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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—The members of this lodge assembled in good numbers on the 7th inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. There were present among others Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G. S.B. of Middx., W.M. (*Freemason*); Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; H. Higgins, P.M., acting I.P.M.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Webb, S.D.; Marston, J.D.; Stokes, D.C.; Honeywell, P.M. Dobie, &c., Organist; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1426, &c.; Goodhall, 33; G. Rumball, W.M. elect 141; Ayling, 975; Benningfield, 1589. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Reeves, I.P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; and Robinson, I.G. Bro. Cockburn was then raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Wm. Robertson was initiated. Several minor matters having been satisfactorily disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were duly proposed and honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Koch, P.M., in a very flattering speech. This toast having been briefly acknowledged, "The Initiate" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Robertson in fitting terms. The next toast, "The Visitors," was most warmly received, and was replied to at length by Bros. Goodhall, Ayling, Benningfield, Rumball, and Stevens. The latter brother, in the course of an able speech, took the opportunity of ventilating the subject of uniformity in Masonic ritual, and which matter he fully dwelt with on the work recently compiled and edited by him. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. expressed his regret that the senior member of that important body, Bro. Page, was prevented by indisposition from attending. His services as Treasurer could not be over-estimated, and he (the W.M.) hoped that at the next meeting Bro. Page would be sufficiently restored to come among them. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the Past Masters present briefly replied. "The Officers" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Bros. Stuart, Kohler, Speedy, and Webb. The brethren were entertained during the evening by Bros. Honeywell, Stevens, Stokes, and others. The Tyler's toast at eleven terminated the proceedings.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities by Bro. John Douglass, who was supported by a numerous assembly of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. E. E. Barratt Kidder, J.D. 12; S. Hollidge, 1602; B. Kauffmann, 1732; Leon Jacobs, I.G. 1732; T. W. Kingston, P.M. 1107, 912, 615, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; A. Daw Kerrell, I.G. 145; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; H. Stevens, 1732; H. A. Dubois, P.G.J.W. Middx.; C. Reingpach, 392, G.O. France; J. Cherry, 19; F. G. W. Guyer, 1288; W. Read, 177; C. Harcourt, 1319; A. Hubbard, 1732; J. L. Simpson, 1076; W. Walden, 49; W. Medcalf, 206; E. F. Pierdon, 948; A. Mullord, J.W. 1288; T. Wilson, D.C. 1328; W. Searle, 907; M. S. Boyle, 1777; J. J. Wine, 826; J. Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts., Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. B. Putland, 1732; J. H. Lamer, 733; W. W. Morgan, J.W. 1385; Bradshaw Brown, J.W. 1; G. W. Churchill, P.M. 615; F. Morgan, 169; and others. Bro. C. J. Scales, the W.M. elect, occupied the position of S.W.; Side, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; G. Clark acted as S.D.; Colls, J.D.; Edmonds, as I.G.; and H. Lovegrove, Steward. Among the Past Masters were Bros. Kingham and Michael. After the confirmation of the minutes, the report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. On the proposition of Bro. Stiles, seconded by Bro. Kingham, the sanction of the lodge was given for the removal of the lodge of instruction, held under the sanction of this lodge, to the Moorgate Station Restaurant. Bro. Weiss, of No. 145, was passed to the Second Degree, and then Bro. Scales was formally presented for the benefit of installation,

which ceremony was ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. John Douglass. The following brethren were in due course appointed and invested as officers for the coming year: Bros. W. Side, S.W.; W. M. Stiles, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Sec.; G. Colls, S.D.; H. Stiles, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; H. Lovegrove, D.C.; G. W. Brunell and T. Gilbert, jun., Stewards; J. Daly, Tyler. The installation ceremony was then completed, and the W.M. at once called upon to shew his proficiency, there being two candidates for initiation, viz., Messrs. H. Connolly and C. Rooks. Each of these gentlemen were admitted to a participation of the secrets of Freemasonry, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the lodge. Previous to doing so, Bro. Michael proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. John Douglass for the able way in which he had installed his successor; this was seconded by Bro. Willing, and carried with acclamation. It was then announced that the W.M. had undertaken the office of Steward for the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, and as it was pointed out that the lodge was already Vice-President of one branch of that fund, a hope was expressed that on the occasion of the Master's Stewardship sufficient money would be forthcoming to entitle the lodge to the rank of Vice-Patron. Bro. Michael also offered his services to represent the lodge at another of the festivals, and trusted that the year on which they had just started would be marked for the amount devoted to the lodge to the Charities of the Order. Nothing further offering, the lodge was now closed, the brethren proceeding to the banquet hall, where a first-rate repast awaited them. Bro. Clemow personally superintended the serving, and although they had the capabilities of their establishment fairly tested, proved they were equal to the work demanded of them. One of the items the W.M. mentioned previous to proposing the toasts was that during his year of office brevity would be observed by the chair and appreciated from the members—if the speeches on this occasion are a criterion of what may be expected in the future, we may assume the remarks of the W.M. will be acted on thoroughly. The usual first three toasts were quickly disposed of. Bro. Douglass proposed "The Health of the W.M.," merely remarking that the present was the first occasion on which Bro. Scales had been thus honoured, and he (Bro. Douglass) hoped, therefore, that the response would be a hearty one. Bro. Scales thanked the brethren for the compliment the brethren had paid him, and then proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master." Bro. Douglass had, by installing him that evening, he said, conferred on him the greatest honour it was possible to receive from a lodge. He had very great pleasure in carrying out the wishes of the brethren, and investing Bro. Douglass with the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted from the lodge funds. Bro. Douglass in acknowledgment tendered his hearty thanks. If the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening had met the approval of the lodge, he was highly gratified. He hoped the brethren were satisfied with what he had done for the lodge during the past twelve months; the very handsome jewel they had presented to him led him to believe that such was the case, and for it and their support during the term of his Mastership he tendered the heartiest thanks. Bro. Scales now proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." The toast was one that had been so often proposed, and the brethren it included were so well-known, that it was quite unnecessary to dilate long on its merits; he hoped the brethren who had occupied the chair of the lodge in years past would for a long time to come be found in their respective places in the lodge, where they would always command, and he felt sure receive, the greatest respect. Bro. Willing, in replying, tendered his congratulations to Bro. Scales on his promotion to the chair of his mother lodge, and likewise the lodge on having so early initiated a brother who had proved himself so capable in performing the various duties he had undertaken. It was a great satisfaction to the Past Masters to see the brethren they had initiated fill the chairs of the lodge. Bro. Michael considered that his office of Secretary was one requiring him to write rather than speak. He was pleased to see the lodge in the position to which it had risen, and pointed out the great credit that attached to the members in having so zealously supported the Charities on each opportunity that had arisen since the lodge was consecrated. He thought the idea of giving up one of the banquet and devoting the money that would have been then spent was a good one, and hoped that should the present Master see fit to adopt such a course during his year of office the members would attend in as great a number as usual, and show they were really sincere in their support of the Institutions. He should ask each brother, on some future occasion, to put a few shillings towards making the lodge a Vice-President of the various Charities. Bro. Kingham followed in a few words, mainly supporting Bro. Michael's plan for placing the lodge in the proud position of V.P. of the Institutions. Bro. Scales now proposed "The Health of the Initiates." The two received that evening were worthy brethren, and likely to advance the interests of the lodge. Bro. Rooks thanked the brethren; he greatly appreciated the compliment that had been paid him in receiving him in the lodge. Bro. Connolly likewise thanked the brethren. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," calling upon Bro. Dubois to respond. That brother on behalf of himself and fellow visitors expressed the gratification they felt at hearing that the rule in the lodge had been for each Master to instal his successor; he considered such a course was of great benefit to a lodge, and any brother who thus finished his year of office was entitled to greater honour that could otherwise accrue to him. Bro. Brown followed, complimenting the lodge on its efficient officers; he should endeavour to emulate their example and point them out as a pattern for young brethren to copy. Bro. Cherry also replied. The toast of "The Charities" followed, Bro. Terry responding. He urged the brethren to support their Master in the

laudable endeavour he had promised to make to place the lodge among the Vice-Presidents of the Benevolent Institution; this was a position attained by only thirty of the 1845 lodges on the roll of English Grand Lodge, and the fact of so young a lodge as the Metropolitan qualifying itself would reflect the greatest credit on all connected with it. The next toast was that of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge," which was heartily proposed and responded to by each of the officers then present, all of whom expressed their intention to work in their new offices as much for the benefit of the lodge as was possible. The Tyler's toast followed, and thus the proceedings terminated.

**SUNDERLAND.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Newton, supported by Bros. Huntly, P.M.; Frampton, W.M. 94; Surtees, P.M. 94; Eggleston, W.M. 949; and Douglass, P.M. (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Hayhurst and Huntly were examined in the First Degree, and gave satisfaction. They then retired, and the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, when Bros. Hayhurst and Huntly were regularly admitted, and made Fellow Craft Masons. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Douglass, P.M., nominated Bro. Hawdon as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Lemon proposed, and Bro. Hayhurst seconded, Mr. Buckhart as a candidate for Masonry. The W.M. proposed Amos Broughton as a candidate for Masonry, which was seconded by Bro. Huntly, P.M. No other business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, in due and solemn form.

**STOCKPORT.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—The regular monthly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the lodge rooms, Ashton House, Greek-street, when about fifty brethren were present. In the unavoidable absence through indisposition of the W.M., Bro. W. Harrison, P.S.G.D., the lodge was opened by Bro. Herbert Finch, P.M., P.G. D.C., who was supported by Bros. Collier, S.W.; C. Pearson, P.M., as J.W.; W. W. Shelmerdine, Treas.; T. Bullock, Sec.; W. Booth, Prov. G. Steward, S.D.; G. Balle, Org.; E. Stevens, Prov. G. Steward, I.G.; H. W. Mather, and J. Fox, Stewards; Past Masters Schofield, Kirk, and Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.D. The visitors included Bros. J. L. Vaughan, P.M. 1030 (Mayor of Stockport); Oswald Wilkinson, S.D. 1030; C. E. Steward, W.M. 336; S. P. Bidder, P.M., 993; J. Worsnup, W.M. 322; L. Bradbury, J.W. 322; W. Alcock, J.D. 322; T. Wilkinson, P.M. 1126; J. Leigh, J.W. 287, Prov. G. Steward; R. Johnson, 281; and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been ratified, letters of apology for inability to attend were read from the W.M., and Bro. J. Beresford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. The ballot was then taken for Major Francis Preston, C.E., as a candidate for initiation, which proving favourable he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masonry by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., his proposer. The remaining business consisted of a passing and a raising, the chair being occupied during the former ceremony by Bro. Finch, P.M., P.G.D.C., and during the latter by Bro. C. Pearson, P.M. All the ceremonies were conducted with an impressiveness and finish which betokened careful study and rehearsal on the part of the officers concerned in them, and which at a later period of the evening called forth the highest eulogiums from the visiting brethren. On the motion of Bro. Finch, P.G.D.C., seconded by Bro. Collier, S.W., two questions were referred to the General Purposes Committee of the lodge for consideration and report, viz., the desirability of having a paid Secretary of the lodge, and an increase in the annual subscription, the Committee's report to be included in the next lodge summons. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and a couple of hours afterwards spent in a most enjoyable manner at the festive board, the performances of the lodge choir enhancing the pleasures of the evening to no inconsiderable extent.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this "crack" lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Salter, the excellent W.M., who was supported by a full complement of officers and large attendance of brethren, amongst the visitors being several recently appointed Prov. Grand Officers. Mr. Blades was efficiently initiated by the W.M., who afterwards passed three brethren to the Degree of F.C. in an equally satisfactory manner. This being what is known as a "quarterly night," the lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and the J.W. called the brethren from labour to refreshment. An adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where a capital supper was served. The standard loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and during the evening several capital pieces of music were rendered by the brethren and visitors. Prominent amongst the latter was Bro. Walter Bolton, the popular baritone of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, who literally took the brethren by surprise as a consequence of his masterly rendering of "Largo al Factotum." The duet, "The moon has raised her lamp" (from "The Lily of Killarney"), was also effectively rendered by Bro. Bolton, and Bros. Thomas Hatton, 203, Child, Pugmire, E. Donnelly, and others also contributed several choice items. The accompaniments were capably played by Bro. J. P. Bryan. The last toast was given at 10.30, when one of the most enjoyable meetings in the annals of this popular and influential lodge was brought to a close. Amongst the visitors were Brs. Captain Newman, P.G. Reg.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; H. Williams, P.G.D.C.; Longmire, P.G.S. (Morecambe), and others.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's School on Monday evening, the 13th inst. There were present Bros. Eggleston, W.M.; Munro, S.W.; Hall, P.M.; Gray, P.M.; Frampton, W.M. 94; Surtees, P.M. 94; Newton, W.M. 80; Douglass, P.M. 80 (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the circular was read convening the meeting. Bro. Thompson was then examined in the First Degree, and gave satisfaction. He then retired, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Thompson was re-admitted, and made a Fellow Craft Mason. Bro. Macnamara gave a lecture on the Second Tracing Board in a most praiseworthy manner. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. proposed, seconded by Bro. Taylor, P.M., Mr. Thos. Lackenby as a candidate for initiation in this lodge. No other business being done the lodge was closed in due and solemn form, and according to ancient custom.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Friday evening, the 17th inst., at 7.30, after a vacation of five months. The lodge was opened in due and solemn form by the W.M., Bro. W. Beattie, supported by Bros. Bell, P.M.; Lord John Taylour, P.M.; John Tillman, P.M.; Nicholson, I.P.M.; Frampton, W.M. 94; Eggleston, W.M. 949. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The election of the W.M. then took place, when Bro. Barnard was unanimously elected. Bro. Hudson, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Douglass, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due and solemn form.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 11th inst., at the Albany. The W.M., Bro. Devereux, presided, and was supported by Bros. A. Loos, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; B. Wright, Sec.; J. H. Pearson, S.D.; Dr. Ryley, J.D.; E. H. Tniellay, P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P. M. and Treas.; B. Squire, W. Morton, Messrs. M. A. and A. A. Sims, R. Chipperfield, and F. P. Jenkins. Bro. J. T. Moss was unavoidably absent, but was well and worthily represented by his son, Bro. J. T. H. Moss, 169. The visitors included Bros. J. W. Long, of the Fitzroy Lodge; Jackson Barwise, 255; R. A. Fraser, 1567; J. W. Watts, 507; Middlemass, 957; T. Edmondston, 1669. The lodge was called for three o'clock, and after opening, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed and duly signed by the Worshipful Master. Afterwards the ballot was taken for four candidates, which was unanimous in favour of their admission, and being in attendance were very impressively initiated by the W.M., who afterwards passed Bro. B. Squire to the Second Degree. This being election meeting Bro. A. Loos was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, as were also Bros. Baldwin, re-elected Treasurer, and Gilbert, as Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Baldwin, seconded by Bro. Henman, the usual twelve guinea jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. Bros. Henman, Elliott, and Squire were elected Auditors in addition to the standing Committee, and notices of motion were given by Bro. Baldwin to reduce the joining fee from seven to five guineas, and by Bro. Elliott to make an alteration in Bye-law 25, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and returned to town at an early hour.

**MANCHESTER.**—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side East. The meeting was convened for two o'clock, but it was long after that hour before the brethren assembled in the lodge room, in fact it was nearly 3.30 ere the lodge was opened; and we must protest against the tardiness of brethren in not being "up to time," as, although due allowance must be made for pressure of business with some, yet it cannot be the case with all, and it would be better to arrange the meetings for a later period of the day than to cause brethren (who imagine that punctuality will be "l'ordre du jour") the inconvenience of filling up as best they can the wasted hour. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. W. S. Watson, W.M.; Henry Jones, I.P.M.; John Rowe, S.W.; S. D. McKellen, J.W.; D. Johnson, J.D.; E. B. Harding, Treasurer; John Brierley, Secretary; Jas. McGrath, I.G.; William Hill, Tyler; Edwin Jordan, Jno. Jordan, George Burslem, George Marsden, Thos. L. Frich, Thos. Carter, B. Halliwell, Henry Pattison, Christopher W. Willis, C. F. Mathew, George Johnson, J. Atkinson, and Dr. R. Ausfield. Visitors: Thos. Fallows, 1052; George Bilmford, P.M. 236 and 1611; J. Barker, P.M. 1134, 1345, P.P.G.T. E.L.; Benjamin Taylor, P.M. 935, Prov. G. Treas. E.L.; Edwin Hardon, P.M. 1030, P.P. S.G.D. E.L.; Thos. Elliott, P.M. 1147; P. Child, P.M. 177; Robt. White, I.G. 1052; James Batty, W.M. 1387; Albert Kenworth, 217; Jas. Warren, P.M. 992; Chas. Jones, S.W. 1060; Wm. Byway, 1633; W. P. Hayhurst, 1633; Thos. Buxton, P.M. 1345; John Buckley, S.O. 277; William Rye, 467; Joseph Wild, 277; Samuel Rome, 252; H. Carr, 1170; Edward Carr, 1170; and R. R. L. Scudon, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. A copy of the balance-sheet for the past year was then handed to each member of the lodge, and the Auditors, Bros. Burslem, Halliwell, and Dickinson, having testified to the correctness of the same, a proposition was put and carried that it be passed. The usual extracts from the Book of Constitutions were then read by the Secretary to the W.M. elect, Bro. John Rowe, who gave the requisite responses. At the conclusion of this

formality the brethren, with the exception of those who had passed the honourable goal of W.M., retired, and a Board of P.M.'s having been formed, Bro. Rowe was duly installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Gillman very ably performed the ceremony of installation. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. Harding proclaimed to them that Bro. John Rowe had been installed W.M., and called upon them to salute him in the customary manner, which was done. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. S. D. McKellen, S.W.; D. Johnson, J.W.; Stuart, S.D.; James McGrath, J.D.; Harding, Treasurer (re-appointed); Geo. Burslem, Secretary; F. Dickinson, D. of C.; Atkinson and George Johnson, Stewards; and J. Hill, Tyler. The address was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Dickinson, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. Jones, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. Watson, I.P.M. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed with the usual formalities. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it gave him great pleasure in so doing, for, as the brethren were aware, Bro. Rowe had been connected with the lodge from its commencement, and had by his assiduity well earned the position he had attained, and no one felt prouder than he (the I.P.M.) did to see him in his present position, and he had no doubt that his year of office would be as successful as the last had been, and in wishing the W.M. all prosperity he would call upon the brethren to drink a bumper to this toast. The I.P.M., Bro. Watson, in response to the toast of his health, said it afforded him great satisfaction to know that in retiring from the chair of W.M. he carried the good wishes of the brethren with him, and in thanking them sincerely for their kindly expressions of feeling, he trusted that there would always be that thorough understanding and cordiality which had hitherto existed between himself and the members of the Trafford Lodge. The toasts of "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Newly-installed Officers," "The P.M.'s of the Trafford Lodge," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," followed, and were duly responded to. A choice selection of songs and gl'es were ably rendered by the Bros. Dumville (two) and Bro. Lister, and a word of praise must certainly be awarded to Bro. Dickinson for his excellent catering at the banquet.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This provincial lodge met on the 8th inst., at the Albany Hotel. The officers present were Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, acting W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. Court, W.M.; W. Taylor, S.W.; H. Court, jun., Organist, acting J.W.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, &c., Treasurer; Ashley, S.D., acting Secretary; the Rev. D'Orsey, Assistant Chaplain; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, D.C. (*Freemason*); and Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year unanimously resulted in favour of Bro. William Taylor, S.W. Bro. Tomlinson then stated that in consequence of his being about to reside permanently in Norfolk he was reluctantly compelled to tender his resignation of the office of Treasurer. This announcement having been received with great regret by the lodge, Bro. Richnoll was then unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The election of Tyler fell upon Bro. Harrison. Previously to the lodge being closed two notices of motion were given for discussion at the next meeting. The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and the Craft," "The W.M.," and "The W.M. elect." The members separated at an early hour.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—The last regular meeting of this very successful lodge for the present year was held at the Crown Hotel, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. There were present Bros. John G. Horsey, W.M.; S. Davison, S.W.; Chas. Sawyer, I.P.M. and Secretary; C. W. Noehmer, P.M.; J. G. Calway, J.D.; Jas. Cooper, Walter Harwood, C. Firbank, M. Ovenden, and G. W. Holmes. Visitors: Bros. A. W. Thorpe, S.W. 176; S. Harrison, P.M. 804 and P.P.G. Supt. of Works Hampshire and I. of W.; Jos. Irith, 1507, and J. Hopkinson, 38. The lodge was opened in the First Degree punctually at five o'clock. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Christopher Firbank, G. W. Holmes, and Mark Ovenden, candidates for raising, having replied to the usual questions, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and these three brethren raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Upon the conclusion of this most impressive ceremony the lodge was resumed to the Second and then to the First Degree. The W.M. read a letter he had received from Bro. Head, J.W., explaining that he was prevented from attending through a death happening in his family the day before, and upon the suggestion of the W.M. the brethren unanimously agreed that the Secretary should write a letter to Bro. Head expressive of their sympathy. Letters of apology from Bros. P.M. Noke, Dickman, Woolgar, and Pile for their non-attendance having been read, and other business concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a substantial repast, served by Bro. Ovenden in the large market-room of the hotel, and a very pleasant evening closed the meeting. During the repast the usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured.

**GREAT STANMORE.**—Unity Lodge (No. 1637).—This lodge met on Saturday last at the Abercorn

Hotel. There were present Bros. Wm. Stephens, Prov. G.D.C., W.M.; C. J. W. Davis, Prov. G. Steward, S.W.; W. Grist, J.W.; E. C. Woodward, P.M., Treas.; W. Coombes, Sec.; S. A. Cooper, S.D.; J. W. Cooper, J.D.; H. Slyman, D.C.; J. Adkins, I.G.; J. Middleton, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Reed, P.M. 733; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; S. Parkhouse, W.M. 1642; H. D. M. Williams, W.M. 874; J. J. Pattison, W.M. 1678; T. P. Smith, W.M. 1441; J. E. Cantle, W.M. 1257; T. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27; G. Brown, P.M. 65; C. Daniel, W.M. 65; Blunt, 1489; E. Rea, 1096; Deal; G. J. Glover, 1489; C. Hickling, 538; J. Hurdle, 1348; and Wolmer Brown, 355, South Australia. Mr. Bristow was initiated, after which the W.M. installed his successor, Bro. C. Davis, who appointed and invested the officers as follows: Bros. W. Grist, S.W.; S. A. Cooper, J.W.; W. Stephens, Treas.; T. W. Cooper, S.D.; J. Adkins, J.D.; Slyman, I.G.; Geo. Penn, D.C.; J. Linscott and Oldroy, Stewards; Middleton, Tyler. The charges were then delivered, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the many lodges represented, the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, when the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Jas. Terry, Prov. G.J.D. Herts, responded for "The Charities." Bro. Stephens, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," spoke of his many excellent qualities and his determination to make the Unity Lodge a great success. The past year had seen a great accession to their numbers, and, no doubt, the present year would complete their ranks, the members of this lodge being limited to thirty only. Letters of apology were read from the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Burdett, the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and many others. This was the largest meeting since the formation of the lodge, and with such an excellent staff of officers it augurs well for its future prosperity.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**LANGTHORNE LODGE** (No. 1421).—A goodly number of the brethren assembled at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on the 15th inst., on the occasion of the Fifteen Sections being worked by Bros. James Boulton, S.D. 1056, W.M.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, J.W.; F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056, P.M. The various Sections were worked 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 " ...	G. W. Verry, P.M. 554.
6th " ...	A. Carver, 933.
7th " ...	F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056.
SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. W. G. Durrant, P.M. 1056.
2nd " ...	J. J. Berry, P.M. 554.
3rd " ...	J. G. Defriez, P.M. 45; S.W. 1278; Sec. 1677.
4th " ...	B. Cundick, P.M. 1421.
5th " ...	F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056.
THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. F. King, J.W. 1056.
2nd " ...	B. Cundick, P.M. 1421.
3rd " ...	G. H. Stephens, I.G. 1623.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Bro. G. M. Felton, W.M. 1056, in proposing a most cordial vote of thanks to the W.M., expressed the great treat he had personally experienced in hearing the Sections worked in so masterly a manner. The proposition was seconded by Bro. T. S. Taylor, and unanimously carried. Votes of thanks were also proposed, seconded, and unanimously awarded to the working officers, Bros. Cundick, Myers, Durrant, Dix; the Hon. Sec., F. C. D. Fenn; and the Hon. Preceptor, F. Y. Latreille. The brethren who had worked the Sections having been unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and several brethren having been elected joining members, the proceedings were brought to a close. There were present Bros. J. Boulton, S.D. 1056, W.M.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, J.W.; W. G. Durrant, P.M. 1056; A. Mole, 186; G. F. Dix, J.W. 1421; F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056; F. C. D. Fenn, I.G. 171; H. N. Taylor, S.W. 1421; E. Triggs, 749; R. G. Owen, P.M. 1421; G. Gwinn, 772; H. John, 749; W. C. Hall, J.D. 749; J. Brooks, 51; J. Bullwinkle, 1421; M. Christian, 860; W. J. Quiney, 87; J. Morley, 1421; A. Calver, 933; G. E. Long, D.C. 1056; G. R. Atkinson, 1056; E. Mayes, 51; H. Atter, 1056; C. Ashdown, P.M. 1421; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; J. E. Sims, 1445; A. Robbins, P.M. 1056; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; G. M. Verry, P.M. 554; H. Hobbs, 749; W. L. Greenfield, 975; J. H. Gurney, 749; T. S. Taylor, W.M. 1421; F. W. Job, S.D. 1076; H. Tapley, J.W. 1076; F. King, J.W. 1056; J. Pallen, 1056; W. H. Bateman, W.M. 12; W. Brooks, 545; J. M. Petrie, 171; T. Grover, 1421; S. W. Iron, 902; W. Iron, 1579; J. Grey, 504; J. G. Defriez, P.M. 45; J. Marsh, 1326; G. Graveley, 898; J. Barley, 1056; W. W. Quiney, 87; J. Magralt, 1306; H. R. Davies, I.G. 1056; F. Foster, 51; J. G. Garin, W.M. 781; G. L. Rundsden, 431; F. Walls, 50; G. M. Felton, W.M. 1056; F. Herold, J.D. 1056; P. Burgess, 72; J. W. Braund, 72; R. Hayward, 1306; G. Bench, 511; C. Walls, 1306; T. Holmes, W.M. 1259; G. H. Stephens, I.G. 1623; C. Mansfield, 1421.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE** (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. Present: Bros. J. Dignam, W.M.; A. R. Olley, S.W.; J. L. Payne, J.W.; J. Lorkin, J.D.; G. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; C. Lorkin, Treasurer; J. Williams, Secretary; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation

was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin being candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick, assisted by Bro. C. Lorkin worked the Fifth Section of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. A. R. Olley seconded, that Bro. J. Williams be W.M. for the ensuing week, carried unanimously. Bro. J. L. Payne proposed, and Bro. J. Williams seconded, that this lodge of instruction be removed to the Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney. Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

**CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).**—This lodge held its installation meeting at the New Market Hotel, King-street, Smithfield, E.C., on the 8th inst. The reason of the lodge leaving its old home is that the Knights of St. John require the exclusive use of the lodge rooms at St. John's Gate, thereby compelling Bro. Guy reluctantly to part with the lodge, of which he is a brother and officer. Bro. Hunter, W.M., opened the lodge in the usual form—Bros. Simmonds, S.W.; T. Goode, J.W.; Rothschild, S.D.; and Millward, J.D. The minutes of the last regular meeting and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report was received and passed. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, Bros. Mount, Keiller, Gilhert, and Scull being candidates for raising. The W.M. having put the usual questions, the brethren were entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the brethren were raised in the W.M.'s usual impressive style. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. T. Goode, was the next business, Bro. Dr. Hunter being installing Master, Bro. Maples, P.M., D.C., the ceremony being done with great credit to Bro. Hunter. The brethren being admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed, the following brethren received the collars of office: Bros. Simmonds, S.W.; Rothschild, J.W.; Millward, S.D.; Calderwood, J.D.; Pigott, I.G.; Gay, D.C.; and W. Goode, J.W.S. The addresses being given, the W.M. proceeded to take the ballot for the following gentlemen for initiation, Messrs. James Fletcher, W. Aynsley, J. H. Budden, and Edward Lenard. This proving satisfactory, the W.M. performed the ceremony, for the first time in the Crusaders Lodge, in a style that augurs well for his year of office. Business being finished, the brethren, nearly seventy in number, adjourned to the spacious hall recently built by Bro. Butt, where a recherche banquet was provided, which did great credit to mine host of the New Market Hotel. The usual toasts followed. The banquet was enlivened by a selection of vocal and instrumental music under the direction of our experienced Bro. Millward. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. Dr. Barringer, P.P.S.G.W. Herts; Terry, P.P.J.G.W. Herts; E. Bowyer, P.P.G.D.; Dr. Carpenter, P.M. 1196; Price, P.M. 1288; Percy, W.M. 228; and many others.

## Royal Arch.

**MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).**—The regular convocation of this well-established chapter was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. There were present Comps. J. C. Mason, M.E.Z.; M. D. Lowenstark, H.; W. Smeed, P.Z., as J.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E.; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., Treas.; B. Isaacs, S.N.; W. H. Goodall, P.S.; J. S. Swasey, jun., 1st A.S.; and others. The only visitor was Comp. J. Stevens, P.Z. 720, P.Z. 771. The chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals who were present. The companions were then admitted, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. William Pennefather, P.M., S.W. 1623, and was unanimous in favour of his admission. Bro. W. Pennefather was duly exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry, the ceremony, as usual in this chapter, being well rendered. Several important notices of motion were given, and the chapter was then closed. The usual banquet followed.

**ST. THOMAS'S CHAPTER (No. 142).**—The installation meeting of this new chapter was held on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel. There were present on the occasion Comps. H. C. Levander, M.E.Z.; G. A. Rooks, H.; James W. Lambert, J.; Chas. F. Hogard, P.Z., S.E.; F. W. Levander, P.S.; F. Statham Hobson, 2nd A.S.; J. Terry, Hon. P.Z.; James C. Hayes, G. Motion, A. Webb, S. W. Yockney, Rev. W. Stanton Moses, A. W. Haines, Robt. Martin, R. E. Scarth, Wilhelm Ganz, No. 8; P. de Lande Long, P.G.P.S.; J. L. Thomas, P.G. Swd. B.; T. S. Hellier, P.S. 1471; Edgar Bowyer, P.Z. 1471; G. N. Dodd, 12; Fred. Thos. Dubois, P.Z. 1216; and H. Massey, P.Z. 617 (*Freemason*). Comp. James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, installed Comps. G. A. Rooks as M.E.Z.; J. W. Lambert as H.; and C. F. Hogard as J. Comp. H. C. Levander was invested as I.P.Z. The other companions appointed to office were Comps. W. Beattie, S.E.; F. W. Levander, S.N.; H. A. Dubois, Treasurer; F. J. Macaulay, P.S.; F. Statham Hobson, 1st A.S.; Rev. W. Stanton Moses, M.A., 2nd A.S.; and Rawlcs was elected and invested as Janitor. The newly-appointed officers immediately proceeded with their work, and exalted Bro. Francis William Percival, performing their duties in a masterly manner, Comp. F. W. Levander, S.N., in the absence of Comp. W. Beattie, filling the post of P.S. When the ceremony was completed Comp. Rooks, M.E.Z., in the name of the chapter presented to Comp. H. C. Levander, I.P.Z., a very handsome ten guinea P.Z.'s jewel, in recognition of his services in the part he took in founding the chapter, and discharging the duties of M.E.Z. during the first year of its existence. The chapter was then closed, and the companions partook of an elegant banquet. When the toasts were proposed

Comp. P. de Lande Long, in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he esteemed it a very great honour to have his name connected with the toast on the first anniversary festival of St. Thomas's Chapter. He had the good fortune to be present at the consecration, but he esteemed it a greater good fortune to be present at the first anniversary, because he had had an opportunity to witness the success and prosperity of the chapter. The work he had seen that evening would be gratifying to any good R.A. Mason, and it had more than realised what was predicted twelve months ago. Had the chiefs and rulers who were present at the consecration attended that day they would have been delighted at what took place. No work could have been performed better by the most distinguished R.A. Mason. The St. Thomas's Lodge was celebrated for good work, and he believed that as many of its members belonged to the chapter it would be equally celebrated. Under the present M.E.Z.'s sceptre it would be sure to flourish, and all the visitors would hope to have the opportunity of again attending and being spectators of the flourishing condition of the chapter. Comp. James Lewis Thomas, Prov. Swd. Br., also responded in compliance with loud calls, and said that the only words he could add to those of Comp. Long were that, being an old member of the St. Thomas's Lodge, he must congratulate the chapter sincerely on its eminent success. He took great interest in the chapter, and regretted that up to the present he had not been able to join it. Still he hoped the period was fast approaching when the companions would allow him to be one of them. Comp. H. C. Levander, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the newly Installed Principals." The companions all knew Comp. Rooks, who for two consecutive years filled the Master's chair in St. Thomas's Lodge, and presided at the time when it celebrated its first centenary. The companions all knew how well he discharged the duties when in that position, and they believed that the same devotion to his work which he showed as Master of the lodge he would exhibit as Principal of the chapter. Comp. Lambert, who was next to him in office, was also a distinguished Master of St. Thomas's Lodge. He likewise was well known, and he brought with him an earnest of his zeal and anxiety to do his work most thoroughly in whatever position he might be placed. Comp. Hogard, though he was not a member of the St. Thomas's Lodge, was well-known to many, if not to most of the brethren of that lodge, and he was equally known to the members of the chapter as one of the most energetic among them, one to whom they were especially indebted for the very flourishing condition in which it now was. All these companions, he and the other members hoped, might pass into the ranks of the Past Principals of the chapter, and remain among them for many years to come. The M.E.Z., after announcing that the alms box had yielded 30s., thanked the companions for the toast they had just drunk so cordially. Speaking for himself—and his sentiments he was sure were those of the other Principals—he took from the first, and took still, the greatest interest in the St. Thomas's Chapter. There was a doubt at first as to whether the chapter would be successful, but it was now seen that it was launched on a long and prosperous career. He should do the best he could to follow in the footsteps of Comp. Levander, who was the first First Principal of the chapter, and the companions would agree he could have no better guide. He knew he should be ably assisted by his colleagues, or he did not conceive what he should do in the position in which the companions had placed him. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Health of the Exalte, Comp. F. W. Percival," and said that at no previous meeting of the chapter had they been without candidates for the R.A. Degree. He trusted that the ceremony had made some impression upon their newly-made companion, and he was almost saying he would not give much for a companion who did not admit that his introduction into the Order had not made an impression upon him. It was an impression which would grow with a further acquaintance with the ceremonies and the teaching of this Sublime Degree. Comp. Percival replied. It was most difficult for him to show his gratitude for the welcome given to him, or to express the pleasure he felt at being made a R.A. Mason. Only a week ago he did not know whether his engagements would allow him to take the Degree, but he was happy to say he had been able to come, for this chapter he knew was regarded as the child of a most illustrious parent, and he believed that as it grew in years it would follow the steps of its parent, and be equally illustrious. Again it was a pleasure for him to be present, because he knew all congresses of Masons were agreeable, and that this meeting would bear out the dictum of Shakespeare—"Brother; for in that word doth nature plead." In giving "The Health of the I.P.Z.," the M.E.Z. said all the companions were deeply indebted to Comp. Levander for what he did in founding the chapter, and for the spirit in which he carried on its business during the first year. It was unnecessary to add anything to the mention of his name, because he was so highly esteemed by and so endeared to the members of St. Thomas's Lodge as well as to the companions of the chapter. Comp. H. C. Levander responded, and thanked the companions who had so ably assisted him during the past year in the performance of the work of the chapter. It was said that honour should be given where honour was due, and he would be doing very wrong indeed if he arrogated to himself all the honour which Comp. Rooks had bestowed on him as to the founding of the chapter. He really was not the founder, though he had the honour of being selected to fill the first chair. The honour was really due to Comp. Lambert. He it was who brought on the motion in the lodge for founding the chapter, and both to him and to Comp. Rooks and others the credit belonged. He had again to thank the companions for selecting him as first M.E.Z., and especially on the present occasion for the very handsome manner in which they had testified their

approval of his conduct during the past year. He had had a very happy and pleasant year, which he ventured to say had been a very prosperous and successful year through the energy and zeal of several members. He trusted that during the years which were to come other First Principals, though they might not have as many candidates for exaltation as he had had, yet that they would have such companions join as would at all events conduce to making their year of office as pleasing. "The Visitors" toast was responded to by Comps. Edgar Bowyer and H. Massey. In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the M.E.Z. observed that he particularly took advantage of the opportunity of proposing it to mention that distinguished man they had among them, Comp. Terry. It was their good fortune to number among the members of this chapter that particular companion. They knew the great service he did at the consecration of the chapter. Even at the present meeting he had not been found wanting, and he (the M.E.Z.) was quite sure that whenever the chapter needed the assistance of his excellent working they had but to ask it and it would be forthcoming. In his position as Secretary of one of the great Masonic Charities they all knew his immense zeal, and what a pattern he was for all those who were animated with the true feeling of charity. It was with great pleasure, therefore, that they saw him among them that evening, and with the name of the Masonic Charities he could most appropriately couple the name of Comp. Terry. Comp. Terry replied. The Masonic Charities were doing an immense amount of good, and the recipients of it were extremely grateful. The three Masonic Institutions were the model Charitable Institutions of the country. In the Girls' School and in the Boys' School everything that could be done was done for the clothing, maintenance, and education of the children, and it mattered not what suggestion was made for the improvement of it the Committees were always glad to consider the suggestions. A fund was now being got up for the further advancement of the pupils when they left the School, but whether it would be a success or not he did not know. With respect to the old people, they did not require an advancement fund. The Benevolent Institution was doing, he thought, the largest amount of good, for whereas the expenditure of the Boys' School annually was between £6000 and £7000, and the Girls' School between £8000 and £9000, the Benevolent Institution was spending in annuities £10,700 a year. In speaking at Norwich the night before, he had said that, notwithstanding the great depression in trade, the Benevolent Institution last year received the largest amount any of the three Institutions had ever received in one year, which, he ventured to say, showed that the depression had not affected Freemasons as it had the other portion of the public. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master afterwards said he thought it was in consequence of the depression of trade and the almost ruin of the agricultural interest that members of the Craft had been desirous to see their Charities progress, and, therefore, had given so largely. Perhaps there was something in that. Bro. Terry afterwards said he expected that the three Institutions this year would total up as much as £43,000. He also expressed the pleasure he always had in being present at this chapter, to which he should ever feel delighted to be of any assistance. Subsequently Comp. F. Statham Hobson undertook the Stewardship of the chapter for the festival of 1880 of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and headed the list with five guineas, an example which was followed by the M.E.Z., the H., and several other companions. The proceedings closed with the Janitor's toast.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).**—The October meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The companions present were Comps. T. C. Chapman, M.E.Z.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z. George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, S.E.; E. F. Storr, S.N.; J. Lorkin, P.S.; J. Kent, S. D. Ewins, C. B. Cheese, G. J. Potter, J. Greenaway, W. Medwin, H. Brand, J. Perry, C. J. Harmsworth. Visitors: Comps. Darcy, Darcy jun., Gale. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Herbert Cuff, Macdonald Lodge, 1216, was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. T. S. Holland was elected a joining member, and the election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the result being: Comps. H. Birdseye, Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, H.; Charles Arkell, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Cheese, S.N.; Lorkin, P.S.; Marsh, Janitor. The companions dined together, presided over by Comp. Chapman.

**BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).**—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, Comp. D. Jacobs, who has recovered from his severe and dangerous illness, occupying his position as M.E.Z.; Comp. Wyer, H.; and Comp. H. Thompson, J. (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last convocation were read by Comp. Green, P.Z. and S.E., and confirmed. The next business was the election of M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, and the ballot was unanimous in favour of Comp. Wyer. A ballot was equally unanimous in favour of Comps. Thompson, as H.; Sharrett, as J.; and Dodman, as S.N. Comp. Seaman, P.Z., in a few well-chosen observations on the merits of the M.E.Z., Comp. Jacobs, proposed that a jewel of the usual value should be presented to him on the completion of his year of office, he having won the good opinion of every member of the chapter. The motion was seconded by Comp. Green, P.Z., put, and unanimously agreed to. The Audit Committee was appointed. The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to a banquet, served in Comp. Cox's best style, and it embraced all the delicacies of the season. The usual Royal Arch toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z., and cordially responded to, and the evening was spent in a

most harmonious manner. The Janitor's toast brought a very happy meeting to a close at about 11 o'clock.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Ex. Comp. A. Penfold, as Z., with Ex. Comps. Denton, P.Z., and P.G.P.S. Kent, in the chair of H.; and T. D. Hayes, as J. The following officers and companions were present:—Comps. J. McDougall, P.Z., and P.G.S.B. Kent; C. Coupland, P.Z., and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. H. Myers, P.Z.; H. Pryce, Scribe E.; Eugene Sweny, 1st Asst. P.S.; H. Mason, 2nd Asst. P.S.; J. F. Randall, H. Shaw, P.S. 13; E. B. Hobson, Thos. Cartland, W. Rees, J. Topp, G. Frost, J. H. Roberts, G. R. Nichols, R. Edmonds, J. Chapman, H. Mabbett, Janitor; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). The chapter having been opened by the Principals, the companions were admitted. The only business before the chapter was a report of the meeting of Grand Chapter, held at the Skating Rink, Plumstead, in July last, and a long and exhaustive report, especially prepared by Comp. Pryce, was read by him, and it was resolved that a copy of it should be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter. Several votes of thanks were recorded to those companions who had assisted in the necessary preparations to receive the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Lord Holmesdale, and the members of Prov. Grand Chapter, and then the chapter was closed in solemn form. A modest little dinner was then partaken of, and the cloth being cleared the usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were honoured. In giving that of their "Grand Superintendent, Lord Holmesdale," Comp. Penfold said the companions had had an opportunity of seeing the great interest his lordship took in Arch Masonry in the Province of Kent. That was but a solitary instance of the many calls there were upon his time, but it would be one that would show them the many and arduous duties he had to perform. He had won the respect and admiration of every Mason in Kent, and he trusted their noble and honoured Grand Superintendent would long be spared to rule over them. "The Present Prov. Grand H., Ex. Comp. Eastes, and Prov. G.J., Ex. Comp. Robinson," were then honoured. The Past and Present G. Officers Comp. Penfold looked upon as the toast of the evening, because they had present two Grand Officers, members of their own chapter. One, Comp. Denton, had been twice honoured, and the other, Comp. McDougall, had taken his first step in Prov. Grand Chapter honours. Comp. Denton had been a veritable pillar of Masonry in this district, and well and worthily merited every distinction given him, and as to Comp. McDougall, he (Comp. Penfold) should have said if the honour had been offered him, "No, give it to Comp. McDougall." Comp. Denton, in reply, said as one of the present Grand Officers it devolved upon him to respond to the toast. It was a great honour to hold office under Lord Holmesdale and under the present H. and J. of the province. His lordship had been pleased to confer an honour upon him, but it was intended to be as much an honour to the Pattison Chapter as to him personally. Their Grand Superintendent had expressed his satisfaction at the reception this chapter had given him and Prov. Grand Chapter at Plumstead, and that sentiment had been echoed by a number of distinguished companions from all parts of the province. He congratulated the chapter upon the success that had attended its efforts. It was one of the most important events in the history of the Pattison Chapter, and would be an event, not only for the present companions to be proud of, but for those who joined it in years to come. In conclusion, he thanked them most heartily for the toast. Comp. McDougall also returned thanks, and then proposed in glowing terms "The Health of Ex. Comp. Penfold, Z. of the Chapter," and, in so doing, congratulated himself that he was just out of the chair when his lordship visited them, and the chapter that Comp. Penfold was in to receive him. Comp. Penfold said that he ought to be one of the happiest men in Kent, for it was something to be First Principal of a chapter like the Pattison, and to receive the Grand Superintendent of the province and Grand Chapter in one year. As the head of the chapter it was his duty to do all that he could to make that gathering a success, and he trusted that it had been one, but he could not have succeeded had it not been for the hearty co-operation of the whole of the companions. He passed a high eulogium upon Ex. Comp. Pryce, who, he said, was indefatigable in his exertions to bring the meeting to a happy issue, and also the companions who were on the committee, and concluded by assuring them of his desire, above all, for the prosperity of the Pattison Chapter. "The Health of the Second and Third Principals" was then proposed, and Comp. Hayes replied, regretting the absence of Comp. Butter, who, the M.E.Z. told them, was at the Isle of Wight, superintending some experiments for the Government. The toast of "The Officers of the Chapter" was coupled with the name of Comp. Pryce, who briefly returned thanks. The meeting then broke up.

**CHORLTON - CUM - HARDY.**—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—This chapter held their bi-monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. There were present Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Z.; Joshua Potts, H.; and James G. Batty, J. Also Comps. J. E. Lees, H. 317; R. Davies, S.E.; J. J. Lambert, S.N.; Jno. Dewhurst, P.S.; E. Brundritt, 1st A.S.; D. Williams, 2nd A.S.; Alfred Love, Treasurer; C. J. McBride, H. Marshall, W. Chesshyre, Janitor, and others. After the chapter had been duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and passed, the ballot was taken for Bros. W. H. Milner, W. Butcher, and C. Heywood, all of the Chorlton Lodge, and being in each case favourable, the ceremony of exaltation was performed in a most praiseworthy manner by Comp. Sillitoe and the officers of the chapter, who one and all have striven hard to make themselves thoroughly efficient in their respective duties. Some

disappointment, however, was felt at the unavoidable absence of the Organist, Comp. Miller, and his quartet party, as the musical ceremony which has been specially arranged for this chapter had, under the circumstances, to be omitted. After the close of the chapter the companions adjourned to a substantial supper, provided under the superintendence of Comp. Davies, S.E., and served by Mr. and Mrs. Langford, the hallkeepers, in a manner which elicited the hearty approval of all present. Songs and recitations interspersed the toasts, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### Mark Masonry.

**ERA LODGE (No. 176).**—The installation meeting of this Mark lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Friday, the 10th inst. Bro. T. Horton, W.M., presided. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The minutes of the last regular meeting were unanimously confirmed. Bro. W. Hammond, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed and invested his officers. Business being ended the lodge was closed. There were present Bros. J. Stevens, P.M.; T. Poore, P.M.; F. Walters, P.M.; W. Pennefather, Sec.; and others.

### Knights Templar.

**MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY.**—This old and distinguished encampment met on Friday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, for the dispatch of business. Among those present were Sir Knights Tanner, P.E.C., acting E.C. (in the absence of Sir Knight Morgan); D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., Recorder; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C.; Baxter, P.E.C.; Roebuck, P.E.C.; Driver, 1st Captain; Neeld, 2nd Captain; T. C. Walls, Expert (*Freemason*); Williams, Captain of the Lines; Berridge, Saunders, Rawles, Equerry. It being the election meeting, Sir Knight Driver was unanimously elected M.E.C.; Sir Knight Paas, Almoner; and Sir Knight Rawles, Equerry. Comp. Driver having been submitted as a candidate for installation at the next meeting, the encampment was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet, which was most excellently served by Bro. Best and assistants. The customary preliminary toasts having received full justice, Sir Knight Rosenthal proposed in happy terms "The Health of the E.C." This pledge was heartily drunk, and Sir Knight Tanner replied upon behalf of Sir Knight Morgan in a very neat speech. "The Health of the P.E.C.'s" followed, and drew from Sir Knight Dewar an exhaustive reply. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the Mount Calvary Preceptory upon possessing so many young officers who were on the road to the chair, and who he felt confident would discharge the onerous duties of the post in a manner that would equal if not surpass the efforts of those Sir Knights who had held the position. In conclusion, upon behalf of his colleagues and himself, he warmly thanked the members for the very hearty manner in which their healths had been proposed and received. The toast of the evening, "The E.C. elect," came next in succession, and in response Sir Knight Driver made a modest speech. "The Officers" was acknowledged by Sir Knights Driver, Neeld, and Williams. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Sir Knights Baxter, Driver, and others.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### BRO. LAMONBY'S HISTORY OF PROVINCE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

What Bro. Lamonby has done for his own Province of Cumberland and Westmorland should be achieved by competent brethren for every other province in England. Some have preceded our brother in this good work, and I hope still more will succeed him, so that we have a complete history *Masonically* of the English Provincial Grand Lodges. The present handsome little book before us, of which a review has previously appeared in the *Freemason*, is adorned with a portrait of the Prov. G.M. of Cumberland, &c., the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, to whom also the work is appropriately dedicated. We all as subscribers feel indebted to Bro. Lamonby for so skillfully weaving his materials as to form a very pleasing narrative, and his venture should prove a success in every way, for surely there should not be the slightest difficulty in circulating the 500 copies printed, and published at a crown each. After a readable introduction on Freemasonry in general, and a sketch of the Province of Cumberland from 1771, and that of Westmoreland from 1788, the united Province of Cumberland and Westmorland is then noted from 1860, the Earl of Bective, installed 27th Sept., 1867, being the third Prov. G.M. from the Union, that number having been appointed during the period of seven years, owing to the deaths of the first and second soon after their accepting office. Having satisfactorily presented much interesting information on these points, Bro. Lamonby enters upon what I consider to be the chief value of the work, viz., the history of all the lodges in the united province, both extinct and in existence, from 1740 down to 1876, thirty-seven in all. It is just possible that there may have been more "ancient" lodges at one time in Cumberland and Westmorland than we find in this history, but at all events there are six enumerated, all of which have ceased to exist save No. 119, Whitehaven, of which most curious particulars are furnished. One will suffice as a sample. Sixteen brethren had been guilty of a Masonic offence, not described. After a due trial the sentence inflicted on one of the delinquents was to be "silenced for ninety-nine years," another was to be similarly treated for six months,

another for three months, the latter having also to perform the Tyler's work without remuneration. The ordinary warrant is still preserved, and was issued in 1768 by the "Hon. Thomas Mathews, G.M." The oldest lodge working is the "Union," Kendal, of A.D. 1764, whose centenary was celebrated in 1864, the lodge having a Centenary Jewel Warrant, so we are informed, which was granted during the same year, a distinction all the more prized because of being the only one of the kind conferred upon any lodge in the province. Mention is made of a Scottish lodge working in Carlisle from about 1784 until 1796, when the members came under the English Constitution, and in 1825 a great number of Scottish stonemasons were employed in the construction of the county prison, some of whom were anxious to become Freemasons. Accordingly the Prov. G.M. of Dumfriesshire addressed a letter to the Prov. G.M. of Cumberland asking permission for the Master of the Journeyman Masonic Lodge of Dumfries to visit Carlisle and initiate his countrymen, which was agreed to by George Blamire, as "P.G. Master of Manual, Instrumental, and Scientific Masonry for Cumberland." The ceremony was observed on 28th January and following day, A.D. 1825, and appears to have taken exceedingly well. I must not give more now from the work, but ask for its being welcomed by the Craft.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### OLD MSS.

Is it quite certain that the "Charles" mentioned in the Cook MS. is the veritable Charles Martel? Bro. Hughan in his note of Sept. 27th says—"The name of Charles Martel does not occur in this MS.," and this is beyond doubt. As to whether by Charles II. is meant Charles Martel, is another matter, but I scarcely think we are justified in assuming it to be clearly made out. There are, indeed, four of the name (Charles) to either of whom the MS. in question may refer, viz., Charles Martel; Charles (Karl the Great or Charlemagne) A.D. 771; Charles (son of Charlemagne) A.D. 806; and Charles the Second (so called), crowned Emperor A.D. 875. Bro. Fort at p. 163 of his work, whilst referring to Charles Martel in the text, adds in a foot note, "or, according to Cooke's MSS., Charles II." As regards the discrepancy between the oldest (the Halliwell) and the other charges, what, I think, many of us would like to hear from Bros. Hughan and Woodford would be some explanation of the omissions in the former of any reference to Solomon, Naymus Grecus, or Charles Martel? These names continually recur in the later MSS., in fact the entire legend hinges upon the transmission by Naymus Grecus\* to Charles Martel of Masonic lore, acquired at the building of King Solomon's Temple. Upon this point Bro. Fort's book contains some very instructive remarks (pp. 118, 163), but the same writer (at p. 181) comments with much force upon the absence of any allusion to the Solomonian theory in our very earliest MSS. If, as it seems to me, at a certain point in our legendary history our leading characters all "drop out," the circumstance is so far remarkable as to call for a little explanation from those "specialists" by whom only the subject is at all understood, and of whose labours it would be altogether impossible to speak too highly.

R. F. G.

#### ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

At page 367 Bro. Hughan refers to an old Masonic MS., the *original* of which bears the date 1581. In reference to it Bro. Hughan says, "For the time then we put it down to 1583." Now, I cannot understand what he means by that, as the date of the *extract* is afterwards given as "Anno MDCLXXIII," or 1673. Perhaps Bro. Hughan will kindly explain this.

W. P. B.

#### MASONIC MSS., &c.

If it can be proved that "Matthew Cooke's MS." refers to Charles Martel, I am ready to acknowledge my error in saying that neither "Halliwell's MS." nor the *foregoing* allude to that individual, though our Bro. Fort declares they do. My friend, Bro. Woodford, admits my accuracy as to "Halliwell's MS.," but not as to the other, but, so far as I can see, has not proved his assertion, for it is not likely that "Charles the Second" was the Charles Martel of the Masonic MSS., for they are all most explicit in reference to that monarch, when they really allude to him. As to the "Holy Martyrs four," we want positive evidence as to the earliest notice of the legend, rather than surmises as to the matter, and Bro. Woodford has special facilities to elucidate this point if he will kindly look it up.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### MELROSE MS., &c.

Bro. W. P. Buchan, of Glasgow, was a most energetic and useful Masonic student some years ago, and deserves all that our Bro. "P.M. No. 1, S.C.," has said on his behalf. Have heard from him recently, after a long silence, and whilst expressing his unabated interest in our studies, he regrets his inability to work at them as formerly, owing to his increased duties as an author on sanitary science, &c. All his friends are pleased to hear of his success in that direction. Respecting the "Melrose MS.," I am not aware of any one having stated in print that there was a copy of the "Old Masonic Charges" at Melrose until Bro. Vernon came on the scene, and in a letter to me announced the fact, which I published. If my esteemed friend, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, knew of it, he has not, to my

\* A MS. note, penned some 125 years ago, in the margin of a copy of the 1723 Constitutions, has the following: "Witness the story of Meron Grecus, who was at ye building of Solomon's Temple, in the year of the world 2933, and after came into France to Charles Martel, their king, who began to reign in the year of ye world 4660. So the man was 1727 years old."

knowledge, ever said so in print, either in his grand work on the "Lodge of Edinburgh," or elsewhere,  
W. J. HUGHAN.

THE FOUR CROWNED MARTYRS.

These words refer to one of the oldest legends of Freemasonry, most interesting to the Masonic student and archæologist. The "Quatuor Coronati," as they are called, and who are referred to in the Masonic poem under the head "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," are four working Masons, "quadratarii," stone-squarers, who are said in the reign of Diocletian to have been cast into the Tiber in leaden coffins for refusing to make a statue to Æsculapius. The names are, however, not always given the same, and the legend in the Roman Catholic service-books is somewhat confused. In the Sarum Missal, 11th century, under November 8, and "Quatuor Coronati," they are named Claudius, Nichostratus, Simphorianus, Castorius, and Simplicius, being actually five in number. The breviary of Spire, 1478, and the Roman breviary of 1474, term them Claudius, Symphorianus, Nichostratus, and Castorius. Some legendary books call them Severus, Severianus, Carpophorus, and Victorinus. In one of the Steinmetzen Constitutions the names thus run: Claudius, Christorius, and Significanus—three instead of four; just as in the Sarum Missal they are five instead of four, so here they are three instead of four. All this shows how uncertain they were about the actual names, though not of the fact itself; and this we think a strong proof of the truth of the legend *per se* in some form or another. Whatever their actual names may have been, they were in early times the patron saints of the Operative Guilds, and especially of the German Steinmetzen. Heidehoff states in his "Bauhütten des Mittelalters," that many of the altars erected by the mediæval German Steinmetzen were dedicated to the "seligen vier gekrönten." Mrs. Jameson, in her "Sacred and Legendary Art," Mackey appositely points out, tells us that on the other side of the Esquiline, and on the road leading from the Coliseum to the Lateran, is the church of the "Quatuor Coronati," the four crowned brothers. On this spot in the 4th century were found, she also says, the bodies of four men who had been decapitated, whose names being then unknown, they were merely designated the "Quatuor Coronati"—crowned, that is, with the crown of martyrdom. This church, Mrs. Jameson, says, is still held in much esteem and particular respect by the builders and stonemasons of Rome. She has found allusions, she adds, not only in Roman art, but in Roman sculpture and glass, to the "Quatuor Coronati," where they are always to be distinguished by the fact that they stand in a row, bearing palms with crowns on their heads and various Masonic implements at their feet—such as the rule, the square, the mallet, and the chisel. As we have said before, the "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" is found in our so far earliest Masonic document, the Halliwell MS. so-called, and where the Quatuor are treated as a well-known legend,—so much so that their names are not given, though we are told of

Those holy martyrs four  
That were in this Craft of great honour;  
They were as good Masons as on earth shall go.

Who so well of their life will know,  
By the book he may it learn  
In the legends of the Saints,  
The names of the four crowned ones.  
Their feast will be without denial  
After All Hallows the eighth day.

We have been somewhat lengthy under this head, because we think it is important that the whole matter should come clearly before us. Bro. Findel bases on this very "ars quatuor," &c., his argument for the derivation of English Freemasonry from Germany. But the fact that the "Quatuor Coronati" were in the Sarum Missal in the 11th century, is surely the best answer to that supposition. In all probability the "ars quatuor" was originally an old Latin legend, and if "Pars Oculi" ever turns up, will probably be found in it. The legend is a beautiful one *per se*, and in our humble opinion casts, so to say, a ray of light on the actual history of the early guilds, which no doubt were guided and directed to a great extent by the religious confraternities, and had special Bulls for their incorporation and privileges from the Popes of Rome, as many writers affirm, which it is convenient for the Ultramontanes now to forget. Freemasonry has never been hostile to religion in any age, nor really antagonistic to the Roman Catholic Church in any country, until forced into an attitude of opposition by the bitterness and calumnies of its assailants. Indeed, the later senseless charges of the Roman Catholic Church against Freemasonry are alike piously perverse and historically untrue.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia.*

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The following Grand Officers were elected for the year ensuing:—

M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham ...	... G.M.
R.W. Bro. C. Judge (re-elected) ...	... D.G.M.
" W. M. Lemesurier ...	... D.D.G.M.
" J. B. Charleson ...	... D.D.G.M.
" J. P. Martin ...	... D.D.G.M.
" Arthur Lyons ...	... D.D.G.M.
" T. P. Butler ...	... G.S.W.
" G. R. Marvin ...	... G.J.W.
" Rev. J. Scimger ...	... G. Chaplain.
" J. H. Stearns ...	... G. Treasurer.
" J. H. Isaacson ...	... G. Secretary.
" T. P. Prentiss ...	... G. Registrar.
" Isaac Richardson ...	... G. Tyler.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.

We give the following extracts from the address of our respected friend, Bro. Graham, of Quebec:  
Companions of the Holy Royal Arch:

As your chief executive officer, it is my pleasing duty fraternally to welcome you to this, the third annual convocation of the most excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of the Province of Quebec;—to render to you an account of my stewardship;—to guide you in your present important deliberations;—and to aid you in drafting your designs on the trestle-board of the future, so that the great work entrusted to us may be carried on to the glory of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, without whose blessing the craftsmen labour in vain. May our work thus begun in order, be continued in peace, and closed in harmony.

The year just closed has been one of concord and fraternal harmony, and the overseers and workmen have most commendably manifested their desire to lay the foundation of Capitular Masonry within our jurisdiction, wisely and well. No case of dissonance has been submitted to me for adjudication; and to the extent of my observation, it appears that the materials received for the erection of our superstructure, if not so great in quantity, have been of superior quality, and well fitted for the acceptance and approval of the chief overseers, and for the upbuilding and beautifying of our symbolic temple. It may moreover be justly inferred that the increasing zeal and intelligence so happily being displayed in Craft Masonry, and the favourable dawnings of greater material prosperity, everywhere observable within our borders, will cause many of the more expert and able of Master Masons to seek exaltation to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch, and thus reach the perfect consummation of the labours and rewards of ancient Craft Masonry.

The following communication from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, in reply to the address forwarded to him by this Grand Chapter, will be by you with the greatest satisfaction; and the cause of the delay in answering, arising from the universally lamented death of Her Royal Highness Princess Alice of Hesse Darmstadt, will meet with deep responsive sympathy in the heart of every Royal Arch companion, and of every member of our Order within our jurisdiction and throughout the Dominion.

Freemasons' Hall,

Sir and Companion, London, 24th January, 1879.

I am commanded by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, to acknowledge receipt of the fraternal address which you have been good enough to transmit to him in behalf of M. E. Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, and to apologize for the delay which has taken place in such acknowledgment, a delay caused mainly by the almost constant absence of the Prince officially at the French Exhibition and elsewhere during the summer and autumn of the past year, and subsequently by a severe domestic affliction.

His Royal Highness however now commands me to thank the companions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec most sincerely for the good wishes expressed towards himself personally, and the Grand body over which he deems it an honour to preside; and most especially for the sentiments of loyalty and attachment to which they give utterance, to Her Majesty his beloved mother the Queen, and for the blessings they have invoked on the Princess of Wales, and the members of the Royal family.

The Prince is also much touched by the reference made to the services rendered to Masonry in general by his illustrious ancestor the late Duke of Kent.

In conclusion, I am to convey to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, the most earnest wishes of the Most Excellent the First Principal of England, for its future success and prosperity.

I have the honour to be, R. E. Grand Scribe E., Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY,

E. Companion J. T. McMinn, G. S. E.  
R. E. Grand Scribe E.,  
Grand Chapter of Quebec.

From time immemorial, it has been a custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there deposit his remains with the usual formalities; and although on this continent, the Holy Royal Arch, for its better governance, is under the authority of a separate Grand Body, yet it remains as ever an indivisible part, and is the keystone of ancient Craft Freemasonry, and hence has no need of a separate form of burial service for its deceased members, as our companions clothed in their distinctive regalia are wholly identified with the other members of our ancient Fraternity in the performance of the sad funeral rites. But as more especially in our day, many commendable benefit and other like societies have sprung into existence, and to one or more of which members of our Order may properly belong, and as some of these excellent bodies have adopted, or in part borrowed from the Craft, a form of burial service, it becomes therefore highly desirable, that the immemorial principles and practice of our Order relating to burial should be fully understood and prudently carried out. The rulers of the Craft should therefore always bear in mind, that it is only at the request of a brother, that his remains are to be honoured with Masonic burial, the formalities of which at the grave take place immediately after the services of the church to which the deceased may have belonged or was in some way connected, and the Masonic services close the last mournful rites.

The Craft cannot, therefore, take part in or unite with any other body or bodies in having a double or triple funeral service at the grave. No member of our Fraternity should make a request to be buried by any society, if he

desires Masonic rites of sepulture, but if he has done so, and if it is arranged that the burial services of any other body, except those of the church are to be performed, the Craft cannot then rightly perform any burial service. This practice does not arise from any assumed superiority, or from any want of good-will to such societies on the part of our Fraternity, but because it is required by immemorial custom, and is adhered to in order to have everything on such sad occasions, "done decently and in order," and to promote peace, harmony, and concord.

Although we are members of the one of youngest and the smallest of Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Freemasons—and on account of our peculiar surroundings, we are not likely soon to have the large numerical increase enjoyed in many other jurisdictions—yet we cannot but rejoice at the healthy growth and rapid extension of Capitular Mark and Craft Masonry in so many countries, on every continent, and on distant isles.

In all free and enlightened nations Masonry is becoming a mighty power for good. Freedom and Freemasonry are twin-sisters. Human enlightenment and the light of the Craft spread alike together. Sound morality and the genuine principles of our Order are one and inseparable. Wise government finds in our Fraternity a bulwark of loyalty. Benevolence finds in it a perennial fountain, and pure religion finds a hand-maid in our Fraternity whose fundamental doctrines are the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Just rulers of nations deem it among their highest honours to be rulers in the Craft. Distinguished statesmen and learned divines,—eminent jurists, literati and scientists,—gentlemen of business and of leisure,—and a host of good and true men of every rank, throng our temples.

Methinks the golden age of our ancient Fraternity is now dawning; it is not mere enthusiasm to affirm that an unprophectic eye may see in the not distant future a grand realization of the vision of so many seers and sages of the olden time, who beheld afar off the benign reign of human Fraternity.

The hitherto most distant parts of this grand old world of ours are being brought nearer and nearer to each other every year. The whole earth is fast becoming one great neighbourhood, with all whose inhabitants we soon shall hold daily converse as neighbour with neighbour; and it is no day-dream to predict that the time is at hand when from every clime the sovereign rulers and princes of the craft will readily and frequently assemble in a world's conclave for the consideration and promotion of the interests of our Universal Brotherhood.

JOHN H. GRAHAM,  
Grand Z.

GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.

At the annual convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec, held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., the following officers were elected:—

M.E. Comp. J. Hamilton Graham ...	G.Z.
R.E. Comp. I. H. Stearns ...	G.H.
" Frank Edgar ...	G.J.
" Angus Grant ...	G. Scribe E.
" J. W. Wiggett ...	G. Scribe N.
" Albert D. Nelson ...	G. Treas.
" Samuel Kennedy ...	G. Prin. Soj.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

R.E. Comp. John McLean, Montreal District.	
" J. F. Thomas, Quebec District.	
" James Addie, Eastern Townships District.	
Comp. John Porteous ...	G. Janitor.

On Tuesday Prince Leopold, who is the guest of Mr. Mark Firth at Sheffield, visited the Norfolk Works of Messrs. Thomas Firth and Sons, Saville-street, where a 5-ton ingot of steel for a heavy gun was cast; the Cyclops Works, belonging to Messrs. C. Cammell and Co., where an armour plate for H.M.S. Hotspur was rolled; the works of Messrs. Dixon and Sons, silver-smiths and electro-platers; and the cutlery works of Messrs. Rodgers and Sons. At Messrs. Dixon's he was presented with a silver pocket-flask, bearing a coronet and his monogram. The Prince met with an enthusiastic reception at the several works and in the streets. In the evening he was present at a ball given by Mr. Mark Firth.

The Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, has been re-opened after extensive enlargements and alterations, which have occupied the past three months. The building will now contain an audience of about 3000, representing £50 increase in the receipts. Bro. Toole, with his company, appeared, the programme commencing with the singing of the National Anthem by the company. Mr. Barnard's comedy, "Artful Cards" was then played, followed by the farce of "Turning the Tables," after which Bro. E. Saker, lessee and manager, delivered a speech. Both Bros. Toole and Saker were enthusiastically received by a crowded audience.

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The Wellington Lodge of Instruction stands over until next week.

ROSE CROIX.—Your communication received.

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## BIRTHS.

HILL.—On the 19th inst., at Oak House, Tufnell-place, Holloway-road, the wife of J. R. Hill, M.R.C.S., of a daughter.

KELLY.—On the 20th inst., at Hamilton House, 18, Rivers-street, Bath, the wife of Lieut. Colonel Kelly, late 60th Rifles, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

MONCKTON—MORPHEW.—On the 14th inst., at St. Saviour's, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, Frederick Edward, son of Bro. W. Monckton, of Basted, Wrotham, to Emily Maud Minna, daughter of the late W. Morpew, Esq., of Bitchett's House, Seal, Kent.

## DEATHS.

BARKER.—On the 19th inst., at Honiton, after a few days' illness, Mr. William Henry Barker, aged 47, late manager of the National Provincial Bank, Honiton. Friends will please accept this the only intimation.

LUBBOCK.—On the 20th inst., at High Elms, Down, Kent, Ellen Frances, wife of Sir John Lubbock, Bart, M.P.

MASON.—On the 20th inst., at Fountains Hall, aged 64, William Mason, Agent to the Marquis of Ripon. Friends will please accept this intimation.

## 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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## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1879.

## MASONIC CHARITY.

The scene which is presented at our Masonic elections is a very remarkable one indeed. So remarkable is it in all its incidents and all its bearings that it may be doubted if any similar scene exists in this country, or, in fact, any other portion of the world. America, for instance, with its 7,000,000 Masons, knows nothing of it, and it is reserved for us English Masons, happily, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., to exhibit an "outcome" of Masonic Charity before which our enemies may well be silent, and of which our friends may be justly proud. The English Craft is a great organization. It raises £40,000 annually to keep up its goodly Charities, which minister to the feebleness of old age, which aid and educate the sons and daughters of Masons. Each year, as it passes over our heads, serves but to attest the wonderful, nay increasing value of these goodly Institutions, inasmuch as with a growing brotherhood the claims on our Masonic sympathy and benevolence are augmented in about a two-fold ratio, and there seems at present no limit either to the one or the other, no probable bar to the former, no possible restriction to the latter. Old age and calamity know no repressive or Malthusian laws. They exist, and always will exist, and the very prosperity of Masons, on the whole, is too often only the prelude to hours of adversity. Indeed it is affecting to remember how many of those who thus at our elections appeal to our good feelings and ask for our support, are the children of those whom we once met in lodge, who filled the same social sphere as ourselves, were our friendly mates, our genial companions. Memory takes us back a long flight when one worthy brother was an habitual subscriber, a member, an officer of our own old lodge, and with him, perhaps, are bound up, too, the unfading reminiscences of pleasant days and vanished friends. And here is his child asking from us help for that education and care which, had he been spared in the infinite wisdom and preserving care of T.G.A.O.T.U., it would have been his glad duty and his zealous effort to have procured. Alas, his place in the lodge knows him no more, and we, like good and true Masons, stand, sympathetically and Masonically "in loco parentis" to that poor child. This is the sublime, and yet practical, idea of our Schools, and a very sublime and yet practical idea it is. When then to-day men deride us or assail us, question our utility or our work, we have always thought, (are we not right in so doing?), that the best, the truest argument for our "raison d'être" is to be found in the good we do, the "charity" we labour for. Our lodges are very pleasant social gatherings, our Grand Lodge is a wonderful organization. The members of our Order are many, educated, and distinguished; the rank we win and the decorations we wear need be despised by none. But, after all, all these things sink into comparative insignificance when we consider the superabounding, the overwhelming claims and grace of Masonic Charity. That is the "salt" which seasons all our "symposia," that is the "leaven" which leaveneth our whole framework, that is the end and goal of all our efforts, that is the reason of all our true Masonic labour. Without it we might be a mighty sodality, but we should have no vitality of existence, no power of endu-

rance, the scorching "simoom" of the world's great wilderness would exhaust our being and shrivel our external form, or "the encroaching hand of time" would sweep away our little building, level it to the ground, or consign it to the dust and oblivion of ages. And so, wherever Freemasonry has forgotten Charity it has degenerated into one of two shapes,—it has either become a purely social body, given up to galas and great festivals, or it has become mixed up with politics, and it has ere long been found to be inimical to authority and destructive of social order and constitutional laws, Happily in England, avoiding these pitfalls, we have kept by the via media of practical work and charitable efforts, and there our Freemasonry evidences itself, alike to the outer world as to its own members, in that its utility is unquestioned, its position recognized, and the unostentatious good it does is recognized and experienced. We therefore rejoice to note the increasing votes for our Charities, and find no fault with our many claims. They are for the most part unavoidable, the necessary result of the onward and expansive march of Freemasonry in this country, and must be watched over carefully, and when they exceed our present means of dealing with them, must be looked at from no niggard or grudging point of view, but as true Masons we should ever treat the rightful claims of those who make a fair appeal to their principles and their pockets. One word of warning, however, comes in here. Speakers at meetings are apt sometimes, dilating upon the duty of giving to the Charities, and properly enough in all sound measure, to ignore the fact that all Masonic charity is not confined to giving to the Charities. There are many ways of giving in Masonic charity, which, as Freemasons, we should always seek to aid and forward, and whether in lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge, or in our support of the Charities, and, above all, our private gifts, we should ever bear in mind that it is not so much what we give as how we give it, in what real, true spirit we make the offering, that constitutes its value, help, and blessing.

## UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

In the earlier days of this paper a movement for uniformity of ritual was looked upon with some favour by its then able editor. But "tempera mutantur," and as we also change with them so do editors. There is no finality or infallibility in editorship, neither is there any reason why because once upon a time an opinion, favourable or unfavourable, was expressed on a particular subject, therefore the same opinion is always to be expressed at all times and under all circumstances. It very often happens in journalism that the view of one editor is not the view of another, and, indeed, journalism itself could not exist if we were supposed to be always bound by casual opinions and ancient theories. It is more than probable that had the able brother who once conducted our paper been still editor he would have completely endorsed the views of the writer of a late review in our pages on this old controversy. But be that as it may, we who now have the honour to address our brethren week by week in Bro. Kenning's widely-spread paper, have conscientiously expressed the opinion we have always held on the subject, to which we have given frequent utterance in lodge and out of lodge, and which a long and careful study of our ritual and our archæology has only confirmed and consolidated the more. We feel quite sure of this, that no more unhealthy or unsound movement could be carried on, than that which would serve to bring about a slavish adherence to, a rigid uniformity of ritual. In the abstract something may perhaps be said a priori for a uniformity of ritual, but in practice we are persuaded nothing, nay, less than nothing. The only result will be a system of "cram" and "cribbing," idle officers, and the encouragement of surreptitious formulae. As it is, we are suffering just now, and we speak feelingly, from personal knowledge and experience, from that want of a close mastering of our ancient lore, which is best to be obtained in lodges of instruction and from expert teachers. The differences about which so much is often said amount in reality to an infinitesimal quantity, while on the other hand a certain

amount of liberty is preserved in our ceremonial usages, which, so far, has not worked ill for English Freemasonry. In our opinion any attempt to enforce one ritual is sure to fail, alike from the impossibility of the result as from the opposition of the best and brightest Masons amongst us. Much of the discussion relating to this subject cannot well be discussed in a newspaper, even a Masonic one, but we speak with some certainty when we say that any proposal to form a lodge of Preceptors will only throw back educated Freemasonry amongst us, or advance, what some wish, (despite its absolute failure elsewhere), a printed ritual. For who are they who are beginning this new agitation? Are they Masonic teachers like those we possess in our lodges of instruction? Are they those who, having carefully studied the ritual, we know well from their careful and correct rendering of it? Are they those to whom the history and antiquities of Freemasonry, as well as its ornate and intricate ceremonial, have been the subject of minute study for years? Certainly not. We have often heard the subject discussed in former years, but we never heard any brother who had looked closely into the matter on reflection approve of the proposal, or fail to see the difficulties, and dangers, and pitfalls involved in the question. In all societies there are a set of fussy men, who always must be saying or doing something. To them controversy is a boon, agitation a blessing. They swim like the little apples of old in the stream, and are elate if only they can manage to cause a certain amount of discussion, to secure a certain amount of spare type. They are friends to the printer, but not to themselves. They are not the persons who make great movements or create needful reforms, and we feel sure that if ever this little question is seriously discussed in Grand Lodge it will be found that the good sense of the brethren will at once reject a proposition fraught, as we know it to be, with countless evils to all honest and loyal working Masons amongst us. As we have often said before, these very objectors to slight discrepancies seem to forget, in their love of uniformity, that this very independence of ritual is a strong proof among many more, alike to the antiquity of our Order and to the long continued usage of habitual archaisms and familiar words, with some slight allowable variation in the different lodges of our jurisdiction.

**THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.**

We are pleased to notice that our esteemed Bro. Graham is re-elected G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. We trust that this is a good omen that moderate counsels may prevail. Bro. Graham has much experience, kindness, and tact, and he is, we venture to think, a friend to Masonic peace and fraternal concord.

**THE LICENSE OF LIBEL.**

Just now libel seems very much in fashion, and we are informed, on what we consider a good authority, that there are several papers which under various and euphonious titles seem to revel in the garbage of disgraceful slander. In a free country like ours it is obviously impossible to restrict the liberty of the press, except within the limits of public safety, general morality, and personal forbearance. We can undoubtedly, and we do by statute and common law, punish those who write treason, who insult religion, who vilify individual character, who do injury to the fair fame or actual credit of unoffending fellow-citizens. But beyond this we cannot go, and we can only leave to the good taste of the community to discourage that "fifth estate" of the press which is a disgrace to journalism, and an injury to society. For as there is no smoke without a fire, so unless these scurrilous prints and printers have readers and supporters they could not thrive at all, much less survive the needful expenses of production. It becomes a serious matter for enquiry who are they who read such papers which, false in themselves, discredit and degrade every axiom of decency, fair play, and truth? Unfortunately there always is a class in society, both of old and young, which seems to revel in prurient

gossip or defamatory mysteries. These are they who, the nuisances of our clubs, retail in private circles the vile inuendo or the deliberate libel with a nod of intelligence or a wink of sagacity, and so it is passed on from one gobemouche to another as "the last new thing at the clubs." We always distrust a person who tells us what he heard at the clubs, as, with the exception of the "City," to which many extraordinary statements are credited day by day, more lies, to use a plain good word, are put down to the authority of the "clubs" than ever were coined in the idlest and most reckless of them all. Hence it comes to pass that social life is saturated with that tendency to "libel," to all "uncharitableness," to downright cruel and wicked slander, which is either significant of debased morals or a dissolving society. At this moment many are these truthful and intellectual prints which cater to a vitiated taste, to this diseased condition of morals and feelings. The publisher of two of them has lately been before Mr. Alderman Staples, and is now at the Old Bailey, for audacious libels, simply intended to create "sensation" or inflict pain. It represents well the state of things to which a portion of contemporary journalism is reduced, that the proprietor states that he had resource to a special agent to ascertain the truth of the vile and cowardly libel given him by a contributor, which he so greedily and daringly published, and that he was deceived by both. Can any further commentary be needed on proceedings which we feel are disgraceful to us all? Let us hope that the common sense and keen perception of our great community will ere long render all such "ventures" both profitless and hopeless, and that the punishment of the law, and the contempt of society will await all who, violating every decency of public and private life, pander to a passing craze for what is libellous, hateful, debasing, and untruthful.

**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.]

**MELROSE LODGE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to thank your correspondent P.M. No. 1, S.C., for his courteous information about Bro. Buchan's contributions to Masonic literature, and I will endeavour to avail myself of his previous researches in the ground I am now going over. Respecting the ancient charge, all I can say at present about it is that it purports to be "extracted by me, A.M.," in MDCLXXIV. from one of date 1581. The original must have been an English document, as it is subscribed "in the reign of our most Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the (22) year." Not having Bro. Murray Lyon's valuable work I am unable to compare the documents. I have, however, compared the writing with that of some of the earlier minutes in the Melrose Lodge book, and find it resembles some of them very much, and I further find that the chirography of one of these old Masons, yclept Andro Mein, is remarkably like that of the old charge, and this idea is borne out by the initials A.M., which stand in all probability for this *Andro Mein*.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,  
W. FRED. VERNON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to a correspondence which has been going on in your columns anent the Melrose Lodge, and reference is made to a visit paid by me to Melrose about eleven years ago, when I had the privilege of getting a glance at the old records of the lodge, and also seeing the fine old abbey.

An account of my visit was published at pp. 205-209 of the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror" for September 11th, 1869, and inter alia I stated "It has records so far back as 1674." I did not assert that it had no other older documents, but mentioned 1674 as the date of the oldest I was either shown, or spoken, or written to about then. I published a copy of the lodge seal, but it was not old, and also of certain regulations dated 1796. I referred to the Melrose Masonic legend that John Murdo was Grand Master of the Masons of Melrose in 1136, when the abbey was founded, but showed its absurdity as proved by Mr.—or shall I say Bro. ?—Murdo himself.

In the inscription tablet at Melrose Abbey, where John Murdo treats us to his autobiography, we learn that Melrose only got a share of his patronage, for he says he "had in keeping all Mason work of St. Andrews, ye high Kirk; of Glasgow, Melrose, and Paslay; of Myddysdale and of Galway," &c.\* So from this we see, that even supposing that John Murdo had been either a Master or a Grand Master of the Melrose Lodge, yet as he places it after Glasgow during his life, there is no good reason why

it should be placed before Glasgow after his death. Taking the whole matter into consideration, and with the desire to give the Melrose Lodge as high a position as possible upon the roll of Grand Lodge without unnecessarily insulting other lodges possibly older than the Melrose Lodge, I would respectfully suggest No. 33, so as to place it between the Lodge of Glasgow St. John, No. 33, and Kilwinning, No. 4. I think I published a minute of the Lodge of Glasgow St. John of 1613, while the Glasgow Masons' incorporation have minutes back to 1600, I think, and a charter or seal of cause a number of years earlier. Then again, as the Glasgow Masons signed the 1628 Roslin Charter, I fear that Bro. Vernon must in justice restrain his enthusiasm a little before really supporting the idea of placing the Melrose Lodge upon the roll as either "1A" or "A1." I wish Bro. Vernon, however, good speed with his researches, and trust he will be able to publish valuable and interesting information shortly. Only, above all, give us historical accuracy, and support the truth, no matter what becomes of pretensions. I cannot close without holding out my hand to my old and esteemed friend Bro. Hughan. May he long be spared to the Craft.

I am yours fraternally,  
W. P. BUCHAN.

**A CORRECTION: RECTITUDE CHAPTER No. 581.**  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the meeting of this chapter contained in your last week's issue Comp. Arensburg is stated to have said that the jewel he was presenting to Comp. James Hall was the first ever presented to him, and at a later part of the evening Comp. Gallagher, Z. 325, repeated the statement.

In fairness to our esteemed Comp. Hall, I think it right to prevent any misapprehension which might arise from the above erroneous statement, as such would lead your readers to suppose that Comp. Hall's valuable services had hitherto been unrecognized by the various chapters in which he has worked so energetically.

Some five years since eight or nine chapters subscribed for a very handsome eighteen-carat P.Z. jewel set with diamonds, which was suitably inscribed and presented to Comp. Hall. Each subscribing chapter had a bar bearing its number placed across the ribbon.

It seems somewhat strange considering that the Rectitude Chapter as well as St. John's, 325 (Comp. Gallagher's), took part in this presentation, that such statements should be made, more especially so as St. John's Chapter in addition presented Comp. Hall with a P.Z. jewel on their own account.

It is a pity that more care is not observed in making such statements, as these errors sometimes cause much trouble and annoyance. And correspondents ought also to be more careful in giving proper titles, and not send them to the press hap-hazard. Comp. Hall is not P.P.G. Treasurer, as reported, but P.P.G.P.S., as the presentation jewel denotes.

Yours fraternally,  
"PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT."

**ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.**  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am pleased to inform you H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has forwarded through Bro. Binckes £20 as a donation to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. I enclose you the list of Patrons up to October 11th; there are some thirty names to add since. I find the well-known Westminster and Keystone Lodge have since the year 1866 forwarded a subscription annually to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, for the purpose of assisting deserving boys and girls on leaving school (an example I am sorry to say not followed by other lodges.) I am informed at the present time the Supreme Council and members of the Schools Committees have several cases they are supporting in the manner proposed by the R.M.P.A.F., and Dr. Morris can mention other cases. This alone speaks for the necessity of establishing a separate fund, and when we remember that at various periods such well-known brothers as Bros. Clabon and Dr. Jabez Hogg have proposed that some such fund be established, as also that our illustrious Bro. Lord Leigh, as Chairman of the Boys' Festival, proposed the advisability of establishing scholarships, there can be but little doubt Lord Roslyn's proposal at the last Boys' Festival will meet with hearty support and approval, and the success up to the present is so far beyond my most sanguine expectations that very early I hope to be able to report the proposed scheme "un fait accompli."

Thanking you, Sir, for your hearty support,  
I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
DICK RADCLYFFE.

128, High Holborn, London, W.C.,  
October 11th, 1879.

**ORIGINAL RESEARCH.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The work bearing the above title is still in hand, and will, in all likelihood, be published in the course of six months.

It will shew by the science of speculative astronomy,

\* I have made somewhat free with the spelling here. I believe it will be difficult for John Murdo to prove his existence before the fifteenth century. He tells us he was not engaged building new edifices, but he "had in keeping" those he mentions, which were already erected, and which often suffered at the hands of the English after the death of Robert the Bruce, and the memory of whose raids uses him to pray that Melrose Kirk might be protected from harm, or "kept fra skaith."

and its keys of the Old and New Testaments, that the theology of Catholicism is founded on astronomical fiction; that the astro-Masonic theology of the one pure and simple faith in God is founded on His Divine sciences of creation, and that that faith will be the theology of the future.

The work will be illustrated by one Egyptian and four Planispherical pictures, and sold at two shillings or two shillings and sixpence, and be dedicated to the Grand Lodges of all nations.

Yours fraternally,

W. N. CRAWFORD.

Orchard-hill, Guernsey.

## Reviews.

### LETTERS OF THE YOUNGER PLINY. LEWIS. SECOND NOTICE.

Since we wrote the review of this interesting work, which appeared in the last *Freemason*, our attention has been called to the fact that the generally received statement as to the number of translations is not quite correct. On looking carefully into the matter we find that as far back as 1576, Abraham Fleming, in his "Panoplic of Epistles," 4to., London, published "Certaine selected epistles out of C. Plinius, translated out of Latin into English. Pliny's Epistles were published, together with the Paneygerick, in 1724, in two volumes, 8vo., London, by Mr. Henley. Robert Castell, in his "Villas of the Ancients," fol., London, 1720, published two of the letters of Pliny, and it may be well to observe that in 1711 a book called the "Description of Epsom," &c., four letters of Pliny were translated by John Toland. In 1746, Wm. Melmoth published the "Letters of Pliny" in two volumes, a second edition appeared in 1747, a third in 1748. Other editions appeared in 1757, 1770, 1777, 1786, and 1796. John, Earl of Orrery, published in 1751, in two volumes, 4to., London, the "Letters of Pliny the younger," which were reprinted in Dublin the same year in 8vo., as also in London. In 1747, in the "Gentleman's Magazine," appeared the sixteenth and twentieth epistles of the sixth book, translated. These, so far, besides Mr. Bohn's more recent edition, are all the translations of Pliny traceable, and Mr. Lewis seems to have been ignorant, as we were ourselves, of the edition of Mr. Henley in 1724, until our attention was called to it by Mr. E. W. Stubbs, of Museum-street.

### THE CAUSE OF COLOUR AMONG RACES. W. SHARP, M.D. David Bogue, 5, St. Martin's-place.

We have read this little "brochure" with much interest. It seems to give us a very sensible and reasonable explanation of the strange contrast of colour of races. As Ethnology has recently received great attention it is a seasonable contribution to the discussion of that matter-of-fact state of things which exists in this world of ours. We commend the little work to the attention of our readers, as so much that is interesting, and so much that is striking belong to the history of mankind, in its physical as well as its psychological condition, that no more profitable path of study can be struck out, especially for the young. Freemasonry reminds us of a great truth, often forgotten, not unfrequently ignored—that whatever colour we be of, we are all children of one Great Parent, that it is the same God who made us one and all.

### UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL. Second Notice.

We called attention to a work of Bro. Stevens's, propounding the uniformity of ritual in a recent issue, and feeling convinced that any such effort was a mistake, we said so, and to that opinion we adhere, and shall certainly give to any such proposal, from whomsoever emanating, all the opposition in our humble power and capacity. But since we wrote the review we have looked into this question of uniformity of ritual as a matter of history, and we give the following facts for the consideration of our readers. From 1717 to 1813 there was not, as far as we know, any one authorized system of ritual. At one time there were two competing and conflicting systems of ritual in use—that of the Moderns (our Grand Lodge), that of the Antients, or the Schismatic Grand Lodge. There was considerable sameness between the two systems, that of the Antients being a little more elaborate apparently, in symbolism and leaning a little more to Christian symbolism. The earliest ritual of which we know of appears to be that of Desaguliers and Anderson, and if Oliver is to be credited a sort of Committee of Masons whom he names, revised the old workings and adapted it to the Grand Lodge working's at that time. About 1732 Martin Clare again revised the working, which, until 1770, when it was again revised by Dunckerley, seems to have prevailed in our lodges. Between 1770 and 1813, William Preston again methodized the working and the teaching, and in 1813, under the Lodge of Reconciliation, Dr. Hemming prepared a ritual, afterwards completed by Williams, which is now that of the Lodge of Emulation, while the earlier working of Hemming, untouched by Williams, seems to be that of the Stability Lodge, so ably presided over by our good friend and brother "Old Mug." Thus any idea that before the Union there was any uniformity of working is alike a chimera and a myth, and subsequently to the Union the G. Lodge by a wise toleration has allowed—subject to uniformity of landmarks and appurtenances—some pardonable and innocuous variations. Any attempt, therefore, to introduce an iron, or rather a leaden, uniformity can only be productive of grave mischief, as it must inevitably lead to a reign of "cribs" and "crams," and that greatest of all curses to Masonry—a printed ritual. As Freemasons, proud of our oral traditions, happy to meet in lodges of instruction under skilful Preceptors, when any one is so rash as to endeavour again to raise this needless and inopportune

question, we fancy that an overwhelming majority of "bright Masons" will prove that, uninfluenced by nonsensical bombast or childish ignorance of the subject, they are determined to "leave well alone."

### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., took the chair of Junior Vice-President.

The other brethren present were Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; W. Dodd, Neville Greene, W.M. 1524; W. Smithson, P.M. 1001 (Harrogate); S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master China; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.M. 1615; W. Mann, P.M. 186; H. Garrod, P.M. 749; James Kench, Asst. G. Pursuivant; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; N. B. Headon, P.M. 1426; W. Stephens, P.M. 1489; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; T. F. W. Knight Smith, W.M. 1441; E. W. Devereux, W.M. 1423; A. Middlemass, W.M. 957; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; Chas. Atkins, P.M. 27; W. R. Marsh, W.M. 1805; George Cooper, W.M. 507; Walter J. Stride, P.M. 176; Charles Dairy, W.M. 141; W. H. Dean, P.M. 417; Richard Croydton, P.M. 254; J. A. Matthews, W.M. 143; E. Scrutton, P.M. 898; J. K. Young, P.M. 1327; Fred Drummond, P.M. 217; H. Sweetland, W.M. 1460; Charles Daniel, W.M. 65; G. H. Wrigglesworth, W.M. 975; W. Smith, W.M. 1158; Spencer J. Weston, W.M. 7; F. A. White, P.M. 1437; Richard Jennings, W.M. 907; J. Kemp Coleman, W.M. 1716; John Dennis, P.M. 1804; G. F. Weige, W.M. 860; E. W. Braine, I.P.M. 1471; Percival A. Nairne, P.M. 1329; W. Miller Goss, P.M. 176; Thos. Edmondston, P.M. 1508; James Garnar, P.M. 1622; A. McMillan, W.M. 1365; John Henry Leggott, W.M. 145; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 1623; E. White, W.M. 177; H. Vickery, W.M. 1475; Samuel H. Parkhouse, W.M. 1642; H. Potter, P.M. 11; W. F. Richards, W.M. 27; E. Squirrell, W.M. 206; H. Sadler (G. Tyler); and H. Massy, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed grants, recommended to the Grand Master at last meeting, to the amount of £310, and then proceeded with the consideration of the new cases, of which there were twenty-seven on the list. Twenty-one of these were relieved with a total sum of £755. Two recommendations of £100 each were made to Grand Lodge; and five of £50 each; three of £40 each were made to the M.W. Grand Master; two of £30 each; two of £25 each; and one of £20. Five grants were made of £10 each, and one grant was made of £5. Six cases were deferred.

The lodge sat four hours.

### SOUTHAMPTON NEW MASONIC HALL.

The new hall and premises built by the Freemasons of Southampton, in Albion-terrace, just off the High-street, though not yet completed, are in so forward a state that the banqueting room has been occupied this week by a party given by the Mayor of the borough (Bro. J. Blount Thomas, P.M.), to celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of new Municipal Offices for Southampton.

The new buildings have been erected by a joint-stock company of Freemasons, the brotherhood in Southampton having outgrown the accommodation provided by the hall in Bugle-street, which has been dedicated to Masonic purposes for the past fifty-five years. So long ago as June, 1823, the brethren of the Royal Gloucester, then the only existing lodge in the town, removed to this hall from premises which they had previously occupied in East-street. Several years later the owner finding himself in financial difficulties, the hall fell into the hands of a few of the brethren, chiefly through the exertions of the late Bro. C. E. Deacon, and has been used by the brotherhood ever since. The site, however, being leasehold of the Corporation, who in their turn hold it of Queen's College, Oxford, it was thought advisable when the question of rebuilding was revived a year or two since to secure a freehold position, a vacant piece of land overlooking the Western Shore was purchased of the executors of the late Mr. John Slatt, a limited liability company, with a capital of £4000, being formed for the purpose of erecting thereon a new hall, which now occupies as nearly as possible the site of the old donjon or keep of Southampton Castle, close to some of the (preserved) walls of which it is built. The series of buildings thus erected is intended to provide accommodation for the five Craft lodges, three Royal Arch chapters, the Mark, and other Masonic bodies in Southampton, the brethren of which exclusively form the Masonic Hall Company. The building, treated in the Italian style, is constructed of white brick as a facing, with Doubling stone finishings to the entrance, principal windows, and balustrades; and embraces an arched entrance porch, lobby, passage, and corridor, paved with neat pattern Minton's tiles, leading to the chief rooms. These are a lodge, which is enclosed on all sides, 45 feet by 30, lighted from the ceiling by two large lantern lights, and having in the principal walls, over two handsome fire places, ornamental niches for busts or pictures, of which latter the Masonic body here possess a goodly number, several of them being of great artistic as well as personal value; a smaller room designed for chapters or as a reception room, is 24ft. 6in. by 18ft. 9in., inclusive of a large bay window which commands a very extensive and pleasing view of the West Bay, the opposite shore, New Forest, &c.;

whilst facing Albion-terrace there is a banqueting room, 38ft. by 25ft., lighted by five windows, and intended to be let for public or quasi-public gatherings such as that of to-day, the lodge and chapter rooms being reserved exclusively for Masonic use. Besides a cloak room, lavatories, and other offices, the domestic portion of the building consists of a kitchen, with ample cooking appliances, a scullery, &c., and four small rooms on the upper storey for the use of the hall keeper. The gas lighting in the lodge and banqueting room is by sun lights and pendants. The work throughout is of a plain and economical character.

### THE NEW MARKET HOTEL.

A Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the City was held on Saturday, the 18th inst. There were present the Lord Mayor, Mr. Alderman Finnis, Alderman Sir R. W. Carden, Alderman Sir T. Dakin, Mr. Alderman Nottage, and Mr. Alderman Hadley.

Bro. Thomas Butt, licensed victualler, applied for a new licence for the New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, Farringdon-street, for music and dancing. Mr. Fulton appeared in support of the application, and Mr. Vennell opposed on behalf of Mr. Maskell, the landlord of the Victoria, a neighbouring public-house. Mr. Fulton explained that his client, who bore an excellent character, and who had been a licensed victualler for twenty years, did not intend to convert the house into a music hall. His object was to keep it for balls exclusively, and he would give a guarantee that only the Masonic and other societies who held their meetings at his house should be allowed to hold their balls there. Alderman Sir T. Dakin observed that all the lodges in the list produced were not Masonic, and he wished to know whether applicant would give a guarantee to the effect that none but Masonic lodges should hold balls at his house. Mr. Fulton replied that if the Bench thought it necessary to exclude all but Masonic lodges, his client would do so. Mr. Vennell said his ground for opposing the application was that the neighbourhood was most unfitted for such a licence. The majority of Bro. Butt's customers were persons employed at the Meat Market, who came early in the morning, and consequently retired home at an early hour. The neighbourhood was an unusually quiet one, and he submitted that should the Bench grant the licence the result would be that persons living in the neighbourhood would be annoyed by the noise. In addition to this he would put his client in the box, and he would swear most positively that for the last two years he had been kept awake of a night by the noise made by a piano played in Bro. Butt's house. Alderman Sir R. W. Carden asked whether the learned counsel's client had not a piano in his house? Mr. Maskell replied that he had not. Alderman Sir R. W. Carden: Then you are an exception to the general rule. The landlord of the Victoria was put into the witness-box, and he corroborated the statement of his counsel. He generally closed his house at ten o'clock, but had heard persons in Bro. Butt's after twelve. Cross-examined: He had often complained about the music to Bro. Butt, who, on one occasion, acknowledged that a certain amount of noise had occurred at his house. Mr. Fulton: The petition in opposition is signed by thirteen persons, who do not vouch that this house is a nuisance. How is that? Why did they not embody in their petition that it was a nuisance to the neighbourhood? Was it ever suggested until by your counsel to-day? Witness: I do not know. Mr. Fulton: Your house is a small one. Witness: It is smaller than the other. Mr. Fulton: The other is a large place. You could not accommodate 200 or 300 at a banquet? Witness: No. Mr. Vennell: Though the noise was sufficient to disturb you in your rest you thought it was not your duty to make complaints to the police? Witness: That is so. Mr. Vennell: So that you would not embody it in your petition? Witness: No. Mr. Vennell: But complaints have been made to you personally by these petitioners? Mr. Fulton objected to the question. The Lord Mayor: The question is out of order. In answer to the Bench, Mr. Fulton said the music should be confined to Masonic and Foresters' lodges. The application was granted. —*City Press.*

### FREEMASONRY IN PHILADELPHIA.

#### SUPREME COUNCIL, THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE.

Had the clerk of the weather been a 33° Mason, he could not have favoured the members of the Supreme Council with more delightful weather than we have had during the present week, and it has added materially to the comfort and pleasure of our distinguished visitors. On Tuesday morning and afternoon the sessions were largely attended. In the evening the formal reception by the members of Philadelphia Consistory took place in Corinthian Hall, when that body met and opened in the 14° Ill. Commander in Chief, John Hanold, in the East. There were present some 230 members of the body.

The members of the Supreme Council met in the Grand Chapter Room at 7.30 o'clock, when the Committee of Arrangements, Bros. Meyer, Hutchinson, Dealy, Hall, Coulomb, Young, Garrigues, and Kendrick, met them, and escorted them to Corinthian Hall, where they were received in due form. Ill. Bro. J. H. Drummond, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction, headed the line, arm-in-arm with Ill. Bro. Albert G. Mackey, Dean of the Supreme Grand Council of the Southern Jurisdiction (Bro. Albert Pike not being able to attend).

The guests were introduced by Bro. C. E. Meyer, and welcomed by Bro. John Hanold. Addresses were made by Bros. Drummond and Mackey.

After an interchange of courtesies, the line was formed, and the entire body, numbering some 350, were conducted



to the grand banquet room, where a repast had been furnished. The tables were handsomely arranged, the flower and fruit pedestals setting off the immense tables to great advantage. It was about as handsome a sight of this kind as one would wish to see. The bill of fare was quite an extensive one of seven courses, and the manner in which it was served reflects great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Jacob Wiener, 527, Arch-street. The dishes were served in courses, the dishes of one being removed before the succeeding one was put upon the table.

After the edibles and drinkables were disposed of, a Table Lodge was opened, with Bro. Charles E. Meyer in the East, Bro. Thos. R. Patton in the West, and Bro. James S. Barker in the South.

The toasts respectively were "The United States of America," the brethren uniting in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

"The Supreme Council Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.," responded to by Bro. Drummond.

"The Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction," responded to by Bro. A. G. Mackey.

"Ancient Craft Masonry," responded to by Bro. J. L. Lewis.

"To all Poor and Distressed Brethren," responded to by Bro. Roome.

"Woman," responded to by Bro. Woodbury, concluding with "Auld Lang Syne."

Bro. Bastert's parlour orchestra enlivened the evening with choice instrumental music, and Bro. Aaron R. Taylor gave some fine vocal selections.

At the session on Wednesday the following officers were elected:—Bros. Henry L. Palmer, Wisconsin, Sovereign Grand Commander; Charles Levi Woodbury, Boston, Lieutenant Grand Commander; Joseph D. Evans, New York, Minister of State; Heman Ely, Ohio, Grand Treas. General; Clinton F. Paige, New York, Grand Sec. General; Samuel C. Lawson, Massachusetts, Grand Keeper of Seals and Archives; Charles T. McClenahan, New York, Grand Master of Ceremonies; Homer S. Goodwin, Pennsylvania, Grand Marshal General; W. R. Highy, Cincinnati, General Standard Bearer; George O. Tyler, Vermont, Grand Captain of Guard.

The Thirty-Third Degree was conferred upon the following members:—Bros. George Henry Bigelow, Vermont; James Kirker, Connecticut; Charles William Batchelor, Pittsburg; John Hodge, New York; Edwin Gates, Brooklyn; William P. Wiltsie, Ohio; Stith M. Sullivan, Dayton, Ohio; Joel B. Parsons, Cleveland; Edgar P. Tobey, John McLaren, Alfred Russell, Amos Pettibone, J. A. Allen, M.D., James B. Bradwell, and Loomis E. Bullock, all from Chicago; William D. Rowell, Freeport, Ill., and H. C. Clarke, Kankakee, Ill. Deputies for the States in the Northern Jurisdiction were elected as follows: Bros. G. W. Dearing, Maine; John Christie, New Hampshire; George O. Tyler, Vermont; Benjamin Dean, Massachusetts; T. A. Doyle, Rhode Island; C. W. Carter, Connecticut; Colonel R. M. C. Graham, New York; Joseph H. Hough, New Jersey; Anthony E. Stocker, Pennsylvania; D. Burham Tracy, Michigan; Enoch T. Carson, Ohio; Elbridge G. Hamilton, Indiana; Hosmer A. Johnson, Illinois; and Alvin B. Alden, Wisconsin.

The following subordinate appointments were made on Thursday, when the annual session was closed:—Bros. Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Massachusetts, Grand Prior; J. H. Hobert Ward, New York, First Marshal of the Camp; Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, Second Marshal of the Camp; Hugh McCurdy, Michigan, Third Marshal of the Camp.

The next session will be held in Boston.

On Thursday afternoon the guests and their ladies were taken to Fairmount Park. Each carriage had one Philadelphian as escort. They left the Continental Hotel at 3.30, and passed up the East Park, on the river road, to the Wissahickon, near the Sixth Mile Stone, returned across Falls Bridge, thence around Belmont to Horticultural Hall.

Here the party alighted and took a brief survey, re-entered the carriages, drove around George's Hill, and thence to Pennsylvania State Building, where ice cream, cakes, lemonade, and fruits were provided. They left here at 7 o'clock, arriving at Continental Hotel at 7.30. The drive was highly enjoyed.

The Royal Order of Scotland had a business meeting on Wednesday evening, after which the members proceeded in a body to Bro. J. Wiener's, 527, Arch-street, where they partook of a choice banquet.

The next meeting of this body will be held in Washington in October, 1880.—*Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald*, Friday, Sept. 19th.

**WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.**—A Masonic ball in aid of the funds of the above Institution will shortly take place at Liverpool. An influential Committee has been formed, and we have no doubt our Liverpool brethren will carry it through with their usual spirit, and the result will be a substantial addition to the funds of this excellent Institution.

**PROVINCE OF CORNWALL.**—The Provincial G. Master for Cornwall, the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, will hold a Provincial Grand Lodge at Callington, on Tuesday next, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of the Loyal Victoria Lodge (No. 577) to Masonic purposes. The Valtort Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be consecrated the same day at three o'clock.

Lord Carnarvon presents the prizes at the School of Art, Winchester, on Tuesday next. On the following day his lordship will move the following resolution at the conference to be held at the County-hall: "That it is desirable to promote in every way the efficiency of the system of preaching in the Church of England."

**MASONIC COLLEGES AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.**

The Masonic Fraternity of the United States has never succeeded in establishing institutions of learning, though many and expensive efforts have been made. The Grand Lodges of Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Missouri, by turns, invested large amounts of money in colleges, under the pleasing hope of usefulness, but in vain—wrecks, debts, and a long feeling of dissatisfaction were the net results. Education is so cheap in America there seems to be little call for Masonic Charity in this direction.

There are at present five living institutions deriving their existence in whole or part from Masonic beneficence, viz.:

1. St. John Masonic College, Little Rock, Arkansas.
2. Masonic Female College, Covington, Georgia.
3. Oxford Orphan Asylum, Oxford, North Carolina.
4. Girard College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
5. Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, Louisville, Kentucky.

A Committee of the Grand Lodge of Texas recently circulated the American Grand Lodges with the following queries:

1. What organised Masonic charitable institution is maintained in your jurisdiction, for the benefit of the widows and orphans?
2. How was it founded and endowed, and how is it supported?
3. What are the details of its organisation and government?
4. What has it accomplished in the way of contributing to the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased brother Masons and others?
5. What modifications, if any, in its plans, organisation, government, resources, or in any other respect, can you suggest for our benefit?
6. If you are familiar with any other organised Masonic Charity, please inform us in regard to such.
7. If you know of any such institution having failed, please give us specifically the cause of its failure.

In reply California says: "We have no special institution for the benefit of Masonic widows and orphans." Alabama the same. Canada: "The Grand Lodge created a fund for a Masonic Asylum, but it was never applied to that purpose." Connecticut: "We are striving to organise an institution for widows and orphans and for aged brethren. Contributions coming in for that purpose are set apart to accumulate principal and interest." Colorado and Dakota reply as Alabama. District of Columbia has an organised Masonic Charity entitled St. John Mite Association. Idaho has an orphan fund to which every Master Mason pays one dollar a year. It amounts at present to 5000 dollars. Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, New Hampshire, New York, and Ohio have none. Indiana has recently organised the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Society, and aims to raise \$100,000, and then erect an edifice. Maine has a plan on foot, and has raised about \$10,000 already. Michigan, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Missouri have none. Nebraska has an Orphans' School Fund amounting to 10,000 dollars, but no building is proposed. South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Utah, and Pennsylvania have none.

If relief lodges are placed under this head, the list will swell into hundreds. That at San Francisco, Cal., does an immense work in this good direction. The relief lodges of New Orleans, New York, Louisville, Ky., Baltimore, Md., and many others, have won noble testimonials to their efficiency. Philadelphia, however, takes the lead, having a Stephen Girard Charity Fund, founded some fifty years since, the capital investment of which is now 62,000 dollars, the annual interest over 3000 dollars. This is devoted strictly to the purposes intimated in the bequest, viz.: "to relieve all Master Masons in good standing." Besides this, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has a Charity Fund of 60,000 dollars for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons who were contributing members of lodges within three years of death. More than 3000 dollars flow out annually from that fountain of charity. Still further to place Pennsylvania in the foremost grounds of benevolence, they have an incorporated Masons' Home, which in due time will be made effective. The Fraternity of New York has the purpose to establish an asylum for aged and destitute Masons.—*Coleman's Masonic Calendar*.

**Masonic and General Tidings.**

The Rt. Hon. Lord Kensington, M.P., R.W. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, will preside at the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement on Friday, November 28th.

The meetings of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1558, will in future be held at the Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, every Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday next, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Appleby continues his pleasant holiday notices in the October issue of the "Masonic Magazine;" an account of "A Visit to the Lakes" is the subject of his present contribution. Mr. Emra Holmes has a poem of some length on "The Golden Wreath." Mr. Poynter brings to a close his graphic paper entitled, "Within the Shadow of the Shaft." Mr. Tweddell deals in some interesting notes with literature, science, and art. Many other capital contributions are included in this attractive monthly, which is under the patronage of the Prince of Wales.—*High Peak News*, Oct. 18th, 1879.

The Masonic Magazine for November is now ready.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Freemasons of Cheshire was held at Crewe on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., under the presidency of Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G. Superintendent. There was a large number of influential companions present, and the whole of the chapters in the provinces, except two, were represented. On the proposition of Comp. Latham, the chapter granted £57 15s. from the funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The chapter was closed at four o'clock, and the companions afterwards adjourned to the Crewe Arms Hotel, where a banquet was served. The officers for next year were invested, Bro. F. Jackson being Treasurer, Bro. W. Alcock, Janitor. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Emra Holmes gave a reading in the hall of the Mechanics' Institute on Friday, the 17th inst., when about 500 persons were present. Milton, Shakespeare, Tom Hood, Tennyson, and Southey were laid under contribution for the more serious pieces, whilst readings of a lighter character from Mark Twain, Dickens, and Arthur Sketchley were introduced. The *Western Daily Mercury* says, "the pieces were well selected and admirably rendered." Bro. Holmes read his new poem, "The Golden Wreath," which was very well received, and which appears in this month's "Masonic Magazine."

**LONDON GENERAL OMNIBUS COMPANY.**—Traffic receipts for the week ending October the 19th £10,639 16s. 6d.; 1878, £11,269 15s. 11d.

The Committee of the Sunday School Union propose bringing out their present serial, "Kind Words," as a present weekly for boys and girls, under the title of "Young England." The first number will be ready before Christmas.

We have to announce with deep regret the death of Lady Ellen Frances Lubbock, the wife of Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P. for Maidstone, which melancholy event took place on Monday last at the family seat of Sir John, High Elms, near Dover, Kent.

The seventy-third anniversary dinner of the friends and patrons of the Licensed Victuallers' School was held on Wednesday, at the Crystal Palace, Baron Henry de Worms presiding. During the evening the Secretary announced that the subscriptions amounted to £5200.

The *Gazette* of Tuesday night announces that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has been pleased to appoint Samuel Wilks, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., to be Physician in Ordinary to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

Richard Carlisle, the Cornish pedestrian, completed on Tuesday evening his walk from Land's End to John O'Groat's house, trundling a wheelbarrow all the way. He did fifty-six miles on Monday. His walk has taken twenty-five days, excluding Sundays.

The Israel Lodge, No. 205, will meet on Tuesday next, at five o'clock, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. A. Bassington, W.M. There is a good paper of business before the brethren on this, their opening meeting of the season, one gentleman having to be initiated, whilst two brothers are down for passing, and two for raising. A re-joining country member has also to be balloted for.

Five hundred and sixty-nine associations, scientific, literary, Masonic, and working men's, have already signified their adhesion to the programme of the meeting at Naples in favour of a general disarmament.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Sacred Harmonic Society, held on Tuesday, it was decided that as the Directors of Exeter Hall were now in a position to continue the Society's tenancy of the Hall, the concerts should be continued in that building as heretofore. The opening concert of the forty-eight season will therefore take place in November. The Committee understand that the building will not be available for musical purposes after October next, and the concerts for the season 1879-80 will therefore be the final series given by the Society in Exeter Hall.

**THE ROYAL MASONIC PEDIGREE WHEAT.**

—The *Reading Mercury*, in publishing the programme of the ceremony of setting the memorial stone of the new Public Buildings in that borough with Masonic rites (which has been postponed through the indisposition of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon), says:—"The corn which will be used in the ceremony has been presented by Bro. T. Deller, of Southsea, and forwarded through Bro. Cosburn, of Newbury, to the Provincial Grand Secretary. It is a sample of the "Royal Masonic Pedigree Wheat," and possesses a history of some interest. Bro. Deller attended the laying of the stone of the Reading Grammar School, performed some years since with Masonic rites by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order, and a grain of wheat which fell during the ceremony, being picked up by Bro. Deller, was planted by him, and in three years the produce amounted to seven-and-a-half gallons. The Prince accepted the wheat, which was grown on the Sandringham Estate, and in two years it produced 500 bushels. In October, 1877, his Royal Highness sent eight bushels to Bro. Deller, who grew it two years, and he has now in his possession the yield of fifty acres, grown from the eight bushels. The wheat is of fine quality and yields well, and it is certainly an interesting circumstance that the wheat to be used next Tuesday by the Pro Grand Master should have descended from a grain of that used by the Royal Head of the Craft on the last occasion when an important work in this town was inaugurated under Masonic auspices."—*Vide advt. in another page.*

The election of sixteen boys out of an approved list of seventy-seven to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. West Yorkshire was successful with two candidates. The first was William Henry Healey, son of the late Bro. David Healey, woollen manufacturer, Batley, who was initiated in the Nelson of the Nile Lodge, No. 264, Batley, on the 28th December, 1858, to which he subscribed till his death on the 2nd of November, 1872. Seven children are left without father or mother. The second successful candidate was John Roebuck Murgatroyd, son of the late Bro. Thomas Murgatroyd, surgeon, Shipley, who was initiated in the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley, on the 25th of April, 1864, of which he was a Past Master and Almoner, and to which he subscribed till his death on the 24th of November last. Four children were left dependent on their mother. Healey polled 1603 votes and Murgatroyd 1474.

A correspondent writes that the Council of the Grand Orient of France is preparing an appeal to the Grand Lodge of England against the exclusion of its members from the English Masonic fraternities. The exclusion rule of the English and Scotch lodges is represented to have been felt by French Masons in many parts of the world, the ruling having application in almost every English-speaking lodge. Many complaints have reached the Grand Orient, accompanied in some instances by applications for charters to start lodges. Unwilling to widen the breach in the Masonic circle, the Grand Orient has hitherto declined those charters, but should the English Grand Lodge continue to refuse fellowship, the Council of the Grand Orient will grant those charters. The English body will, of course, refuse to admit the validity of a right which excludes the recognition of a Deity, and we shall then have established in London several lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient.

It is intended to apply for Parliamentary powers next session to construct a tunnel under the Mersey between Liverpool and Birkenhead. The proposed subway, estimated at £500,000, is projected to start from the junction of Taylor and Canning streets, Birkenhead, passing under the Woodside stage, and ascending on the Liverpool side between the George's Baths and the George's Dock, with an outlet at the bottom of James-street. The scheme involves the removal of one of the blocks of the Goree warehouses. The Liverpool Town Council, the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, the railway companies having termini at Birkenhead, and the Birkenhead Town Council are invited to unite for the purpose of carrying the project out. The latter body has already agreed to be one of the four contributors. The estimated annual revenue from tolls on foot passengers, carriages, carts, and goods is £45,000, and the probable utmost expenditure is placed at £5000. The width of the subway under the river is to be 27ft., and 30ft. at the entrances, and it is stated that the engineering difficulties are comparatively insignificant. The gradients vary from 1 in 27 to 1 in 50 feet.

A notice of the rebuilding, on an extensive scale, of Anderton's Hotel has already appeared in the *City Press*, but as the work is now approaching completion a more detailed account may be given. The hotel is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in the metropolis. The new structure, when the main elevation has received its finishing touches, will form a prominent architectural feature in Fleet-street. The frontage is about 50ft. in width and between 80 and 90ft. in height, and is carried to a depth of nearly 100ft., much valuable property adjoining having been purchased for the new and enlarged building. The Fleet-street elevation, which contains four storeys above the ground floor, is built with red patent brick, and massive Portland stone dressings, a profusion of ornamental work in terra cotta being introduced in various portions of the façade. The east and west sides of the elevation are surmounted by crescent-formed gables, and one of the most prominent features is a bold balustrade and balcony in Portland stone, which is carried across the elevation at the foot of the first floor windows. The grand entrance to the hotel is in the centre of the ground floor, consisting of shops on each side unconnected with the hotel itself. The entrance is 10ft. in width, flanked on each side with Aberdeen polished granite, from which springs an archway of the same material. The entrance leads into a handsome corridor 15ft. in width, and upwards of 20ft. in length, which is laid with ornamental encaustic tiles. From this corridor the several apartments of the hotel are approached, the upper portions being by a grand staircase 7ft. in width. The capacity of the interior of the building will be imagined when it is stated that, in addition to numerous reception, coffee, and dining rooms, there are no less 120 bed rooms. A special feature consists of a spacious Masonic lodge room at the rear of the first floor, which is magnificently decorated, and the windows of which are all in stained glass, containing Masonic emblems. In the basement there is also a fine Masonic banqueting hall, in which 500 persons can dine. The floors of the lower portions of the building are all fireproof, and as a large and valuable quantity of plate will be permanently deposited in the hotel, not only belonging to the hotel itself, but also to Masonic lodges, several large safes have been furnished by Milner's Safe Manufacturing Company, of Moorgate-street. The architects are Messrs. Ford and Hesketh, and the builders Messrs. Browne and Robinson. The cost of the building will be upwards of £60,000.—*City Press*.

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.]

MISS HOPEKIRK.—This accomplished pianist gave a performance at the Royal Normal College for the blind on Thursday, when she played with infinite skill and taste selections from Handel, Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, &c.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, October 31, 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 25.

Audit Com., Boys' School, at 3.  
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-st.  
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.  
" 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.  
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H.  
Red Cross, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.  
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot. (Installation.)  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
" 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.  
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredgar, 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, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.  
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, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 8, British, F.M.H.  
" 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H.  
" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Regent M.H.  
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Mark 1, St. Mark's, Freemason's Tav.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.  
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 Bds., 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 Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 1768, Progress, F.M.H.  
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

#### 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, 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 30.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.

#### 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 31.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newly-pl., Poplar.

#### 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' Pav., 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, November 1, 1879.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine B., Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxtan.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Lodge 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-W.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.  
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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