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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The instalment meeting of this lodge was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. George Buckland, W.M., presided. Including visitors, 130 brethren were present, and amongst the members of the lodge, who numbered seventy in all, were Bros. E. Stanton Jones, P.M. and Sec.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M.; J. Weaver, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; George Buckland, W.M.; Thomas A. Adams, P.G.P.; Charles Coote, jun., Treas.; Edward Frewin, P.M.; W. H. Cremer, Charles S. Jekyll, P.M.; Charles Harper, jun., Joseph Perry, William A. Tinney, P.M.; John M. Ball, Henry Snyders, Henry J. Tinney, Julian Egerton, Joseph Baker, Edward Terry, I.P.M.; William J. Castell, Joseph Horton, Edward Swanborough, S.W.; Gustavus R. Egerton, F. Kendall, William Lewis Barrett, William Meyer Lutz, J.D.; A. Thomas, H. Cox, S.D.; A. Hemming, A. Henson, C. H. Stephenson, Stwd.; C. Wellard, J. W.; Arthur Swanborough, Robert Soutar, John Maclean, I.G., William J. H. Waud, William Jones Hill, Frederick Delevanti, D. of C.; James Charles Hambleton, Edmund Rogers, Victor Tussaud, Charles George Alias, Rubini A. F. Rochester, Charles Beckett, Charles Francis Fogarty, Charles Harcourt, Walter Hopkins Smith, Henry James Carter, Robert Dobson, Jules Guitton, Pietro Le Conte Castell, Charles Blount Powell, Lionel Brough, Charles Ernest Tinney, Organist; John Thomas Hatcher, William John Kent, James Beveridge, Henry James Calcott, Alfred Morton, Henry Ashley, Lestock Boileau Woodbridge, Harry James Hitchens, Edward Humphrey, George Edwin Fairchild, and J. G. Taylor. Bro. H. Massey (*Freemason*). Bro. Edward Swanborough, of the Strand Theatre, was the W.M. elect; and to show her pleasure at her son obtaining the chair of the lodge, Mrs. Swanborough presented the W.M. with Master's collar and apron, and the other officers with their collars of office. Bro. Swanborough was installed by Bro. George Buckland, who performed the whole of the work in faultless style. After the customary salutes, the new W.M. appointed to office Bros. C. Wellard, S.W.; Harry F. Cox, J.W.; C. Coote, jun., Treasurer; E. Stanton Jones, P.M., Secretary; W. M. Lutz, S.D.; J. Maclean, J.D.; F. Delevanti, I.G.; C. E. Tinney, Org.; C. H. Stephenson, S.W.; Arthur Swanborough, Steward; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Swanborough was passed unanimously for her liberal and handsome gift to the lodge, and the Audit Committee's report having been received and adopted, the report of the Benevolent Fund, showing a balance of over £340, was read and approved. The brethren then adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, in the large hall of which the company sat down to an elegant banquet, while Mrs. Swanborough, Miss Ada Swanborough, Mrs. George Buckland, Mrs. Keeley, Mrs. James Weaver, Mrs. Edward Swanborough, Master E. Swanborough, and Miss Gus Swanborough, occupied seats in the gallery. After the banquet had been partaken of, grace was sung, and the hall was tyled, and the toasts were proposed. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that our beloved Queen, to whom the theatrical and musical professions owed so much, was too well known to require any remarks from him. "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was received with loud applause. The W.M. said he was very pleased indeed to hear such a reception of H.R.H.'s name. The Prince of Wales was dearly beloved by the Craft, and by no lodge better than the Lodge of Asaph; for two reasons, that, God bless him, he supported their profession in every way, and they were proud to have him at the head of the Craft. He was not only a good Mason, but a good working Mason, for during the last season, if the brethren referred back to the newspapers, he had laid the foundation stones of many hospitals and other charities. He (the W.M.) would not take more time with this toast, because as he had said with regard to the Queen, so he would say with regard to the Prince of Wales, he was too well known to require any

observations. The toasts of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," "The D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, &c.," having been proposed and honoured, Bro. Thomas Adams, P.G.P., responded. Bro. G. Buckland, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said all the brethren knew how efficiently Bro. Edward Swanborough had performed the duties of the various offices he had filled in the Lodge of Asaph. He would be equally efficient in the more important duties which now devolved upon him. He (Bro. Buckland) thought he might say that they had not in their lodge a more genial and popular brother than Edward Swanborough, and with these few words he would call upon the brethren to drink heartily "Health, Prosperity, and Long Life to the W. Master." The W. Master, in reply, said: I thank you most sincerely for the manner in which you have drunk my health. I do not think I deserve all that my Bro. Buckland has said (cries of "Yes, yes"), but if I do not at present I will try in future to do so. I may say that I am now at the top of the tree in the Craft, but many men when they get at the top of the tree, if I may say so, forget those friends who helped them to that position. I am not one of those men. I have to thank in a very large measure Bro. James Weaver for my proud position this evening, and I think it is but fair to him that I should tell you so. He has been most kind to me; in fact, I never experienced so much kindness in my life as I have experienced from my brethren in the Lodge of Asaph. I have said that I will try and do my best during my year of office. One thing I will try and do, that is to make you all happy and comfortable, and if I fall short in the work, my dear old Immediate Past Master Buckland is at my side; as I told him at the time, I shall feel doubly strong, and I shall get through my year of office, if it please T.G.A.O.T.U. if he is by my side, and I think I shall have the same compliment paid to me at the end of my year that I am about to pay to him on behalf of the Lodge of Asaph. Bro. George Buckland, it is now my pleasing duty to place on your breast this jewel. It was voted to you by the unanimous voice of the lodge. I assure you I am exceedingly proud to be Master of such a lodge, because one must have some brains about him to be Master of it. If I only come up to a quarter of your excellence during my year I shall be satisfied. In placing this jewel on your breast I may say I hope the G.A.O.T.U. will spare your dear and good life for many years to come. I have an additional pleasure in presenting you with this testimonial as one of the founders of this prosperous lodge, and I hope that you may live for many years to see it on your walls. (The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Buckland with a handsome testimonial, inscribed in illuminated writing on vellum, and framed and glazed.) Bro. Buckland, I.P.M., in reply, said he begged to disclaim altogether the too flattering compliment paid to him by the W.M. To have done his work in the discharge of the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of his brethren was to him ample recompense and reward. He took this opportunity of thanking the P.M.'s, who had been all most kind to him, and he trusted that like the W.M. it would not be considered invidious if he particularly thanked Bro. Weaver, P.M., for the kind support and countenance he had given him during his Mastership. He gladly accepted the Past Master's jewel, which he should wear as a proud memento of the office he had filled, and the testimonial he should prize still more, not only as having been Master, but as one of the brethren who had founded the lodge. And when he looked around him and saw so many members of the dramatic and musical profession, who would naturally in due course fill the various offices of the lodge, he thought he might confidently predict that the Lodge of Asaph was destined to occupy a position second to none on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The W.M. next proposed "The Benevolent Fund." During Bro. Buckland's year the lodge had given away no less than eighty-six sovereigns to the poor. It could afford to do that in consequence of the lodge having only one banquet a year. It would please the brethren to know that they had over £300 invested in the Three per Cents. on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and there was £45 in the hands of the Treasurer to give away. It was all to give away. He exhorted all the members of the lodge to give some trifle to this fund. Bro. E. Stanton Jones, P.M., as Treasurer of the fund, responded. The existence of such a fund in a lodge was of great importance. While he was proud to say a portion of the lodge subscribed to it, he was sorry to say another portion took no notice of it. He would only point out that it was a mutual advantage to the members, which began with them and should continue with them. Its object was charity, which was universally acknowledged by Freemasons, and felt and practised by them, and especially by those professions of which the members of the Asaph Lodge were composed. He, therefore, thought it ought not to require any words of his to incite the brethren to give their liberal support to it. The Asaph was certainly becoming a very prosperous lodge, and the donations of the brethren to its Benevolent Fund ought to advance with its increase. He commended the fund to the support of the brethren to their utmost capacity. (The list was here handed round to the brethren, and realised a sum of £21 16s.) The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," returned thanks to those brethren for the assistance successive Masters had had from them. There were now nine P.M.'s of the Lodge of Asaph, and with such a firm basis, it would take a tremendous force to knock the lodge over. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Chamberlin, on whom he intended when Bro. Buckland was engaged to call for the Lectures on the Tracing Board, knowing how well he was able to give them. Bro. Chamberlin, P.M., in reply, said that it had been the object of the founders to help their successors in every way in their power, and they were all willing to do so. As a founder of the lodge

he looked round with pride on the gathering he saw before him. One of their oldest P.M.'s, Bro. Charles Coote, he was sorry to say was absent on account of ill health, but every member of the lodge trusted he would soon be better, for he had endeared himself to all. Bro. Macintosh, W.M. No. 4, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge on having such a Master as Bro. Swanborough, whose eloquence would delight the brethren. From the time he had first known Bro. Swanborough to the present the principles of Freemasonry had been evinced by him, and he would carry out those principles with advantage to the Lodge of Asaph. Few men could claim to have more persons as genuine friends than he, and during his Mastership those friends would rally round him, and assist him in carrying out the duties of his office. Baron H. de Worms also replied, and said that brethren outside the dramatic profession felt highly honoured at being present. Professors of the dramatic art taught all outsiders a great moral lesson. It was they who could move to laughter or to tears, and awaken in the breast those best feelings which were sometimes dormant; in fact they struck upon the proper chord, and gave that "touch of nature" which made "the whole world kin." Bros. Wellard, S.W., Arthur Swanborough, and Delevanti, replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast having been given, the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close. The brethren were entertained in the intervals between the toasts with vocal and instrumental music of the highest order. The vocalists who took part were Bros. C. Beckett, G. Egerton, C. E. Tinney, George Buckland, E. Terry, P.M.; Rainham, C. Collins, and E. W. Collins; Master Manning and Master Dunster (solo), and two others, all pupils of Bro. Stanton Jones, P.M. and Sec., (violin); H. J. Tinney (piano); C. S. Jekyll (piano); Thomas, P.M. (piano); W. L. Barrett (flute); Julian Egerton (clarinet); W. J. H. Waud (contra bass); and W. J. Kent (cornet à piston). The vocal music was under the direction of Bro. George Buckland, P.M., and the instrumental music under that of Bro. E. Stanton Jones, P.M.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—On the 22nd ult. this prosperous City lodge held its first regular meeting since the vacation at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Dodson, P.M. Constitution, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; W. Wellsman, P.M., acting J.W.; Dalwood, I.P.M.; A. Tisley, Sec.; G. Manners, S.D.; H. W. Clemow, D.C., acting I.G.; F. Farrington, W.S.; Farrington, jun., Organist; Dwarber, P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Westcott, J.W. 1365, and T. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx. (*Freemason*). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several important alterations in connection with the bye-laws were discussed, when it was subsequently resolved that a Committee, consisting of the W.M., Past Masters, officers, and three members of the lodge, should consider the proposed alterations, and report upon them at the next regular meeting. Bros. Brown, Thurgood, and A. Clemow were the three lay members appointed upon the Committee. There being no other business on the agenda the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by the Bros. Clemow. The Royal and Craft toasts having been duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very flattering terms by Bro. Dalwood. He congratulated the W.M. upon the great success that had attended his Masonic career. He had no sooner vacated the chair of one of the most influential lodges in the Craft, namely, the Constitution, than he was called upon to assume the reins of Masonic government in the St. Dunstan, of which lodge he was one of the founders. In conclusion, the I.P.M. touched upon the manner in which the W.M. had recently discharged the onerous duties of Master of one of the City companies. This toast having been heartily received, the W.M. briefly replied by thanking them for the hearty manner in which they had received and drank his health. Having been connected with the lodge from its commencement, he felt exceedingly gratified at witnessing the great strides it had made in the short space of four years. This result was very pleasing, more especially as the lodge was a representative one, and, therefore, necessarily limited in the admission of candidates. Although he had presided over a very large lodge, and had visited many, he did not think that they were to be desired, as quality and not quantity was, or should be, the consummation to be wished for in all Masonic communities. "The Past Masters" followed. In introducing this toast the W.M. briefly touched upon the merits of the three brethren, namely, Bros. Dwarber, Wellsman, and Dalwood, who had passed through the ordeal of the chair of No. 1589 with honour to themselves and credit to the lodge. (Hear, hear.) As the members had had so many opportunities of judging of their social and Masonic qualities he should not further dilate upon the toast than to wish them long life and happiness. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Dalwood and Dwarber. The latter brother made, as usual, a very eloquent speech. He also congratulated the lodge upon the great success it had attained. As one of the founders, he, in conjunction with his two worthy colleagues and labourers in the Masonic vineyard, felt that the trouble they had individually and collectively bestowed in the administration of its affairs in the days of its infancy had been rewarded, and had borne such good fruit. As the St. Dunstan was a representative lodge it should bear a high character, as it was connected with the first parish in the City of London, a parish that had for centuries held a very distinguished place, not only in the history of the mighty Metropolis, but in the annals of the country. Many stirring scenes had taken place in its vicinity, and some of the most brilliant personages recorded in the chronicles of science, art, and literature had met within its vener-

able precincts. In concluding his remarks he expressed a hope that his colleagues, and himself might be spared many years to come among their brethren of 1589 "The Health of the Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Westcott. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next. Bro. Tisley in acknowledging this toast expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, Bro. Praed, but upon his behalf he wished to assure the brethren that the financial state of the lodge was most satisfactory. After thanking them for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health in conjunction with that of the Treasurer, he dwelt upon the subject of the Masonic Charities, and the gratifying results that had attended the action of the London Masonic Charity Association at the recent election. He said there might be a difference of opinion as to the necessity for the establishment of such an Association, but the most captious could not deny the great success that had hitherto accompanied its operations in its candidature for the Metropolitan applicants for the benefits of their valuable Charitable Institutions. (Hear, hear.) "The Officers" terminated the proceedings. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Turner and Farrington, sen. The success of the proceedings was enhanced by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Farrington, jun., Tisley, Esson, Raddle, and others.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—A meeting of this lodge took place at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden on Tuesday, the 28th ult., Bro. J. Willing, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. Douglass, S.W.; Jones, as J.W.; W. M. Süles, Sec.; Hyland, J.D.; Cook, I.G.; Holt, W.S.; Deller, Jacques, Dovey, Smith, Sillis, Lloyd, Bennett, Cole, and about sixty of the brethren. Visitors: Bros. Mursell, J.W. 35; Kauffmann, D.C. 1732; and Meacock, 742. The minutes of the previous regular meeting, and that of the emergency, having been read and confirmed, Bros. Dickey and Ramsden were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. Harton, Blundell, Thorn, and Holland were passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Messrs. H. Dickey, H. Hoare, and J. T. Woods were properly introduced, and impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, when Bro. John Douglass (Standard Theatre), P.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, 1507, was unanimously elected. The outgoing W.M. was unanimously elected Treas., and Bro. Nolan, Tyler, Bros. Sillis, Mahy, Bennett, Johnson, and Lieut. Cole were elected Auditors. The Secretary, Bro. Stiles (W.M. King's Cross Lodge, 1732), proposed that a Past Master's jewel, of the value of £10 10s., be voted to Bro. Willing, W.M., for his successful and able working during his year of office as founder and first W.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge. This was seconded, and carried unanimously. The names of several candidates were given in to be balloted for and initiated at ensuing meeting (installation), and after accepting Bro. Treadwell's resignation the brethren adjourned to banquet at half-past seven. During the evening the W.M. most earnestly thanked the officers and brethren for their able working and hearty co-operation from the formation of the lodge, some fifteen months ago, and felt certain the same goodwill and assistance would be rendered to his successor; the number of the brethren in the lodge now amounted to about seventy, and the earnest attention paid by the brethren to the duties of Freemasonry and the cordial reception accorded to visitors at all times augured well for the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. Several songs were excellently rendered by the brethren, and the meeting broke up about 10 in the evening.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. J. W. Brooke, W.M.; J. C. Corpe, S.W.; W. G. Bott, J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas.; H. Cruse, Sec.; G. F. Smith, jun., S.D.; A. Stokes, J.D.; G. F. Smith, D.C.; J. G. Wilkins, I.G.; A. Bowman, Steward. W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clarke, P.G.D., P.M.; Capt. Phillips, P.G.D., P.M.; Maloney, P.M.; Furse, and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Owen, Marcus, and Culver. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. P.M. W. A. Maloney, of Robert Burns Lodge, was then invested with the collar of acting P.M., and addressed on the nature and duties of the office. Bro. Maloney returned thanks in suitable terms. Bro. Furse was then passed to the Second Degree. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clarke, P.G.D., then with much impressive effect gave the Lecture on the Second Tracing Board. A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed for same. It was proposed and carried that a founders' jewel be struck. The lodge was then adjourned. The brethren subsequently dined, and the usual toasts were given and responded to.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—This lodge held its regular meeting at 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 27th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Robert Whitfield. He was assisted by the officers, viz.: Bros. John Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; William B. Elsdon, Treas.; Edward Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemast, S.D.; John Moul, S.D.; Jas. Boyatt, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Tyler. Amongst the members present during the evening were Bros. R. F. Cook, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M.; M. Swinburne, R. Brason, Adamson Rhagg, M. J. Wheatley, J. Matthews, and others. The following visitors also attended: Bros. John Bolam, P.M. 24; J. J. Athey, W.M. 240; John Duckitt, S.W. 481; C. F. Dawson, 1086; E. A. Gibson, 424; W. F. Poad, 424; R. W. Lisson, 406; Robt. Waugh, 1626. The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, Messrs. Wm.

Mark Pybus and Edwd. Shewbrooks were admitted in due form, and initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M. The S.W. explained the working tools, and the J.W. gave the charge of the First Degree. Other business having been transacted, two new candidates for initiation were proposed, and after the W.M. had received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed at 8.30 p.m. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual Masonic toasts and a musical entertainment contributed to the harmony of a pleasant re-union.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Edward Bacon, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. Broster White, S.W.; Jas. King, J.W.; Jno. Button, S.D.; W. Haywood Allen, J.D.; Peter Lyons, I.G.; Harry Clipson, M.C.; Manuel Ghio, Tyler; Fred. Myatt, Sec.; and Charles T. Armstrong, Treas. Above forty members of the lodge were present, and the following brethren honoured the lodge with a visit on this occasion: The R.W. Bros. G. J. Gilbard, D.D.G.M.; Rev. W. Stewart Pattison, P.P.G.M. of Manitoba; Jas. Cunningham, P.D.G.J.W.; Bros. J. Franceri, D.G. Sec.; J. Holliday, P.M. 325 (I.C.); W. P. Kennedy, P.M. 1331; Beaton, 43; Trenery, Silva, Morello, and Bellini Diefenbach, all of 115; Brebber, Rowsell, Howard, and Probyn, of 278; Tellan, 424 (18°); G. Blake, 893; J. Knight, 1331; Wm. H. Farr, 1424; Else, Reid, Sheppard, and O'Neil, 325 (I.C.); J. Macdonald and J. Emslie, 160 (S.C.); and W. Tent, 576 (S.C.) The business of the evening was to pass Bros. Evans and Sinclair Forbes, and to raise Bros. Brown and Stillman. Bros. Evans and Forbes having been duly passed, Bro. King, J.W., gave them the charge in his usually correct and impressive manner. Bro. White, S.W., then riveted the attention of the large gathering by giving the Lecture in the Second Degree, and received highly complimentary remarks afterwards on his excellent rendering of this interesting portion of our traditional history. The instructive and beautiful ritual of the Third Degree was then proceeded with, and Bros. Brown and Stillman were raised by the W.M. in his well-known form to the Sublime Degree. This part of our ceremonies has for the past two years been worked by Bros. Cunningham and Conroy in a manner which called forth the greatest admiration, but through the hearty co-operation and assistance of the officers, the present incumbent of King Solomon's chair has been enabled to make such improvements in drapery and musical accompaniments as to work the ritual in a manner never attempted before, perhaps, in this lodge, and certainly in very few others. After the lodge had been successively lowered, and some routine business transacted, Bro. Bacon, the W.M., proposed that the thanks of the members be accorded direct from the chair to the R.W. Dep. D. Grand Master, Bro. G. J. Gilbard, and the R.W. the Past Prov. G. Master of Manitoba, Bro. the Rev. W. Stewart Pattison, for honouring the lodge that evening with their presence. Bro. Gilbard, D.D.G.M., in reply, said it was quite true, as the W.M. had stated, that his professional duties took up a great deal of time, but he should never feel he was straining a point of time to come among the brethren of Inhabitants Lodge. On the contrary, he was pleased that evening to have an opportunity of visiting them, and proud indeed to be a member of a lodge in which the work was carried out with such attention to detail as he had seen that night. The Inhabitants Lodge had for some years back been distinguished for the excellence of its work, but when he saw the present W.M. and officers displaying such an interest, and going through these impressive ceremonies without a hitch, he ventured to say that this lodge was adding considerably to its popularity, and predicted for it, as he heartily wished, increased success and prosperity. Masonry in Gibraltar had to be carried on very often under a great disadvantage, owing to the frequent changes that occurred amongst the military brethren, but he was pleased to notice from the large gathering before him that this lodge had not suffered from the last removal of regiments, but, on the contrary, its numbers must have increased, a fact which must be immensely gratifying to both the W.M. and his officers. He thanked the lodge most cordially for the vote just put from the chair, and promised another visit during the winter. R.W. Bro. Pattison, the P.P.G.M. of Manitoba, also replied, thanking the lodge for the vote just passed. He had visited them two months ago, and was so much pleased with the work on that occasion that he expressed a desire to see the Third Degree given. The W.M. having kindly sent an invitation, he availed himself of it, and must acknowledge the great pleasure derived from what he had that night seen. He wished the lodge all the success which the excellence of its work so amply merited, and was quite sure, under its present chief, the popularity and usefulness of the Inhabitants Lodge would not wane. Two candidates were then proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form. The anthems sung during the evening were "Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah;" "Solemn strikes the fun'ral chime;" and Mendelssohn's "Just as a father pitieth his own children;" the latter well rendered by Bro. Myatt, accompanied by Bro. King, J.W. and Organist. The whole are from the collection of Bro. Dr. Spark, procured by P.M. Bro. Cunningham when in the chair of 153. At the banquet table the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. Rev. W. S. Pattison, P.G.M. of Manitoba; Bros. Kennedy, P.M. 1331; Rowsell for 278; Morello for 115; Else on behalf of 325 (I.C.); and J. Macdonald for 160 (S.C.), "Roman Eagle" and a little harmony brought to a close an evening which had for its characteristics work, instruction, interest, and pleasure.

ABERGAVERNYY.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 818).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room, on Friday, the 24th ult. Bro. T. Hanley presided. The only business on the paper was the installation of the W.M. and the investiture of officers. The lodge being duly opened Bro. G. H. Gorvin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., was requested by the W.M. to perform the ceremony. Bro. G. H. Gorvin thereupon took the chair, and installed Bro. H. R. Barrett, the respected S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brothers were appointed to assist him for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Hanley, I.P.M.; G. H. Gorvin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. O. Marsh, S.W.; W. R. Eames, J.W.; W. C. Freeman, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. L. Baker, S.D.; E. Hampton, J.D.; Rev. J. W. Osman, Chaplain; C. Howells, Org.; B. E. Hodgins, I.G.; W. O. Pegler and J. Hanley, Stewards; and J. Green, Tyler. At the termination of the proceedings a banquet, prepared by Bro. Wm. Tucker, under the direction of the Stewards, Bros. C. Bailey, P.M. 818, and G. H. Gorvin, P.M. 818, P.P.G.A.D.C., was held at the Greyhound Hotel. About fifty brethren, consisting of the above-mentioned officers (with the exception of the Chaplain), sat down, among whom were the following: Bros. J. R. Jenkins, P.M., P.P. J.C.; S. H. Steele, P.M. 818; H. Feathers, W.M. Kennard Lodge; S. H. Facey, P.M.; W. Williams, P.M., P.P. G.S.W.; J. Bishop, P.S.W.; J. L. C. B. Little; J. Smith, P.S.W.; C. Williams, T. Moore, C. Wilson, J. Howard, W. Hands, S. Eames, W. Charles, R. Shackleton, J. Thomas, D. Gwynne, H. Harris, John Thomas, T. Judd, J. Timkins, and others. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. H. R. Barrett, W.M. elect, thanked the brethren in feeling terms for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to the highest honour in the lodge, and expressed his intention, with the able assistance of his officers, to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, without fear or favour. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the proceedings terminated to the entire satisfaction of all present.

MANCHESTER.—Truth Lodge (No. 1458).—This lodge held its meeting on Saturday, the 1st inst. After the lodge was opened, the minutes being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. A. Burton, which being unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. This being the day of election of W.M., the ballot was taken, the result being unanimous in favour of Bro. Hiff, S.W. Bro. Proctor was again elected Treasurer. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.30.

WEST GORTON.—Ashbury Lodge (No. 1459).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Justice Birch Hotel. There were present Bros. Hughes, W.M.; Cummings, S.W.; Newton, J.W.; Abbott, P.M., Treas.; W. Wright, S.D.; F. Roberts, acting I.G.; Reynolds, Sec.; Brownridge, I.P.M.; J. Meadows, Tyler; John Gallagher, P.M.; Jas. Moors, P.M.; Aspenall, P.M.; John Battersby, J. Wilson, J. Wormald, J. P. Harvey, Jas. Storey, J. Wright, and Jas. Ryder. Visitors: Bros. E. Elphinstone, S.W. 210; A. Sligh, P.M. 210; Penton, W.M. 210; and R. R. Lisen, 317 (Freemason). The lodge was opened at 6.45, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. A candidate was due for raising, but, although the W.M. waited for him some considerable time, he failed to put in an appearance, to the great disappointment of the visitors, who had fully expected to see some "work." The lodge was gradually raised to the Third Degree, and afterwards lowered to the First, when the W.M. announced that it was customary to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year on that evening. Several brethren being eligible for that honourable post, their names were handed to each member of the lodge present, who affixed their mark against the name of the candidate of their choice, when it was found, on the papers being collected and examined by the W.M., that, with one single exception, the whole of the brethren had recorded their votes in favour of the S.W., Bro. Cummings. The announcement was received with warm applause, as Bro. Cummings is a most assiduous and thoroughly excellent worker, and well deserves the honour bestowed upon him. The newly-elected W.M., in a few well-chosen sentences, thanked the brethren for their appreciation of his humble services. Bro. Abbott, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Meadows Tyler. A communication was read by the Secretary from Provincial Grand Lodge respecting joining members, the particulars of which have already been commented upon in this paper. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.15. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, and on the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and after a most enjoyable evening they separated at 11 o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge after the installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was an attendance of about sixty members and visitors. Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, W.M., occupied his position in the E., and amongst his chief supporters were Bros. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M.; W. J. Chapman, M.C., P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; W. W. Sandbrook, S.W.; John Atkinson, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer (W.M. 1356); F. Wilkinson, Secretary; R. Burgess, Organist; J. Pyer, J.D.; W. Savage, I.G.; H. P. Squire, S.S.; C. Courtenay, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. S. Mattison; D. Saunders, W. Addis, I. de Frece, J. E. Jackson, P.P.S., S. of W.; J. Shrapnell, W. Williams, R. Williams, H. Round, W. Heap, J. Adams, J. Keet, J. W. Collinson, J. Brown and others. The list

of visitors included Bros. Allen, Cyril Searl, H. C. Sidney, Little, Hanmer, P.M. 1016; J. Banning, P.P.G.O. Westmorland and Cumberland, and others. Mr. Ellis Brammhall, jun., was duly initiated, and Bro. Collinson raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. In the course of the after banquet proceedings, Bro. John Atkinson, J.W., was presented with an exceedingly valuable timepiece pendant for watch guard, in the form of cross pens, and an illuminated address (along with a splendid suite of jewellery, with diamond setting, for Mrs. Atkinson), in recognition of his admirable services as Secretary since the consecration of the Dramatic Lodge. The W.M. referred to the value of the services given by Bro. Atkinson, so heartily and spontaneously, and the gifts (subscribed for privately by about sixty members of the lodge), were feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Atkinson. During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. L. Courtenay, H. C. Sidney, D. Saunders, Allan, Searle, Brammhall, Webster, Williams, and others.

RHYLL.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 31st inst., at their own hall. There were present Bros. W. H. Foulkes, W.M.; K. McEwen, J.W.; W. T. Girdlestone, Treas.; H. S. Storer, Sec.; E. W. Keating, J.D.; E. Groat, D.C.; W. Hackforth, I.G.; G. D. Burdett, Stewd.; J. Bayliss, Tyler; Jas. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire, P.P. G. J. W. North Wales and Shropshire, P.M.; J. Lean, T. H. Griffiths, T. Hughes, J. P. Lewis, R. Hughes, R. Roberts, S. E. Lloyd, J. Wrigley, Organist. Visitors: J. Brownley, 279; F. W. Jarman, 606. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Buckley Hughes, M.P., D.P. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, and C. H. Hanner, 74, as joining members, and they were unanimously elected. The ballot was taken for Mr. P. P. Pratt, which was favourable. Messrs. N. L. Cleres (previously balloted for) and P. P. Pratt were then duly initiated.

INSTRUCTION.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB (No. 58).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Wells, W.M.; Chapman, S.W.; Joseph Langton, J.W.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Hogg, Treas.; J. D. Langton, S.D.; Barnett, J.D.; Garland, I.G.; J. S. Fraser, Preceptor; and Williams. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. D. Langton acting as candidate. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair, and Bro. Chapman occupied it instead, Bro. Barnett taking the S.W.'s chair. Bro. Williams being a candidate for the Third Degree answered the usual questions. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Williams was raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. J. D. Langton proposed, Bro. Joseph Langton seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That Bro. W. Mackay, of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, be elected a member of this lodge of instruction." W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Barnett was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

SUNDERLAND.—Sunderland Lodge (held under the warrant of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 97).—The regular meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at 7 p.m. There were present Bros. R. Hudson, P.M. 1389, Preceptor; Kinmond, J.W. 80, acting W.M. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge was opened and closed in the Three Degrees. The Second Degree was rehearsed by the acting W.M. in a Masonic manner. The Lecture on the First Tracing Board was given by Bro. M. Frampton, W.M. 94, reflecting credit upon himself and the lodge. Bro. T. M. Watson, W.M. 97, proposed Bros. Fairclough, Singleton, and Nasbett as members of this lodge. Bro. McNamara proposed "That the Three Sections be worked at next lodge," which was seconded by Bro. Kinmond, acting W.M. No other business being before the meeting the lodge was closed in due and solemn form. The brethren then retired to refreshment, when the usual Masonic toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this flourishing chapter was held on Friday afternoon, the 31st ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. There were present Comps. Er. Henry, P.G.S.N., M.E.Z.; W. B. Gibson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. Fearon, P.Z.; W. Sandwith, P.Z.; W. F. Lamonby, P.P.G. Swd. Br., 11. (Freemason); E. Tyson, P.G.D.C., J.; J. Rothery, S.E.; and about twenty others. Comp. Jos. Nicholson, M.E.Z. Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, Maryport, was present as a visitor. The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which E. Comp. T. Dodgson, P.Z., and Z. Furness Chapter, No. 995, Ulverston, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, and a member of No. 119, took the chair as Installing Principal, when the Three Principals elect were duly installed as follows: Comps. W. F. Lamonby, Z.; E. Tyson, H.; and T. Atkinson, J. The other officers invested were: Comps. J. Rothery, S.E. (re-elected); T. Dixon, S.N. (re-elected); J. McKelvie, Treas. (re-elected); G. Dalrymple, P.S.; C. H. Hodgson, 1st A.S.; F. Hodgson, 2nd A.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; W. Jackson and E. Clark, Stewards; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor. The whole ceremony was performed by the Installing

Principal with an impressiveness and elocutionary ability rarely heard, and Comp. Dodgson was awarded a cordial vote of thanks for his excessive kindness in attending, on the proposition of the First and Second Principals. After a brother of Lodge 872, and another of Lodge 1267, had been proposed as candidates for exaltation, the chapter was solemnly closed. Subsequently the companions had some light refreshment, the customary banquet having been dispensed with, on account of charitable calls on the funds of the chapter. This is a worthy innovation, though we dare be bound some companions accepted the change with an ill grace. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and a couple of hours were pleasantly spent.

LEICESTER.—Chapter of Fortitude (No. 279).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. There were present Comps. J. T. Thorp, Z.; J. W. Smith, H.; Clement Stretton, P.Z., as J.; Robert Waite, P.Z.; Geo. Toller, jun., P.Z.; Clement E. Stretton, E.; T. Worthington, P.S.; T. Colman, Treas.; the Rev. C. H. Wood, John H. Thompson, L. P. Chamberlain; J. H. Hale, P.S. 360, and many others. The chapter having been opened in ancient form, Bros. John Roadknight, Edward Watson, Alfred Chamberlin, and also James Tanser (as a serving companion by dispensation) were admitted and exalted to this Degree by the M.E.Z. Comps. William Kelly and George Toller, jun., were re-elected as representatives upon the Freemasons' Hall Committee. The ordinary business being concluded the chapter was closed. After supper the loyal and Royal Arch toasts followed in their usual order.

TUNIS.—Ancient Carthage Chapter (No. 1717).—The first regular meeting of this chapter after the summer recess took place on Saturday, the 25th ult. The chapter was duly opened at 5.30 p.m., and there were present E. Comps. A. M. Broadley, Z.; Dr. Mugnaini, H.; Baron Dr. Castellnuovo, J.; J. H. Stevens, E.; G. Pentecost, N.; Professor V. C. Clement, Reg.; Professor Souiller, Interpreter; Dr. Perini (W.M. 1717, E.C.), P.S.; G. B. Cassar, 1st A.S.; J. Barsotti, 2nd A.S.; Eymon, Janitor; and others. After the confirmation of the minutes Comp. Thomas Fellowes Reade, P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, her Britannic Majesty's Agent Consul General at Tunis, was elected a joining member. E. Comp. Broadley, on behalf of himself and the other Principals, expressed a desire to retire from office, and a ballot for three Principals was taken accordingly. The ballot resulted as follows: Comps. T. F. Reade, P.M. 1068, Z.; A. Perini, M.D., W.M. 1717, H.; J. E. L. Barker, C.E., W.M. 1835, J. A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing Principals, under whose rule the chapter has achieved a signal success. The M.E.Z. has exalted no less than thirty-four M.M.'s to the Sublime Degree since the chapter was consecrated on the 26th June, 1878. The chapter then adjourned.

Mark Masonry.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on Friday, the 31st ult. Though constituted about eighteen months ago, from various causes very few meetings have been held, and the opportunity was seized to infuse a little more vitality by summoning the lodge the same afternoon as Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, held its annual convocation. The meeting was a thorough success, a number of visiting brethren being present from other lodges in the province, including Bros. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P. G.S.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G.J.D.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.P.G.A.D.C. (Freemason), and others. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Henry, W.M., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. W. B. Gibson, S.W.; E. Clark, 216, as J.W.; W. White, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, S.O. 229, as S.O.; J. J. Robinson, 216, as J.O.; E. Tyson, Sec. and Treas.; H. Peacock, J.O. 229, as S.D.; J. Wilson, I.G. After the minutes were read and confirmed, ballots were taken for Bros. J. McKelvie, P.M. 119; W. Holloway, 119; and Geo. Fitzgerald, 119, as candidates for advancement, and they were accepted, as also Bro. Geo. Sparrow, True Blue Lodge, No. 935, Wexford, Ireland, as a joining member. Two of the three brethren elected being in attendance, Bro. Dalrymple, W.M. 216, was invited to take the chair, and he, with the assistance of Bro. Lamonby, P.M. 229, advanced the candidates to the Honourable Degree, the other officers performing their respective duties to perfection. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was proceeded with. Bro. Dr. Henry was unanimously re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Tyson, Treas.; and Bro. Fitzgerald, Tyler. Bro. Dalrymple was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge was then closed. There is no doubt that Fletcher Lodge will now go on flourishing, for it shows what good can be effected by members of prosperous lodges coming forward to lend a helping hand to a struggling organisation.

Knights Templar.

SOUTHPORT.—De Lacy Encampment (No. 95).—The annual installation ceremony of Knights Templar enrolled under the banner of the De Lacy Encampment in this town, and under the Eminent Commandership of Sir Knight J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C. of the William de la More Encampment, and P. Prov. 1st Grand Captain, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Nevill-street, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. There was a good muster of swords; the occasion, amongst those present being

Sir Knights Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Very Eminent Prov. Grand Commander, and Henry Thomas, Prov. Grand Chancellor, of the County Palatine of Lancaster. Sir Knight C. R. W. Beswicke-Royds, according to ancient custom, installed Sir Knight J. H. T. Cottier as Eminent Commander for the ensuing year. The newly-installed Commander then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, who were as follows: Sir Knights J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C.; Rev. C. S. Hope, Prelate; John Sutton, Constable; Wm. Taylor, Marshal; Wm. Dodd, Treas.; Dr. G. B. Baker, Sub-Marshal; T. S. Cory, Captain of Lines; W. H. Johnson, Registrar; John Barratt, 1st Standard Bearer; Ralph Heap, 2nd Standard Bearer; J. H. Welsby, 1st Herald; J. C. Seidenstricker, 2nd Herald; John Barratt, Almoner; George Rockliff, Equerry. After the usual business of the encampment, the Sir Knights adjourned to the Victoria Hotel to partake of a sumptuous repast, provided by Sir Knight J. C. Seidenstricker, which was duly honoured and appreciated.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—An emergency convocation of this old and popular conclave was held on the 30th ult. at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Sir Knight T. Kingston, M.P.S.; Sir Knight Nunn, P.G.V., &c.; Sir Knights Woodman, G.R.; Levander, Grand Treas., Recorder; Marsh, P.S.; Cubitt, P.S.; Shirley, T. Massa, Prefect; Letchworth, Peck, Moses, T. C. Walls, A.D.C. (Freemason); Gilbert and Harrison, Sentinels. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. William Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, and Henry Blake, Lodge 213, Norwich, and it proving unanimous, those brethren were duly installed as Knights Red Cross by the M.P.S. The higher grades of the Order were then conferred upon those Sir Knights, together with Sir Knight Moses, the ceremonies being performed by Sir Knight Levander. The conclave was shortly afterwards dissolved, and the Sir Knights partook of an excellent banquet. It being only an emergency meeting, the after proceedings were shorn of their customary long array of toasts. "The Health of the Newly-Installed Sir Knights" was, however, warmly proposed by the M.P.S., and having been heartily received, it was acknowledged by Sir Knights Kingston and Blake in well expressed terms. "The M.P.S." followed, and having been briefly responded to, the proceedings terminated.

Sveudborgian Rite.

ROYAL OSCAR LODGE AND TEMPLE (No. 9).—A meeting of this flourishing lodge and temple was held at the Bee Hive Hotel, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, on the 22nd ult., at which the following officers and other brethren were present: Bros. W. T. May, W.M.; Thomas Clark, I.P.M.; Thomas Roberts, S.W.; W. Brackenbury, J.W.; H. Burrows, S.D.; J. H. Hall, J.D.; R. Pearson, Treas.; J. Seddon, J. Sampson, C. Furness, H. Horspool, and C. Jacobs. The visitors were Bros. Major George Turner, P.M., Prov. G.M.; Reginald Young, P.M. No. 6; and W. J. Thompson, P.M. After the ordinary business the temple was solemnly opened on the Third (Sixth) Degree, and having been duly closed, the lodge resumed, and the following brethren were unanimously elected to serve as officers during the ensuing year: Bros. Thomas Roberts, W.M.; W. Brackenbury, S.W.; H. Burrows, J.W.; Major George Turner, P.M., Prov. G.M., Treas.; W. J. Thompson, P.M., Chaplain; Reginald Young, P.M., Master of Ceremonies; Charles Jacobs, Secretary; J. H. Hall, S.D.; C. Furness, J.D.; J. Seddon, Registrar; J. Sampson, S.B.; and H. Horspool, P. Other business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast, at which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

CONSECRATION OF THE PANMURE LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

The consecration of this new lodge of Royal Ark Mariners took place on Monday last at the Balham Hotel, Balham. The Panmure Mark Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. C. Pulman, P.G. Steward, P.M., supported by Bros. Gibson, S.W.; Ackland, J.W.; Mitchell, M.O.; Baldwin, J.O.; Lilley, P.M., Treas.; Gunner, S.C.; Whittaker, I.G.; Steedman, Tyler; Hawkins, and Vincent; with visitors: Bros. H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of W., and Hayes, J.D. 198.

After the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed.

A lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was then opened, with Bros. Poore, as N.; Lovegrove, as P.N.; Mitchell, as J.; Gibson, as S.; Baldwin, as D.; and Hayes, as G., when Bros. Ackland, W. Poore, Whittaker, Steedman, Lilley, Hawkins, Gunner, and Vincent were duly elevated.

The chair was then assumed by Bro. D. M. Dewar, who gave the usual address, and Bro. Poore having presented Bro. Pulman as W.C.N. designate, a Board of Installed Commanders was formed by Bros. Dewar, Poore, and Lovegrove, and Bro. Pulman was installed in ancient form.

The customary salutes were given, and the officers invested as follows: Bros. Gibson, J.; Mitchell, S.; Lilley, Treas.; Hawkins, Sec.; Ackland, S.D.; Vincent, J.D. Gunner, G.; and Steedman, Warden.

At the completion of the business the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in Bro. Lilley's usual excellent style.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Rawson acted as M.E.Z.; Comp. W. Platt, as H.; and Comp. Capt. N. G. Phillips, as J. The other companions present were Comps. E. E. Wendt, as S.N.; H. G. Buss, as S.E.; A. A. Pendlebury, J. A. Rucker, as P.S.; Robert Gray, as 1st A.S.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, as 2nd A.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, Swd. Br.; S. Mullens, D.C.; Col. Creaton, Treas.; E. S. Snell, T. Fenn, Francis Robinson, J. C. Parkinson, A. J. Duff Filer, Joshua Nunn, Peter de L. Long, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, J. M. Case, F. Adlard, H. Maudslay, James Glaisher, E. J. Barron, H. J. P. Dumas, G. de Lucena, P.Z. 239; J. S. Hickley, P.Z. 723; James Hillhouse, J. 228; Neville Green, H. 1524; William Dodd, P.Z. 1104; James W. Lambert, H. 142; E. Crouch, Z. 857; Geo. E. Walters, Z. 1598; P. Parsons, Z. 1348; W. H. Perryman, J. 1348; J. Fenn, H. 417; J. McDougall, P.Z. 913, and P.G.S.B.; F. Driver, P.Z. 742; R. Loveland Loveland, P.Z. 175, 257, and P.G.S.N.; W. R. Marsh, J. 1598; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.Z., J. 142; George Lambert, P.Z. 7 and 21; Thomas Massa, J. 1293; H. Hacker, P.Z. 723; Walter Sowdon, P.Z. 723; J. E. Middleton, H. 2; E. Letchworth, P.Z. 1237; Joseph Brown, P.Z. 723; F. Adlard, P.Z. 214; George Brooke, H. 63; J. J. Berry, Z. 554; H. E. Frances, P.Z. 887; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. H. G. Buss informed the acting G.Z. that it was with very sincere regret he had to announce that Comp. Hervey, G. Scribe E., was still compelled to be absent on account of severe indisposition. He saw Comp. Hervey the previous evening, when he expressed his great regret that he would not be able to attend the present convocation.

Comp. Rawson said he was sure that all the companions would regret as much as he did that Grand Scribe E. was still suffering from severe indisposition. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Creaton, G. Treasurer, moved, and Comp. Robert Gray seconded, that the report of the Committee of General Purposes be taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. This motion was carried.

The following petitions for charters for new chapters were then granted, as recommended by the Committee:—

1st. From Comps. Thomas William Adams, as Z.; George Samuel Elliott, as H.; John Bairstow Shackleton, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, London, to be called the West Smithfield Chapter, and to meet at the New Market Hotel, Snow Hill, West Smithfield, in the City of London.

2nd. From Comps. Richard Nicholas Howard, as Z.; William Smith, as H.; James Jesty, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, Portland, to be called the Portland Chapter, and to meet at the Portland Hall, Portland, in the county of Dorset.

3rd. From Comps. James Keith Grosjean, as Z.; John Smoiffit, as H.; George Archer, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Zetland Lodge, No. 1157, Alexandria, to be called the Zetland Chapter, and to meet at Alexandria, Egypt.

4th. From Comps. Thomas B. Whythead, as Z.; John pite Cumberland, as H.; Philip Henry Rowland, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, to be called the Eboracum Chapter, and to meet at the Queen's Hotel, in the city of York.

With respect to the chapter at Alexandria, Comp. H. J. P. Dumas asked whether a more specific spot than Alexandria should not be named for the meeting of the chapter. Alexandria was a large place, and he thought the precise place in which the chapter was to meet should be named, the same as with the chapters which met in England. If a charter was granted for a chapter to meet in Paris its precise locality would have to be named, in order that the chapter might be found.

Comp. Case thought there would be no difficulty in this respect in the case of a chapter at Alexandria, because the reports would have to be sent to the Grand Scribe E. of the places where the chapter met, and if it was removed the removal would have to be notified.

Comp. Dumas said he did not anticipate any difficulty, but he merely asked for the sake of information to the companions at large. In England the place of meeting had to be named, as was seen by the other petitions on the paper.

Comp. Rawson said the places in Alexandria where a chapter could meet were few and far between, and there would be no difficulty experienced in finding out the place of meeting. In answer to Comp. George Lambert, Comp. Rawson said there would be no clashing with other jurisdictions; there was no other Grand Lodge or Chapter there.

The next petition recommended to be granted was from Comps. John Fenn, as Z.; Alexander Richardson, as H.; Richard Croisdale, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, Aldershot, to be called the Aldershot Camp Chapter, and to meet at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, in the county of Hants.

Comp. H. Hacker asked whether since this petition had been recommended by the Committee any communication had been received from the Grand Superintendent of the province.

Col. Creaton said such a communication had been received after the report of the Committee had been printed and published.

Comp. Buss then read a letter from Comp. W. W. B.

Beach, Provincial Grand Superintendent for Hants and the Isle of Wight, stating that since he had recommended the petition circumstances had come to his knowledge which caused him to recommend that the warrant should be postponed for the present, and that in the meantime he would attend at Aldershot and make enquiries.

Comp. Hacker said that under those circumstances he should say no more, but would ask Grand Chapter to postpone the granting of the warrant.

A long discussion then arose on this point.

Comp. John Fenn wished to say a few words before the question was postponed.

Comp. Rawson thought that as the Provincial Superintendent had withdrawn his recommendation Grand Chapter had no power to consider the question. A charter in the country could not be granted without the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Comp. John Fenn said that in consequence of its having been recommended by Comp. Beach, Grand Chapter Committee recommended it.

Comp. E. J. Barron thought otherwise. The petition having been recommended to be granted, that question was before Grand Chapter, although it might be convenient to postpone the consideration of it.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold did not see how the letter of the Superintendent could overrule the agenda paper.

Col. Creaton felt bound to say that when the Committee received a petition duly signed, and recommended by the Grand Superintendent, they had no alternative but to bring it before Grand Chapter, and it was a great pity that the Grand Superintendent and the companions who signed the petition did not enquire more fully before sending it. It was, he thought, playing fast and loose with the Committee, and not treating them properly.

Comp. Joshua Nunn submitted that the Grand Chapter was at liberty to discuss the propriety of granting the petition now. Any letter received after the petition had been recommended by the Committee could have no weight.

Comp. Rawson observed that the Provincial Superintendent having written this letter had really withdrawn his recommendation. His own feeling was that the question should be decided at once, and the petition not be entertained. Where a Superintendent was in error he should be allowed to correct that error.

Comps. Robert Gray, John Fenn, and C. F. Hogard, begged to enter their protest. Comps. J. M. Case, James Lewis Thomas, and C. W. Arnold contended that the matter should be postponed, and Comp. C. W. Arnold made a motion to that effect, which Comp. Robert Gray seconded, and the question was agreed to be deferred till next Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee concluded as follows:—

The Committee have likewise to report that, in consequence of a statement made by the Provincial Grand Scribe E. for North Wales and Shropshire, that the Star of Gwynedd Chapter, No. 384, Bangor, was extinct, and it appearing by the Grand Chapter records that no return had been received from that chapter since 1857—one companion only having been 'exalted therein since the date of the charter, 27th June, 1856—the chapter, No. 384, was taken out of the register.

It now appears that the charter of the said chapter is in the custody or possession of the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, and that no present member of that lodge is now, or ever has been, a member of the chapter. The lodge has therefore been directed by the Committee to surrender the charter to be cancelled, but as the lodge has refused or neglected to comply with this order, the Grand Chapter Committee refer the matter to the Board of General Purposes, and beg to request that the W.M. of the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, may be ordered to forward to the Grand Scribe E. the charter of the said late Star of Gwynedd Chapter, No. 384.

Comp. Thomas Fenn wished to know by whom this charter was taken out of the register, as no one had a right to do so but Grand Chapter.

Col. Creaton said the charter was taken out of the register because no returns had been made by it.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

THE MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

A meeting of those interested in carrying out the annual Masonic ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street.

Bro. J. F. Newell, P.G.J.W. (Mayor of Bootle), was elected Chairman of the Committee; Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., Vice-Chairman; Bro. A. C. Wylie, W.M. 292, S.W. 1264, Secretary; and Bro. T. Salter, W.M. 241, Treasurer.

It was resolved, subject to the Council regulations, to hold the ball at the Town Hall, on the second Tuesday in January, and after the various Committees had been appointed, the meeting was adjourned for a fortnight.

In connection with the Masonic charitable schemes, it may be stated that at the monthly meeting of the Dramatic Lodge this week it was also resolved to give another performance at the Royal Amphitheatre in December (the use of the theatre being kindly granted by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M.) in aid of the Charities.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Much watchfulness must be exercised as winter advances, and the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, diphtheria, quinsy, throat cough, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, so simple and effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought round many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.—[ADVT.]

THE ROYAL ARCH AT YORK.

In turning over the books and papers belonging to the York Lodge, No. 236, a few days since, with Bro. J. Todd, P.M. and Treasurer, for the purpose of making a catalogue, I took up an old MS. minute book, which at the first glance I suspected had been hitherto undescribed. Further enquiry and examination have convinced me that this is the case, and I have great pleasure in announcing that the York Lodge reckons amongst its relics of the past a minute book of the Grand Chapter of All England, dating from 1762, which is, I take it, sixteen years earlier than any previous minute of that body known to be in existence.

Our learned Bro. Hughan, in his "Sketches and Reprints," tells us that the earliest minute of Royal Arch Masonry is to be found in the Treasurer's book of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at York, which says "A most sublime Royal Arch Chapter was opened on the 8th February, 1778." I have examined this book, which is one of those books formerly in the possession of the United Grand Lodge of England, and presented a few years ago, through the kindly exertions of Bro. Hughan, to the York Lodge. In connection with the earlier minute book just come to light it completes the chain of Royal Arch history at York from the 7th February, 1762, to the 10th September, 1781.

There are several peculiarities to be found in the early minutes of the Grand Chapter, worthy of notice, but a few remarks on the history of Masonry in York about that time will perhaps throw light upon them. From the second edition of "Mahabone, or the Grand Lodge Door Open'd," published in 1766, I find in the list of lodges appended thereto that a warrant was granted, dated the 12th January, 1761, for a lodge to meet at the *Punch Bowl Inn, Stonegate, York, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. The number of the warrant was 259. From the minute book of this lodge (also in the possession of the York Lodge, 236), I find that its first meeting was held on the 2nd February, 1761, "at Mrs. Chaddock's, at the Punch Bowl, in Stonegate." It would seem as if this event had stirred up the energies of the surviving members of the dormant Grand Lodge at York, for it was in the following month (March 17th, 1761) that they met and revived that body "at the house of Mr. Henry Howard, in Tendall, York," as every Masonic student well knows from Bro. Hughan's valuable work, to which I have before alluded.

Thus, the reader will see, it was in the following year, on Sunday, the 7th February, 1762, that "a most Sublime, or Royal Arch Lodge, open'd at the sign of the Punch Bowl."

The first Master of the Lodge No. 259 was Bro. Bridge Frodsham, who was in his day a Master of prominence in the North. The first S.W. was Bro. Oram, who was the manager of the York Theatre. The Grand Lodge of all England must at this period have been on excellent terms with the lodge hailing from London, for in the minute of the revival meeting, held on the 17th March, 1761, I find amongst the names of the visitors present several who appear on the minutes of Lodge 259 to have been made Masons under its warrant, whilst, in the very first minute of Lodge 259, on the other hand, appears the name of Bro. Coates, who was a Warden of the Grand Lodge of All England. These interchanges of visitors appear through all the earlier minutes, and prove that at this time there was no animosity between the York and London Grand Lodges. Bro. Beckwith, who was elected a member of the Grand Lodge at its revival meeting, had only been made a Mason in the Lodge 259 on February 16th, 1761, just a month previously; and in May, 1761, Bros. Agar, Palmes, Bewlay, and Howard (of Tendal), all of the Grand Lodge, were elected joining members of Lodge 259.

In a future paper I hope to say something about the minute book of this Punch Bowl Lodge, but having briefly noticed the condition of Masonry in York in 1761-2, I will at once go to the subject immediately in hand, the Old Royal Arch Minute Book.

It is a small quarto volume, and has neatly engrossed on its title page "Minute Book belonging to the Most Sublime Degree or Order of Royal Arch appertaining to the Grand Lodge of All England, held at the City of York, 1762." The first minute I will reproduce exactly:

"A Most Sublime or Royal Arch Lodge open'd at the Sign of the Punch Bowl in Stonegate, York, on Sunday the 7th of February 1762. Present:

Frodsham P.H.	} in the Chairs.
Oram ... Z.L.	
Granger ... J.A.	
Owen.	

"At this Lodge Brothers Burton Palmes, Tasker, and Dodgson petition'd to be raised to the 4th Degree of Masonry, commonly call'd the Most Sublime or Royal Arch, were accepted and accordingly made."

Then comes the cash account of the chapter for the evening, by which it appears that the fee "for advancement to the 4th Degree" was 11s. 6d., and then—

"This Lodge was closed till the 14th inst. by the Master's Directions."

I have already mentioned that Bro. Frodsham was the first W.M. of the Lodge 259, and that Bro. Oram was his Senior Warden. From the lodge minutes of 259 it also appears that Bro. Granger was its first Secretary, and that Bro. Owen had joined that lodge in January, 1762. The Grand Chapter would seem, therefore, to have been really formed by the brethren of Lodge 259, meeting at the Punch Bowl.

The next meeting of the chapter was held on the 21st of the same month, when the chairs were filled by Bros. Frodsham, Palmes, and Tasker, and Bro. Beckwith was chosen Secretary. The meetings were always held on Sunday at this period, and several members were the same

*This house is still in existence.

year (1762) "excluded" for neglecting to pay their quarterages, and apparently there was a general laxity of interest, for on the 16th May, 1762, the "lodge was closed till the most convenient opportunity by order of the Masters in the chairs." No meeting was held until January 16th, 1763, and on February 6th, at a lodge of emergency, Bros. Palmes, Agar, and Tasker were elected to the chairs. Again on the 3rd April of that year the lodge was closed "to a convenient opportunity," and no meeting was held until January 22nd, 1764, when it was resolved "that this lodge should be continued by subscription for 4 nights." Meetings were held accordingly on March 4th, April 1st, and May 6th, 1764, but then there was a cessation of work until 16th February, 1766, and then an adjournment sine die. These few last named meetings were very thinly attended, and there were no candidates.

It was probably about this time that Lodge 259 ceased to exist. I have shown that in that year it appears on a list of lodges, although in December, 1767, the Grand Lodge at York informed the Grand Lodge in London that Lodge 259 had been "for some years discontinued."

The next meeting of the Royal Arch Masons was held on the 20th April, 1768, and it is noteworthy that this is the first minute in which the body is entitled a "chapter," previously it having been always denominated a "lodge." The same Principals occupied the chairs as on the last occasion, and six brethren "petitioned to become Sublime or Royal Arch Masons; they were admitted and accordingly made." Three new Principals were also appointed, and a new Secretary. The fee for exaltation was at this time six shillings. At a chapter held on May the 1st, 1768, a Sword Bearer (Janitor) was appointed, and it was agreed that the regular meetings should be held on the 1st Sunday in every calendar month. It was also agreed that every member should pay a quarterage of two shillings, and "he shall be allow'd to have every regular chapter sixpennyworth of any sort of liquor he chooses." The fees were also fixed at 5s. and 1s. to the Sword Bearer for each member admitted of the Grand Lodge in York, and 10s. 6d. and 1s. to the Sword Bearer for every other candidate. Every visitor was also to pay a shilling each time he attended, but had the same claim on the Punch Bowl tap as a member.

At this time candidates were proposed, balloted for, and made on the same evening. On the 5th June, 1768, a Bro. Burnand was refused on the ballot, and a Bro. Thorp, "of the lodge at Hull," was made a Royal Arch Mason.

On the 17th August, at an emergency meeting, the day of meeting was altered from Sunday to the first Wednesday in each month. On the 2nd November of that year Bro. Bussey, afterwards Grand Secretary at York, was admitted, and I find Bro. Lakeland's name also prominent at the meetings.

Nothing specially remarkable occurs from this date until October 18th, 1769, when Bros. Meek and Atkinson, of Ripon, were admitted, and at an emergency meeting (28th December) Bros. King and Campey, of Ripon, were also made. "At this chapter Bros. Atkinson, King, and Campey, of Ripon, petitioned to have a constitution granted to hold a Royal Arch chapter at Ripon, the consideration of which is refer'd to the next lodge night, and notice thereof is to be given in the summonses." On the 7th February, 1770, "Bro. R. Condit," who would appear to have acted as counsel for the above-named petitioners, "petitioned for to have a constitution granted to open a Royal Arch chapter at Ripon for the use of the brethren, the which was balloted for and pas'd N.C.

Bro. Atkinson to be P.H.
" King " Z.L.
" Campey " J.A."

and at the March meeting "The constitution for opening and holding a Royal Arch chapter at Ripon was granted and sined in ample form; it was agreed to make them a present of it, only they paying the Secretary his fee."

At the same chapter Bro. Kedar, of Knaresborough, was admitted, and at the April meeting Bros. Bateson, Ackroyd, and Taylor, from Knaresborough, were made, and "the brethren from Knaresborough petitioned to have a constitution granted, to be opened and held at the sign of the Crown, in Knaresborough, which was agreed to.

Bro. Bateson to be P.H.
" Cowling Ackroyd Z.L.
" Hen. Taylor ... J.A."

At the next meeting in June, 1770, this Knaresborough constitution "was seal'd and sign'd."

In October, 1770, I find the following visiting brethren were present:—Bros. Proudfoot, O'Brien, Cannon, and Burke. These probably belonged to the regiment then lying in York Barracks, for it was "agreed to grant a constitution for the opening and holding a most Sublime Royal Arch chapter in the Inniskilling Regiment of Dragoons at all seasonable times, and when duly congregated to make Royal Arch Masons."

On the 1st March, 1771, the days of meeting were again altered to "the first Wednesday after Lady Day, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas, old stile." A candidate from Leeds was made in April, 1771, and the same year Bro. Kitson, a very prominent member of the Grand Lodge, was received.

On the 3rd June, 1772, the titles of the presiding officers seem to have been altered, and instead of P.H., Z.L., and J.A., I find them given as S., H.T., and H.A. After this minute occur a number of blank pages, as if rough minutes of meetings had been kept and not been entered up, and then comes an entry made 6th January, 1776, of the holding of a chapter on that day, when three candidates were "raised." This is the last minute in the book, and I find nothing between that and the entry in the later minute book, commencing 8th February, 1778, when Sunday was again adopted as the day of meeting at the Grub Tavern, York. In this later minute book the titles of the chairs remain S., H.T., and H.A. throughout.

Not the least interesting of the contents of this old relic are the "Rules and Orders of the Grand Chapter of All England," which are inserted at the end of the book in the neat handwriting of Bro. Lakeland, who acted as Secretary about 1776. They chiefly refer to fees, times of meeting, &c., and that in all cases the ballot must be unanimous. The last of the rules is as follows:—

"The fees charged in any Constitutions granted by this Grand Chapter are usually paid on delivery of the warrant, and are in future to be always so paid."

And then follow "The Principia to be observed by all Regular Constituted Chapters of the Degree of Royal Arch." These provide for annual returns of members to be made to the Grand Chapter at York, for all bye-laws to be subject to the approval of Grand Chapter, for the "Jewels and Ornaments" to be worn and used, and then the following, which I think worth giving in full:—

"That they make no innovation in the business of the chapter, and if any doubts should arise they must always be refer'd to the Grand Chapter for decision.

"That they shall contribute annually to the Grand Chapter at York so much as they reasonably can towards the fund to be employed to benevolent and advantageous purposes.

"That no man of bad or immoral character be admitted a companion,* nor any one until he hath passed the several probationary Degrees of Craft Masonry, and thereby obtained the necessary passport as a reward for his services. And no man may be admitted for an unworthy consideration.

"That they take every method to forward the true purpose of our Order, to promote all the useful arts and sciences, and create universal peace and harmony, and that every companion do consider it as his duty to lay before the chapter whatever may tend to such salutary purposes.

"That any new discovery or other matter thought worthy of observation be communicated to the Grand Chapter at York, who will always be ready to support and forward whatever may be found useful to the fraternity in general or that chapter in particular, not repugnant to the common welfare."

On a subsequent occasion I may continue some notes on the later minutes.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

P.S.—I do not know if the initials P.H., Z.L., and J.A. have been anywhere interpreted, but I imagine them to have stood for

Propheta, Haggai.
Zerubbabel, Legislator.
Jeshua, Armiger.

T. B. W.

THE PRO GRAND MASTER AT READING.

The most numerous body of Masons ever brought together in the Royal county of Berks assembled at Reading on Monday to assist and support the popular Pro Grand Master (the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon) in setting, with Masonic rites, the memorial stone of the new Public Buildings in that rapidly increasing and prosperous borough. The ceremony had been arranged for the middle of last month, but as Lord Carnarvon was seized with a severe attack of gout, the event was postponed until Monday last. We regret, however, to state that our worthy Pro Grand Master appeared to be still suffering rather acutely, and moved with difficulty, even with the assistance of his valet and a walking stick. From the same cause his lordship was prevented honouring the Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Corn Exchange, with his presence, or of joining in the procession from thence to the site of the new buildings, as the noble Earl had proposed doing (and as some of our daily contemporaries stated he did, falling into the error through taking it for granted that the printed programme was carried out in its entirety).

Another matter which elicited the sympathy and regret of the brethren was the unfortunate coincidence that both the Provincial Grand Master (Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.) and also the Deputy Prov. G. Master (the Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Archdeacon of Bucks), were precluded from attending through illness. In the absence of these much esteemed brethren, the Provincial Grand Lodge was close tyled in the Corn Exchange at half-past 11 o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., who for many years so worthily filled the position of Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Berks and Bucks.

In opening the lodge, Sir John expressed the regret that all would feel that the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. were prevented by illness from being present.

A procession was then formed, passing from the Corn Exchange through the Market Place to the site of the new building in Blagrove-street.

When the head of the procession arrived at the buildings the brethren divided right and left, facing inwards, forming an avenue for the Provincial Grand Officers to pass through.

The brethren bearing the vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil, together with the mallet, having deposited the same on a pedestal placed for that purpose,

Silence was proclaimed by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Mayor presented a handsome trowel to the M.W. the Pro Grand Master on behalf of the Building Committee, asking him to set the stone.

The architect presented to the Pro Grand Master the plans.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. C. R. Honey, offered a prayer.

* This is the only occasion in the book where the term "companion" is used.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Bradley, read the inscription on the stone.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Charles Stephens, then deposited the vessel containing the coins and also the records.

An Entered Apprentice, Bro. Cundell, 574, then presented the cement to set the stone.

A hymn was then sung by the choir, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Strickland, P. Pro. G.O., during which the stone was lowered with three distinct stops.

The Pro Grand Master having proved by the mallet, square, level, and plumb, that the stone was well laid, received the cornucopia, and strewed some of Bro. Deller's Royal Masonic Pedigree Wheat, after which the Grand Wardens presented the ewers containing the wine and oil, which were poured out conformably to ancient custom.

Bro. the Rev. Sir. T. W. Hayes then offered a prayer and pronounced the Benediction.

The Earl of Carnarvon said: Mr. Mayor, ladies, and gentlemen,—I must say two or three words, and they shall be but two or three. I must thank you, sir, for the handsome trowel which you have been pleased to give me; I shall long retain it, I trust, and not only I, but my family, as an heirloom in memory of the work which you have entrusted to me to-day, and which I so deeply appreciate. (Applause.) I desire also to thank my Masonic brethren for being present on this occasion, and to assure you how much they likewise feel it to be an honour and a privilege to take part in this work of great public usefulness. (Applause.) Lastly, let me offer my hearty good wishes for the important group of buildings of which we are to-day laying the foundation stone. May the school of science and art spread far and wide in this town and neighbourhood a useful education (hear, hear); may the museum, already enriched by a precious gift, receive many more bequests, and have a crowd of students to study the works of nature which those specimens within its walls will reveal (hear, hear); may the library be a source of instruction and of happiness to young and to old, to rich and to poor alike (hear, hear); may the Town Hall carry out the best and finest traditions of self-government, the traditions of free speech, the traditions of law and of liberty. (Applause.) Mr. Mayor, I thank you deeply for having allowed me this important part and privilege to-day. (Applause.)

The Masons then returned to the Corn Exchange, and the lodge was closed in due form, the acting Provincial Grand Master thanking Bro. Biggs for his admirable management of the procession, and Bro. Bradley, the P.G. Sec., for his excellent arrangements.

The brethren then adjourned for luncheon, which was served by Bro. Watts, and presided over by Bro. W. W. Moxhay, P.P.G.S.W.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, and an admirable selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Strickland, P.G.O., who also presided at the harmonium during the ceremony at the site.

The musical arrangements at the public luncheon in the Town Hall were ably carried out by Bros. Marriott, Hunt, Dyson, and Briggs, of St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

The Masons present at the ceremony included Bros. the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart., acting as Prov. Grand Master; E. J. Trendell, P.P.S.G.W., acting as D.P.G.M.; J. Blandy Jenkins, S.G.W.; J. McGubbin, J.G.W.; Revs. C. R. Honey, N. T. Garry, E. De Ewer, G. Chaplains; C. Stephens, G. Treas.; R. Bradley, G. Sec.; Jabez Adams, S.G.D.; Robt. Roberts, J.G.D.; Edward Baker, G.S.W.; R. Ravenor, G.D.C.; Joseph Elmes, A.G.D.C.; Jas. Rutland, G. Org.; W. G. Flanagan, G. Purst.; C. Nowell, A.G.P.; C. W. Cox, C. A. Vardy, Ephraim Davey, E. J. Shrewsbury, Dick Radclyffe, G. Stewards, and forty-one P.G. Officers; also Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Reginald Bird, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. Oxon; T. H. Chandler, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts; W. B. Farr, P.S.G.W. Bengal; W. R. Wood, P.G. Steward, Eng., P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; Lainson, P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; J. M. Reid, P. Prov. G.S.W. Sussex; Darrell W. H. Horlock, P. Provincial Grand S.W. Cornwall; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.S.W. Cambs.; E. J. Bruton, P. Provincial Grand S.W. Oxon; J. M. Dormer, S.W.; J. W. Terry, P.G. Reg. Herts; W. Weare, P.P.G.D. Leicester; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. M. Studwell, P.G.S.; Jos. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.D. Norfolk; Christopher Park, P.P.G.R. Oxon; Wm. Park, P.P.G.S.D. Oxon; John Dew, P.P.G. Reg. Hants; Geo. Lear, P.P.G.D. Hants; Wm. Wells, P.P.G.D. Surrey; Jno. Bond, P.G.P. Surrey; H. M. Powell, P.G.O. Hants; Fredk. Binckes, P.G. Steward; W. F. Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex; A. Portsmouth, P.P.G.D.C. Hants; and about two hundred members of lodges in the province and visitors.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS WHITE.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Thos. White, which occurred at his residence Moxtel-road, Peckham, on the 4th inst. Bro. White was initiated in the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, was a P.M., and served as Steward of the "Girls" and "Boys," of both of which he was a Life Governor. In the year 1864, he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22. A severe fall during the frost of last winter seriously affected him, and he had not been well from that time to his death. Bro. White was a good working Mason, and earned the esteem and respect of all who came in contact with him.

Bro. C. J. Trendell's connection with the management of the Alexandra Palace being on the eve of severance, a movement has been set on foot to present him with a suitable testimonial.

To Correspondents.

The following Reports, &c., stand over for want of space:—Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 1218, Manchester; Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, Manchester; Truro Cathedral and the Freemasons; Manchester Lodge of Instruction; Duke of Cannought Lodge of Instruction; Faith Lodge, 141; St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766; P.M. No. 1; Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, Lancashire.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Boletin Masinico de la Republica Dominicana," "Brief," "Keystone," "New York Sunday Times," "The Freemasons' Monthly," "Hull Packet," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Masonic Record of Western India," "Der Triangel," "Kclet-Orient," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse," "Hebrew Leader," "The Masonic Eclectic," "Masonic Token," "Broad Arrow."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

STONE.—On the 7th ult., at East Dulwich, the wife of Bro. D. Stone, of a daughter.

WRIGHT.—On the 2nd inst., at the Red House, Ripon, the wife of Mr. J. W. Wright, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

TURNER—THACKER.—On the 3rd inst., at St. Jude's, Southsea, by the Rev. J. S. Blake, Vicar, General Frank Turner, C.B., Royal Artillery, to Harriett Emiline, daughter of Major J. Wilton, late Madras Army, and widow of Major-General S. Thacker, Bombay Staff Corps.

DEATHS.

HOPKINSON.—On the 31st ult., at Wansford, Mary Ann, wife of the late William Hopkinson, in her 79th year.

WILLIAMS.—On the 2nd inst., at Edith-road, W., Herbert, son of the late Lieutenant David Williams.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1879.

MASONIC RESEARCH.

It seems well for us from time to time to note and to report on the progress of Masonic research in England. Time has made rapid strides since a few students first began in the older "Freemasons' Magazine," and the *Freemason* subsequently, those discussions and those contributions which have led to such remarkable results. For let us compare the intellectual and archaeological position of English Freemasonry now with that of say twenty-five years ago. For a long time the whole of our Masonic investigations had been weighed down by the romantic and uncritical school of Oliver. For instance, when we first turned our attention to Masonic studies we could find no authority but Oliver. If it be true, as the careful and intelligent Masonic student of today well knows, that we may find casual contributions downwards from 1723 towards a sounder criticism and a true Masonic history—if it would be ungrateful, amid obvious shortcomings, to forget the labours of Anderson, Entick, Northouck and Hutchinson, and specially William Preston, as well as the essays of Ashe, Calcott, Harris, and others—yet we must confess that in the earlier portion of this century they were all overshadowed by the voluminous works of Oliver—and, unfortunately for Oliver, he ignored, or he was ignorant, of the German labours of the end of the last century, and the continuous contributions of this. Hence, to the German mind Oliver, as a writer, represents "uncriticism," if we may use such a word in its highest and most deliberate phasis, and despite his zeal, his learning, his wish to impart information, and his actual honesty both of labour and compilation, we fear that future Masonic students will be no more satisfied than we can profess to be to-day, with his safe guidance in Masonic history and archaeology. About 1859 a lecture was delivered before the Britannia Lodge, Sheffield, which advocated the Guild theory. This lecture attracted the attention of Bro. Findel, and shortly after that it was openly propounded by others. About the same time a search began for Masonic Constitutions, in which Mr. Sims, of the British Museum, largely aided, and Bro. Matthew Cooke

called attention to his collation of the Masonic Constitutions in the British Museum. He subsequently published the earliest prose Constitutions, Mr. Halliwell, a non-Mason, publishing the earliest one, the *Masonic Poem*, even so far back as 1842. If any of our readers possess the old volumes of the "Freemasons' Magazine" from 1861 to 1868, or that of the *Freemason* for 1869 and 1870, they will see how far the discussion had then proceeded. About this time—Bro. Hughan will correct us if we are in error—he began those invaluable contributions on the evidences, which have served so greatly to advance Masonic archaeology. At that time, certainly not more, (we speak with a margin of memory), than twenty MS. Constitutions were known to exist of all sorts. What is the number now? In 1872 Bro. Hughan published a list of thirty-two, and since that time others have been found or verified, making the list thirty-seven or thirty-eight. Only quite lately Bro. Hughan announced the discovery of two, and even now we have not exhausted possible or probable "finds." The original of Dowland's has yet to turn up; Ashmole's may yet be verified. We feel quite certain that MS. "rolls" or Constitutions may yet be found in forgotten lodge chests, and when such a completed list of MS. Constitutions is published we shall note, we feel sure, a much larger "total" of "legends of the Craft." What the effect all such researches have upon contemporaneous Freemasonry is too wide a subject to be treated on to-day. We reserve our remarks for a subsequent *Freemason*, but we think it well to point out certain "landmarks" in respect of Masonic research, which, valuable to the Masonic student of to-day and of to-morrow, deserve to be carefully noted and thankfully remembered.

MASONIC BELIEF.

It is refreshing and interesting to note how clearly, both in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain, the question of Masonic belief is received in its true light, and regarded in its deep importance. Indeed, in our opinion, on this fact depends, more than on any other, the safe progress and legitimate continuance of Freemasonry in the world, as looked kindly on by the ruling powers and favourably appreciated by the public. For it is this reverent acknowledgment of the Most High and the practical development of the Divine law of charity, which have served so greatly to cement Freemasonry in its interior and adorn it in its exterior organization, and have, above all, satisfied the critical and somewhat doubting curiosity of an extern and hesitating world. For a secret society which professes no religion or avows no belief is pretty sure to fall under suspicion and arouse fear. If it be still true that many people hold ever "omne ignotum pro magnifico," the very secrecy of Freemasonry invests it alike with exaggerated terrors and imaginary terrors to the timid or the antagonistic. So that a society which professes to have no religion and to avow no God must not be surprised if its enemies ridicule its statements, if even its friends grow cold when it is accused of revolutionary purposes or atheistic principles. If any of us want to know to what length a vivid imagination will lead those who are ignorant of the true principles of Freemasonry, let them peruse the opening chapter in Alexander Dumas's "Joseph Balsamo," when he surrounds our peaceful, and loyal, and religious Order, (and peaceful, and loyal, and religious it was then in France), with all the attributes of revolutionary unbelievers and insane "Illuminés." But then history repeats itself, and wherever Freemasons are to-day who discard the venerable, and reverent, and loyal, and old-fashioned principles of true Freemasonry, there too we find it proscribed and persecuted, exposed to the vulgar calumny of the Ultramontane, and even doubted and undervalued by good men and orderly citizens. We do not say that, even where as with us—Freemasonry has now the Prince of Wales at its head—where its loyalty is alike unquestioned and unquestionable, it is free from rancour and calumny, from idle gossip or malignant

slander. That is not so! But what we do say is, that when it is supported by the "mens conscia recti," when its professions and practice are alike consistent and honest, when it stands by its ancient landmarks and abides by its own goodly teaching—such is the excellence of Freemasonry, that it rises to its own level in the struggles of the world and smiles at petty assailants, just as it contemns insidious calumny. But then it must stand firm on its one sure and safe foundation, or else its building will crumble to decay, whether owing to the opposition of man or the encroaching hand of time. And what is that sure and safe foundation? does any one ask in the *Freemason*. Then we reply, belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the goodly mission of Freemasonry.

TRUE PHILANTHROPY.

There are many ways, no doubt, in which wealth and power can confer happiness on men, but, as our exalted Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold said the other day, the very possession of riches is rendered more enjoyable by the sense of being able to do good to others; and certainly to no other better purpose can wealth be devoted, for no truer end can it be offered, than the relief of the sufferings of our common humanity, the mitigation of its burdens, the progress of civilizing culture, or the happy and peaceful development of intellectual powers or scientific studies. Our age has been distinguished by numerous great and philanthropic gifts of the large-hearted and the truly liberal, of the sincere philanthropist, of the unpretending benefactor of society and of mankind. We need not particularize gifts which have been remarkable, or mention donors whose names are recorded as imperishable "footprints" on the great sands of time;

"Footprints which, perhaps, another
Struggling on life's stormy main,
A foiled and shipwrecked brother
Seeing, may take heart again."

Our attention has been specially and forcibly called to an announcement, which will be found elsewhere in our present impression, which tells us in striking and most gratifying manner of a most munificent gift on the part of a very distinguished brother of our Order, and Past Grand Officer, Professor Erasmus Wilson. He is well and favourably known outside his own great profession of which he is a very leading member, by that most patriotic act, which transferred at his own sole cost the obelisk which now graces the Embankment, from the sands of Egypt, where it had long lain prostrated and uncared for. Few of these crowds who pass along the Embankment daily sufficiently realize, perhaps, what they really owe to the patriotic sympathies and manly liberality of Bro. Erasmus Wilson. It is well, then, ever to keep before us the fact—a fact creditable to the metropolis we inhabit, the age we live in, and, above all, to the man and the Mason, who, with princely mind, grudged no expense to adorn for long, distant generations, let us trust, that great metropolis of ours, around which lie centred, as far as human pen can pierce into the coming clouds of future years, the hopes of peace and progress, prosperity and vital civilization, in this great warring and troubled world of ours. There is at Margate a most admirable institution—the Sea Bathing Infirmary—specially applicable to those thousands of the humble classes, who, toiling in our large towns, in reeking alleys and ill-ventilated rooms, either inherit the dreadful taint of scrofula, or have its incipient stages extended and developed by insufficient food and foul atmosphere. The wants of this modest, but most useful institution, most curative and healing in its treatment and results, have outgrown its means. A new wing is required, and our distinguished brother comes forward of his "own free will and accord," like a good Mason and true philanthropist, offers to build this new wing, together with a chapel, at his own cost, without throwing any of the expenditure on the much-needed funds of this truly benevolent infirmary. We are informed that the cost of the new wing is estimated at not less than £20,000, and that it will include a swimming bath, and dormitories,

and day rooms for seventy-five inmates. In the new wing, which is to be one storey, there will be covered cloisters, so that the inmates may take exercise in all weathers. The flat roof of the building will also be utilized. By the design of the architect, when the new wing is completed, the old house may gradually be rebuilt on to it, thus introducing throughout the building all those hygienic arrangements and that sanitary system which are so conducive to a proper use of means in the cure and mitigation of suffering and disease. The new wing will be called the "Erasmus Wilson" wing. The chapel is to seat three hundred persons. Are we not justified in recording this fact with some pride, as brought about by the munificent ministry of a worthy and distinguished member of our Order? May we not commend his happy example to others? And, above all, may we not predicate for such true philanthropy a goodly outcome, a blessed result? In time to come, when many a poor ailing brother or sister of the flesh have had health and strength restored to them at the Sea Bathing Infirmary, at Margate, by the healing ministrations and curative sympathy of that excellent institution, they will remember with gratitude the name of Erasmus Wilson as a sincere benefactor to our common race, as one who wished to "leave the world better than he found it," to heal its wounds, to lessen its bitter and appalling afflictions, to remove, if so might be in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., its deadly scars, its open shame, and its abounding and often almost incurable evils.

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.]

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The visit of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite to Weston-Super-Mare on the 22nd ult., has caused the very important question to be asked by many people, who are not members of our Order, "What is Freemasonry?" I have promised to give an answer to such query, and I cannot do better than reply through the columns of the *Freemason*.

The ordinary reply would be that it is "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols," yet a far more elaborate answer may be given without revealing any point or points, or the ancient landmarks of the Order, for it embraces every part of that noble science which has existed from time immemorial, and under whose powerful influence wonderful results have been obtained. We will divide the subject into three separate and distinct periods, or stages, by which the full knowledge of the science is obtained. The First Degree symbolises man emerging from a temporary state of darkness into the light of truth, encouraging him to a fervent hope of becoming a partaker of the blessings of life eternal. The Second Degree admits him to the great intellectual field of science, which is unfolded to view, and enables him to appreciate the goodness, power, and wisdom of the Great Creator, and to read them in the sacred pages of the celestial hemisphere and terrestrial world. In the third stage the aspirant is brought into the sublimity of the science and the full blaze of revelation, for in this Degree we are taught specially to study the hidden mysteries of nature and science. From vain curiosity many cowans strive to penetrate the arcana of our secrets, but, happily, such efforts have proved fruitless to all who do not possess the master-key, and to such our Order is always closed. Another class of inquirers are those Masons who have a desire to render themselves serviceable to their fellow members, but whose daily avocations are too numerous to allow them time for the close study of Masonic symbolism. To this class of inquirers I will endeavour to give such practical explanation of celestial symbolism as must satisfy the intellectual members that Masonry and astronomy are very closely allied, and perhaps they may be willing to admit that there may be mysteries hidden in the heavens, which "at present they cannot understand." To follow what I wish to explain without divulging forbidden points it is necessary to have a globe or celestial atlas. Presuming such atlas to be before us, I will ask the Masonic student to refer to the Southern hemispherical plate. Around the border we find Roman figures from I. to XXIV.; these denote the twenty-four hours of the day; between XVII. and XVIII., below the ecliptic, is an altar or pedestal. Between XXIV. and I. is a book, or *Biblia*. Now with compasses from the equatorial pole the centre of this *Biblia* will reach the exact centre of the pedestal, above which are always a pair of compasses, a stonemason's old-fashioned level, and near thereto can be found the rule and square. The initiate is the celestial figure, Antinous, and between XIX. and XX. we observe the kneeling position of this youth. Between XIV. and XV. is a large figure possessing two sandals or slippers. Compasses from the pole of the equator will take the heel of the sandal from the left foot of this large figure and place it on the little naked right foot of the aspirant. Now with so

large a slipper can he move otherwise than "slip-shod?" and compasses from the equatorial will bring the other large slipper to the initiate's left foot. Cowans may say this slipper affair is a mere coincidence, but I will ask them to point out, if they can, whether by compasses these slippers may be brought to fit any other feet in the heavens, or if they can find any other slippers in the celestial atlas than those worn by this great figure. Next to the Northern hemispherical plate, and between XIX. and XX., are the head and shoulders of the aspirant, Antinous, and near II. on the equator is a very remarkable knot. Place one point of the compass within the loop made by the knot, and the other point of the compass at the equatorial pole, we can bring the rope or cord to the youth; does it not fit his neck precisely like a cable law? Is this another coincidence? With compasses from centres we cannot make this rope fit any other neck in the heavens. For the Second Degree, or stage, compasses from the centre of the ecliptic (not the pole) will take the ear of corn, which is in the large figure's left hand, at XIII. to XXIII., and there it will be alongside a current of water. This symbolism all Masons must know without further reference. Much of the working of the Third Degree is also depicted in the celestial hemisphere, but I may only divulge one point to the uninitiated. Between IX. and X. is a lion's paw, and compasses from the ecliptic centre (not the pole of the ecliptic) will place the right hand of the now exalted Mason in the lion's paw. More of these points must not be revealed in a publication, yet I will readily give them to Masonic students who wish to study Masonic symbolism. I hope I have offered sufficient proof that there is a close connection between Freemasonry and celestial astronomy.

I will now give an explanation of symbolical Masonry in connection with terrestrial objects. For instance, let us take the blossom of a "Passiflora" or passion-flower. What do we find? Why, that every particle of the blossom of this beautiful, curious, and sweet-scented flower teaches Masonic symbolism. Persons unacquainted with the origin of the discovery of this flower have supposed it to be an emblem of the tender passion of love; all who have taken an interest in the origin of botanical names will know the name *Passion* has no reference to the passion of love, but that it more immediately refers to the last sufferings of our crucified Christ. In the sharp spines springing from the base of the petals and encircling the corolla we can readily perceive a vivid representation of the Crown of Thorns; the three black segments into which the pistil divides itself at the apex are not unlike three large-headed nails, symbolising the three nails by which the feet and hands of Christ were secured to the Cross. The calyx, with its three divisions underneath the petals of the corolla, symbolises the W.M. of a lodge and two Wardens, the three greater and three lesser lights, three supports, three ornaments, three moveable and three immoveable jewels, three principal tenets, three rounds of the Masonic ladder, three working tools in each Degree, three principal orders of architecture, three important human senses, three gates of the temple, or sanctum sanctorum, the three colours, white, red, and purple, of Royal Arch Masons; the red, blue, and white silken cord twisted into three strands, and worn round the neck of brethren of the Sat B'nai, convey appropriate teachings; the sacred number three strands first for birth, second manhood, third death, and for life, death, and eternity. Next come the ten petals of the corolla of the *Passiflora*, corresponding in number to the ten letters constituting the name of Hiram Abiff; they also symbolise the ten Sepheroth, constituting the sacred name of God. In their totality and unity, the ten Sepheroth represent the archetypal man, Adam Kadmon. Ten is the most sacred of all numbers, for it forms the beginning and end of numbers, and symbolises the Cross. Next is the numbers or glory surrounding "the point within the circle," or base of the style issuing from the centre. The point within a circle is a Masonic symbol of great importance; its esoteric explanation is, that the point represents an individual brother, the circle being the boundary line of his duty to God and to man, but the esoteric meaning is far different, and would require volumes in itself to fully explain. On the apex of the style rests the egg-shaped ovary, surrounded by five anthers, and supporting three pistils; the ovary containing the seed of the *Passiflora* symbolises the universality of Masonry within the circumference of our terrestrial sphere. The five anthers typify the five points of fellowship, five Masonic orders of architecture, five senses of hearing, seeing, feeling, tasting, and smelling, the five-pointed star the symbol of health, five F.Cs.—five is a mystical number, being the union of odd and even, representing Asher and the four elements. The anthers seem to be pierced by their filaments on the sharp points of which they are poised, at once suggesting to our minds the five wounds of our crucified Saviour, who shed his blood on the Cross for man's salvation. The three pistils at the apex typify the Z., H., and J., of a Royal Arch chapter, the highest position we can obtain in Craft Masonry the three principal working tools, compass, triangle, and square, the three Masonic graces, faith, hope, and charity, the equilateral triangle, and the trihedron of three equal sides; the pistils symbolise the Trinity, also the tri-syllabic name of God, A.N.M., Al-Om-Jah; the term I.A.O. pronounced I-Ah-O, contains in itself a deep allegory. The true pronunciation of this sacred, mysterious, ineffable name was known only to three persons, who are said to have seen God face to face, viz., Enoch, Jacob, and Moses, and each of whom in succession were Grand Masters of our Masonic Order.

I feel that I have already wearied you with the subject of Masonic symbolism, but what better answer can I give the inquirer of "What is Freemasonry," than to bring him into the full blaze of the sublimity of Masonic science, that he may see we have subjects of study other than the Epicurean motto of "Eat, drink, and be merry," for Freemasonry admits us to the great intellectual field of science, which may be unfolded to our view, and enables us to

appreciate the wisdom, power, and goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe; although the feebleness of our nature does not permit us at once to grasp the magnitude of His works, we can feel a special joy in the hope of receiving as a reward for a life well spent in acts of piety, an admission into a mansion, not built with hands, but one eternal in the Heavens, where we shall behold shining that bright morning star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful.

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Weston-Super-Mare, Oct. 25th, 1879.

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being personally desirous of knowing as far as possible the amount of support awarded to the Charities by the several provinces in proportion to the number of their members, I was induced in the intervals of leisure to calculate the number of life votes possessed by each, and the proportion which it bears to the number of lodges. With the idea that it may be interesting to some of your readers I forward the result herewith.

This test, though not conclusive, appears to me about the fairest which can be applied, as although the number of members of individual lodges doubtless varies considerably, yet by taking the whole of each province we arrive at a very fair average, and, so far as I know, there are no means—open to all—of ascertaining the number of subscribing members of each lodge.

The calculations have been made with considerable care, though I can hardly hope that they are entirely free from error, but should be glad to hear if any serious discrepancies are detected.

The numbers of votes are taken from the last published lists, and, therefore, do not include the present year's qualifications. Life votes only are counted, as the annual subscribers vary so much from year to year as to be quite unreliable for the purpose. Provinces are placed in order of merit, but fractions of $\frac{1}{2}$ are counted as $\frac{1}{2}$.

The following is the result as applied to the Girls' School:—

Province.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Votes.	Votes per Lodge.
1 Yorkshire, West ...	66	1484	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Kent ...	43	655	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 Sussex ...	20	396	15
4 Wilts ...	10	141	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 South Wales (Eastern) ...	13	177	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 Oxfordshire ...	9	121	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 Surrey ...	18	241	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 Warwickshire ...	32	400	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
9 Norths and Hunts ...	9	112	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 Berks and Bucks ...	17	208	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 Lincolnshire ...	20	241	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 Gloucestershire ...	14	164	12
13 Hants and Isle of Wight ...	31	358	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
14 Staffordshire ...	21	236	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
15 Somerset ...	21	234	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
16 Monmouthshire ...	8	89	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
17 Herts ...	11	113	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
18 Durham ...	25	233	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
19 Bristol ...	8	74	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
20 South Wales (Western) ...	9	77	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
21 Suffolk ...	19	159	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
22 Essex ...	17	138	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
23 Middlesex ...	29	217	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
24 Lancashire, East ...	89	640	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
25 Dorset ...	13	92	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
26 Leicestershire & Rutland ...	10	67	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
27 Norfolk ...	15	92	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
28 Worcestershire ...	10	57	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
29 Hereford ...	4	22	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
30 Cheshire ...	37	200	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
31 Yorkshire, North and East ...	26	135	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
32 Cumberland & Westmorland ...	19	95	5
33 Notts ...	9	42	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
34 North Wales and Salop ...	25	110	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
35 Northumberland ...	18	67	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
36 Devon ...	47	158	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
37 Lancashire, West ...	80	243	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
38 Bedfordshire ...	5	15	3
39 Cambridgeshire ...	4	11	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
40 Cornwall ...	28	72	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
41 Channel Islands ...	11	24	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
42 Derbyshire ...	19	25	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
43 Isle of Man ...	3	0	0
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Total Votes.			per Lodge.

I will next ask you to publish the result of the same test as applied to the Boys' School.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me through the medium of your paper to inform our country brethren that there is a person named Wilson seeking assistance from town to town, stating that he belongs to the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, and at the same time to tell them he does not belong to our lodge; in fact, we have not had such a name on our books for over twenty years.

I am, dear Sir, yours very truly and fraternally,

JONAS DUCKETT,
P.M., Hon. Sec. United Pilgrims, 507.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your article on this subject in a recent number of the *Freemason* must meet the approval of all who have given the matter more than cursory attention, and are not led away by a sentence which, at first sight, I confess has some attractiveness. But is it at all possible to carry out in detail the promise of such a title? and if so, is the play worth the candle? Under a score or so of Preceptors in this metropolis the Ritual of Freemasonry, &c., is learnt by the members of the Craft who are anxious to qualify themselves for the duties of their various lodges. Undoubtedly the systems of the Preceptors vary considerably, and are infected by their various mentalities. The elaborate system of the Lodge of Stability, and the concise working of the Lodge of Emulation, have each its firm adherents and promulgators, not to speak of the various provincial and Colonial methods. There are, I say, in all these great variations, but there is also a singular convergence.

Now the idea of the promoters of uniformity of workings is of course good in trying to establish a general harmony. But, although the proposition appears paradoxical, I have no hesitation in stating that nothing, in my opinion, would so much tend to inharmonious results as its adoption. Any edict of Grand Lodge insisting on a particular system of working would be considered a claim to infallibility, and in itself antagonistic to the principles, nay, even to the very name, of Freemasonry.

Not in any mode of working that I have at present seen do I recognise perfection. Much of mediæval tenor and grandiloquence might be removed without any detriment to the beauty of the Ritual, but I look to the good sense of the brethren, educated by the facilities the Masonic press gives us in ventilating our various opinions, for remedies rather than in establishing Committees or edicts from Grand Lodge.

Even supposing there be a recognised system enforced by Constitution, it would be necessary to compel its performance in monotone. We know how easily the significance of a word or sentence can be altered by inflection or accent.

We are tethered to our land marks, and cannot go very far astray. Let us, therefore, leave the matter of uniformity alone, or argue our different readings in the Masonic publications, and adopt in our working what seemeth best.

The only uniformity we want is that of the spirit of Freemasonry, not the letter, carrying out, in our intercourse with each other, the grand principles on which the Order is founded, thus "demonstrating to the world at large that the word brother amongst Masons is something more than a name."

I hope the author of a very useful and instructive work ("Uniformity of Working") will be content with his laurels, and not attempt to persuade Grand Lodge to form a Committee to decide the difference betwixt tweedledum and tweedledee.

Remaining fraternally yours,

H. E. FRANCES,
P.P.G.D., Preceptor.

Reviews.

THE NEW "RED BOOK" OF THE "ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE." (ENGLAND, &c.)

The new edition of the rules and regulations and list of members of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown" is now ready for issue, corrected to 1st September, 1879; and to the brethren of that distinguished Rite will prove a most useful and interesting compilation. There are several improvements in this the last edition, and every opportunity appears embraced most readily by the Secretary General to make the work all that is wanted or needful to render the members fully conversant as to the laws and customs of the Rite. In the event of any exclusion or suspension the Inspector General is to notify accordingly to the chapters in his district, and cannot of course really take any effect until confirmed by the Supreme Council. There are changes made as to "Serving Brethren," but as to these we need not describe them here, as they should be known only to those whom they concern. Under the 18th Degree it is stated that at least five brethren, including a M.W.S. or P.M.W.S., should be present at the perfection of a candidate. This is a desirable regulation, and should be carefully noted, as well as the fact that no chapter in England can legally admit as a candidate or joining member a brother hailing from another jurisdiction without the authority of the Supreme Council being first obtained. The limited numbers of the 32nd and 31st Degrees have been increased from 36 and 63 to 45 and 72 respectively, doubtless owing to the great prosperity of the Order, and the number of active chapters being now 85, whereas in 1877, when the previous edition was published, there were not more than 75. The prefix Deputy to the Inspectors General has been dropped, and thus by removing rather than by an addition the dignity of the title has been added to thereby. Instead of a breast jewel for the 33rd Degree, that distinction is now to be worn "on the right hip, at crossing of sash, pendant from a golden rose on scarlet bow," and the effect is certainly most artistic. The Supreme Councils in Amity with that of England, &c., number one less this time than in 1877, that, unfortunately, of Scotland being omitted, owing to the management of the latter in some important respects not being satisfactory to the English authorities. We trust that the misunderstanding may soon be removed, so that the number of 21 Councils will be again returned to. "A chronological list of members of the Supreme Council 33° of England" is a new feature, and one that might be considerably added to from time to time, for but little

is known of the early history of the Rite in this country. The original members it appears were Dr. Crucefix, the Rev. Geo. Oliver, D.D., and Henry Udall, and the warrant is dated 26th Oct., 1845, but long before this, even during the last century, several of the Degrees were worked in England, and should be noted, we think, in a subsequent edition. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., 33°, is Grand Patron, and his two Royal Brothers, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, are also 33rd Degrees, and honorary members of the Council. The oldest member of the Council appears to be Major-General Henry Clerk, and the latest admitted into that distinguished body is General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. of Surrey. There are five retired members (including the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. G.M. of England), and ten Inspectors General, with seven *unattached*. We must not, however, dwell too long on this little brochure, as, though numbering 144 pages, it can be had at the office of *The Freemason*, for the sum of one shilling and sixpence, so that no member should be without a copy.

THE SUPERNATURAL IN NATURE. C. Kegan Paul and Co., Paternoster-square.

This is a much larger book, of 477 pages, and which to treat upon fully in the limited columns of the *Freemason* might fairly be deemed an absurdity, if not an impertinence. We can, therefore, only just glance at it. But we think it right to call attention to it for several reasons. A great controversy has recently agitated Freemasonry, when an important section of the Masonic family threw over and off all avowal of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. The effect of the change may have been deemed greater than it actually is, (though we fear of its reality there is no possible doubt), but still the fact remains, outwardly, that a large body of Freemasons "knows not" God. And as in addition to this there is in society all around us a great tendency to cling to the natural alone and to reject the supernatural, to take up either with a crazy Positivism, (so called), or a so-called "independent morality," or a grovelling Epicurianism, or an abject Atheism, we think it well to remind our readers that our English Freemasonry, reverent and religious as it is, from first to last avows, purely, clearly, fully, its belief and trust in T.G.A.O.T.U. as a personal, living, ruling, judging God, and that it accepts His inspired revelation, with all its supernatural claims on our acceptance of faith, "as the unerring standard of right and wrong," and "bids us to regulate our lives by the Divine precepts it contains." Therefore such a book, though so far anonymously written, may well be a study to the cultured Freemason of to-day. We might perhaps analyse its contents and reproduce its arguments, but we think it better to leave that pleasing task to a second notice, for we ourselves require a little more time to digest the propositions of the able writer than a mere hasty glance can afford. But it may well be pointed out to our readers that the writer of this work has spared no pains to collect from the best sources of information the most striking results of modern discoveries in physical science, and has applied them to the confirmation, not the confutation, of the great truths of religion, of which most men of common sense, whether scientists or not, are fully persuaded. A reviewer in the *Times* has well remarked "That such arguments should be needed at all is, indeed, the greatest reproach to this scientific age. No one can believe that Sir Isaac Newton, had he lived in these days, would have been perverted to atheism and disbelief in a future state by microscopic discoveries which have upset the faith of some less mature and well-balanced intellects in modern times. Hear his own noble confession in the 'Principia':—'The world is not God, as the Pantheists affirm. It did not exist from Eternity, as the Peripatetics taught. It was not made by Fate and Necessity, as the Stoics said. It did not arise from a fortuitous concourse of atoms, as the Epicureans asserted, nor from the antagonism of two rival powers, as the Persians and Manicheans affirmed, nor was it made by Angels, or by emanations of æons, as some of the ancient Gnostics held, nor out of matter co-eternal with God, as Hermogenes said, nor by the spontaneous energy and evolution of self-developing powers, as some have affirmed in later days; but it was created by One, Almighty, Eternal, Wise, and Good Being—God.'" We, therefore, think it well to call the attention of the reader to this important work, agreeing with the *Times* reviewer where he has it, "We have no hesitation in saying that he will gain both moral and intellectual strength from its perusal."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

A LODGE MINUTE BOOK.

I wish to call attention to the "extracts" and "notes" which follow, from a MS. recently purchased by the authorities of the British Museum, and to which Mr. R. Sims has kindly called my attention. Perhaps Bro. Hughan or Bro. Gould can enlighten me as to the "Royal Lodge."

A. F. A. W.

FO. 1. begins: "The Royal Lodge, held at the Thatched House, in St. James's St., 6 Nov., 1777. Present: The Right W. Dr. Reynold, M., in the chair; the W. B. Birth, P.M.; the W. B. Evance, S.W., pro tem.; the W. B. Goodenough, J.W., pro tem.; B. Bechford, B. Dalmaiden." &c., &c.

FO. 3. The next date is 5 March, 1778. From that date the lodges appear to have been held twice a month to 5 June, 1817, but either the minutes are wanting or the meetings were less frequent, since the notices are dated only once in the year towards the end.

The last paragraph says: "The business of the lodge being ended it was closed in due form, and adjourned to the 18th June, 1818." Quite at the end is printed "Hymn to be sung by the children of the Freemasons' School before the anniversary sermon of the Charity, 15 April, 1804, at St. John's Church, Westminster." Then follows a notice (printed) of the School "St. George's Fields."

CHARLES MARTEL.

I note Bro. Gould's remarks, and I now reply to them. The absence from his "poem" of mention of any names but those of Euclid and Athelstan is, to my mind a proof of its antiquity. We have in the poem two legends, the second beginning at line 471—*Alia Ordinacio artis gemetrie*, which is henceforth a repetition of the previous legend, to which are added the "ars quatuor" and certain rules for religious service and customary and proper behaviour at meals, &c. The poem is of high antiquity, and though Mr Bond gives the present "Regius MS." at early 15th century date, Casley assigns it to the 14th century, and so did Mr. Walbran. If ever "Pars Oculi" turns up, an old poem, now missing, from which John Myrc borrowed his poem, a portion of which is found in the Masonic poem, and Myrc wrote in 1420, we shall probably find that it is Norman-French, or Latin, originally. Matthew Cooke's MS. gives us, in addition to Euclid and Athelstan, David, Solomon, the son of the King of Tyre, Alban Amphibalus (Adhabell), Carolus Secundus Mamus Græcus, Athelstan, and his younger son. Matthew Cooke's MS. seems to contain a duplicate legend, also beginning at p. 642. In the second legend the name Englet is found, but who clearly is not the Euclid of the first legend, but answers more nearly to the personage named "Mamus Græcus," Ninius, or Memon, whoever he may really be. It is a point to be noted, that whereas in the poem there are fifteen articles and fifteen points there are only nine of each in Matthew Cooke's MS., and the points and articles are in the first legend in the poem, and in the second legend in the prose contribution. In Dowland's prose, which probably represents a version of 1500, we have Euclid, David, Solomon, Hiram, Alban Amphibalus, Charles Martel, Mamus Græcus, Athelstan Edwin, all mentioned. Some may say "vires acquirit cundo," but it appears to me only the natural greater fulness of the legend more elaborately treated. If Mr. Bond's view is correct as to date, Matthew Cooke's MS., instead of late 15th, is early 15th century, contemporaneous with the MS. poem.

A. F. A. W.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal in the chair. There were also present Bros. Donald M. Dewar, Dr. Richard Morris, R. B. Webster, A. J. Duff Filer, J. W. Dosell, W. H. Perryman, Arthur E. Gladwell, S. Rawson, John Constable, J. J. Berry, F. Adlard, W. Maple, Herbert Dicketts, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Horsley, H. Venn, T. Meggy, E. C. Mather, F. Binckes (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The report of the Audit Committee recommended the investment of £1500, and the Committee adopted the recommendation, and ordered the investment to be made in Reduced Three per Cents.

The Committee then considered petitions for candidates, and placed the following on the list for the election in April next:—William Vincent B. Jones, son of the late Bro. the Rev. William Vincent H. Jones, of Knaresborough, who died of diphtheria on the 20th of July, 1879; H. Eccleston, son of Bro. Thomas Eccleston, of Her Majesty's ship "Lily," who died of Asiatic cholera on the 23rd of September, 1877; Isaac Williams, son of Bro. Williams, a mariner (Holyhead), who died October 5th, 1877; S. J. Critch, of Leamington; G. S. Booker; John Hogg (Chester); and H. G. Darling (West Ham).

The Committee afterwards granted £20 to apprentice one boy, and made grants of £5 each to four other pupils of the Institution.

The Committee adjourned, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire Freemasons was held at the Royal Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Comp. Lord De Tabley, R.W. P.G. Superintendent, presided, and there was a large number of influential companions.

The following companions were the officers invested:—

Comp. the Rev. Spencer Stanhope	...	Prov. G. H.
" F. Smith	...	Prov. G. J.
" G. W. Latham	...	Prov. G. S.E.
" Siddley	...	Prov. G. S.N.
" Lisle	...	Prov. G. P.S.
" Bury	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Brooks	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Dennis	...	Prov. G. S.B.
" Tomlinson	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" F. Jackson, jun.	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Alcock	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The whole of the chapters in the province were represented with the exception of two.

The Provincial Grand Chapter, on the proposition of Comp. Latham, voted the sum of £57 15s. from the funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions afterwards adjourned to the Crewe Arms Hotel, where a banquet was served.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., in the Apollo Masonic Hall, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Prov. Grand Master, presiding. He was accompanied by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. Bird, S.G.D.; Bro. Rev. H. A. Pickard, Past G.C.; and by the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, viz.: Bros. Juggins, as P.G.S.W. (in the unavoidable absence of Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.); H. R. Cooper-Smith, as P.G. J.W.; Rev. T. Johnson and T. A. Janson, as P.G. Chaplains; Ald. Randall, P.G. Treas.; R. H. Collins, C.B., P.G. Reg.; Alfred Winkfield, P.G. Sec.; W. Clinch, P.G.S.D.; T. W. Holland, P.G.J.D.; R. T. Hodge, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. J. Hughes, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; Arthur Davis, P.G. Swd. Br.; C. J. F. Yule, as P.G. Org.; W. R. Bowden, P.G. Purst.; Coles, Crowder, Tomlin, Osmond, Buckell, and Palmer, P.G. Stewards. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap. England, was among the visitors.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, when H. Signor Dibartoli (?), member of the Grand Orient of Italy, was introduced, and conducted to a chair on the right of H.R.H. the Prov. G.M.

The minutes of the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, the D.P.G.M. read his report of the various lodges of the province, and also the report of the Charity Committee, which were severally approved.

The Prov. G. Treasurer made his financial statement, and the usual sums were voted to the Masonic and local Charities.

H.R.H. then presented the Charity jewel to Bros. Rev. J. A. Lloyd, 357, P. Prov. G. Chap., and E. L. Hawkins, 357; and bars for the jewel to Bros. Rev. H. A. Pickard, 357, Past G. Chap.; Fentham Hedges, W.M. 478, P. Prov. G. Sec.; and John Potts, 599, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. Bro. T. B. Brown, 1399, Prov. J.G.W., was also entitled to a jewel, but was unavoidably absent, and Bro. Park to a bar, also due, and which would be presented subsequently.

H.R.H. then appointed and invested as his officers for the ensuing year:—

- W. Bro. Reginald Bird ... Prov. D.G.M.
- " James Jenkin, W.M. 340 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " Birch, W.M. St. Mary's Lodge ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " Rev. David Thomas, 357; W. Bro. Rev. J. Hordern } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " Jukes, 357 ...
- " T. M. Crowder ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " T. Randall (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " Alfred Winkfield ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " H. O. Crane ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " J. O. R. Laxford ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " J. Coles ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- " E. Locke Tomlin, W. Bro. } Prov. G.D. of Cers.
- " R. Buckell ...
- " C. J. F. Yule ... Prov. G. Org.
- " G. H. Osmond ... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " J. S. Palmer, W. Bro. J. } Prov. G. Pursts.
- " Seary ...
- Bros. H. P. Symonds, J. M. Dormor, } Prov. G. Stewards.
- " E. L. Hawkins, J. J. Colcutt, J. } Colcutt ...
- Bros. G. Norwood, W. Biggs ... Prov. G. Tylers.

The other provincial business having been transacted Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form, H.R.H. the Prov. G.M. being escorted by his officers to the retiring room. Soon after seven o'clock the banquet was served in the Assembly Room of the Clarendon Hotel. H.R.H. again presided, well supported on either side by both Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, his officers wearing their collars and jewels; Bro. Jenkin, P.G. S.W., and Bro. Birch, P.G.J.W., acting in the capacity of Vice-Presidents.

The toasts were generally given by H.R.H., "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," carrying with them, if possible, additional interest from the fact that the proposer was the son of the first and brother of the second.

To Bro. Rev. H. A. Pickard was entrusted the honour of proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prov. G. Master," who alluded to the great work the Prince was doing in the furthering of education, and of the arts and sciences, following well up in the steps of one esteemed Royal Mason who had gone before him, the illustrious Duke of Sussex, whose mantle, he thought, had fallen on Prince Leopold.

The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," introducing a new opening which had been made in the way of looking after our boys and girls on leaving the Schools and apprenticing them, or otherwise placing or fitting them out in life. This new call on their care (emanating from the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master of Scotland, who, as President at the 81st anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, brought the question particularly before the Craft) had the sanction and support of H.R.H. their Prov. G.M., and was one of several works of sympathy he was engaged in.

As a mark of welcome to their distinguished guest from the Grand Orient of Italy, "The Health of the King of Italy" was given from the chair, and responded to with "foreign fire."

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. H. R. Cooper-Smith, and responded to by the illustrious brother from the Grand Orient of Italy. His Excellency's speech was delivered in Italian, its purport being subsequently translated into English by Bro. V. de Tivoli, Taylorian Teacher of Italian in the University.

At about 10 o'clock the Tyler's toast was given, thus concluding a happy day in the Masonic annals of Oxford.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT CALLINGTON.

The ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall, built by the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Bro. John Richards, W.M., was performed on the 28th ult., in the presence of a large gathering of the Masonic fraternity. The P.G.M. of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, was to have been present and undertaken the dedication, but through the illness of a daughter he was at the last moment prevented, and his place was ably filled by the D.P.G.M., Col. Peard. The P.G.M. of Devon, Viscount Ebrington, was among the visitors. The new hall, which has been erected at a cost of about £400, exclusive of the furniture, is situated at the bottom of the main thoroughfare through Callington, near the parish church. Hitherto the members of Loyal Victoria Lodge have met in an apartment at the Bull's Head Hotel; but for the future they will assemble in one of the prettiest little lodges in the province. The architect is Mr. S. Johns, of Saltash, who, adopting the geometrical style of architecture, has produced a building which does him great credit. It is of native stone, with dressings of polyphant and granite, and polyphant corbels. An effective porch has, on each side, appropriate pillars. There is an ante-room, with the necessary conveniences, and inside this is the lodge room. Its length is 33ft., breadth 23ft., and height 24ft., and it is excellently furnished. The work about the interior is very effective, and one prominent feature is the mantel-piece, composed of Portland stone, relieved by polyphant columns and capitals, the handiwork of Mr. Davey, of Bodmin. The W. Master's chair is the gift of Mr. R. Peter, of Callington. The lodge is well ventilated on a system adopted by the architect with equal success in other places. For this particular purpose Mr. Jones utilises the cornices, and the temperature on the 28th ult., when the room was crowded, was not in any way inconveniently felt. The hall is lighted by means of a large "wheel" window at the west end, and a corresponding window over the Master's chair. The keystones are relieved by the arms of the Prince of Wales, as G.M. of England, of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as P.G.M., and of the county.

The day's ceremony was inaugurated by the brethren assembling under the direction of Bro. Rowe, P.M. 330, P.G.D.C., and headed by the band of the 5th D.C.R.V., walking in procession to the parish church, where Divine service was held.

There were present Bros. Col. Peard, D.P.G.M.; Lord Ebrington, P.G.M. Devonshire; T. Hawken, P.G.S.W. 350; R. H. Rac, P.P.G.D.; J. Hawkins, P.P.G.D.; F. B. Williams, P.G.S.B.; P. Carroll, P.P.G.T. 330; W. Rowe, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Tonkin, P.P.G.S. 282; J. H. Stephens, P.M. Devon, 159; W. Rooks, A.G.P. 131; T. W. Beale, P.G.T. 977; R. A. Courtney, P.G.D. 510; J. S. Childs, P.P.G.T. 510; E. D. Anderson, P.P.J.G.W. 331; E. T. Carlyon, P.G.S. 331; R. John, P.P.G.D.C. 131; C. G. Archer, P.G.W. 789; W. Smith, P.G.S. of Wks. 851; G. Barnes, P.P.G.P. 1164; G. Kerswill, P.P.J.G.W. 970; T. B. S. Richards, I.P.M. 282; H. Down, J.W. 282; N. Bray, J.D. 282; I. Roskilly, Org. 282; W. H. L. Clark, W.M. 1071; G. J. Firks, W.M. 1247; E. Herring, S.D. 1071; J. Pearce, J.D. 1136; J. Stephens, P.M. 1151; T. C. Stephens, P.M. 1151; J. Rendle, P.M. 1247; T. Gibbons, W.M. 1205; T. Goodall, P.M. 954; J. Rawling, I.P.M. 1071; J. R. Collins, P.M. 336; S. G. Roach, S.W. 1157; T. White, P.M. 510; W. J. Harris, S.W. 510; R. Hooper, P.M. 510; and B. Parsons, D.C. 789.

The Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, rector of St. Stephen's-by-Launceston, preached the sermon, taking his text from the 28th chapter Isaiah, 16th verse. Assembled as they were, he remarked, to assist in the dedication of a new Masonic lodge, he thought it not out of place to speak about two things—first, the great spiritual foundation, the great spiritual Zion; and, then, the fact to which the Apostle Peter alluding in speaking of those whom he called the living stones in the building. In a time when people were clamouring for creed, it was well to think of the one grand foundation of the Christian faith, namely, Christ Jesus. And when they spoke of the foundation they must think of the building that proceeded upon this foundation. Had the members of this lodge gone no further than the initiatory ceremony of laying the foundation stone, what would avail the common-sense object of the building? But in proportion as the building progressed, and tier after tier was placed, windows added, and the roof super-added, the lodge was gradually erected, and now stood in all its symmetry and primitive beauty. So it was with their spiritual life. Most of them had watched with earnestness, anxiety, and love the work as it had grown nearer and nearer completion. So must they watch the growth of their faith, or the foundation was of no avail. Freemasons were the living stones in the building. They were joined together in symmetry, in love, and in faith, and they must teach the outside world that their system was one of the grandest they had, one that accepted the Word of God in its entirety, and taught it on the Tracing Board and in the lectures, so that they were pre-eminently bound to be built up as living stones upon the foundation of their faith. Christ was the tried stone; He was the corner stone; and this applied to them more particularly as Freemasons. He united the building in all its parts, and as the corner stone united the material building, so Christ, as the corner stone, united them to God and to each other. If Freemasonry taught them nothing but this, the intensified manner in which it taught the brotherhood of man, in which it took up the salient points of the love of God, and put it before them in pointed allusion, bidding them remember that all their creeds and professions were nothing unless they had charity, it would be sufficient. Freemasonry, whilst it conserved the love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit, took up the grand point which sectarians of the day disregarded, and which those who clamoured for creeds were perpetually forgetting; it taught them that the grandest of all things was what St. Paul, who, he believed, was in conscience a Freemason, spoke of when he said "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." True Christianity knew nothing of caste, and the corner stone which bound them together knew no distinction. As, then, they had the corner stone, the foundation stone, the tried stone, and as they intended to be the "living stones built upon the foundation," was it not a grand incentive to them to carry on the work they had commenced, and to show the world at large that they meant what they said, that their system, "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbol," was meant to teach men many forgotten truths which the Bible prominently spoke about, and which society so often ignored?

At the close of the service the procession re-formed, and the brethren proceeded to the new lodge, which was now consecrated in ancient form to the purposes of Freemasonry. The musical portion of the ceremony was rendered by Bros. G. Firks, W.M. 1247; A. Burden, 557; Goodall, P.M. 954; and J. Rendle, P.M. 1247, under the direction of Bro. W. W. Dymond, P.P.G.O. 557. The ceremony concluded, the brethren adjourned to the schoolroom, where a public luncheon was provided. The D.P. G.M., Colonel Peard, presided, and the room was crowded, but, contrary to the usual practice, there was no toast list. Later in the afternoon a number of Royal Arch brethren reassembled in the lodge and consecrated it to the purposes of the Holy Royal Arch Degree, under the title of "Valletot" Chapter, No. 557. The ceremony was performed by Ex. Comp. Colonel Peard, Prov. Grand H., as H., assisted by Ex. Comp. E. D. Anderson, Prov. Grand J., as J., and Ex. Comp. J. W. Chegwidden, P.Z. 510; and there were present Comps. M. White, P.Z. 510; W. P. Smith, J. 1151; C. Archer, P.Z. 710; J. Hawkins, H. 789; J. Rawling, S.H. 1164; R. G. Carpenter, T. 1071; J. Harris, P.S. 510; J. A. Childs, P.Z. 510; T. B. Richards, Z. 282, S.E. 557; E. Herring, S.M. 1071; H. T. Newman, 1151; J. U. Hill, S.N. 510; J. Dennis, S.E. 330; J. R. Collins, J. 330; and S. J. Lake, S.S. 333. The Consecrating Officer having dedicated and constituted the chapter, the following were installed as Principals: Ex. Comp. C. T. Pearce, P.Z. 202, Z.; Comp. J. Peter, late of 1164, H.; and Comp. J. Kempthorne, late of 1164, J.

The musical portions of the ceremony were entrusted to Comps. J. Rendle, 1247; Goodall, 954; and B. Richards, 282; under the direction of Comp. T. Gibbons, 1205, as Organist. With this concluded the formal ceremonies of the day.

In connection with the dedication a bazaar, fancy fair, and concert were held in the national schoolroom, and numbers of visitors were attracted into the town. Callington itself looked exceedingly gay. Arches of evergreens spanned the streets at the main entrances, and bunting fluttered in every direction. In the schoolroom the stalls for the bazaar were arranged in districts. There was the Callington stall, the Southhill and St. Dominick, and the Stokeclimsland and Calstock stall, and each of these were plentifully supplied with the usual varied assortment, the proceeds going towards the Building Fund. The Callington stall was arranged by the Misses Kempton, Miss Body, Miss N. Goulding, Miss Sergeant, and Miss Williams; the Southhill and St. Dominick stall by Miss Trehan, Miss Clyma, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Langman, Miss Cousins, and Miss A. Martin; and the Stokeclimsland and Calstock stall by Mrs. Cornish, Miss Perry, Mrs. T. H. Martyn, Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. Steer, Mrs. W. Stephens, Mrs. Turner, and Miss Richards; whilst Mrs. J. G. Spear was at the refreshment stall, and Mrs. Kempthorne was President of the Ladies' Committee. During the afternoon various amusements were provided by the Rev. A. V. Thornton, Dr. W. H. Rean, of Calstock, and other gentlemen, and the band of the 5th D.C.R.V. supplied the music. A public tea was also provided, and the proceedings terminated with a concert at Golding's Hotel in the evening.

COMMUNIQUE.

Our readers will probably have seen in the daily papers that our esteemed Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., has by an act of almost unexampled munificence undertaken to build a new wing to the Sea Bathing Infirmary at Margate, and a chapel, at a cost of at least £20,000. The present building is old, and not built on scientific principles, but the new wing is to be erected on the most recent and approved system, and is to be so arranged that if another Erasmus Wilson can be found, the old building may gradually be renewed according to the plan and system of the new wing. Nothing too much can be said in praise of such munificence, and for such a good purpose.

The Sea Bathing Infirmary at Margate, which devotes itself to the cure of scrofulous diseases, which we often call the King's evil, is a most needed and admirably conducted institution, and of intense importance and blessing to the humbler classes of the community especially. Two of our most distinguished brethren, Bros. Clabon and the Grand Treasurer, are active officers of its Committee; its worthy Secretary, Bro. Walker, is also a Mason, and many of the Committee are brethren of our Order. It is a hospital which calls for the assistance of the members of our Order, as so purely humanitarian, and helpful, and direct in its usefulness and active treatment of malady and suffering.

At a recent meeting of the Court of Directors, on Friday week, our Bro. Col. Creaton read a letter from Professor Erasmus Wilson offering to build a new wing and chapel at his own cost, whereupon the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That in accepting Professor Erasmus Wilson's offer of a new wing and chapel of the Sea Bathing Infirmary, the Court of Directors beg to tender their cordial thanks for his munificence, and hereby emphatically express their sense of his large-hearted and liberal offer, which must tend so greatly to the relief of suffering and the cure of the sad disease which the Charity was established to heal."

We understand that the architect of the new wing is Mr. Knowles.

Public Amusements.

COURT THEATRE.—The new comedy "Courtship" which is being played with immense success at this pretty little theatre, is from the prolific pen of Bro. Henry J. Byron, who has undoubtedly scored another success. The comedy is more noticeable for its smartness of dialogue and rapid succession of jokes than any remarkably strong situations. Space will not permit of a description of the plot. Suffice it to say that there is a young lady, accomplished, beautiful, and wealthy, with three admirers, each endeavouring to supplant the other in her affections. Miss Amy Roselle is the heroine, and sustains her character with great care and ability. Messrs. Wilson Barrett, G. W. Anson, and Coghlan are the three lovers, the most amusing of the three being *Gubbins* (Mr. Anson). Mr. Wilson Barrett's representation of a languid young aristocrat, who, with but little brains and no money, hopes to secure the lady on the score of ancestry, is nearly perfect, and his performance is marked by an exhibition of ease and coolness truly refreshing. Mr. Coghlan as a young farmer gives a pleasant picture of an upright, manly fellow, who scorns the idea of marrying a girl richer than himself. We doubt not but that "Courtship" will have a long and a merry run. The amusing comedy, "A Clerical Error," commences the evening's amusement and is well worth seeing.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday last, and advanced the rate of discount to 3 per cent.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Blackpool on Tuesday, the 4th inst., presided over by the mayor, it was resolved that the Free Libraries Act should be adopted. At the last regular meeting of the Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, Mirfield, Bro. J. T. Barras, S.W., was duly elected to fill the Master's chair during the ensuing year.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught opened a bazaar at Brighton on Tuesday, in aid of the Royal Schools for the Daughters of Army Officers at Bath and Southampton.

The *World* states that the lease of the late Mr. Posno's house in Portland-place has been purchased by Bro. Lord Teuterdon, P.G.M. Essex, for £5000, with £1000 a-year ground rent.

An emergency meeting of the Premier Red Cross Conclave of England was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 30th ult., when a brother was installed and other business transacted.

At the last regular meeting of the Leodiensis Chapter Rose Croix, Leeds, held on the 21st ult., Bro. John Barker, 30th, P.M., P.Z., &c., was unanimously elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing year.

A convocation of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, was held at Anderson's Hotel, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when E.Comp. J. R. Stacey was installed M.E.Z. A report will appear in our next.

Lord John Manners, M.P., the Postmaster-General, has consented to act as President of the Sir Rowland Hill Memorial Fund. We understand that, although the first list of subscriptions has not yet been published, upwards of £12,000 has been promised.

His Royal Highness Prince Charles of Roumania, through Colonel de Vacaresco, his Marechal de la Cour, has conferred on Mr. Archibald Forbes the grade and insignia of Commander of the Order of the Star of Roumania, and the "Cross of the Passage of the Danube," a decoration instituted by his Royal Highness in commemoration of the Roumanian participation in the campaign of 1877.

A most successful concert was given in the Town Hall, Retford, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., in aid of the Masonic Charities. There was a very large attendance, and the brethren appeared in Masonic costume. The performance was exceptionally good, and we understand that after paying all expenses it is expected that something over £20 will remain to be handed over to one or more of our Charities.

A dinner was given on Wednesday night to the Mayor of Stafford, Mr. F. Marson, at which, in consequence of the birth of a daughter during his mayoralty, and in accordance with an ancient custom, he was presented with a silver cradle, which, with its supports, weighed over 200 ounces, the whole standing thirty inches high. Mr. Salt, M.P. for the borough, presided. The cradle was provided by public subscription.

The poll of the inhabitants of Liverpool in reference to the proposed new water supply from the river Vyrnwy in Montgomeryshire, adopted by the Town Council was completed on Tuesday. When the votes were counted a very large majority of voters was recorded in favour of the scheme, the numbers being 21,974 for, and 19,314 against. The water committee will now proceed to take the necessary steps for obtaining parliamentary powers.

The installation meeting of the Oliver Chapter, No. 792, Grimsby, took place on the 21st ult., when Comp. Jack Sutcliffe was duly installed M.E.Z., Comp. J. N. Scherling, P.Z. Minerva Chapter, Hull, ably acting as Installing Master. The companions were afterwards entertained at the Royal Hotel by the M.E.Z. to a handsome banquet.

Professor S—, whose loss is deeply lamented in the scholastic circles of New-York, wrote very indistinctly. He was at one time a highly valued contributor to the journal of which he afterward took charge, and being one day introduced to its editor, was greeted with every expression of cordiality and respect. It was a great pleasure to meet one whose learning and services had been, &c., &c. "But, professor," added the editor, turning upon him and seizing his hand with sudden earnestness, and with solemnity in his face, "I hope you pray for my printers!" The professor replied that he was very happy to offer his prayers in behalf of any who were in need of them; but what was the special urgency in this case? "Ah!" answered the editor, shaking his head impressively, "if you could but hear them swear when they get to work on your manuscript!"—*Harper's Magazine*. "Soldiers must be fearfully dishonest," says Mrs. Partington; "it seems to be an occurrence every night for a sentry to be relieved of his watch."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 14, 1879.

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8.**
 Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1426, Great City, Cannon st. Hot.
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersca.
 " 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial H., Holborn Viaduct.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Cross Hot., Wood Green.
 " 1381, Kennington, Sry. Ch. H., Kennington Oval.
 Mark 234, Brixton, S.M.H., Camberwell.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 17, 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, NOVEMBER 10.**
 Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gate House Hot., Highgate.
 " 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
 " 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
 " 1789, Ubique, Regent M.H.
 Chap. 720, Pamure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Red Cross Conclave, 2, Bective, 68, Regent-st.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, 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, NOVEMBER 11.**
 Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st., Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav.
 " 1803, Cornhill, New City Club, George-yd.
 Mark 22, Southwark, Bidge House Hot.

- 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 Bdg., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.

- Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersca.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.F., at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddleton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.**
 Gen. Com. R.M.B.L., at 3, F.M.H.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
 " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Wwich.
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
 " 1366, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1677, Crusaders, New Market Hot., W. Smithfield.
 " 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-st., S.W.
 " 1718, Centurion, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
 Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.
 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, NOVEMBER 13.**
 Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Pk. Tav. Southwark-pk.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
 " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-road, W.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 1523, St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-h.
 " 1791, Creaton, F.M.H.
 Chap. 140, St. George's, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 Rose Croix, 39, St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

- 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, Pousonby-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, Clekenwell, at 9.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.**
 Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Rose Croix 4, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers' Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne rd., Notting-Hill.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.