Initiate," which was received with great cordiality, and responded to by Bro. Bullock in very felicitous terms. Several visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge, and gave expressions to the pleasure which they had experienced on the occasion.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, October 2, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Charles Arkell, W.M.; Henry Legger, I.P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, S.W.; S. T. Lucas, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M. Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Chillingworth, jun., S.D.; James Lorkin, J.D.; H. A. Pratt, I.G.; H. A. Carter, Steward; Henry Muggeridge, P.M.; John George Marsh, P.M.; Ebenezer Roberts, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; Thomas Cohu, P.M.; Edward Jones, P.M.; Thomas Fisher, R. J. Dart, R. E. Bright, Charles Cann, John Kent, James Groves, W. Waring, Barclay Perkins, E. Hunter, R. H. Goddard, Cook, W. Darnell, John Guy, and other members. The visitors were Bros. J. Brooks, 51; C. M. Mathew, 263; Thomas Williams, British Oak; Henry Stubbings, 186; Anderson, 1320; C. F. Hogard, 205, P.G.S.W. Essex; W. White, 1693; G. T. Pummell, 1693; W. Simmons, 1871; W. C. Holland, 1321; Walter Downing, 20; T. Bradley, 517; G. Clarke, 177; H. Youldon, 548; and G. Morrison, 548. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, an adjourned motion of Bro. Edward Jones, P.M., respecting a Charity Fund, was discussed, which resulted in its withdrawal, after which a notice of motion was given by Bro. George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer, "That the subscription to the lodge be altered from three to three-and-a-half guineas." Another notice of motion was then made by Bro. H. A. Carter, Steward, to the effect "That, in the event of the Treasurer's motion being carried, an amount of ten per cent. of the subscription be applied to the Charity Fund." Two pounds were given to the widow of a deceased brother. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of fifty, then dined, the usual toasts being most ably given by the W.M. Bro. Henry Muggeridge, in reply to that of "The Past Masters," said that he was the father of the lodge, it being forty years since he was initiated in the Lion and Lamb Lodge. Bros. Marsh, Bright, Cann, and others contributed to the pleasures of the evening by a selection of good songs. The menu, under the excellent supervision of Bro. Rand, gave universal satisfaction. The charity box having been passed round, a collection of £1 12s. was made.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. There were present Bros. R. H. Crowden, W.M.; J. C. Woodrow, S.W.; Kent, J.W.; J. C. Woodrow, Sec.; W. F. Gardner, S.D.; Thos. Perrin, J.D.; M. Vizetelly, I.G.; Crump, Steward; J. Beckett, Tyler; H. D. Stead, P.M.; J. K. Stead, P.M.; Crouch, P.M.; John Crowden, and James Crowden. Visitors: Bros. Webb, P.M. Loyalty Lodge; and Fullwood, P.M. St. John's Lodge, 328. The lodge was opened in due form,

and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Druce and Orange, and declared unanimous. The W.M. initiated Messrs. Druce and Orange in a most praiseworthy manner. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served in the usual elegant manner by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and afforded the brethren very great satisfaction, this being the first meeting at the Crystal Palace.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—An emergency meeting of this lodge (the first after the usual recess) was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. James Freeman, W.M., supported by his officers, Bros. J. Blackie, S.W. (W.M. elect); W. Catchpole, J.W.; N. B. Headon, Treasurer; Moody, Secretary; T. Hamer, S.D.; C. Taylor, J.D.; W. Kibble, I.G.; F. T. Keeble, Steward; and the following members: Bros. H. King, T. de Lelive, J. W. Cadiot, T. R. Vowles, A. T. Roberts, Julian Hartley, T. Keene, H. Bertram, L. Hudd, W. Baber, Owen Bowen, R. Zendrick, W. Lucas, R. Greening, H. Thompson (Freemason), and others. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, the W.M. resigned the chair to Bro. Moody, P.M. and Secretary, for the purpose of allowing him to raise his friend Bro. King to the Sublime Degree. Bro. King was accordingly examined as to his proficiency in the science, and his answers being considered satisfactory, he retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. On his re-admission he was in due form raised to the Degree of M.M., that beautiful ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. Moody, and he received only his due meed of praise from all present. The next business was to pass Bro. Edwin Charles Percy Stevens to the Second Degree. This was at the request of the W.M. of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, of which lodge Bro. Stevens is a member, but as it does not meet for some time the W.M. of the Great City Lodge was requested to allow that rite to be conferred upon him in this lodge. He was initiated in the Lebanon Lodge, by his father, Bro. Jas. Stevens, who is a member of that lodge, as well as the Great City Lodge. By the permission of Bro. Freeman, W.M., Bro. Stevens was allowed to take the chair, and in due form passed his son to the Second Degree. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, when, pursuant to notice, Bro. Greening moved "That a Past Master's jewel of the usual value be presented to Bro. J. Freeman, W.M., on the completion of his year of office." The motion was seconded by Bro. Cadiot, and warmly supported by Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., on account of his genial nature and kindness to every member on all occasions. The motion was put and unanimously agreed to. A long discussion arose in consequence of an announcement from one of the members tendering his resignation, and it was suggested by several of the speakers that some hardship would be inflicted if the rule as to resignations was too strictly construed, and the letter of it rather than the spirit was adhered to, but as that was a lodge of emergency it was impossible to take any action as to an alteration, and the subject was deferred until the next meeting. The lodge was then closed and adjourned until Saturday, the 11th inst., when Bro. G. W. Blackie, S.W., will be installed as W.M. of the lodge.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held yesterday week at the Metropolitan Benefit Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond-road. Bro. J. Symons, M.D., W.M., presided. The other brethren who attended were Bros. William Stephens, P.M.; Elias Somers, W. J. Murlis, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; John High, S.W.; James Glaskin, S.D.; W. Grist, J.D.; Charles Smith, I.G.; A. J. Stanton, D.C.; John Tovell, Steward; Wm. Gray, F. A. Hawthorn, George J. Glover, James Hanney, C. H. Fisher, F. C. Nevill, H. Patient, Edwin Blunt, W. J. Brewster, James Clayton, B. G. Poulton, W. Matthews, Ed. George, Silvester Patient; and visitors, Bros. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Charles Veal, P.G.S.W. Surrey; C. E. Barnett, 1678; James F. Hasdine, Org. 1364; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). The only business on the paper was the installation of the W.M., the appointment and investiture of officers, and the reception of the Auditors' report; and after the lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. William Stephens, P.M., was requested by the W.M. to perform the installation. Bro. Williams Stephens thereupon took the chair, and installed Bro. John High, the popular S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. After the W.M. had been congratulated on attaining the exalted position of the chief officer of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, the usual salutes and proclamations were given, and the following brethren were appointed as officers to assist him during his tenure of office:—Bros. T. Hastings Miller, S.W.; James Glaskin, J.W.; William Stephens, P.M., Treas.; Edwin Blunt, Sec.; William Grist, S.D.; Charles Smith, J.D.; A. J. Stanton, I.G.; John Tovell, I.G.; W. Gray, W.S.; F. A. Hawthorn, W.S.; James Hanney, Org.; and Marsh, Tyler. Bro. Stephens then delivered the addresses, and, on the motion of Bro. J. E. Walford, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. J. Murlis, P.M., a vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be entered on the minutes in recognition of the admirable way in which Bro. Stephens had performed the duties of Installing Master. The Auditors' report was then submitted, from which it appeared that there was in the hands of the Treasurer at last audit the sum of £28 3s. 7d.; that there had been since received during the year £121 15s. 6d.; and expended, including dues to the Grand Lodge to the same time, £114 7s. The balance in the Treasurer's hands was, therefore, £35 12s. 1d. This report having been adopted, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Auditors, and the lodge was closed. One of Bro. William Grist's choice banquets followed, and the usual toasts were proposed, honoured, and responded to; but all the

speeches were very short. Bro. T. Cubitt, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Dr. Symons proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. High in responding expressed his sincere gratification at being placed in the Master's chair, and promised to use his utmost exertions to maintain the dignity of the office, and the distinguished position of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M." he recalled the brethren's attention to the eminent services rendered by Dr. Symons to the lodge, of which the brethren shewed their sense by unanimously voting him a Past Master's jewel. This jewel, which was a very handsome one, he now presented, and he trusted that Dr. Symons might long enjoy life, health, and strength to continue with them in the lodge, and exhibit to future Masons this testimonial of the brethren's esteem. Dr. Symons in acknowledging the gift confessed that he endeavoured to perform his duties faithfully, and only regretted that his services to the lodge had not been still greater. The toast of "The P.M.'s" gave the W.M. an opportunity of expatiating on the great services of Bro. William Stephens, which, he said, all the brethren must acknowledge. Bro. Stephens was really the mainstay of the lodge, and was always ready to undertake at a moment's notice the duties of any office he might be called on to fill. Bro. W. Stephens, P.M., modestly acknowledged the compliment, but stated that the interest he felt in the success of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge would ever lead him to do whatever he could for it. The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," &c., followed, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a most agreeable evening.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—Friday, the 3rd inst., was the occasion of the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Town Hall, Poplar, when the following were present:—Bros. John Dennis, W.M.; J. K. Coleman, S.W.; Leonard Potts, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M.; W. C. Young, J.D.; N. J. Fenner, Treas.; T. Bates, I.G.; J. House, D.C.; J. Grout, Org.; and several other brethren, members of the lodge; also the following visitors:—Bros. J. A. Farnfield, P.M. 256; G. Anderson, P.G. Steward, W.M. 60; A. M. Ellingford, J.D. 834; R. M. Talbot, S.D. 1804; F. H. Cozens, Org. 907; and E. Martin, 879. The lodge met at three o'clock in the afternoon, the business being to read and confirm minutes of previous meetings; to receive report from Audit Committee; to elect Treasurer for the ensuing year; to raise Bro. John Smith; to pass Bro. D. W. Forbes; and to instal Bro. J. Kemp Coleman as W.M. The minutes having been confirmed, and the audit report received, intimation was given that Bro. N. J. Fenner, who had acted as Treasurer since the formation of the lodge, did not desire to be put in nomination for the office for the year ensuing. This being the case, the choice of the lodge fell unanimously on Bro. W. H. Farnfield, P.M., to fill the position, and, at a later period of the evening, when a letter was read from Bro. N. J. Fenner resigning his membership in consequence of living at a long distance from Poplar, it was unanimously resolved that an honorary membership be conferred upon Bro. N. J. Fenner for services rendered as Treasurer. The ceremonies of raising and passing were performed by Bro. J. Dennis in his usual faultless style, and Bro. J. Kemp Coleman was then installed W.M. of the All Saints Lodge, according to ancient rite, also by Bro. Dennis. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Leonard Potts, S.W.; W. C. Young, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, Treas.; E. L. Bracebridge, Sec.; T. Bates, S.D.; J. House, J.D.; E. L. Kennett, I.G.; and J. Grout, Org. The installation ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master and ordered to be entered on the minutes. In communicating this to Bro. Dennis the W.M. expressed his personal thanks for the manner in which the installation ceremony had been rendered, and took the opportunity of presenting the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel voted at a previous meeting. Bro. Dennis in reply assured the W.M. and the lodge of the gratification he felt in thus being honoured, and promised that although his year of office had expired he should continue to take a great interest in the welfare of the lodge, and would make a special point of supporting the W.M. just installed. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to another part of the large hall, where a banquet awaited their attention. Justice to this having been done, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. To the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Coleman responded, and thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received; he trusted to receive the support of the members of the lodge during the year, promised constant attention to his duties, and hoped when the time came for him to retire he would be able to look with satisfaction upon his year of office. To the toast of "The Visitors" those present responded, and Bro. J. A. Farnfield alluded in a humorous vein to the presence of brethren from the west at a lodge in the east, and that inasmuch as in olden time wise men went to the east, so in present days brethren might do worse than go to the east for instruction in Freemasonry. The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Dennis and W. F. Farnfield, and that of "The Officers" by the S.W. and other officers, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This civic lodge met on the 29th ult., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, when there were present Bros. Charles Jacques, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.S.B. Middx., S.W. (Freemason); H. J. Lardner, J.W.; W. H. Jackson, I.P.M. and Sec.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.J.W. Middx., P.M.; M. Samuel, S.D.; Potter, I.G.; Hart, Hon. Org.; Strugnell, D.C.; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Dr. Hunter, W.M. 1677; Butt, J.W. 907; P. J. Jackson, 49; Acland, Lodge of Israel. The minutes of the previous meeting

having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M., by permission of the W.M., raised Bro. Thomas Simpson to the Degree of a M.M. The ceremony was well performed. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bros. Richards and Wildash to the Degree of F.C. The subject of the bye-laws was postponed until the November meeting. The lodge was then duly closed, and the members and visitors then adjourned to the banquet. The Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that Bro. Jacques for the zeal which he had manifested in the founding of the lodge, and for the uniform attention he had displayed in the discharge of his duties, was worthy of their warmest commendations. In conclusion, he (the I.P.M.) trusted that the remainder of the W.M.'s year of office would continue to be prosperous and harmonious. The W.M. having responded, then proposed "The Health of the Visitors" in very eulogistic terms. This toast having been most warmly received, Bros. Hunter, Butt, Acland, and Jackson duly and tersely acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The Officers," the W.M. spoke at length upon the great assistance some of them had rendered in the founding of the lodge. He particularly mentioned the services of the Treasurer, Bro. Ramsey, who, for the first time since the consecration of the lodge, was unavoidably absent. He believed that very few young lodges possessed so many good working Masons as the Farringdon Without undoubtedly had. In conclusion, he hoped that the new members anxious for preferment would endeavour to emulate the skill of their superiors in office, in order that the future Masters might be as well supported during their tenure of the chair as he was then. This toast having been duly honoured, each of the officers present made a suitable reply. The proceedings were agreeably diversified by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. Hart, Potter, Samuel, Jackson, and others. The Tyler's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The first meeting of the season after the summer recess was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at 7.45 by Bro. Braham, W.M., supported by the following brethren, Bros. F. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; and P.M.'s F. J. Brown, P.P.G.S.W.; Peel Floyd, Moutrie, Dr. Tunstall, Dr. Hopkins, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W. Warwick, S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Radway, Sec.; T. Wilton, sen., Dir. Cir.; T. Willon, jun., as S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Ames and Styles, Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler. An apology for unavoidable absence was received from Bro. Ashley, P.M. and Treasurer. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, it was announced that many members of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906, demanded admission. They then entered, headed by their W.M., Bro. Howes, and were received with honours. Mr. Henry Lane Brown, previously balloted for, was admitted as a candidate for Freemasonry, and duly initiated by the W.M., the obligation being administered by his father, the symbolism of the working tools explained by the J.D., and the charge delivered by the S.W. Bro. F. J. Brown brought before the lodge the utter uselessness of the library for want of a resident curator and means of access to the books, except at the times when the lodge meets. Some discussion followed, which had no immediate result, but the brethren were requested by the W.M. to think over the matter with a view to some satisfactory arrangement. Other private matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed at 9.30.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of the old lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on the evening of Michaelmas Day, at half-past six. The W.M., Bro. J. Rymer Young, was supported by a goodly number of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Dr. Young, J.W.; Thos. Grime, J.D.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Cumb. and West., Hon. Sec.; D. W. Finney, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. designate; Archibald Crawford, Charles Skinner, John Pierpoint, Thos. Domville, and others. Among the visitors we noticed Bro. T. W. Ockenden, J.W. 1512, and I.G. Lodge of Progress, 1768. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The W.M. then said that the brethren would notice that the Second Degree was to be worked as an instruction that night, and he was exceedingly glad that their visiting brother, T. W. Ockenden, was willing to work the Degree. Bro. Skinner having volunteered as a candidate, and Bro. Bowes taking the S.D. position, the Degree was worked with a quiet impressiveness that will not soon be forgotten. Bro. Ockenden then delivered the "Six Perio's of Creation." A vote of thanks preceded the closing of the lodge.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. J. Roger Lever, W.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; Robert Tomlins, S.D.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas., acting I.G.; John Church, Sec.; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; James Wilson and P. C. Holmes, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Dawson, P.M.; John Higginbotham, P.M.; E. J. Rix, Henson, J. W. Edwards, De Gough, H. Walmsley, Ludwig Oppenheimer, Saml. Percivals, Francis Hilton, Ellis Jones, and R. R. Lisenden (Freemason). Visitor: Bro. J. L. Greenwood, 163. The lodge was opened at 6.30 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Ellis Jones being a candidate for raising was interrogated, and having answered the questions without hesitation withdrew. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Donbavand assumed the W.M.'s chair. Bro. Jones was re-admitted and raised to

the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Too much praise can scarcely be awarded to Bro. Donbavand for the careful and painstaking manner in which he performed this beautiful ceremony, his elocutionary gifts and distinct accentuation making it a pleasure to listen to him, and must undoubtedly have had an impressive effect on the candidate. The traditional history was delivered by Bro. J. Dawson, P.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the only visiting brother, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—An emergency meeting of the members of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate, on Tuesday evening, the 30th ult. Bro. W. N. Holme, the Worshipful Master, occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by his respective officers. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and afterwards in the Second Degree, when Bros. Marriott and Kershaw, having given proficiency as Fellow Crafts, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Marriott and Kershaw severally re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons by the W.M., Bro. Sheriff, I.P.M., giving the traditional history and the working tools. The working was well gone through. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and the usual proclamations made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer. The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on the evening of the 6th inst., in the lodge room, but the business was only routine.

SCARBOROUGH.—Leopold Lodge (No. 1760).—On Monday night, the 6th inst., the installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Old Globe Hotel. Bro. S. Middleton, S.W., having been unanimously elected, was duly installed by Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., assisted by Bro. G. H. Walsham, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. After the usual impressive ceremony had been gone through, the newly-elected W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year: —Bros. Fraser, S.W.; Kirk, J.W.; R. H. Peacock, Treas.; Knaggs, Sec.; Thackers, S.D.; Thackett, J.D.; Webster, I.G. The business of the lodge being over, the members adjourned to the large dining room of the hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared. After the repast the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge, which holds its meetings at the Clarence Hotel, met in good strength on the 27th ult. There were present among others Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, P.G.A.P. of Middlesex, W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Fricker, Treasurer; Fitt, Secretary; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.D. (Freemason); Linton, J.D.; Goodchild, I.G.; Stevens, Organist; and Gilbert, P.G.T. Middlesex, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Brown, Treas. 1685; Frampton, 622; Beard, 946; W. Lane, J.D. 1638; Alidge, 1638; and Featherstone, W.S. 1656. The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hickinbotham was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Messrs. Warner and Phelps were initiated, both ceremonies being well performed. Bro. Handel, 1656, was balloted for and unanimously received as a joining member. In consequence of the recent demise of Bro. Captain Brown, one of the most active founders of the lodge, the members were in mourning. Previously to the lodge being closed the W.M., in a few brief but kind words, touched upon the melancholy event, and proposed that a vote of condolence should be forwarded to Mrs. Brown, and that the lodge should wear mourning for six months. The proposition was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. It having transpired that the caterer of the hotel had expressed a wish that the lodge should be removed in consequence of the inconvenience to his business, Bro. Walls proposed that an application should be made to the R.W. P.G.M. for permission to remove the lodge to the commodious and elegant Assembly Rooms, in the Queen's-road, Teddington. The proposition was seconded and carried nem. con. The members inspected the Assembly Rooms, which had been designed by Bro. Goodchild, and erected by Bro. Hurst, and they unanimously agreed that with a slight alteration the rooms were capable of affording every Masonic requirement. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were done full justice to. "The R.W.P.G.M." was proposed in very warm terms by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren. "The R.W.D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bro. Walls, who directly afterwards gave "The W.M." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. made a modest reply, in which he expressed his satisfaction at the rapid progress the lodge was making. It was to him a source of congratulation that with one or two exceptions the initiates were local residents, and, therefore, it proved that the necessity for having a Teddington lodge had not been over estimated by the original petitioners. In conclusion, he thanked the members for the very great support that had been given him hitherto, and which satisfactory state of things he hoped would continue to the end of his tenure of office as first Master of 1793. "The Health of the Initiates" followed, and elicited from Bros. Warner and Phelps brief but pertinent replies. In giving "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon the status and the number of the visiting brethren who had honoured them with their presence. The practice

of visiting various lodges was a custom highly to be commended, as it conduced to the harmony of Freemasonry, and, in point of fact, assisted in the dissemination of one of its greatest principles, namely, brotherly love. He then touched upon the Masonic services and merits of the different visiting brethren present. This toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Brown made an exhaustive reply. He congratulated the lodge upon its progress and upon its generally good "working." He had been present at its consecration, and he was pleased to see that the good things then predicted for it by the Provincial Grand Master and other distinguished Masons who had taken part in the ceremony had thus far been amply verified. In conclusion, upon behalf of his co-visitors and himself, he expressed their and his sincere thanks for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they had been received that day. "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by the S.W. and others. The remainder of the evening was agreeably spent, and the brethren separated highly pleased with the success that had characterised their first regular meeting after the summer recess.

Royal Arch.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held in the new Masonic rooms at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst. The following companions were present:—Comps. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z.; Neville Green, H.; T. C. Chapman (Z. 192), J.; H. G. Buss, P.G. Standard Bearer, P.Z.; W. H. Brand, S.E.; E. Somers, P.S.; F. Brasted, J. L. Payne, W. Beasley, R. George, J. Marsh, Janitor. The chapter having been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Comps. Brasted and Payne were appointed Assistant Sojs. Ballot was taken for Bro. Sidney T. Fisk, Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, a candidate for exaltation, which proved favourable, and Bros. Fisk and Edwin T. F. Bell, Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319 (previously elected), being in attendance, were regularly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The usual banquet followed; after which the ordinary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. Comp. Buss, P.Z., in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," congratulated the chapter on the progress it had made, and the officers on the efficient manner in which the ceremony had been carried out. Comp. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z., returned thanks. Comps. Fisk and Bell returned thanks for "The Exaltees," and Comp. Somers for "The Officers." The proceedings at the banquet table were enlivened by the vocal abilities of Comp. Bell, Payne, and Brasted. The Janitor's toast was given by Comp. Marsh, Janitor; after which the companions separated, no doubt looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the next meeting.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—This old chapter for instruction and improvement in the ceremonies pertaining to the R.A. Degree, met for the first time after the recess at its old quarters, the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The offices were filled as follows: W. H. Lee, Z.; F. Brown, II.; S. P. Catterson, J.; G. Walker, N.; N. Moss, P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. G. P. Gillard as candidate. There were beside the above a goodly attendance of companions, amongst whom Comp. A. J. Thomas, Z. 7; W. Sayer, 1185; T. Dixon, J. 1489, were elected joining members. A letter having been read from Comp. T. W. White, Scribe E., stating his inability to attend through illness, expressions of sympathy were passed, all uniting in the hope of his speedy recovery. Chapter was then closed in due form. We commend this chapter of improvement to all companions seeking instruction; it is centrally situated, meets at a convenient hour, and ought to have a very large support.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when the following brethren were present: Ill. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, P.S. Int. Gen., unatt., as M.P.S.; E. Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland, V.E.; Sir Knights T. Humphries, as S.G.; George Simpson, I.G.; M. Millington, Prefect; A. T. B. Turner, Recorder; L. Murphy, H.P.; W. P. Husband, Herald; J. Ward, S. F. Bousfield, H. Jackson, and others. Bro. J. J. Wilkes, of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, having been elected, was duly installed a Knight of the Order. A draft code of bye-laws was submitted and agreed upon. Bro. W. B. Dyson, of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, was proposed and seconded as a candidate. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read, and the conclave was closed. The sanctuary of St. Peter and commandery of St. John were afterwards successively opened, and those Degrees conferred upon Sir Knight Wilkes. The members subsequently met at refreshment.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumn is proverbially the season of sickness; then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands thorough and attentive regulation, and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessities for securing health; the one overcomes cutaneous diseases, sores, ulcerations, abscesses, carbuncles, and all visible imperfections, the other acts most potently in cleansing the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. These twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine chest available for family use. It is easier, through Holloway's discovery, to point out the remedy than to describe the disease; into the former no fallacy can intrude; into the latter prejudice may unwillingly creep.—[Adv.]

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

That Masonry flourishes, notwithstanding bad times which have had scarcely a parallel within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, was shown by the large and most enthusiastic attendance of brethren from every section of the division at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, which was held at the Winter Gardens, Morecambe, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The arrangements were certainly not perfect, but this can hardly be wondered at, when no fewer than eighty lodges require to find accommodation at these annual gatherings. The immense and brilliant assembly on this occasion again gave incontrovertible proof of the sustained and even increasing popularity of our deservedly esteemed D.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire Province, who on this occasion was again welcomed with the warmth which is always displayed by the multitudes of Masons over whom he holds Masonic sway. There were between 500 and 600 brethren present, and this was a most significant fact, when it is borne in mind that the meeting was held in nearly the most remote corner of the province. The majority of the brethren hailed from Liverpool, Wigan, Preston, and Lancashire, and for their accommodation the London and North-Western Railway Company (of which Bro. Shaw, of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, is the local superintendent) ran special trains.

The whole of the eighty lodges in the extensive province, which is the second largest in the kingdom, were represented, with one exception (the Ashton, No. 1140, Withington).

The Craft lodge was opened by the W.M. of No. 32, assisted by Bro. T. F. Hill, M.M. No. 220, acting as S.W.; and Bro. T. Salter, W.M. No. 241, as J.W.

Bro. the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., and D.G.M. of England, who was most enthusiastically greeted, took his seat on the throne, and was supported by Bros. the Right Hon. Colonel Frederick Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., Secretary of State for War; W. Baldwin, P.G.S.W.; H. R. Robertson, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, P.G. Chaplain; R. Robinson, P.G.R.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; T. W. Sergeant, P.G.S.D.; J. E. Jackson, Supt. of W.; Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of Eng.; F. Binckes, P.G.S. Eng.; Major George Turner, P.P.G.T.; Peter Muldrow, P.P.G.S.D.; Harding, P.P.G.S.D.; Chadwick, P.G. Sec. East Lanc.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035 (Mayor of Bootle); W. Vines, P.P.G.D. of C.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; Renington, P.P.C.J.W.; Royds, P.P.C.J.W.; Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; Bowes, P.P.C.J.W.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D. of C.; Taylor, P.G. Treas. East Lanc.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S. of W.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org.; Captain J. W. Newman, P.G.S.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D. of C.; Dr. J. F. Bailey, W.M.; J. H. Johnston, P.M., D. of C. 1350; Dr. Arthur Samuel, P.M. 1350; W. P. Evans, I.P.M. 1350; C. P. Titherley, S.W. 1350; R. Carruthers, J.W. 1350; Rowan, W.M. 1013; Thompson, P.M. 1013; Tomlinson, 1013; W. Little, 477; Fothergill, Sec. Neptune Lodge; R. Warriner, W.M. 1547; W. Ladyman, S.W. 1547; J. McKune, P.M. 216; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; T. Salter, W.M. 241; J. Bell, P.G.S.; H. Williams, P.G.S.; J. Wells, P.G.D.C.; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M. 1609; W. J. Chapman, P.M. 1609; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, Treasurer 1609; W. Sandbrook, S.W. 1609; J. Atkinson, J.W. 1609; Fred. Wilkinson, Secretary 1609; W. Savage, I.G. 1609; H. P. Squire, S.D. 1356, S. 1609; R. W. Barnes, 1609; W. Heap, 1609; T. F. Hill, W.M. 220; H. Hatch, S.W. 220; J. Beesley, P.M. 216; D. S. Davies, P.M. 216; John Latta, J.W. 241; J. Winsor, I.P.M. 241; J. Hayes, P.G.S., P.M. 249; W. Corbett, W.M. 249; H. Firth, W.M. 667; J. Ellis, P.M. 667; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 673; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; T. Clark, P.M., Treasurer 673; J. Houlding, P.M. 823; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; G. Musker, W.M. 1182; A. C. Wylie, S.W. 1264; J. Keet, J.W. 1356; J. McCarthy, P.M. 1393; W. Pughe, P.M. 1620; and others.

The P.G. Sec. (Bro. H. S. Alpass) called the roll of the lodges, and afterwards read the minutes of the last P.G. Lodge meeting, held at the Philharmonic Hall on the 2nd of October, 1878, which were unanimously confirmed.

The accounts of the P.G. Treas. (Bro. J. T. Callow), which were taken as read, showed that during the past year the income in connection with the Charity Fund, including balances, amounted to £510 1s. 3d.; to the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund, £644 6s. 11d.; to the Fund of Benevolence, £2084 14s. 8d.; total, £3238 16s. 10d. Amongst the disbursements were £105 for the West Lancashire Educational Institution; £105 for the Masonic Institution for Girls; the total expenditure amounting to £477 16s. 3d. It appeared that £2639 had altogether been paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Institution. There was a total balance of £2761, of which £1000 was invested in dock bonds, £795 at the savings banks, and about £965 in the North-Western Bank.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. Major G. Turner, P.P.G. Treas., Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treas., Bro. Turner remarking that he had become a convert to the idea that the office of Treasurer of the P.G. Lodge should be held for two years by the same brother. (Laughter.)

In thanking the brethren for the honour which had been conferred upon him, Bro. Callow said he trusted that he should be able to discharge the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren. (Applause.)

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Col. Stanley, M.P.	Prov. D.P.G.M.
" J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. B. Ackrley, P.M. 680	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. L. R. Ayre, P.M. 995	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. H. Evans, P.M. 1393	Prov. G.S.D.
" Joseph Bell, P.M. 1609 and 1356	Prov. G.J.D.
" Capt. Newman, P.M. 786	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Clark, P.M. 673	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" D. W. Finney, P.M. 1250	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Williams, P.M. 1264	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Hayes, P.M. 249	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Skeaf (re-appointed)	Prov. G.O.
" J. Ballard, P.M. 724	Prov. G.P.
Bros. Harrison, Longman, Long-	Prov. G. Stewards.
mire, J. Houlding, P.M. 823,	
Sharples, and Whitenead	

Several applications for assistance from the Fund of Benevolence were read and considered, and relief amounting to about £100 was granted.

The P.G.M. moved, "That any brother of this province who may be entitled to wear the Charity Jewel shall be presented with the same by Prov. Grand Lodge." He would suggest that the motion should be made of a retrospective character, and he trusted that in future more brethren than hitherto would come forward to help a most deserving object, and so become entitled to wear the jewel. (Applause.) The motion was seconded by Bro. R. Robinson, P.G.R., and carried unanimously.

The P.G. Sec. (Bro. Alpass) reported as follows:—

I have nothing special to report to Prov. G. Lodge. The depression in trade has affected Freemasonry to some extent. There have been fewer initiations, and, for the first time in my experience, a diminution in the number of the subscribing members of the lodges in the province. Notwithstanding these untoward circumstances, a few zealous brethren of this province accepted office as Stewards at the last festival of the Girls' School, and worked so well that they took up a larger amount of money than the brethren from any other province. The following is the list for the West Division of Lancashire:—Bro. Dealey, Sefton Lodge, No. 680, £126; Bro. Salter, Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, £115 10s.; Bro. Wylie, Prov. G. Lodge, £105; Bro. Robertson, St. George's Lodge, No. 32, £53; Bro. Pochin, Architect Lodge, No. 1375, £48 6s.; Bro. Buxton, Victoria Lodge, No. 1345, £42; Bro. Wells, Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, £36 15s.; Bro. Platt, Fermor Lodge, No. 1313, £26 5s.; Bro. Wainwright, Lodge of Unity, No. 613, £21; Bro. Roberts, Bridson Chapter, No. 613, £21; Bro. Harding, Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, £17 17s.; Bro. Remington, Lodge of Furness, No. 995, £13 14s.; Bro. Houlding, Everton Lodge, No. 823, £10 10s.; Bro. Mattison, Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, £10. At the festival of the Boys' School, Bro. Goodacre, Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, took up £65 2s.; Bro. Barker, Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, No. 1330, took up £13 13s., the last-named brethren fulfilling the engagement at the last meeting of Prov. G. Lodge, that the youngest lodge in the province should raise for one of the Masonic Charities a sum of not less than fifty guineas during the first year of its existence. I have no account of the names of the subscribers at the last festival, the annual report of each school being published early in the year, I shall therefore esteem it a favour if the Stewards will see that voting papers are received by all the donors on their lists, and forwarded to me, signed, in order that they may be used at the election of the Boys' School, in October, in favour of Albert Grice Asplen, a candidate from this province. In conclusion, I have the pleasure of informing Prov. Grand Lodge that all the lodges have sent in their returns and paid their dues.

On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., it was resolved that the sum of 150 guineas be voted out of the Charities Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

On the motion of Bro. Wylie, seconded by Bro. J. R. Goepel, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of 100 guineas be voted out of the Charities Fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

It was also resolved, on the motion of Bro. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.P.G.R., that 100 guineas be voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, it was further unanimously resolved that the sum of £30 be voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to assist the election of Albert Grice Asplen, son of the late Bro. Asplen, a candidate for the Boys' School; and the election of the widow of the late Bro. Robert Grace, a candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the votes of the Provincial Grand Lodge be given to these cases.

On the motion of Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., seconded by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., it was agreed that the votes of the Provincial Grand Lodge should be given to these cases.

Bro. R. Wylie next gave the sixth annual report of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, from which it appeared that the Charity was making most satisfactory progress. Although the amount contributed during the year was small as compared with the number of lodges in the province, yet the Committee were thankful for the support which had been given, and believed that in the event of the fund having many calls upon it the brethren would respond in such a manner as to enable the Committee to meet every claim. There was still one annuitant on the fund, and it was satisfactory to find that no other application had been made during this year. The invested funds now amounted to £750, and, besides this, upwards of £200 was in the bank.

The officers of the fund for the ensuing year were then appointed, and thanks were given to those brethren who had served the Charity during the past year.

The P.G. Lodge was next resolved into a Court of

Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, a resumé of the proceedings for the year being read by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., one of the Honorary Secretaries. The annual report of the Charity was as follows:—

A perusal of the accounts will show that the Institution is, as ever, prosperous, not only with respect to its funds, but also to its increasing usefulness in carrying out the objects for which it was founded, and which it has for many years so successfully effected. Important as were the objects and intentions of its founders, this importance has become greatly enhanced from the fact that Freemasonry has of late years been so considerably extended in the Province of West Lancashire, and the greater necessity that has arisen for local effort, supplementary and independent to that of the London Charitable Institutions. No better proof of the success of the Institution, and the desire for its maintenance and support, and no clearer view of the manner in which its benefits are appreciated, can be found than in placing before you the following figures. During the first fourteen years of the existence of this noble Charity the payments for the education and advancement of children were as follows: 1850 to 1859, £238 2s.; 1860, £121 11s. 6d.; 1861, £110 18s. 5d.; 1862, £143 2s. 10d.; 1863, £166 17s.; total, £780 11s. 9d. During a nearly similar period, namely, the last fifteen years, the payments have been: In 1865, £263 4s. 1d.; 1866, £267 5s. 11d.; 1867, £178 7s. 5d.; 1868, £256 18s. 6d.; 1869, £238 6s. 8d.; 1870, £260 8s.; 1871, £274 3s. 1d.; 1872, £341 1s. 3d.; 1873, £266 15s. 5d.; 1874, £288 15s. 7d.; 1875, £430 9s. 11d.; 1876, £470 6s. 3d.; 1877, £580 17s. 3d.; 1878, £580 16s. 1d.; total, £4697 16s. Notwithstanding this handsome and increasing expenditure, promoting, as it does, so much lasting benefit, it will be seen, by reference to the accounts, that the invested fund amounts to £14,907 19s. 6d., and it will be admitted that the wisdom of those who in the early history of the Charity husbanded its resources, and carefully guarded the investment of its funds, was of the highest importance, inasmuch as the subscriptions and donations of the brethren have now ceased to cover the annual expenditure for the education and advancement of the children, and it is only from the interest on investments that its financial position can be maintained, and the increasing demands upon its resources fully satisfied. We, therefore, earnestly call upon the brethren, and especially upon the Worshipful Masters of the lodges in the province, and of those who take an interest in the cause of charity, and particularly in the continued welfare of our West Lancashire Charity, of which the brethren of the province are so justly proud, to take care that the various lodges with which they are connected are fully represented in the lists of donations and subscriptions which appear year after year. These annual reports, issued from time to time, form a lasting record of the generosity of those who are thus called upon to perform the important duties attached to the position they have been elected to occupy, whilst the absence of such a record shows but too clearly that some of the brethren have not so faithfully discharged their Masonic duties, a circumstance which they cannot but regret in years to come. While earnestly commending these observations to the notice of the brethren, we would also impress upon the Worshipful Masters, Treasurers, and those having charge of the affairs in the various lodges, the necessity of rendering a statement of subscriptions and donations before the 31st of December in each year. In many instances, returns have been sent in so late as the middle of May. Reports and accounts are thus delayed, and considerable irregularity is the result. It having now been decided that the accounts of the honorary Treasurer shall in future close promptly on the 31st December, it will be necessary to give strict attention to this matter, as otherwise those lodges omitting to carry out this arrangement cannot be represented in the ensuing reports, which will in future be issued early in each year. During several months preceding the date at which this report is issued, a Sub-Committee, consisting of many of the most earnest and energetic workers in the cause of Freemasonry in this province, have been actively engaged in revising the bye-laws of the Institution. The increasing extension of the Charity, and the altered circumstances surrounding its working, having gone considerably beyond any ideas that its founders could have anticipated, rendered this revision and amendment necessary, and the Committee feel that their labours, the result of which will be shortly placed before the brethren, must tend to the better and more harmonious working of the Institution, whilst its improving financial position has fortunately enabled the Committee to increase the benefits to the children for whose welfare the Institution has been established. Finally, we ask for continued and increased effort on the part of all good Masons, the result of which will in years to come enable those who will have the management of this great Charity still further to increase these benefits to the fatherless and the orphan, and so maintain the position of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution as first and foremost in the ranks of Masonic beneficence.

Five Past Masters of the Committee of the Hamer Benevolent Fund were elected, and also two Auditors, a Secretary, and Treasurer.

The annual Court of the Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Institution was then held, and subsequently the Annual Court of the Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and the usual business was transacted.

The P.G. Lodge was then closed in solemn form, and according to ancient custom.

The banquet was held at the Winter Gardens, and was largely attended. The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, presided, being supported by the Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., and many of the P.G. officers of West Lancashire.

After "The Health of the Queen" had been duly honoured,

The P.G.M. proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." He observed that not only was the Prince of Wales a most ardent Mason, but Prince Leopold was also, for His Royal Highness, in his own Province of Oxford, took an active part alike in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. (Loud applause.)

The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Col. Stanley, P.D.G.M., and responded to by Bro. Dr. Moore.

"The Health of the R.W.D.G.M. and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire" was received most enthusiastically.

Lord Skelmersdale, in responding, said Masonry was in a most flourishing condition in this province, for there were somewhere about 5000 members, and this year there were upwards of 600 initiations. (Applause.) He thanked the brethren most cordially for attending in such large numbers that day. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Davis, P.M., proposed "The Right Hon. Frederick Stanley, R.W.D.G.M., and the Prov. G. Wardens." (Loud applause.)

Bro. Colonel Stanley, M.P., who was loudly cheered, responded. He said he thanked them most sincerely for the manner in which they had received the toast, and he was happy to find that, notwithstanding the bad times, Masonry in West Lancashire was in so good a position. That showed that Masons were determined to put a cheerful face on matters, and that, whatever might be the ups and downs of life, they were determined to hold together. (Applause.)

Several other toasts were proposed and most cordially received, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Second Grand Principal of England and Grand Supr. of the Western Division of Lancashire, the annual P.G. Chapter of West Lancashire, was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Morecambe, immediately preceding the P.G. Lodge meeting. There was a large and influential gathering of P.G. Officers and others.

The P.G. Chapter having been opened in due and solemn form, the minutes of the previous P.G. Chapter were read and confirmed.

The M.E. Superintendent appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. Robert Wylie...	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. R. Robertson ...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. S. Alpass... ..	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Wm. Tyrer ... ..	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. H. Evans ... ..	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. W. Cuttam ... ..	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" J. Wainwright ... ..	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" R. Robinson ... ..	...	Prov. G.R.
" T. Clark ... ..	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" P. J. Edleston ... ..	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" John Wells ... ..	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Joseph Skeaf ... ..	...	Prov. G.O.

The usual business of the P.G. Chapter was transacted.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

On Monday last the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, occupied the throne, and he was supported by a large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, including Bros. J. H. Scott, Prov. Deputy G.M.; Warden Sergison, Prov. G.S.W.; J. St. Clair, Prov. J.G.W.; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; C. A. Woolley, Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Hale, Prov. G.S.D.; M. Tanner, Prov. G.J.D.; C. Tomkinson, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. G. Sharp, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; Jos. Farncombe, Prov. G.S.; A. King, Prov. G. Org.; W. T. Nell, Prov. G. Purs.; G. T. Evershed, A. J. Hawkes, F. J. Rubie, F. Holford, and S. B. McWhinnie, Prov. G. Stewards.

At one o'clock the Prov. Grand Stewards entertained the Prov. Grand Master and a number of distinguished Masons to luncheon, after which the Board of Finance assembled and transacted a considerable amount of business in readiness for the general meeting at three o'clock.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A very satisfactory report was then presented from the Board of Finance and adopted.

The Charities Committee presented a report showing that all the lodges in the province had subscribed, and that one election in the Girls' School, and one election of a widow to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had been secured. This report was also adopted.

The Provincial Grand Sec. then read statistics, showing that new lodges had been established during the year at Bognor, Hurstpierpoint, Brighton (Atlingworth), and Shoreham. That the number of brethren at the last meeting was 828; that during the year sixty-five had been initiated, forty-seven joined, thirty-eight resigned, twelve died, and six had withdrawn, leaving the present number 884.

Bro. Sir Walter Burrell congratulated the brethren on the satisfactory state of the province, as evidenced by the statistics just read. In 1877 there were 784 members, since which time there had been an increase of one hundred. During the past year three new lodges had been opened, and in the course of next month another was to be

added to the roll. He congratulated the province that the scheme brought forward last year of subscriptions by lodges to the Masonic Charities had worked out successfully, and he threw out some practical suggestions for further development of this movement by subscriptions from individual members. If this were fully carried out the province might make pretty sure of the election of their candidates. He urged upon them the desirability of making good and sufficient inquiries into the character of those who wish to become members of the Craft. The object was not so much to increase the number as that those initiated should be men of the highest respectability. He trusted that honour and success would attend the Institution in the future as in the past. (Applause.) He then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. C. Raymond Burrell ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton) ...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" R. Adams ... ..	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Crosskey ... ..	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. A. Woolley ... ..	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman ... ..	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Bright ... ..	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" S. Evershed ... ..	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" A. Wyatt ... ..	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" J. M. Kidd ... ..	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" R. R. Croucher ... ..	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" A. J. Hawkes ... ..	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. King ... ..	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. J. Rubie ... ..	...	Prov. G. Purs.

Bros. J. T. Whatford, T. Morris, C. R. Chandler, G. Stone, S. W. D. Williams, and C. J. Smith Prov. G. Stewards.

Bro. T. Hughes Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. Dawes (P.P.G. Reg.) proposed "That the sum of one hundred guineas be voted from the funds of this Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, the privileges accruing therefrom to be conferred on Bro. John Scott, Prov. D.G.M., and to be exercised by him and his successors in office in perpetuity.

Bro. Walter Kirkland seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren for the handsome sum which they had thus added to his list, as one of the Stewards to the Benevolent Institution for the present year, and expressed a hope the brethren would individually help to swell the amount.

After some formal business, the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet took place in the banquetting room at five o'clock, the services of Messrs. Sayers and Marks having been secured to carry out this important part of the day's programme. About 130 were present. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., presided, supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and his Provincial Officers, the Masters of the various lodges in the province, the Mayor of Brighton, Bro. Marriott, Q.C., Bro. Kuhe, and others.

Grace having been sung, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Prov. Grand Master and heartily received.

Bro. Rev. R. Adams proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past," eulogising the eminent services of Bro. Kuhe, who, as Grand Organist of England, had done his duty, and who was not only a true Mason, but a good man in every sense of the word. (Applause.)

Bro. Kuhe responded.

Bro. J. Henderson Scott gave "The Health of Sir Walter Burrell," and said it was a happy day for Masonry in Sussex when he (Sir Walter) was appointed to the high position in the Craft which he now occupied. Their Provincial Grand Master was most popular in the province, and he devoted considerable time and attention to the duties of his office. He desired to make himself familiar with the working of every lodge, and he had visited each one during the short time he had presided over them. He trusted Sir Walter might long be spared to occupy the proud position of Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. (Loud applause.)

The Prov. Grand Master replied in a happy manner amid frequent applause, especially thanking his Past Officers for the assiduous discharge of their various duties.

Bro. Marriott proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master." In doing so he said that Bro. Scott was a tower of strength in the Craft, and his energy in well doing knew no bounds. He had to couple with the toast "The Health of the Present and Past Provincial Officers," and in doing so spoke of the popularity of the appointment of Sir Walter Burrell's eldest son to the post of Senior Warden. As the next officer in rank none was more popular than Bro. Davey, the respected Mayor of Brighton. (Applause.) The other appointments he had no hesitation in saying met with general approval.

Bro. J. H. Scott replied. He said it was very gratifying that those who held office did so with the hearty approval of the brethren. He wished to point to his own career as an example to young Masons. He had been every round of the ladder, and all would attain honours if they only threw energy into their work and were content to bide their time.

Bro. H. Davey also acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Marriott, Q.C., responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. C. A. Woolley gave "The W.M.'s of the Province," a body of men who held very responsible positions in the Craft, and who discharged their duties with great zeal and ability.

Bro. W. Curtis replied.

The Prov. Grand Master asked the brethren to drink

"Success to the Masonic Charities," urging upon them love and charity as their watchwords. (Applause.)

Bro. Gerard Ford gave "The Health of the Stewards," who had catered so well for their comfort on that occasion. Bros. McWhinnie, Hawkes, Holford, and Rubie, expressed their appreciation of the compliment.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end.

During the evening Bro. Kuhe favoured the brethren with a brilliant pianoforte performance. The musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. King, Prov. G. Organist, the vocalists being Bros. Large, G. T. Carter, F. Distin, and L. Conti, all of whom discharged their allotted parts with considerable ability.

A TEN-MINUTES' "ORATION."

The following oration was delivered on September 18th and 19th, at the consecration of Portmahon and Holyhead Lodge Rooms, by Bro. the Rev. J. Silvey Boucher, P.G.C. and P.W.M. Segontium, 606, Carnarvon:—The appearance of a new house, whose site, style, or surroundings are of special beauty and appropriateness, naturally leads the beholder to speculate upon the character and condition of the owner. And the consecration of a new lodge-room seems equally to call for remark upon the time-honoured Institution which is here to have its home. What then, briefly, is Freemasonry?—originally, no doubt, a Guild of Artificers, dating from the reign of King Solomon, and organised by his marvellous wisdom; with valuable trade secrets to keep close among themselves, and a careful system of passwords, signs, and tokens for their preservation; a regular classification of the brethren into convenient groups or lodges; orderly arrangements for government and discipline; periodical examinations of junior workmen, to ascertain the progress they were making; solemn forms and ceremonies for admitting new members into the brotherhood, passing successful candidates to higher degrees of proficiency, and investing them with conspicuous badges of merit; special times and places for discussing business matters, with a rigid exclusion of all exciting topics of debate, such as religion and politics, so as not to disturb the harmony so essential to the successful accomplishment of the grand work of temple-building, which was being carried on by the diverse nationalities of India and Phœnicia in conjunction. With the prestige of a lofty origin like this, and its necessary connection with the liberal arts and sciences, such as painting, sculpture, and the rest, the Masonic association rapidly developed, and extended to every quarter of the civilised world. A powerful organisation of this kind, with its ever accumulating stores of knowledge and experience, could not fail to produce extensive and important results. And, accordingly, we cannot be surprised to learn that to Freemasonry we are indebted for the wonderful structures, beautiful even in their ruin, erected under Greek and Roman auspices before the Christian era; and in especial for the magnificent mansions, castles, churches, and cathedrals that sprang up everywhere in Great Britain and the Continent during the comparatively quiet period of the eleventh and four following centuries. Nor can we wonder that men of other trades and professions, even kings and princes, eagerly sought admission into an Order of such high renown for the sake of companionship with the illustrious Masters of art and science who ennobled it, and whose splendid labours did so much to enhance the national pride and glory. By degrees, however, these "speculative" Masons, who by special favour were admitted to the freedom of the Craft, so far outnumbered their "operative" brethren, that, cuckoo-like, they ousted the original owners from the Masonic nest, and stayed in it themselves; retaining the outward shape and form of the Ancient Guild, with its working tools and badges; its stringent vows of secrecy, fidelity, and obedience; its elaborate and impressive ritual, and its oral triadic instruction—but turning all into parable and metaphor, so that, as we have it now, it is simply a "beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols;" a system possessing many important secrets and valuable privileges, and a history of unquestionable fact, embroidered with a variety of curious myths or legends to furnish a plausible explanation of passwords, signs, and tokens, whose real origin and primitive significance have in all probability passed away from us for ever. Such is Freemasonry in the past. What then are its claims upon us in the present? And why are we here to-day doing our utmost to perpetuate it in the future? Now to answer these inquiries we must call to mind that Masonry may be viewed under two aspects, a lower and a higher; viz.: (1) as connected with lodges here on earth, and their members as citizens of the world, and (2) as connected with Grand Lodge above, where the world's G.A. lives and reigns for ever. In its lower aspect it has three special claims upon our attention and regard, viz.: as (a) a bond of union and brotherhood between all the widely separated families and classes of humanity; (b) a central ground of meeting for free and social intercourse among less widely separated neighbours and acquaintances; (c) a universal letter of introduction to entire strangers, and a special medium for assisting the needy and distressed. In its higher aspect it is still more worthy of the eulogies and encomiums that have been lavished upon it by the brethren in every age. As one of our fraternal charges well expresses it:—"Tis not mere blind fanatic zeal that prompts the brethren of the mystic tie to speak thus highly of the Masons' Craft. For well they know that it is the best and truest handmaid to religion that ever man devised, and admirably fitted to assist him in his search for light and knowledge through all the various stages of this mortal life, from the cradled helplessness of infancy to the final darkness of the grave. It is founded on a triad of deep mysterious truths connecting earth with heaven: the eternal existence of a triune God, the resurrection of

the body, and the immortality of the soul. It inculcates the purest principles of piety and virtue, and teaches plainly in the First Degree to measure all our words and actions by the gauge of rectitude and justice; to shape our conduct, in the Second, by the square of morality and honesty; and in the Third to circumscribe our passions with the compass of propriety, and keep them strictly within the limits of the circle of our duty to God and man. Hence we learn to be upright, just, and true to our fellow men; humble, meek, resigned to the will of God; so that the Mason who has thus discharged his duty as a true and faithful brother of the Craft may calmly wait that awful moment when his heart shall cease to throb and his soul, released from the burden of the flesh, shall wing its upward flight to the boundless, unexplored expanse above." Truly then is Masonry a noble thing, and nobly should it be enshrined among us. It is a precious jewel which demands a goodly setting, and we congratulate the brethren of this lodge upon the admirable hall which is consecrated to its use to-day, as our first G.M.K.S. congratulated himself and his people when his building at Jerusalem was completed—"I was glad when they said unto me, We will go unto the House of the Lord. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Israel, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to visit His temple." Being then what it is, we might naturally expect to find Freemasonry everywhere held in the highest and most reverent estimation, and, like a powerful magnet, drawing into it irresistibly all that is great and good now, as it did in days gone by. But is it so? To some extent it is, no doubt, and, in proof of this, we point with pride and pleasure to such an assemblage as is gathered here to-day. Yet, is it not the case that our influence and numbers are not nearly what they ought to be?—that, in fact, they might and ought to be far larger than they are? And, if so, where lies the fault? Have we any one to blame for it but ourselves? Speaking from my own experience, I should say that Masonry is by no means popular with women as a body; that wives dislike it for their husbands, mothers for their sons, and that many men who take an independent stand in thought and feeling fight shy of it for themselves and their belongings. And why? Because there is a wide-spread feeling that men become Masons, not from high but low motives, to increase their business connection, perhaps, or enlarge their "jolly-good-fellow" circle; and that their moral tone is not improved thereby, but the reverse; that Masonry, in fact, is little else than a costly knife-and-fork society, fond of idle dissipation; and lodge meetings merely a convenient excuse and cloak for wasting ill-spaced money upon extravagant eating and drinking, especially drinking. That this opinion may have sad foundation in the conduct of some few past and even present brethren cannot be denied. Nor is the reason far to seek. In the great majority of our town and country districts no large and suitable room for meeting can be found except at the public inn, where temptations and excess present themselves to every comer. And, accordingly, it is their misfortune, not their fault, if Masons thus unhappily situated have from time to time made lapses from their high profession. For it is not the orderly Masonic banquet in Masonic clothing, nor the modest lodge refreshment with Masonic guards and checks on every side, that does the mischief; but the un-Masonic lounging at the bar, and the alcoholic convivialities there indulged in before the lodge is opened, and after it is closed. Hence it is that unseemly scandals have at times arisen, that solemn vows of initiation have been forgotten, that the mysteries of Masonry have more or less been blabbed by drunken lips to the scoffing outer world, and grave discredit cast upon the whole fraternity. Freemasonry, however, cannot justly be condemned, any more than Christianity, for not doing its proper work of making all its members worthy; or than the Legislature for not making every one sober and religious by Act of Parliament. Much, however, may be done in this direction by diminishing the temptations to vice and the facilities for getting drunk. And an immense stride will have been taken towards the exaltation of Freemasonry among ourselves, and the world at large, when every lodge has a place like this set apart for Masonic purposes, where the most fastidious may assemble as in an ordinary well kept reading room, without hesitation on their own part or suspicion on the part of others; where evenings may be often spent, not wearily and drearily in merely getting through a dull routine of "work," but pleasantly and profitably in "lectures" and discussions upon interesting topics of art and science, thus fulfilling the special obligation, to "make continual advancement in Masonic knowledge." And this is unquestionably the right and proper thing. For what says an ancient charge? "A Mason's lodge is an emblematic representation of the universe, the magnificent temple of that G.A. whom we all reverence and adore. Wisdom, strength, and beauty are the pillars of His throne and manifest in all His works; His wisdom is infinite, His strength omnipotent, and His beauty shines thorough all creation, in symmetry of form, grandeur of proportion, and glorious harmony of colour." Here is a grand ideal! But how can it possibly be realised in a public-house, with un-Masonic sights and sounds at every turn, with cowans and intruders in every corner. Very cordially then do we reiterate our warm congratulations to the Madoc and St. Cybi Lodges for the temple-building they have done. Very heartily do we say to you, go on and prosper as you well deserve! This structure has been raised in perfect unanimity and concord. Long may it so continue. May the proceedings of to-day serve but to forge another link in the chain of brotherly love and good-fellowship, by which you are already united. May your children and your children's children rejoice in these auspicious solemnities. May you enjoy within these walls every satisfaction and delight that disinterested affection and Masonic intercourse can afford. And may the good report of this lodge so tend to exalt and enhance the reputation of the Craft at large, that

Masonry may flourish here as in every other quarter of the globe; and be assisted to fulfil its noble mission by diffusing the light of wisdom, aiding the strength of reason, displaying the beauty of virtue, and diminishing the aggregate of human vice and misery. Being thus established firmly by the high character of its friends, it may laugh to scorn the malice of its foes, and rise superior to all the opposition of the outer world; like the lofty summit of the mighty Snowdon, that bares its breast with dignified composure to the tempest, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

The following balance sheet may interest some of our readers:

THE TREASURER GENERAL IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, 1ST JULY, 1879.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
1st July, 1878.				
To Balance in London & Westminster Bank	423	6	11	
„ Receipts to 30th June, 1879 ...	2508	16	10	
	£2932	3	9	
Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
By Payments for Rent, Salaries, Wages,				
Furniture, Repairs, &c. ...	1488	5	0	
„ Charitable Donations ...	198	11	0	
„ Balance in London & Westminster Bank* 1229	18	9		
„ Do. in Treasurer's hands ...	15	9	0	
	£2932	3	9	

Examined and compared with the vouchers, and found correct.

(Signed) S. RAWSON, 33°.

G. LAMBERT, 33°.

3rd July, 1879.

F. RICHARDSON, 31°.

BALANCE-SHEET, 1ST JULY, 1879.

Assets.		£	s.	d.
Cash in London & Westminster Bank	1229	18	9	
„ in Treasurer's hands ...	15	9	0	
£900 Madras Stock cost ...	1007	5	0	
£800 „ Debenture Stock ...	800	0	0	
£1200 Russian Bonds, cost ...	1189	10	0	
£1000 3 per cent. Consols ...	962	10	0	
Library, estimated at ...	2158	2	0	
Plate, valued at ...	365	10	0	
Organ, valued at ...	300	0	0	
Furniture and Appointments ...	1842	0	7	
Leases:—33, Golden Square ...	864	0	0	
2, Upper John-street ...	925	0	0	
Masonic Hall ...	1356	0	0	
Cellarage ...	500	0	0	
	£13515	5	4	

Liabilities.		£	s.	d.
Compounders, 31°, 32°, 33°—139 Members ...	722	8	6	
„ 30°—292 Members ...	1011	8	0	
Unappropriated ...	2	19	6	
Balance, being Capital ...	11778	9	4	
	£13515	5	4	

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Public Accountant,

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H. CLERK, 33°, Grand Treas. Gen.

MASONIC MUSIC.

A very interesting and instructive lecture on the above subject was given by Bro. Dr. Spark, P.M. 289, P.P.G.O. of West Yorkshire, to the brethren and visitors of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 289, on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the special request of the W.M., Bro. G. B. Scott. The lecture was divided into two parts, the first consisting of music adapted for the various ceremonies of the Craft, the second of that used at Masonic festive gatherings. The illustrations, which were most efficiently given by Bros. Blagboro, Dodds, Higgins, and Rickard, were all taken from the "Freemasons' Liber Musicus," edited by Bro. Dr. Spark, who also took part in the vocal examples, and played the necessary accompaniments. Mendelssohn's "Like as a Father pitieth his Children," Mozart's "Guide us, oh, thou Great Jehovah," and the lamented Bro. Henry Smart's "I will wash my hands in innocence," were much appreciated amongst the adapted music of the first division of the lecture; whilst of the music specially composed for Masonic ceremonies, a part song, "Now the Evening Shadows," by Bro. Dr. Spark, and a *Sanctus*, with a tenor solo and soft response chorus, by the same composer, were greatly admired, the solo in the latter piece being beautifully given by Bro. Blagboro. In the second division of the lecture "Hail, Masonry Divine," an inspiring composition, specially written by the lecturer for the ceremony of installation of the Marquis of Ripon as Grand Master, was very effective. A very quaint old English tenor song, "The Pratty Flowers," composer unknown, was much applauded, and was given with that charming sweetness and purity of tone for which Bro. Blagboro is so justly celebrated. The lecturer, as might be anticipated, strongly advocated

* Of this balance £800 has been since invested in Cape of Good Hope 4½ per cent. Bonds.

a closer and more systematic alliance of good and appropriate music with the beautiful ritual of Freemasonry than is at present general. The literary merits of the lecture were considerable, and, with the musical illustrations, seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience, amongst whom was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. J. W. Tew, J.P. A vote of thanks to the lecturer and the brethren assisting him, proposed by Bro. H. Inchbold, P.M., and seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was carried by acclamation, and it was very evident that the object of the lecture was in thorough accordance with the desires of those present. After refreshment further illustrations of Masonic festive music were given by various brethren, and once more an enjoyable Masonic evening was spent in the lodge, which its brethren love to speak of as "Old Fidelity."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly Committee meeting of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton presided. There were also present Bros. W. Hale, S. Rawson, C. P. Dilley, J. Brett, J. G. Stevens, J. Newton, Charles Atkins, J. H. Leggatt, J. M. Case, Wm. Stephens, R. H. Giraud, C. J. Perceval, L. Stean, J. Kemp, J. A. Farnfield, Dr. Jabez Hogg, H. Somerville Burney, Chas. Lacey, Jas. Willing, jun., Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, James Terry (Secretary), and E. C. Massey, (Freemason).

The minutes of the last meeting (10th September) were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported the death of two female annuitants, one having received £130, and the other £80.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

An investment of £1000 in Three Per Cent. Consols on account of the Male Annuitants' Fund, and a similar addition to the Female Fund were ordered.

The Secretary reported that he had made a contract with a firm at Croydon for supplying coals to the Institution throughout the winter months at a fixed price of 25s. per ton.

A letter from the Assistant Grand Secretary was read stating, in reply to a letter of inquiry from Bro. Terry respecting office accommodation, that the matter is under consideration of the Premises Committee.

Petitions were considered of two female candidates, whose names were added to the list. Petitions were also received from four male candidates, with the result that three names were added to the list, one petition being sent back, not being in conformity with the rules of the Institution.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Joyce Murray in the chair. There were also present Bros. the Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D. (Head Master of the School), F. H. Ebsworth, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, W. H. Perryman, Donald M. Dewar, S. Rosenthal, Arthur E. Gladwell, R. B. Webster, William Roebuck, Richard Tyrrell, J. G. Chancellor, A. J. Duff Filer, W. F. C. Moutrie, Thomas Meggy, Geo. J. Palmer, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, an addition of £5 per annum was made to the salary of the Foreign Master. The petition for placing one candidate on the list for the April election was received, examined, and agreed to, and an outfit was granted to one lad who has left the Institution and obtained a situation. An application for funds for apprenticing one boy, after a little discussion, was ordered to stand over for further information, and the Committee then adjourned.

Order of St. Lawrence.

YORK.—Ebor Lodge.—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at which were present Bros. G. Simpson, R.W.M.; J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., as J.W.; M. Millington, S.D.; T. Humphries, I.G.; W. P. Husband, K. of G.; A. T. B. Turner, Sec.; L. Murphy, S. F. Bousfield, P. Pearson, Tyler. The Degree was conferred upon Bro. J. J. Wilkes, Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave a report of the proceedings at a meeting he had attended at the Alexandra Palace on the 9th August, for the purpose of forming a Council of Side Degrees. The lodge expressed its general approval of the course adopted, and after some conversation and suggestions relating to the government of the Order of St. Lawrence, the lodge was closed.

The Eighty-Second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held in June next at the Alexandra Palace, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, in the chair.

The Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585, was opened on Monday last, and will meet regularly for the future on Monday evenings, from 8 to 10, at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, under the Preceptorship of Bro. J. W. Robinson, P.M.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

CUFFE.—On the 3rd inst., at 143, Sloane-street, the Lady Margaret Cuffe, of a daughter.

GORDON.—On the 30th ult., at 5, Clarendon-villas, West Brighton, Sussex, the wife of Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Gordon, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MAY.—LYON.—On the 1st inst., at St. George's, Hanover-square, Morgan, son of Walter May, Esq., Bridgman House, Teddington, to Sarah Charlotte, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Lyon, rural dean and vicar of Kilbarron, county Tipperary.

HOLLEY.—HAYTER-HAMES.—On the 1st inst., at St. Michael's Church, Chagford, Edmund Hunt Holley, Esq., captain Royal Artillery, to Georgina Amelia, daughter of the Rev. H. G. Hayter-Hames, rector of Chagford, Devon.

DEATHS.

NANGLE.—On the 27th ult., at Gibraltar, the Hon. Mrs. W. C. Nangle.

YORKE.—On the 2nd inst., at the Deanery, Worcester, in his 70th year, the Hon. and Very Rev. Grantham Munion Yorke, D.D., Dean of Worcester.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1879.

THE RECENT MEETING OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

Though the reports we have so far received from the last "Convent" are neither precise nor particular, we are able to state that in several very important points the last meeting was marked by great moderation and circumspection. We do not so far gather what has been the result of the Ritual Revision, or what are the exact modifications introduced in the Ritual, but we shall refer to that subject later, and we hope that previous anticipations of any serious change or of any revolutionary alterations may be found to have been exaggerated or hasty. We are, we confess, struck with the wise tone and cautious temper of the meeting, so clearly exhibited, and, above all, with the repeated assurances of the speakers that no actual negation of the G.A.O.T.U. is really intended by previous innovations, whatever outward appearances may seem to suggest. We are, therefore, in hopes that a bridge may yet be formed by which the chasm between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of England may be passable, and we shall rejoice if that anticipation prove these, as, while we have always regretted the course events have taken (and events are sometimes, as we know, stronger than men), we have always had a most kindly and fraternal feeling for French Freemasons. We know the real difficulties of their position, their trials and their troubles, their stumbling blocks and pitfalls, in the face of unwise friends or a bitter Ultramontanism, and if we have spoken strongly it is because we wished sincerely well to the Grand Orient of France, and were interested as brother Masons in the progress and prestige of French Freemasonry. We trust that better days are in store for Freemasonry in France, and if moderate counsels prevail, if calm reflection leads our good brethren to modify needless changes, and to remove unwelcome impressions in the interests of peace, goodwill, and cosmopolitan fraternity, we trust that some "modus vivendi" may yet be discovered as between French and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. We venture, therefore, with genuine feelings of goodwill and sympathy, to offer our advice to the members of the Grand Orient of France, in the interests, above all, of peace and confraternity. Do not too hastily take up with alien bodies or doubtful organizations in other jurisdictions, for if you do you will only add complication to complication, and stumbling block to stumbling block. Freemasonry is something too high, too grand, too noble, too true, and, above all, too universal to be coloured or dominated by "Positivism," or any other "ism," and remembering what just now is the attack on Freemasonry "all along the line" by vigilant and unscrupulous Ultramontane antagonists, we feel sure that the only safe position for universal Freemasonry is to be found in the old and religious avowal of positive belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., the acceptance of the Bible, and the realization of the immortality of the human being. The questions of "creeds and catechisms" must be left, where Freemasonry leaves it, to the conscientious conviction of humble and pious believers, but, alike in its exoteric symbolism and its esoteric instructions, Freemasonry, avoiding controversy, seeks to rally round its peaceful banners all who can reverently look up to T.G.A.O.T.U., and work together in love, unity, and harmony, screened altogether from controversial difficulties, and ignoring antagonistic schools of thought, philosophy, and belief. Freemasonry passes judgment on none, condemns none, excommunicates none, but recognizes bona fide the sublime axiom of inspired authority, that each mortal "to his own master standeth or falleth." We, therefore, are glad to hail such signs of moderation as the last Convent of the Grand Orient really displays, if we are rightly informed, and to express our hope that unfortunate divisions and sad separations

may one day be healed and removed. We speak, as we said before, with some diffidence and reserve, as we do not quite understand as yet what has actually taken place on that most important point, the revision of the ritual, and which must affect, for good or for evil, French Craft Masonry, from our Anglo-Saxon point of view, greatly and gravely for the future. But we are willing and ready to hope, we repeat, for the best. As regards the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the accounts of the position do not appear. We have already expressed our sympathy, clear and decided, with the "Grand Conseil," but we fear that men's minds are too heated just now to accept either pleas of moderation or the traditions of honour, justice, and truth. We fear that with the animus prevalent in some quarters in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France there is a tendency to "extreme measures," both of defiance, of authority, and revolutionary change, and while we still feel how unjust is this violent excitement, this rampant insubordination to the governing body on the hierarchical and sovereign principles of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite itself, we will add another expression of hope that calmer counsels and moderate measures may yet prevail.

WEST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

We are so much struck with the report of this excellent Charity, so much so that we think it right to call the attention of our readers to it, and support the earnest appeal of the Committee for continuous and increased support. It is impossible to overrate its utility and needs, as a few figures will speedily show. It was founded in 1850, and from 1850 to 1863 it expended £780 11s. 9d. in the prosecution of its laudable designs, its philanthropic efforts. From 1863 to 1878 its payments have amounted to £4647 16s., and in 1878 it reached the highest amount, £580 16s. 1d. With this sum it helps the education and advancement in life of eighty-nine children, of whom forty-four are girls, and forty-five are boys. The highest sum paid for any child is James Mott, £30; the lowest is E. Warlington, £1 8s. 9d. The Association has now £14,900 invested and luckily for it, it has been that in past years its resources have been husbanded, as the donations and subscriptions from brethren do not now cover its working expenses. Its annual balance-sheet is as follows:—It had a balance at the bank of £306 5s. 7d., and received from investment, &c., £755 5s. 10d.; from Masonic hall, Liverpool, £103 10s. 9d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund, £105; donations and subscriptions, £469 9s. 6d.; interest £2 15s. 8d.; in all £1742 6s. 7d. Its expenditure for education of children, &c., was £580 16s. 1d.; it purchased stock £807 18s.; it paid for stationery and small expenses £24, and had a balance in hand of £329 12s. 6d. Such is the resumé of twelve months' work of a very useful Provincial Institution, and such we commend to the notice and approval of our readers.

OUR NATIONAL FINANCES.

We cannot concur with the gloomy estimate which our contemporary, the *Times*, is pleased to take of our "financial position" in respect of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget, neither do we profess to understand the principle on which this melancholy, (rather morbid), view of our financial struggles has been arrived at. If we understand figures, as we hope we do, they tell us a very different tale, apart from interested speculations or party "discounting," and we venture to think, on the contrary, though not as good, and certainly not as cheerful as they might be, they are yet coloured with a brighter gleam of hope, are yet suggestive of slight, and, let us trust, increasing improvement. As we read the figures, they amount to this; a deficit, no doubt, in some items, but on the whole, if a loss on the quarter, a gain on the half year, and the twelve months. The decrease in the quarter appears to be £100,305, mainly, as was to be expected, on the Customs and Excise; the gain

of £332,695 on other items being counterbalanced by a deficiency of £433,000. On the half year the increase is not large, for it only amounts to £4050, still it is an increase and not a decrease, and we can afford just now to be thankful for "small blessings." On the twelve months ending Sept. 30th, the increase is £3,322,351, with a decrease of £653,000. The whole amount for the twelve months ending September 30th, 1879, being £83,102,022; as against £79,797,671, and though, no doubt, the main increase is on the Income Tax, yet stamps give us an increase of £163,000, the Post Office of £40,000, and repayment of interest £183,004. The loss on Excise and Customs amounts to £619,000—£189,000 for Customs and £430,000 for Excise. Considering the exceptionally hard times we have lately gone through, for trade has been very bad in almost every branch, we are not surprised at such a statement, but we are inclined to believe from a comparison of the quarters ending September 30th, 1878, and September 30th, 1879, that good hopes may yet be entertained of a "rally" before next April in the important matter of "Customs" and "Excise." It would have indeed been strange if Customs and Excise had not fallen with the national barometer of prosperous or unprosperous trade, and we ought, we think, instead of complaining, to be glad that matters are no worse. We trust sincerely that with 1880 we may witness renewed confidence and reviving trade, and that the onward tide of increasing national prosperity may float our good ship "Britannia" beyond the gloomy breakers of deficits and debts. We venture to think, not being politicians, that a good deal of exaggeration in view of a coming election prevails on such matters, and that, after all, the Chancellor of the Exchequer may yet, in 1880, be able, if not quite to "balance his accounts," to exhibit no very alarming deficit.

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.]

BRO. COLEMAN'S MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1879 AND 1880, AND HIS ACCOUNT OF MASONIC IMPOSTORS, TRAMPS, &c., IN AMERICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our R.W. Bro. Dr. Robert Morris, of La Grange, Kentucky, United States, has most kindly sent me a copy of this most interesting and valuable annual, which contains the names and addresses of the fifty-four Grand Lodges of America and Canada, also of their Grand Officers, and the names and location of the 10,000 lodges holding under them; also the names and address of nearly every Grand Lodge, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and Masonic Body over the whole globe.

Amongst other interesting and valuable information is an article, by R.W. Bro. Morris, on the Jewish half-shekel, widow's mite, &c.

The calendar also gives most valuable statistics, by M.W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, and a list of all American Relief Committees.

This short note of its contents will show how valuable this work will be to all brethren who have Masonic correspondence abroad, and how its perusal will well repay any brother.

Bro. Coleman, at page 95, gives most interesting accounts of Masonic impostors, tramps, &c., and names a great many leading American ones, adding, "But I might accumulate page upon page of such notices. There are not less than 500 of those leeches to-day sucking the blood out of our Masonic Charities."

Doubtless few of your readers will be prepared for such a statement, but there can be no doubt of it from the facts stated by Bro. Coleman.

Now, as our Masonic lodges will be renewing their meetings this month and next, I would like to call their attention to this matter.

Bro. Coleman states from his own experience and that of the many brethren whom he has consulted, and amongst whom are our venerable and esteemed R.W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa, and R. Ex. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, that the following are good rules to guard against these impostors, tramps, &c.

1st. To ascertain that there is the lodge the applicant states he hails from, as American applicants sometimes hail from lodges which do not exist, or from what are called Black Lodges, which are not recognised in these countries. This can be ascertained from the proceedings of the respective Grand Lodges, or Bro. Coleman's calendar.

2nd. Always, if possible, to telegraph to the lodge to know the standing of the applicant in it, and if the applicant be an impostor or a tramp he will become very indignant, and make an excuse for his departure, and not wanting the relief at the time.

Not long since an applicant sought to gain admission as a Grand Master to a lodge here, but who was found to belong to one of these Black Lodges, and of course refused, and being shown our Masonic buildings and the matter explained to him, he was quite pleased and satisfied.

I need not say I am proud to find such brethren as Bros. Parvin, Fox, and Coleman approve of the system of telegraphing—I long since urged it in a letter you kindly inserted; and I would again most strongly; and from longer experience; urge even more strongly than before its use before giving relief.

I remain, yours, fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Lower Leeson-street, Dublin,
2nd October, 1879.

CAN WE NON-CONFIRM?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A lodge issues a summons convening a regular meeting. Business: passing Bro. Brown; raising Bro. Smith; election of W.M. for the ensuing year. There are a majority of brethren desirous of electing a Past Master, instead of the S.W., who has made himself very unpopular. The S.W. and his friends are at the posts at the hour named on the summons, open the lodge, and read the minutes. Before any one else is admitted into the lodge the W.M. says they will now proceed to elect the W.M. for next year, and so gain the election by three votes before others are admitted known to be in favour of the P.M. Can the minutes be upset at the next meeting on account of the election not being taken in the order of business on the paper?

Yours fraternally,

E. L.

[The minute of election can be non-confirmit at next meeting on any ground the voters think well to take, so far, that is, as is proper, legal, and Masonic. If this election, as it seems, is the result of a "trick," it will be properly non-confirmed by the majority. All our brother has to do is to move "the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes relating to the election of the W.M." The lodge will then proceed to ballot for a W.M. This position is, however, to be deprecated, as the W.M. will not have served his twelve months.—Ed. F.M.]

Reviews.

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE. By Bro. JAMES STEVENS. W. W. Morgan, 67, Barbican.

We have never changed our opinion on this vexata questio. We expressed it strongly years ago, and time only confirms our objections to meddling interference with our established system. There never has been perfect uniformity of ritual in our English system, and there never can be, owing to the imperfections of the human memory, unless, indeed, we resort to that most objectionable, and idle, and worthless of all proceedings, a printed ritual. Before the Union in 1813 more than one system was in vogue in England, and since the Union certain allowable differences may be traced by the careful observer in the "working" in various parts of England. There is the Emulation working, for instance, based on Williams' corrections, now very popular and widely used. There is the working, which our good old Bro. Muggeridge preserves so carefully in the Stability Lodge of Improvement, and which is the earlier stage of the Emulation. There is the Prestonian working, which was the predominant working until 1813, and which still prevails in many parts, and there are lodges, like the Lodge of Antiquity, with special ceremonies. So long as in all these workings the landmarks of the Order and the aporetta of Freemasonry are strictly and studiously preserved, there is no reason why we should not allow these slight differences, and any attempt to reduce all working to one stereotyped form could only result in a period of "cram" and parrot-like performance. A Board of Ritual Preceptors would do more harm than good, and though we doubt not Bro. Stevens' zeal, in our opinion that zeal outruns his discretion, and we feel quite persuaded ourselves that Grand Lodge will never consent to any such proposition. It is alike unnecessary, uncalled for, and, in our opinion, will be utterly injurious to industry and energy in our officers, and to true, and educated, and sensible [Freemasonry amongst us.

THE REALITIES OF FREEMASONRY. By Mrs. BLAKE. Chapman and Hall, 193, Piccadilly.

We rise from the perusal of this work, (well printed as it is), with mingled feelings of wonder and curiosity. We cannot quite understand it—its "raison d'être," the cause of its appearance. For it tells us nothing we did not know before, and throws no new light on the realities, or objects, or work of Freemasonry. It is practically a reprint of well-known Masonic documents, a statement of facts and views as regards Freemasonry, resting too often on the "picturesque" but unsafe authority of Clavel, and of works which in our modern criticism are not now acknowledged as reliable teachers or trustworthy guides. Indeed, it is to us nothing but what can be found in well-known manuals. Mrs. Blake, with some admiration for the benevolent aspect and work of Freemasonry, seems to lean, curiously enough, in much, at any rate, to the mistaken, most mistaken, Ultramontane theory of Masonic existence, formularies, and work. If we are to judge from her words, she clearly does not recognize either the mission, or the need, or the benefits of Freemasonry at this epoch in the history of civilization and the annals of the world. Mrs. Blake accepts the Georgian era of Masonic life, and repudiates the connection between speculative Masonry and as Guild Masonry. She also accepts the Romish distinction

between Freemasonry in England and Freemasonry abroad, and brands all foreign Freemasonry with the stigma of revolutionary and destructive principles. While, therefore, we note the publication of this work as a feature of the hour, significant both of the curiosity of the reading public and the present prestige of our Order, we must beg respectfully to dissent from its supposed "reality" and "realism" as explaining what Freemasonry is, and can only remember it among many similar publications, which have no real worth and no "staying power" as authoritative expositions of a remarkable Order, beyond gratifying an idle love for exposition of "mysteries," and an "ad captandum" sentiment of unsatisfactory "cram" in respect of recondite truths and mysterious symbolism. While we say this we feel bound to recognize the carefulness with which Mrs. Blake has collected and arranged her available authorities, though we cannot assent to her deductions, nor can we concur in her conclusions. The work is a remarkable work, even in its errors, omissions, and weaknesses, for a non-Mason to have put together.

HOW I VOLUNTEERED FOR THE CAPE. By T. E. FENN. Tinsley and Co.

This amusing work is the production of a son of our esteemed and well-known Bro. Thomas Fenn, for not to know that good Masonic ritualist and teacher is really to argue oneself Masonically unknown. For his sake the work would have deserved, had even its merits been less conspicuous than they really are, notice in the *Freemason*. But having read the book we can safely commend it to the attention of our many readers, as containing a truthful and effective picture of striking events and a desperate struggle. If any wish to know the real difficulties of "bush warfare," if any are desirous to realize the conditions of an encounter between civilization and barbarism in a far-off land, if any seek to master the "facts of the case," and to appreciate how well our soldiers, and sailors, and volunteers "went to the front" and "fought it out," obedient to the calls of duty, let them open the interesting pages of Mr. Fenn's work, and master alike his lively illustrations and animated descriptions of "stiff service" and "hard blows." We have in this book a very lucid, but we feel sure, truthful description of what all went through who have taken part in the Zulu war, and we think that no candid reader can rise from it without feeling proud of numerous heroes of our race and land, and without thanking the writer of it for a most readable and instructive work. It says a good deal for the author's pluck and patriotic feeling that, instead of leading an idle life at home, as too many do to-day, he volunteered for work, and danger, and rough doing, and bad fare, anxious as the son of a good Mason to demonstrate his loyalty as an Englishman, and his devotion as a volunteer.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CHARLES MARTEL.

My esteemed friend, Bro. Hughan, is not (for once) quite correct as to Charles Martel. He is referred to at lines 579, 580, 581, and 589 in Matthew Cooke's MS. as Carolus Secundus and Charles the Second, and is, no doubt, the same as mentioned in all the subsequent prose contributions. Charles Martel did give laws and privileges to the French Masonic Guilds, as Depping shows us. There is no reference to Charles Martel in Halliwell's poem.

A. F. A. W.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

Masonic students are indebted to Bro. Gould for reviving this interesting question. Findel's argument as to un-Teutonic origin of the "Ars Quatuor" of English Masonry is clearly unhistorical. The allusions to the "Coronati" probably date even before 600, though it would be interesting to hear when these names first appeared in the Roman Service Book. Perhaps some one can tell us what is the date of the "earliest service book" known in England or at Rome.

A. F. A. W.

"P.M. No. 1 (S.C.)" AND MELROSE LODGE, &c.

I do not care to say aught as to the relative positions of the lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland—which existed prior to its formation—in the event of the old lodge at Melrose agreeing to enter its fold, but, doubtless, the members of Grand Lodge would do much for the sake of peace and harmony, should the much-wished-for union occur, as they did in 1807 and since. The note of warning, however, which a writer has sounded under the signature of "P.M. No. 1, S.C." must not be disregarded, and, therefore, I trust that the authorities "across the border" will carefully consider his letter in the *Freemason* of last week. As a member (honorary) of Nos. 0, 1, and 5, Scotland, I may be excused saying this much, but yet I have so great a longing to see old Melrose Lodge fall into line that I fraternally advise the terms to be made as easy and honourable as possible to all concerned. Our Bro. Vernon will soon announce his complete account of his researches, which, it must be remembered, have culminated in the tracing of one of the oldest Masonic MSS. in Scotland.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ANOTHER MASONIC M.S., AND STILL ANOTHER!

In May, 1874, our zealous Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., stated in the "Masonic Magazine," relative to the reproduction of the "Halliwell MS." (modernised version), "It is just possible that this publication may lead to the search for, and discovery of, other Constitutions, and if so, Bro. Hughan's efforts and mine will be

amply rewarded." Since that period we have, together and with other co-workers, traced more MSS. than were known twenty years ago, and we have not yet arrived at the end of our researches. Every now and then a copy of the "Old Charges" is being found, and ere long we shall have quite a number to reproduce for the information of the Craft universal. I have the pleasure to announce the discovery of another old MS., which has been in the most handsome manner placed in my hands (*to examine and transcribe*) by our illustrious Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., &c. It is written on two parchment skins, which are sewn together, and bears on a most ornate illumination at the head the inscription "J. 2d., R., 1686," i.e., James the Second, King, A.D. 1686. It is, therefore, the same date as the Antiquity MS., and is an exact reproduction of the *Douland* MS., save as to the orthography, which, in many respects, is an improvement on that version. The illumination contains two fine ovals, within which are the arms of the City of London and that of the operative Freemasons. It was found lately in Wales, and my own impression is that the document is the missing *Masons' Company* MS., and so I have informed Colonel Clerke. Our brother has consented to my copying it, and then intends to place it in the valuable library of the Supreme Council, 33°, London, which already is especially rich in uniques, and then will contain one of the most perfect and ornate MSS. known. I hope ere long to announce another MS. which is in the fine collection of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite."

W. J. HUGHAN.

MELROSE LODGE.

In your issue of last week I observe a note by a P.M. of No. 1, Edinburgh, upon the above subject in which he makes some rather dogmatic assertions, upon the authority of "Bro. W. C. Buchan, a well-known and well-qualified Masonic archaeological inquirer," who, it seems, had "visited Melrose and examined the whole records and documents of the lodge, but found nothing instructing its existence beyond the earliest date of its minutes, 1678." I am sorry to confess that this is the first time I ever heard of this well-known brother, still my ignorance of his existence does not affect his qualification as a Masonic archaeologist. I have no doubt his researches are accurate in the main and are of great value, and I shall only be too pleased to sit at his feet and study his works if any brother will kindly direct my attention to them, but I must question his accuracy in the present instance if he asserts that the earliest minutes of the Melrose Lodge are those of 1678, and that "he was satisfied that it had no other evidence to produce" of its antiquity. Upon this "P.M. No. 1, S.C." asserts that no evidence *has since been discovered either in the lodge's own possession or elsewhere*. I am in an position to prove the contrary, having seen documents of an earlier date, and a minute of 1674. I have neither time nor inclination to enter into a correspondence upon this subject, but I cannot but remark that the writer of the note I refer to does not seem to take up the matter in a fraternal spirit; his remarks anent Melrose Lodge seem to partake of a sneering tone, the expressions "a lodge so weak as that of Melrose" (I believe this weak lodge has about 200 members), "it need not expect that these lodges will stand tamely by," seem to me to be wanting in one of our first principles, Charity. I have nothing whatever to do with Melrose Lodge, only in the course of my investigations into the history of some of the Border lodges I came across this anomaly in our midst, an ancient and flourishing lodge, which is unrecognised by the Craft in general—hence my first communication.

W. FRED VERNON.

Obituary.

BRO. AARON WINKUP, P.M. 1356.

As we briefly announced last week, Bro. Aaron Winkup, who was greatly esteemed by a wide circle of Masonic and other friends in Liverpool, died at his residence in Crown street, on Friday, the 26th ult., after an illness of considerable duration. The mortal remains of our deceased brother were interred in the Necropolis, West Derby-road, Liverpool, on Monday the 29th ult., and the wide cherished respect felt for the memory of the deceased was shown by the attendance of about 100 brethren. The deceased had the distinguished privilege of being the first P.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, and was also a P.M. of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667. Amongst the members of the fraternity present were Bros. Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; Councillor E. Grindley, 1547; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356; Treasurer 1609; J. Kett, J.W. 1356; H. P. Squire, S.D. 1356; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356; H. Firth, W.M. 667; J. Ellis, P.M. 667; J. R. Goepel, P.P. G.D.C.; J. E. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; T. Shaw, P.M. 823; W. Phillips, P.M. 667; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 673; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; M. Corless, P.M. 594; T. Clark, P.M. 673; R. Pearson, P.M. 673; Urmsen, P.M. 667; W. Evans, W. Jacobs, 673; R. Fairclough, 1356; W. Gamble, 249; C. Campion, 1609; J. Hughes, W. Humphries, Kropman, J. Kirkman, Baker, Ellison, W. Parrington, Bolton, P.M. 667; Devaynes, P.M. 667; Peake, J.W. 667; Carspell, 249; J. Hoimer, 1356; R. Douglas, and others. The majority of the brethren walked from Crown-street to the Necropolis, preceded by the hearse and three carriages, the first containing three sons of the deceased; the second, Messrs. Tomlinson (senior and junior), Mr. A. Scott, London, and Mr. S. Hughes; and the third, Bro. Councillor S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., Dr. Sinclair, Mr. C. Milbourn, and Mr. Williams. There were also present at the funeral Messrs. Luke Barber, Rankin, R. S. Milbourn, J. Milbourn, H. Shimmis, and other gentlemen. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Rees Evans, the clergyman attached to the Necropolis.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. GEORGE CHAMBERS.

In response to a suggestion that a Masonic Testimonial in the shape of a purse of money should be presented to Bro. George Chambers, head waiter at the Cannon-street Hotel, in recognition of the very courteous and at all times most efficient discharge of his duties, a Committee has been formed, composed of members of the various lodges and chapters meeting at Cannon-street Hotel, to give effect to the proposition.

The following is the preliminary Committee:—Bros. Captain Kain, P.M. 766, Chairman, pro. tem.; George Kenning, P.Z. 192, Treasurer; George Newman, P.M., P.Z. 192, 766, &c., Hon. Sec.; George Abbott, P.M. 192; A. Braun, M.E.Z. 766; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.P. G.S.B. Herts, &c.; Edwd. B. Grabham, P.M. and Hon. Sec. 19; Dr. Kempster, H. 766; Henry Muggeridge, P.M., &c.; John Harper, P.M. and Steward St. Paul's Lodge, 194. The co-operation of brethren who may be willing to assist in promoting the object in view is solicited.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

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Panmure Lodge, 715 ...	1	1	0
Bro. Henry Muggeridge ...	0	5	0
" S. G. Myers ...	0	5	0
" W. J. Crossfield ...	0	5	0
" B. Shayer ...	0	2	0
" J. Jonas ...	0	5	0
" J. H. Weedon ...	0	5	0
" Edward Phillips ...	0	5	0
" Henry Birdseye ...	0	5	0
" H. Walls ...	0	2	6
" E. J. Wing ...	0	2	6
St. Thomas Lodge, per Bro. Batty ...	0	10	6
St. Paul's Lodge ...	0	10	6
Lodge of Israel, per Bro. Hogard ...	2	2	0
Great City Lodge ...	3	3	0
William Preston Lodge ...	3	3	0
Bro. Wm. Kain ...	0	10	6
" Pringle ...	0	2	6
" Castle ...	0	1	0
" Drake ...	0	2	6
" Brookes ...	0	2	6
" Leaman ...	0	2	6
" Kidman ...	0	2	6
" Pay ...	0	1	0
" Rees ...	0	1	0
" Smart ...	0	2	6
" Le Grande ...	0	2	6
" Collens ...	0	2	6
" Lyon ...	0	2	6
" Sutcliffe ...	0	2	6
" Broomhall ...	0	2	6
Lion and Lamb Lodge ...	3	3	0
Bro. George Newman ...	1	1	0
" George Kenning ...	1	1	0
" George Abbot ...	0	2	6
" Cohen ...	0	2	6
" Jones ...	0	2	6
" Barker ...	0	2	6
" Coleman ...	0	2	6
" Kent ...	0	2	6
" W. F. Darnell ...	0	2	6
" Cann ...	0	2	6
" Legg ...	0	2	6
" Hosgood ...	0	2	6
William Preston Chapter ...	2	2	0
Comp. A. Braun ...	0	5	0
" Dr. Kempster ...	0	5	0
" Miller ...	0	5	0
" Smart ...	0	2	6
" Barnes ...	0	2	6
" Dr. Cutmore ...	0	3	0
" Steinmann ...	0	5	0
" Rickwood ...	0	5	0
" Williams ...	0	5	0
" Brooks ...	0	2	6
" Worrell ...	0	2	6
Lion and Lamb Chapter ...	2	2	0
Comp. F. D. R. Copestick ...	0	2	6
" T. C. Chapman ...	0	2	6
" C. J. Harmsworth ...	0	2	6
" T. Cohu ...	0	2	6
" C. B. Cheese ...	0	2	6
" T. Perry ...	0	5	0
" S. Copestick ...	0	2	6
" R. Walker ...	0	2	6
" Kent ...	0	2	6

Bro. Major Chard, V.C., has been granted leave of absence, and received Her Majesty's commands to proceed to Balmoral.

The October Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, this day (Saturday) at twelve o'clock. The election will commence at one o'clock and close at three precisely. There are vacancies for eighteen girls, for which there are forty-eight applicants.

Lord Brougham, when practising at the Scotch bar, joined a yatching party to the Western Isles. All of the party, excepting himself, were Freemasons. Having been invited by the brethren of the Lodge Fortrose, Stornaway, to pay them a visit, Brougham was entered, passed, and raised upon that occasion. On returning to Edinburgh, Lord Brougham affiliated with the Lodge Canon-gate Kilwinning, and was a frequent attendant, until he removed to London, where his busy political life so absorbed his attention that we hear nothing further of his Masonic career. He never appears to have held Masonic office.—*The Keystone*.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE. —A Grand Council of Illustrious Knights K.H., 30°, will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday next, the 14th October.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Monday next, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

A warrant has just been granted for the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, to meet at the Warrior-square Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea. The day of consecration is not yet fixed.

Bro. Kuhe, P.G.O. England, gave the first of his annual series of pianoforte recitals on Wednesday afternoon to a crowded and fashionable audience at the Pavilion, Brighton. Mr. Carrodus, the eminent violinist, and other artistes, assisted at the performance.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1421, on Wednesday next, the 15th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford. The various Sections will be performed as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. F. C. D. Fenn, I.G. 171.
2nd " ...	" W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445.
3rd " ...	" G. F. Dix, J.W. 1421.
4th " ...	" M. Christian, 860.
5th " ...	" A. Robbins, P.M. 1056.
6th " ...	" A. Carver, 933.
7th " ...	" E. Williams, D.C. 933.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. W. C. Durrant, P.M. 1056.
2nd " ...	" J. J. Berry, P.M. 554.
3rd " ...	" J. G. Defriez, P.M. 45; S.W. 1278; Sec. 1677.
4th " ...	" W. Musto, P.M. 1349.
5th " ...	" F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. F. King, J.W. 1056.
2nd " ...	" B. Cundick, P.M. 1421.
3rd " ...	" T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, 933.

The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Dorsetshire was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Dorset. The R.W. Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, presided, there being a large attendance of companions from the various chapters in the province, with visitors from other provinces. A report will appear in our next.

The Right Hon. Sir Fitzroy Kelly, head of the Exchequer Division of the High Court of Justice, was born in London on Oct. 9th, 1796, thus completing his eighty-third year on the 9th inst. As Lord Chief Baron he receives a salary of £7000 per annum. In point of age Sir Fitzroy Kelly is the oldest occupant of the judicial bench.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, at the Crown Hotel, 108, Blackfriars-road, on Thursday, the 23rd October, at 7 p.m. Bros. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, W.M.; Farwig, W.M. 180, S.W.; Wise, P.M. 1158, J.W.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. Harris, S.W. 1158.
2nd " ...	" Wells, 1158.
3rd " ...	" Fortune, S.D. 1158.
4th " ...	" Block, W.S. 1158.
5th " ...	" Beavis, I.G. 879.
6th " ...	" Noke, P.M. 87.
7th " ...	" Martin, 879.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. Lemere, S.D. 193.
2nd " ...	" Ball, S.W. 144.
3rd " ...	" Taylor, W.M. 753.
4th " ...	" Stuart, J.W. 1158.
5th " ...	" Wood, 193.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ..	Bro. Wilkes, I.G. 1158.
2nd " ...	" Leaper, J.W. 1275.
3rd " ...	" R. S. Smith, W.M. 1158.

Bro. Walter Wood, 193, Acting Secretary.

The dinner which was to have been given by the members of the Wanderers' Club on Thursday to Bro. Major Chard, Bro. Major Bromhead, Surgeon-Major Reynolds, and the other defenders of Rorke's Drift who have received the Victoria Cross, has been postponed until the return of Major Chard from Balmoral.

The Queen will, according to present arrangements, leave Balmoral the second week in November, and the stay of the Empress Eugénie at Abergeldie will terminate at the same time. The Court will pass four weeks at Windsor, and will then remove to Osborne for a couple of months. If the Queen goes abroad next spring she will start about the middle of March.

The installation meeting of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, takes place on Wednesday next, at the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-street, Pimlico, when Bro. Wm. Vincent will be installed, W.M. A report will appear in due course.

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

Bro. J. L. Toole will officiate at the laying of the foundation stone of the Royalty Theatre, Glasgow, this (Saturday) afternoon.

We understand that R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., intends to dedicate to the public a plot of ground in a prominent part of his estate, and commanding a fine view of the sea, upon which the hon. baronet will erect a monument to Captain Cook, the celebrated circumnavigator, who was a native of the locality of Whitby, near to which he served his apprenticeship.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, October 17, 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 or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Quar. Court and Election Girls' School at 12, F.M.H.
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st., Hct.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Quar. Court and Election Boys' School at 12, F.M.H.
Lodge 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.

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.C.
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., at 8.
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.
Royal Commemoration, 1585, Railway Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor Hot., Hammersmith
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Gdn.
S. C. 33°, 33, Golden-sq.

Grand Council K.H. 30°, A. and A.S. Rite, 33, Golden-sq.

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., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., 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 Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., E.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark, 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.
Grand Chap. Knights K. H. 30°, 33, Golden-sq.
S. C. 33°, 33, Golden-sq.

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.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
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 Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-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, OCTOBER 17.

Lodge 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1704, Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Mark 104, Macdonald, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Rose Croix, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
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.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 18, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bldgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Heslith, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Mark 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.

Chap. 537, Zion, M.C., Birkenhead.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1733, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 18, 1879.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Lodge 1253, Travellers, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
Mark 156, County Palatine, F.M.H., Manchester.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Chap. 163, Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 268, Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Lodge 221, St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.
" 325, St. John, M.H., Islington-sq., Salford.
" 581, Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
" 633, Yarborough, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 1129, St. Chad, Rochuck Hot., Rochdale.
" 1161, De Grey & Ripon, Denmark Hot., C.-on-M.
" 1634, Starkie, Railway Hot., Ramsbottom.
Chap. 344, Beauty, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe.
Preceptory De Lacy, M.H., Southport.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Lodge 42, Relief, Albion Hot., Bury.
" 268, Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
" 348, Perseverance, Old Bull Hot., Blackburn.
" 367, Probity of Freedom, Rd. Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
" 1011, Richmond, Crown Hot., Salford.
Chap. 317, Affability, F.M.H., Manchester.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Lodge 152, Virtue, F.M.H., Manchester.
" 993, Alexandra, Medway Hot., Levenshulme.
" 1773, Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.
Preceptory St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Todmorden.

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NOTICE.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book for 1880 is preparing for publication early in November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

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 „ 73. A. A. Gee.
 „ 77. J. B. Frost.
 „ 60. J. C. Johnson

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