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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge held its installation meeting on the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel Fleet-street. There were present Bros. C. Dairy, W.M.; G. Rumball, S.W., W.M. elect; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Mallett, I.P.M.; Heaphy, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx.; J.D. (*Freemason*); Clarke, I.G.; Titley, W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Cobham, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Dean, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset; Honeywell, P.G. Org. Middx.; J. Wright, P.M. 1446, &c.; Farwig, W.M. 180; Robins, 15; Davidson, 299; Webb, 382; Denbigh, 417; Earnley, 511; Perkins, 765; J. Wright, 813; Turrell, 913; Yates, 948; Capper, 1076; Gobby, 1599; Berg, 1613; Howes, 1623; Docker, 1687; Jones, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Rumball, W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Dairy, for induction into the chair of K.S. A Board of Installed Masters was thereupon formed, with Bros. Hopwood, as S.W.; Themans, as J.W.; Stuart, as D.C.; and Carter, as I.G. That portion of the ceremony having been completed, the brethren below the rank of an Installed Master were re-admitted, and they saluted the W.M. in ancient form. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Dairy, I.P.M.; Morrison, S.W.; Heaphy, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas. (twenty-first time); Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Walls, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Titley, I.G.; Whitby, W.S.; Jordan, D.C. The addresses were then ably delivered by Bro. Dairy, who is to be congratulated upon the able manner—it being his maiden effort—that he performed the arduous duties of Installing Master. Mr. Daniels was then effectively introduced into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The pleasing duty of presenting the I.P.M. with a jewel in recognition of his services followed. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Honeywell for his services as Organist during the ceremonies. The members and visitors then adjourned to the banquet, which was as usual admirably served by Bros. Clemow and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary toasts received full justice. "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., who duly responded in an able speech. "The Health of the W.M." was tersely given by the I.P.M. and most heartily received by the brethren. Bro. Rumball, in replying, briefly thanked them for having placed him in the proud position of Master of their lodge. He would endeavour to do his duty, and he was sanguine enough to believe that at the expiration of his year of office they would be pleased to say that he had done so. He then gave "The Initiate." This toast having been acknowledged by Bro. Daniels the toast of "The Visitors" followed. In introducing this pledge the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon the almost unprecedented number of visiting brethren who had done the Faith Lodge the honour of attending that evening. It would be invidious for him to particularise—among so many distinguished brethren—any one brother to respond; he should, therefore, place no restrictions as to who should reply, but if they thought fit they might all avail themselves of the opportunity of saying a few words. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Dean, J. Wright, and Cottebrune. The first named expressed his gratification upon the successful manner in which everything had passed off that evening, both in and out of lodge. He had been particularly struck with the rendering of the addresses by the I.P.M. and also with the "working" of the W.M. Having spoken upon Freemasonry in connection with the Province of Dorset, he concluded by stating that he should carry back with him very pleasurable recollections of his visit to this old and distinguished lodge. Bros. Cottebrune and Wright also expressed their thanks for the hospitality they had received.

"The Health of the I.P.M." came next. In prefacing this toast the W.M. briefly alluded to the successful year of office of Bro. Dairy. The lodge had had an abundance of business to transact during the last year, and he felt confident that they would agree with him that the work of the Master had been on the whole well performed. In conclusion he said he was personally obliged to the I.P.M. for the effective manner in which he had been installed by him that day. This toast having been well received, the I.P.M. briefly expressed his acknowledgments in appropriate terms. As the hour was late the remaining toasts, "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," were quickly given and they were briefly acknowledged by the brethren thus particularised. The toasts were agreeably interspersed with musical and other selections by Bro. Honeywell and others.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The November meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. Charles Arkell, W.M.; Henry Legge, I.P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, S.W.; S. T. Lucas, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Cohn, P.M.; J. G. Chillingworth, S.D.; James Lorkin, J.D.; John Kent, Thos. Fisher, B. Perkins, H. A. Carter, J. Copelin, Thos. Agutter, W. H. Lee Davies, Org.; and other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Alfred Cuff, of the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. A notice of motion was given by Bro. H. A. Carter, that ten per cent. of the entire receipts of the lodge be added to the Charity Fund. A letter of resignation was read from Bro. Henry Muggerridge, P.M., father of the lodge. It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by the W.M., that Bro. Muggerridge be made an honorary member. The proposition was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met in good strength at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 4th inst., when there were present amongst others Bros. T. Walls, P.G.S.B. of Middx., W.M.; Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Reeves, I.P.M.; Webb, S.D.; Robinson, I.G.; Honeywell, P.G.O. Middx., Org.; Stokes, D.C.; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; W. Mann, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Fisher, P.M. 834; Hardy, 190; Dovey, 1257; W. Randall, 1360. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Robertson was passed to the Degree of F.C. There being no other business the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The preliminary Royal and Craft toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Mann, P.M., and was duly acknowledged. "The Health of the Visitors" followed. This toast was responded to at length by Bro. Fisher. In his reply, he expressed the great gratification his first visit to No. 1381 had afforded him. He came there that evening with the expectation of meeting none but strangers, but he had been most agreeably disappointed, as he had found himself in the midst of many old friends, and he was pleased to renew their Masonic and social intercourse. He had heard the Kennington Lodge spoken very highly of, and he could now bear testimony to its general excellence. In conclusion, he said the members of the lodge were to be congratulated upon possessing so many Past Masters, whose services in the cause of Freemasonry were of cosmopolitan renown. Bros. Hardy, Dovey, and Randall having also replied, "The Health of the Past Masters" followed. In proposing this toast the W.M. expressed his thanks to the members of that distinguished body for the services they had rendered him throughout his connection with the lodge. This toast having been warmly received, each of the Past Masters made a short speech in response. In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary" the W.M. referred to the absence through very serious illness of Bro. Page, Treasurer, and the father of the lodge. He said that Bro. Page's services in the cause of Freemasonry were not to be under-estimated. He held a very distinguished position in the Craft, having filled the office of a Grand Steward, and he had also passed the chair in the Grand Stewards' Lodge. His interest in the Masonic Charities had been and was still very great, this was evidenced by the fact that he was a Vice-President of those excellent Institutions. In conclusion he hoped that T.G.A.O.T.U. would spare him—Bro. Page—many years yet to come in order that he might extend—if that were possible—the sphere of his Masonic usefulness. In conclusion he also touched upon the services of Bro. Stuart, Secretary, to the cause of Masonry in general. This toast having been greeted with excellent "fire," Bro. Stuart briefly responded. The toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings. During the evening Bros. Honeywell, Stokes, and others entertained the brethren.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The first meeting after the installation of the W.M. was held on Saturday evening, the 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Blackie, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Catchpole, S.W.; J. W. Warner, J.W.; N. B. Headon, Treas.; Moody, Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Kittle, J.D.; Keeble, I.G.; Baber, D.C.; Fendick and Potter, Stewards. The following were the visitors:—Bros. J. Self, P.M. 214, P.G.S.W. Essex; W. H. Postans, P.M. 34; J. Eldridge, P.M. 167; D. R. Still, P.M. 1671; T. Edmondston, W.M. 1669; G. L. Saul, W.M. 1201; C. Perceval, W.M. 1667; C. Forbes, S.W. 634, Scotia, New York; J. B. Lamb, 1695; W. Earl, St. John's; T. Youens, 1287; C. Taylor, 1765; T. Eastgate, 1563; A. Baker, 1708; P. Stevens, 1326; D.

O'Connor, 686; Medcalf, 1671; and H. Thompson (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, it was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Mogridge was examined as to his proficiency in the science, as was also Bro. Stevens, of Lodge 1326, who, by the courtesy of the W.M. of that lodge, was allowed to take his Second and Third Degrees in this lodge. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair to allow Bro. E. Moody, the Secretary, to raise his friend, Bro. Mogridge, to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and that ceremony was performed with the ability that always distinguishes anything that is performed by Bro. Moody. The ceremony having been completed, Bro. J. Stevens took the chair, and raised his son to the Third Degree. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and Mr. Edward William Postans, who had been previously balloted for, was in due form initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. A motion which stood on the paper, given by Bro. N. B. Headon, Treasurer, as to the alteration of Bye-law No. 10, regulating the period when a member shall send in his resignation, was considered, and having been proposed by him, it was seconded by Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., and supported by Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., and after a short discussion was carried with but two dissentients. No further business offering the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to what was called in the summons a "dinner," a repast that was more worthy of being designated "a banquet" than many of those that are dignified by that high-sounding title. There was abundance of everything that was good and substantial, without incurring what some considered the wasted cost of things which but few persons require. After the cloth had been withdrawn, the W.M. made a very pleasing announcement, that as their time was necessarily very brief, he should not take up much of it by making long speeches, having well impressed upon his mind the well-known maxim about brevity, &c., and this promise he faithfully carried out to the end of the business, which was certainly a great relief to members who do not care about listening to a "thrice-told tale" or platitudes which are much better understood in practice than by a theoretical dissertation thereupon. The W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were all duly honoured, after which Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., said the brethren would well understand why he had risen to address them, which was to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he trusted that they would drink it in bumpers. He was sure that the lodge was proud in having such a worthy brother as Bro. Blackie for their W.M., and would esteem him for the very admirable manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation that evening, for it plainly showed that in having him for their W.M. the lodge would not lose any of its lustre. It would be fulsome in him (Bro. Freeman) if in his presence he said more in his praise, and without saying anything more he should ask the brethren to rise and drink his very good health, a request most cordially responded to. In reply the W.M. thanked the brethren very sincerely for having drunk his health in so cordial a manner, and as allusion had been made to the way in which he had done the work that evening, he could only tell them, as he had told them before, he would do it to the best of his ability, but so long as he was supported by those who were around him he hoped to carry on the business to their entire satisfaction. The W.M. said the next toast was what might be called the toast of the evening, which was "The Health of their Brother Initiate," a gentleman who had been well vouched for and of good report, and whom he was now proud to call a brother, and he trusted that he would never regret the step he had taken that evening. Bro. Postans, in returning thanks, said he was quite unaccustomed to make speeches, especially before so large an assembly as that he saw before him, and, therefore, he thought it would best become him to speak with brevity, as the soul of wit. He thanked them, indeed, most sincerely for admitting him as a member of such an ancient and noble Order, and for the very enthusiastic manner in which his name had been received in the Great City Lodge. He hoped to prove a good Mason and a credit to the lodge, that they would never regret having admitted him as a member, and that he should never cease to appreciate the honour which they had conferred upon him. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Visitors." The Great City Lodge were always proud to see visitors at their festive board, and he was glad to see so goodly an array of them then present. In the name of the lodge he gave them a cordial and hearty welcome. Several of the visitors returned thanks, and after one or two other healths had been given, the Tyler's toast brought a very happy and harmonious meeting to a close.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The second gathering this autumn of the brethren of the above lodge took place at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. In the absence of the W.M., who is now on a visit to the United States, the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, I.P.M., presided, and discharged the functions of W.M., both in the chair and at the banquet, with all his usual graceful tact and geniality. The brethren present included Bros. George Kenning, S.W.; Dr. Alder Smith, J.W.; John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M. and Treas.; Thos. Jones, Sec.; Alfred Brookman, J.D.; Dr. Samuel Benton, I.G.; Samuel White, E. Y. Jolliffe, and Thomas Benskin, Stewards; W. H. Froom, and Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B. Visitor: Bro. W. Taylor, S.W. Francis Burdett Lodge, 1503. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the W.M. for the ensuing year was elected by ballot, and Bro. George Kenning was found to have been unanimously selected to fill that high office. Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Steedman was re-elected Tyler. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be

placed on the list of Bro. George Kenning, for the R.M. Benevolent Institution, who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festivals of the three Charitable Institutions. During the course of the evening, a lecture upon some of the moral aspects and teachings of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. Hyde Pullen with unusual eloquence and felicity of illustration. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, under the charge of the Rev. the W.M., and spent an evening of more than ordinary enjoyment.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall, Shore ditch, when there were present Bros. Louis Stean, W.M.; G. T. Barr, S.W.; C. F. Barham, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, Chap.; C. Stevens, Treas.; Joseph Cox, Sec.; E. Benjamin, S.D.; J. A. Jones, J.D.; A. A. Clement, I.G.; C. T. Speight, Tyler; Funston, Beasley, Snellgrove, Laurence, Staff, Tidball, Matthews, Walker, Dr. Holt, Drysdale, Thrower, Plummer, Brand, Prevost, Mendey. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Staff was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, the ceremony being ably worked. Bro. G. T. Barr, unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bros. C. Stevens, Treasurer; and Speight, Tyler.

CANTERBURY.—United Industrious Lodge (No. 31).—The first regular lodge meeting since the installation of the W.M., Bro. William Tice, was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Peter's-street, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Tice, W.M.; H. Ward, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; Rev. J. Mangan, D.D., LL.D., P.M., P.P.G.D., Chap.; P. Higham, P.M., P.G.J.W., Treas.; Dr. Longhurst, S.W.; J. E. Wiltshier, P.M., J.W.; T. H. Walkley, S.D.; A. W. Cattelle, J.D.; F. Horner, I.G.; J. Plant, P.M., Org. Visitors: Bros. G. Pilcher, P.M. 972, P.G.D.C.; H. Miskin, W.M. 1449, and others. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising Bro. Collard was performed by the W.M., Bro. H. Ward explaining the Tracing Board and presenting the tools. The ceremony was rendered in a most impressive manner by having the full musical service, the lodge having the great advantage of so many musical brethren, among them being Bros. Longhurst, Mus. Doc.; Plant, Rhodes, Moulding, and Higgins, Organist and lay clerk of the Cathedral. After other business the lodge was closed down, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—At the regular monthly meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 6th inst., the chair was taken at 7.30 p.m. by Bro. Braham, W.M., supported by Past Masters Bros. F. Wilkinson, Brown, Moutrie, Clark, Ashley, Treas.; and Dr. Hopkins, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, as J.W.; Radway, Sec.; Rubie, P.M., as Dir. of Cer.; Mercer, S.D.; Peach, as J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Baldwin, Org.; Ames, Steward; and Bigwood, Tyler. Besides the members there were several visitors, among them Bro. Howes, W.M. of 906. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. L. Brown was examined as to his proficiency, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the candidate was re-admitted, and passed to the rank of Fellow Craft by the W.M., Bro. Mercer, S.D., explaining the symbolism of the working tools, and the final charge being given by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M. and S.W. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., the Secretary was ordered to write a letter of condolence, on behalf of the lodge, to the widow and sons of the late Bro. Gummer, who died suddenly a week ago, being cut off in the prime of life; after an illness of only a few days. Though, some months ago, he withdrew from membership of this lodge, he took all his Degrees in it, rose to the rank of S.D., and had never joined any other lodge. The W.M. read a letter from the son of the aged Bro. Marsh, who occupied the first chair of No. 41 in 1828, and was recently elected an honorary member of the lodge, offering to present a portrait of his father to it. The Secretary was directed thankfully to accept the proposal. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. Hunt, J.W., and Cater, S.D.; the former on account of domestic affliction, and the latter owing to pressing business engagements. The Treasurer announced success at the last election in obtaining admission to the Girls' Masonic School for a candidate from this province in the first attempt. The S.W. undertook, if possible, to ascertain all the changes in the number of this old lodge, with their dates, in order that they may be engraved on the silver jewels worn by the officers. The W.M. announced that the Prov. Grand Master had fixed the 11th or 12th of December for the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Weston-super-Mare. No other business offering the lodge was closed at 9.30 o'clock.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Freemason-street, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 7.30. The lodge was opened by W.M. Bro. Frampton, supported by Bros. Pearson and Surtees, Past Masters; Watson, W.M. 97; Eggleston, W.M. 949; Douglass, P.M. 80 (*Freemason*). The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. stated the time had now arrived for the lodge to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ballot was then taken, when Bro. John Potts, P.M., was duly elected. Bro. Riseborough, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. Brown, re-elected Tyler. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due and solemn form.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—The brethren were summoned to attend the Masonic

duties of this lodge on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. W. Corbett, W.M., was in his place in the east at the proper time, and his official supporters were Bros. F. Barnett, I.P.M.; Jno. C. Robinson, P.M., M.C.; John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S.B.; H. Wynne Parry, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; Robert Collings, Sec.; Wm. H. Vernon, S.D.; J. Jeneway, J.D.; Morris Davies, I.G.; Alfred D. Ewart, Org.; D. Cangle, Steward; M. Haworth, Steward; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. B. J. Parry, Thomas Grindall, Robt. H. Waggett, R. G. Bradley, Thos. Haliburton, John Pye, Alfred Samuels, Jas. Messenger, Henry Hall, Rd. Thompson, John Williams, J. Sykes, James Roberts, Henry J. Pye, Rd. Fitzgerald, Jas. Travis, Thos. Poyser, Wm. Mooney, J. W. Walker, James White, and others. The visitors were Bros. E. S. Hall, 241; D. A. MacKenzie, 1806; Robt. H. Simpson, 343; Henry Firth, W.M. 667; and Webster Williams, 1609. Mr. George James Harper was initiated, and Bro. R. H. Waggett was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Mason, the work being most effectively and satisfactorily performed by the W.M. and his able staff of officers. Three guineas were voted from the funds of the lodge to assist the widow of a deceased brother who belonged to the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241. On the motion of Bro. John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S.B., seconded by Bro. W. Corbett, W.M., it was unanimously resolved to send a letter to Bro. Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094, 249 (*Freemason*), conveying the condolence of the brethren in connection with the loss he has recently sustained by the death of his wife. The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet, and besides the toasts there were several capital songs by Bros. Webster Williams, M. Davis, R. Bradley, Messenger, and others.

WARWICK.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 284).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. There were present Bros. G. Wilson, M.D., W.M.; T. W. Thursfield, M.D., S.W.; Rev. A. H. Russell, J.W.; Rev. P. Sidney Harris, Chap.; Brabazon Campbell, M.A., Treas.; S. W. Cooke, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; Geo. Bond, J.D.; T. J. Baker, I.G.; S. C. Smith, P.G. Dir. of Cer., Steward; Purser, Tyler; A. Roberts, Jas. Evers-Swindell, J. S. Moore, J. Yeoman, Robins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. Pritchard, E. Stanley, J. W. Margett, P.P.G.R.; and F. Haynes, P.M. Bro. A. R. Whiteway, No. 1008, was a visitor. The minutes were read and confirmed, also the report of the Prov. Grand Steward was read. Several gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. The W.M. gave a Lecture on the Tracing Beard in the Second Degree.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 6th inst. The members present were Bros. J. R. Lever, W.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; William Nicholl, J.W.; R. Tomlins, S.D.; J. Halliday, J.D.; John Church, Sec.; John Smethurst, Treas.; J. Wilson, acting I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; John Bladon, P.M.; James Smith, E. de Gough, A. Forshaw, S. Percivals, Francis Hilton, Ellis Jones, and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*). There were no visitors. The lodge was opened at 6.30 and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. John Bladon, P.M., gave an explanation of the Second Tracing Board, which was listened to with earnest attention by the brethren. There being no work, the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and closed in peace and harmony at 7.45.

CROYDON.—East Surrey Lodge of Concord (No. 463).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, and in the absence of Bro. Yaxley, the W.M., his position was taken by the M.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. C. W. Arnold, who worked the ceremonies of the Three Degrees, assisted by Bros. G. N. Price, P.M. and P.G. Treas., who officiated as S.W.; Streeter, J.W.; Hook, S.D.; Byron H. Ridge, J.D.; and Herbert Saxelby, I.G. At the close of the ceremonies Bro. Arnold announced that he had been deputed by the P.G.M. to offer to Bro. Yaxley, the W.M. of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, the honourable office of P.G.S. of W., but as Bro. Yaxley was at that moment abroad on business, he had much pleasure in investing Bro. C. H. Woodward on behalf of Bro. Yaxley. The brethren then saluted the M.W.D.P.G.M. with the usual honours, and the lodge having been closed in due form the brethren retired from labour to refreshment, an admirable banquet being served in an adjacent room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

GLOSSOP.—Devonshire Lodge (No. 625).—The installation meeting and St. John's festival of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Bro. David Davis, of Manchester, who was the W.M. elect, had spared no expense or personal inconvenience to make the proceedings throughout, what they proved to be, a complete success. The ordinary meetings of the lodge are held at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, and, without doubt, the accommodation there is in every way equal to the requirements of the brethren, but Bro. Davis, with a view of not allowing the preparations for the St. John's festival to interfere in the slightest degree with the installation ceremony, had arranged that the latter should be held at the Town Hall. There is no question but that this arrangement was wisely made, as at its conclusion the brethren had simply to walk across the road to the hotel, where everything was in readiness for the banquet. The following were present:—Bros. J. Collier, W.M.; David A. Davis, S.W.; W. Booth, J.W.; S. Collier, Sec.; John Hadfield, S.D.; John Garlick, J.D.; John Holt, Chap.; W. H. Hodgson, I.G.; W. Fielding, Tyler; G. E. Cox, P.M.; Wm. Dawson, P.M.; J. Merry,

J. D. Calder, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Derbyshire; Thos. Dearnally, P.M., P.G.S.B. Derbyshire; John Hardman, P.M.; Saml. Warhurst, Geo. Woodcock, Jos. Wright, J. Spruce, W. H. Irlim, J. H. Rosson, A. Rowbottom, Albert Andrew, A. Sturgeon, W. Swire, Jas. Bennett, S. Robinson, Jos. Robinson, D. Clarke, S. Rowbottom, T. Orme, Danl. Hesslegrave, Chas. Davis, J. B. Hallam, and Henry Patchett. The visitors present were Bros. J. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D.C. E.L. (Installing Master); James Hall, P.P.G.T. E.L.; James Cole, jun., J.D. 1588; W. Fell, 815; T. Broadsmith, W.M. 1166; Wm. Hadfield, W.M. 320; Wm. Cole, 1588; J. Roberts, 320; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; J. E. Steward, W.M. 336; James Ollerenshaw, 266; Henry Heap, 300; T. R. Williams, P.M. 1147; Lewis Wohnes, 1545; W. R. Browne, Sec. 1545; Robt. Hunter, 1088; William Burton, 268; John G. Willan, 320; James Whitehead, S.W. 654; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 3.30 with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary next read particulars of the financial position of the lodge, which were very satisfactory, and a motion was put and carried that the same be adopted. Bro. Davis having been presented to the W.M. as the W.M. elect, was forthwith interrogated by the Secretary, and having given the customary responses, was installed by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe as Worshipful Master of the Devonshire Lodge for the ensuing year. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s Bro. Sillitoe announced the fact to them of Bro. Davis's installation, and the usual salutations having been given, the Installing Master next proceeded to invest the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. W. Booth, S.W.; John Hadfield, J.W.; John Garlick, S.D.; W. H. Hodgson, J.D.; W. Thorpe, Treas. (re-appointed); S. Collier, Sec.; W. Swire, I.G.; W. Dawson, D. of C.; S. Robinson, J. Cooper, and J. Spruce, Stewards; and W. Fielding, Tyler. On the latter brother making his appearance, the W.M., addressing him, said that a very pleasing duty devolved itself upon him, and that was, that in consideration of the many years that he (Bro. Fielding) had ably and zealously served the lodge in his capacity of Tyler, he had much pleasure on behalf of himself and the members of the lodge in presenting him with a silver "Tyler's" jewel and collar, and also a gold scarf pin from himself. The W.M. further stated that the brethren generally were so sensible of Bro. Fielding's long and well tried services, that they could not help signifying their appreciation of them by asking him to accept these humble offerings of their esteem. Bro. Fielding, who seemed quite overcome by surprise and pleasure, thanked the brethren in a few appropriate sentences. On the conclusion of the ceremony of installation the W.M. proposed, and Bro. Calder seconded, a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, Bro. Sillitoe, for the great ability he had displayed in that capacity, having performed the whole of it unassisted, and also given the addresses. The motion was unanimously carried, and Bro. Sillitoe was warmly applauded on quitting the lodge room. On the motion of Bro. Calder, seconded by Bro. Dr. Rose, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds for the purchase of a vote in the Boys' School. Bro. Thurpe next proposed, and Bro. G. E. Cox seconded, a motion that a share in the Glossop Gas Company be purchased out of the lodge funds. Some amusement was caused by a question being put to a brother, who was known to be the possessor of several gas shares, as to whether he would sell one to the lodge at par, and in reply to which the worthy brother stated that he had already, as the lodge was aware, sold them some shares on the terms mentioned, and it would be against human nature to expect him to get rid of them all at the same price, but at the same time half-a-dozen, more or less, would not make a great deal of difference to him, and if the lodge would be benefited by the purchase, he had no objection to selling them three or four more on the same terms as the last. This announcement was received with applause, and it is needless to say that the motion was carried. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.30. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Norfolk Arms Hotel, and sat down to a recherché banquet, the serving of which did great credit to the fair hostess. The usual preliminary toasts having been proposed and duly honoured, the W.M. said he should have to depart a little from the routine order of the programme, as he wished to propose a toast which he knew would be acceptable to them all, viz., "The Health of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, the Installing Master," who unfortunately would very shortly have to leave them and return to Manchester, but before he did go, he (the W.M.) would like to show Bro. Sillitoe how fully the brethren, and himself, appreciated his kindness in coming so long a distance to instal him as the W.M. of the Devonshire Lodge, and also the able manner he had performed the ceremony, and without further preface he would ask them to drink the health of Bro. Sillitoe in a bumper. The toast was heartily responded to, and, in reply, Bro. Sillitoe said he thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hearty reception and hospitable treatment, and he assured them it gave him great pleasure to think his humble efforts had pleased them, and he congratulated the W.M. on his attaining the proud position he now held, and which he had ably and honourably earned. There was no doubt that the W.M. had the advantage of capable officers to assist him in his duties, and this must be a gratifying fact to him, as it would, doubtless, help him to successfully steer through his year of office, and, in wishing him and the members of the Devonshire Lodge all prosperity, he assured them he should be most happy at any time to render them any service. The I.P.M., Bro. Collier, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said it afforded him great pleasure in doing so, having known him for eleven years, during which time he had only been absent from the lodge two or three times. He had always been willing to promote the welfare and success of the Devonshire Lodge, and he hoped his year of office would be a successful one. The

brethren were fortunate in their choice of their W.M., and he was satisfied that Bro. Davis would prove himself equal to the duties of his office. He wished him a year of prosperity and happiness, and, believing the brethren entertained the highest respect and esteem for their W.M., he would ask them to drink his health and long life and prosperity. The enthusiastic manner in which the toast was responded to proved the truth of the remarks made by Bro. Collier. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Collier for his kind remarks, and also the brethren for the hearty manner they had received the toast. He soon found after joining the Craft that it was an excellent school of learning, and taught the beautiful principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and that Freemasonry did not consist only of passing through the different Degrees and wearing the badges, but it set a good example in every sphere of life, and gained the love and respect of all its pupils. He had that day undertaken a responsible duty, but the lodge was fortunate in possessing some excellent and good working P.M.'s, and he was sure of their support in case of need. He hoped the officers would be regular in their attendance, and the members support him, as it was by doing so himself, and passing through every office in the lodge, that he had attained his high position. He heartily thanked the brethren for so unanimously electing him to preside over them during the ensuing year, and hoped to see the youngest brother in the lodge try to emulate those brethren who had gone before him, and reap the same reward as he had. It scarcely seemed possible that it was the same lodge he was now Master of when he looked back and recalled the time when there were hardly sufficient brethren present to open it, and to note the vast improvements they had made these last few years. It was a gratifying sight which had presented itself to his gaze that afternoon, when nearly sixty brethren had assembled to do him honour; he was proud of his position, and assured them he would do all and everything in his power to merit the confidence they had reposed in him. The toasts of "The Visitors," "The I.P.M.," and others were proposed and responded to, and with some excellent singing by Bros. Heap, Marks, Fielding, Proctor, Robinson, and others, together with a recitation by Bro. Barber, written expressly in honour of Bro. Davis's installation, brought one of the most successful meetings in the annals of this lodge to a close at 11 o'clock.

PLUMSTEAD.—The Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first meeting of the above lodge since its installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and, like most of the meetings of the above powerful and influential lodge, was well attended by both members and visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The following work was then done by the W.M., Bro. Lloyd, in such a manner as to win the approbation of even the most exacting of the Past Masters present, viz., the Second Degree, Bro. Rahtz having, with the usual ceremonies, passed to that Degree. It was then proposed and carried unanimously that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of our lamented and deceased Bro. Robert Lister, late Tyler of the lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors sat down to a pretty little supper, served by Bro. Tucker in excellent form. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. with spirit, and cordially responded to by the assembly. Bro. Past Master Coupland, in responding for "The Present and Past Officers of the Province," regretted the absence of Bro. Butler, who as an officer would have done honour to so important a toast. He, Bro. Coupland, had responded to the toast so often that they must feel a trifle wearied at hearing him. Well, encouraged by their forbearance, he would say that which he had repeatedly said, that in their Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, and in Bro. Eastes, their Deputy Grand Master, they had two of the best and most gracious leaders that it was possible to serve under. A very short time ago a number of the brethren had had an opportunity, not only of seeing, but hearing their Grand Master, and he felt sure the remembrance of that genial presence, and the kind, encouraging words uttered by their distinguished brother, would not soon be forgotten by the brethren of Plumstead and the surrounding district. At the conclusion of a most elegant address, Bro. Coupland thanked them for the toast. Bro. Denton, who holds a high office in the Provincial Grand Chapter, as well as being a P.P.G. Officer, also returned thanks. Bro. Hayes, the I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated the lodge upon having a Master who could work the ceremonies, and conduct the lodge in the admirable manner Bro. Lloyd had that night. Bro. Lloyd, in response, after thanking the brethren for the toast, said that he looked upon the position he occupied as a very responsible one. He took it that the work incidental to the position could not be too well or too conscientiously done. For many years past the work in the Pattison Lodge had been done in a most admirable manner, and he had determined to carry out the duties entrusted to him in such a manner as would not reflect discredit upon the brilliant array of Masters who had preceded him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and in so doing he paid a high compliment to his predecessor, Bro. Hayes, both as a man and a Mason, and coupled with his name that of the father of the lodge, Past Master Ellis. Bro. Hayes, in reply, spoke feelingly of the kindness he had received from the brethren during his year of office, and trusted the W.M. would during his year be as well and heartily supported. Bro. Ellis, whose eloquence is a source of unqualified pleasure to the brethren, said when he saw the array of Past Masters gathering around him, and remembering, as he did, not with regret, however, the years ago it was that he occupied the position that Bro. Lloyd

held that night, it brought to his mind the words of a song which said:—

"Darling, you are growing old,
Silver threads among the gold."

He was pleased to see throughout all those years that the lodge was sanctified by its harmony and brotherly love. In it every brother seemed to have a sympathy with one another, that made its meetings so pleasant and delightful, that he always anticipated their meeting with unmixed pleasure and delight. It was another source of pleasure to him to witness the excellent working of every Master who had succeeded him, and he trusted that the kindly spirit of emulation which existed among the Masters would long continue, for he felt that if it did the honour and prosperity of the lodge, which had made it a marked lodge among the lodges of the province of Kent, would continue as now, undimmed and undiminished. The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Weston, Shaw, and Warren. The former, in replying, thanked the brethren of the district for enabling him to make so good an appearance as a Steward at one of the charity meetings, more especially he thanked the Pattison Lodge, which started him with ten guineas from the funds, and whose members had helped to swell his offering to the sum of £48 18s. In the name of the Ubique Lodge he thanked them. Bros. Scully, Syer, and Smith also replied to the toast. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and then the worthy host, Bro. Tucker, was complimented. The proceedings soon after terminated. Among the officers and brethren present, beside the W.M., were Bros. T. D. Hayes, I.P.M.; Past Masters A. Penfold, J. McDougall, H. Butter, P.G.S. Kent; F. W. Vincent, Jas. Chapman, S.W.; R. J. Cook, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec.; H. Mason, S.D.; R. Edmonds, J.D.; H. Pryce, I.G.; T. Reed, D.C.; C. Cooke, Org.; H. Shaw, W.M. 1536; J. Warren, W.M. 700; D. Deeves, S.W. 1536; J. Wilkins, S.W. 700; W. Murphy, Treas. 1536; T. Smith, P.M. 829; G. Beaver, J.D. 700; J. H. Roberts, I.G. 700; J. Sculley, I.G. 706; S. E. Southgate, 700; J. Aillud, 615; G. Tedder, 1167; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's School, on Monday, the 10th inst., at 7.30. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Eggleston, supported by Bros. Taylor, I.P.M.; Hall, P.M.; Gray, P.M.; Halfnight, P.M.; Cook, P.M.; and a good muster of brethren. Visitors: Bros. Frampton, W.M. 94; Watson, W.M. 97; and Douglass, P.M. 80 (*Freemason*). The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Lachenby, a candidate for Masonry, who was duly elected. He was introduced and received the Degree of an E.A. Mason. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree. Bro. Osborne was examined and answered satisfactorily; he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Osborne was admitted and made a M.M. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. No other business before the meeting, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in due and solemn form.

MOSLEY.—Prince Alfred Lodge (No. 1218).—The installation meeting of this improved lodge took place on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Commercial Hotel. The following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. James Buckley, W.M.; the Rev. J. E. Roberts, S.W.; J. Stevenson, S.D.; John Buckley, Treas.; John Waterhouse, Tyler; John Heys, P.M.; Thos. Read, Danl. Dempsey, Thos. Mayall, Joseph Woolhouse, and Robert Wilson. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Blackburn, P.P.G. S.D. West Yorks.; Robert Whittaker, P.M. 350, 678, P.P.G.D. of C. East Lanc.; Geo. P. Cartwright, S.D. 678; John Shaw, P.M. 337; J. W. Tanner, 337; Thos. H. Tanner, 337; C. Shaw, W.M. 337; the Rev. Robert Cowburn, 269; G. H. Mellor, W.M. 1774; Dr. W. Y. Martin, 1633; W. F. Towle, 815; W. R. Batchelor, P.M. 324; Dr. G. M. Brumwell, Robt. T. Punter, W.M.; Thos. Peak, W.M. 300; and R. R. Lisenden, 337 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened with punctuality at the hour appointed, viz., three o'clock, with solemn prayer, after which the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditor's report on the financial position of the lodge was next taken and adopted. The W.M. then addressed the brethren in relation to the annual election of a Master, after which the Installing Master, Bro. W. R. Batchelor, presented the W.M. elect, Bro. J. E. Roberts, who gave the requisite answers to the questions put to him by the Secretary from the Book of Constitutions. Bro. Batchelor, assisted by Bro. W. F. Towle, then proceeded to instal Bro. Roberts as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and both brethren fully bore out the reputation they enjoy for their efficiency as Installing Masters, and produced on the minds of those who witnessed this beautiful ceremony for the first time a most favourable impression. After the W.M. had been saluted in the customary manner, Bro. Towle invested the following brethren with the collars and jewels of their respective newly-appointed office:—Bros. Dunbar Murray, S.W.; J. Stevenson, J.W.; Thos. Read, S.D.; Danl. Dempsey, Sec.; John Buckley, Treas., re-appointed; Thos. Mayall, I.G.; John Waterhouse, Tyler. Bro. Whittaker was invested, pro tem., as Junior Deacon. At the conclusion of this ceremony Bro. Buckley addressed the W.M., Bro. Towle the Wardens, and Bro. Batchelor the brethren. The installation being finished, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and with prayer, at 5.20. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, which had been provided for them by Bro. E. Nield, the host, and we must give due praise to that brother for the amount of care he exhibited in providing for their personal comfort, and in the selection, quality, and cooking of the viands, to which the most fastidious could scarcely take exception. On the removal of the cloth the

usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the seventh toast on the list being that of "The Newly-elected W.M.," which was proposed in graceful terms by the I.P.M., Bro. James Buckley, who said, in proposing the toast of the evening, he should not detain the brethren long by his remarks, which would be very short. He stood before the brethren as their I.P.M., and it had fallen to his lot to propose to them this important toast. They all knew that their present W.M. had been the leading spirit in the lodge for a long time past, and more particularly, perhaps, during the past year, as, although he (the I.P.M.) had presided over them the last twelve months, yet he had done very little to promote the interests of the lodge while in that capacity, and whatever had been done, the brethren, he felt sure, were not indebted to him, but to their present W.M., who, as they well knew, had assisted him most kindly and usefully during his tenure of office. He had not the slightest fear about the competency of their W.M. for the office to which the brethren had elected him, and he was sure that not one of them would have to regret their choice, and he would conclude his remarks by asking them to drink "The Health of their W.M." in a bumper. It is needless to say that this invitation was promptly responded to, accompanied with some excellent "fring." Bro. James Tanner sang, with great "verve," "Here's to his health in a song," which was well rendered, and at its conclusion the W.M. in reply said: It is with a feeling of pleasure that I rise to return you my thanks for so kindly responding to the toast of my health, and to say a few words on this, the most important day of the Masonic year. The celebration of the festival of St. John does not, as you are doubtless aware, happen on the same day to each lodge, but whenever it does happen, it is as I said before the most important day of the Masonic year, and it is so, I apprehend, because unquestionably a very important duty has to be performed on the part of the newly-invested officers to diffuse Masonic light and knowledge during their term of office. In their hands is placed the weal or woe of the lodge, and it is for them to say whether the work done shall be good and square work, or whether the timbers shall be crooked, the limbs knotted and dwarfed, and the Order brought into disgrace. Brethren, you have signified your confidence in my ability to perform the duties of W.M. of this lodge by electing me to the highest office which it is in your power to bestow, and I hereby tender you my heartfelt thanks for this token of your respect and esteem. You will, I know, readily believe me if I say that I approach these duties with a large amount of diffidence. Freemasonry expects that the Master of the work shall have nothing to learn. She also expects him to be able to instruct not only the younger members of the Craft, but also those more advanced in Masonic knowledge, and she expects him to be able to repel the insidious assertions of our uninitiated adversaries. This is a lofty standard, but then our mother never expects that any of her sons will ever reach this standard, and because she knows that the best of us—yes all of us—are so very imperfect; and hence the brother does well who does his best, and that I do promise, and I ask you, officers and brethren, to make the same vow. Brethren, let us this day resolve to act up to, more and more, the noble tenets of our venerable Order; yes, let us resolve to regulate our lives by the plumb line of justice and truth, and to square our actions by the principles of virtue, so that we may at the last gain admission to the celestial lodge above, where the Grand Master of the Universe for ever presides and for ever reigns. The W.M. was warmly applauded at the conclusion of his speech, and the musical brethren sang "Prosper the Art" in good style. The toasts of "The Visiting Brethren," "The I.P.M. and the rest of the P.M.'s," "The Installing Masters," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Newly Invested Officers" were proposed and responded to, and the brethren separated a little before 11 o'clock, after spending one of the most pleasant and enjoyable evenings within their recollection. We must not conclude our report without warmly commending the very excellent singing of Bros. James and T. H. Turner, M. Stafford, P.M., and J. Taylor, and also the accompanying of Bro. Enos Andrew on the piano, the rendering of those beautiful glees, "The Red Cross Knight" and "Comrades in Arms," being most artistic, the latter producing quite a furore and being rapturously re-demanded.

LYMM.—Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 1565).—The annual meeting and installation of W.M. elect and festival of St. John of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., when the picturesque village of Lymm, Cheshire, was en fête. The meetings of the lodge are held at the Masonic Hall, and on the above occasion at three in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. J. H. Evans, was supported by a large number of members and visitors from neighbouring lodges. Among those present we noticed Bros. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G. J. W. Cumberland and Westmorland; Rev. — Hodgson, P.P.G.C.; E. G. Parker, S.W., W.M. elect.; Balshaw, Sec.; Jno. Sudlow, S.D.; Jas. Kenworthy, J.D.; J. Lewis, I.G.; G. G. Wootten, P.M.; Coxhill, W.M. 758; Siddeley, 1045; Jno. Young, W.M. 148; D. W. Finney, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; Capt. Little, 120; Bradbury, P.M. 1357; Kenyon, P.M. 1045; Smith, P.M. 1009; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Rohmer, P.M. 633; Groves, Bradford, Wallington, P. Pearce, Griffin, Thompson, W. L. Stone, Crompton, W.M. 1588; Barber, W.M. 1730; Ryder, W.M. 1357; and others. The lodge was opened in due and form, when the minutes were confirmed, and the Auditor's report received. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when in the absence of Bro. E. Simpson, a distinguished member of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cheshire, Bro. Bowes was requested to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Evans presented Bro. E. G. Parker, Worshipful Master elect, for the benefit of installation. The preliminary portion of the ceremony being completed, he

lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was completed in ample form, W. Bros. Finney and Siddeley presiding over the West and South respectively. Bro. E. G. Parker having been placed in the East, according to ancient custom, the congratulations usual in well-ordered lodges followed, the Board being "called off" *pro tempore*. Labour resumed, the Board was closed in the name and fear, and the members and visitors of the Three Degrees admitted in due course. The usual proclamations, salutations, and greetings followed, and then the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. The Installing Master addressed each brother on the meaning of his emblem of office, his situation in the lodge, and the nature and importance of his duties, after which he addressed at length the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren generally, and thus completed the interesting ceremony of the day. After the reception of some propositions and the discharge of some routine business, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bowes for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for a brief interval, after which they re-assembled at the banquet table. The W.M. presided, and after the cloth was withdrawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasures of the evening were enhanced by some excellent music.

GOSPORT.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1705).—The annual meeting of this lodge to instal the W.M. elect was held at the Star Hotel Assembly Rooms on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The lodge was, with the usual formalities, opened by the W.M., Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, P.G. Stwd., with the assistance of the officers of the lodge, and supported by a numerous assembly of members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Mark J. Frost, 257, 487, 1069, P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. J. Guy, P.M. 342, P.P.G.D.C.; P. C. Puttock, W.M. 257; J. Johns, W.M. 1428, P.G.S.B.; V. Brown, W.M. 903; J. W. Wilmott, W.M. 342; E. H. Liddell, W.M. 804; A. L. Emanuel, P.M. 1069; R. Osborne, W.M. 487, P.P.G.O.; R. J. Murrell, W.M. 1776; J. C. Stroud, J.D. 359; G. Pearman, Org. 487; R. Downing, J.W. 903; W. Brunwin, S.D. 903. Among the Past Masters were Bros. E. S. Main, J. Wallingford, and G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.J.D. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read by the Secretary, Bro. Count Des-Geney, and unanimously confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. A ballot was then taken for the election of a Treasurer, when the W. Bro. C. B. Whitcomb was declared to be unanimously elected. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Grant, was then formally presented by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, Treas., P.P.G.S.D., for the benefit of installation, to the outgoing Master, Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, P.G. Stwd., who most ably performed the ceremony, and regularly installed the W. Bro. G. Grant in King Solomon's chair. The following brethren were, in due course, appointed and invested as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. W. Stroud, S.W.; Count Des-Geney, J.W.; C. B. Whitcomb, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M., Treas.; T. Batchelor, P.P.G. Org., Sec.; C. Johnson, S.D.; C. J. E. Mumby, J.D.; A. T. Cave, D.C.; A. Knight, Org.; G. Darby, I.G.; W. C. Webb and J. S. Senior, Stewards; L. Cauvin and W. Tomlinson, Tylers. A formal vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., Bro. G. Grant, seconded by Bro. J. W. Stroud, S.W., to Bro. C. B. Whitcomb for the able and impressive manner in which he had installed his successor, which was carried with acclamation. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, I.P.M. and Treas., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of special design and with appropriate inscription, as a token of appreciation by the members, for the able manner he had conducted the business of the lodge as first W.M. for two consecutive years. The brethren then adjourned to their usual place of meeting, the India Arms Hotel, where a capital banquet had been provided for about forty persons by the genial hostess, Miss Eastland, and several hours most agreeably spent in fraternal unity. The graces before and after the banquet were most ably rendered by the "Gosport Masonic Choir," who had equally well rendered and sung the anthems in the musical portion of the installation ceremony, with the kind assistance of Bro. Misselbrook, as Org. The usual toasts among Freemasons were duly given and responded to, and at a late hour the brethren separated, after a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment.

TWICKENHAM.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Monday last, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. H. Lovegrove, W.M.; H. A. Dubois, Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; G. Clark, jun., S.W.; H. Clark, J.W.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; C. C. Cruikshanks, S.D.; F. J. Perks, J.D.; W. S. Dunkley, I.G.; G. S. Graham, Org.; Wood, W.S.; Rawles (acting), Tyler; Axford, E. W. Dubois, and others, with Bros. J. Hicks and J. Rush, visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and Bros. Boyle, Holliday, and Thorn having answered the usual questions, were entrusted, and retired, and the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and those brethren were duly passed. Messrs. Wm. and Saml. Lewis, brothers, natives of Sierra Leone, were introduced, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The members afterwards partook of refreshment, and during the evening much enjoyed the vocal efforts of Bros. Holliday, S. Lewis, W. S. Dunkley, C. C. Cruikshanks, E. A. White, and G. S. Graham, the musical arrangements both in lodge and at refreshment being under the direction of the last-named brother.

CROYDON.—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., Bro. W. Foulsham, W.M., pre-

siding. In consequence of the unavoidable absence of the S.W., J.W., and I.G., Bros. Pooer, Sec. of the Panmure Lodge, 720, and Daniel, W.M. Prosperity Lodge, 65, kindly undertook to officiate as S.W. and J.W. respectively, Bro. Sheadel, W.M. of the Panmure Lodge, officiating as S.D., in the place of Bro. Pascall, who filled the post of I.G. There were also present Bros. the Rev. J. H. Roberts, P.M.; E. Whittaker, J.D.; W. P. Robinson, Sec.; J. Sargeant, Dr. Fleming, G. W. Amer, H. Legg, and W. Tancock. This lodge was formally consecrated on the 22nd May last, and since that time, in addition to the founders and two or three joining members, eleven candidates have been initiated, of whom five have passed the Three Degrees. In addition to the eleven brethren before-mentioned, five gentlemen are enrolled for initiation, and one as joining member; the lodge may, therefore, be considered to have made fair and satisfactory progress during the six months it has been established. Its meetings are held on the first Thursday in each month in a spacious hall, erected specially for the lodge, adjacent to the Club, New Thornton-heath, and in connection with the lodge it has been resolved to form a lodge of instruction, a preliminary committee meeting having been fixed for the 20th inst.

INSTRUCTION.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB (No. 58).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. There were present Bros. E. E. Barnett, W.M.; C. J. Hogg, S.W.; J. D. Langton, J.W.; Hogg, treas.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Brittain, S.D. and J.D.; W. W. Williams, I.G.; and Fillan. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fillan acting as candidate. The S.W. vacated his chair, Bro. Fillan occupying same. Bro. J. D. Langton being a candidate for the Second Degree answered the usual questions. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Langton was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time. The Secretary stated that he had received information to the effect that the Committee of the Club had made arrangements by which the members of this lodge of instruction could enjoy the benefits of membership of the Club on advantageous terms. Bro. J. D. Langton proposed, Bro. J. S. Fraser seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That this offer be accepted, and that the thanks of this lodge be presented to the Committee of the Club for their kindness in the matter." The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Hogg was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—Saturday night, the 1st inst., was quite a gala night at this old lodge of instruction, held at the Yorkshire Grey, Fitzroy-square. The Fifteen Sections were ably worked by the brethren, under the very able direction of Bro. Koester, P.M. 435, W.M.; Bro. Kew, P.M. 179, S.W.; Bro. Baker, P.M. 167, J.W.; Bro. Frost, P.M. 228, P.Z., I.P.M. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The various Sections were worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ...	... Bro. Marx, 957.
2nd " ...	... " J. C. Smith, 1744.
3rd " ...	... " P. Recknell, 202.
4th " ...	... " J. J. Harvey, Sec. 100.
5th " ...	... " Paul, 1287.
6th " ...	... " Frost, P.M. 228.
7th " ...	... " Baker, P.M. 167.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ...	... Bro. Paul, 1287.
2nd " ...	... " Ash, P.M. 179.
3rd " ...	... " W. C. Smith, 1563.
4th " ...	... " Kew, P.M. 179.
5th " ...	... " Sedgwick, P.M. 180.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	... Bro. Belfrage, W.M. 179.
2nd " ...	... " Paul, 1287.
3rd " ...	... " Koester, P.M. 435.

The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. On the proposition of Bro. J. C. Smith, seconded by Bro. Baker, P.M., Bro. Ramsden, 1744, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge of instruction. On the proposition of Bro. Sedgwick, seconded by Bro. Baker, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Koester, P.M., Preceptor, as a recognition of the ability displayed by him in fulfilling the duties of the chair, and for his services cheerfully rendered as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction; wishing him health and strength to continue his duties. Bro. Koester, in tendering his thanks to the lodge, remarked that it always afforded him the highest and greatest pleasure to preside at a meeting of that description, and to impart Masonic knowledge, pure and undefiled, to those in search of it, and hoped it would not be the last time by many he should meet his old friends, the Masters and Past Masters, who had come to support him on the occasion. Among the brethren assembled were Bros. W. S. Luck, Sedgwick, Lovett, Sibley, Wood, Gittens, Pratt, Stumm, Davis, Kew, P.M.; Ash, P.M.; Recknell, J. C. Smith, W. C. Smith, Ramsden, Belfrage, Harvey, Sec.; and Paul. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

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Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—A convocation of this new chapter was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. George Everett, M.E.Z.; W. Mann, P.Z., acting H.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. of Middlesex, acting J.; H. Higgins, S.E.; Speedy, 1st Assistant; Webb, 2nd Assistant; Appleton; and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Mann, P.Z., gave a notice of motion that the days of meeting should be altered from the second Saturday to the second Thursday in the months of February, April, September, and November. There were two candidates on the agenda for exaltation, but through unavoidable circumstances they were prevented from attending. The chapter was then formally closed, and the companions having partaken of slight refreshment separated.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Chapter (No. 328).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at five p.m., under the direction of the Principals, Ex. Comps. Bradnee, Z.; Hurrell, H.; and Fullwood, J.; assisted by Ex. Comps. Warren, I.P.Z.; Johns as E.; Dodge, N.; W. A. Goss, jun., Pr. Sojr.; Ellis and Taylor, Asst. Sojrs. The Board of Installed Principals having been opened, the companions were admitted, and the chapter was opened. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Two brethren were expected to present themselves for exaltation, but owing to a little informality one of them was deferred. The First Principal took advantage of the opportunity afforded by the unexpected presence of Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, who was one of the founders of the chapter, to request him to take the chair of Z., perform the ceremony of exaltation, and give the symbolical, and mystical lectures, with which he at once complied. This having been completed, Ex. Comp. Bradnee resumed his chair. On his proposition Scribe E. was directed on behalf of the chapter to address a letter of condolence and sympathy to the highly-esteemed Ex. Comp. Rev. R. Bowden, P.Z., on the death of his wife. Ex. Comp. Perry, P.Z., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Z. for a handsome present to the chapter of a frame containing photographic portraits of all who had occupied the chair of First Principal from the period of the foundation of the chapter, which was carried by acclamation. Notice having been given by the Third Principal of a proposal to require fees of honour from all officers on their appointment, the subject was fully discussed, and an arrangement to that effect was adopted. Other private business having been transacted, the chapter was closed at eight p.m.

Mark Masonry.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 199).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Bell Tavern, High-street, Shoreditch, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, the W.M., opened his lodge at the appointed hour, assisted by Bros. H. S. Meyer, S.W.; W. Fieldwick, J.W.; W. J. Meek, M.O.; W. Beasley, J.O.; B. Meyer, P.M. and Treas.; James Hill, Sec.; A. P. Little, S.D.; J. J. Gould, J.D.; F. Bonner, R.M.; J. Marsh, Tyler; and the following members, viz.: V. W. Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., and Asst. G. Sec.; James Stevens, P.G. J.O.; and John Constable, honorary members; and Bros. E. M. Adams, W. A. Neede, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, Bros. G. Andrews, of Craft Lodge No. 1420; W. H. Edwards, of the Beadon Lodge; and R. Marshall, of Lodge No. 813, were advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. by Bro. James Stevens, at the request of the W.M. Refreshment followed labour, and a very enjoyable evening was spent in social harmony, the toasts being very ably proposed by the W.M., and as happily responded to by Bros. Dewar, Constable, and others. Some capital songs and recitations by Bros. Stevens, H. S. Meyer, Constable, and other members enlivened the proceedings, which terminated at a reasonable hour, and the brethren separated highly satisfied therewith. This lodge under its present able management promises to become one of the best of the many excellent lodges connected with this flourishing Degree.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—The installation meeting of this flourishing Mark lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday last, the W.M., Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., in the chair, supported by Bros. M. S. Larlham as I.P.M.; C. P. McKay, S.W. (W.M. elect); H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of W., J.W.; G. Clark, jun., M.O.; J. K. Pitt, acting S.O.; Baldwin, Sec. and acting J.O.; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; G. Moss, J.D.; Axford, acting I.G.; G. S. Graham, Organist; Potter, Tyler; and others. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular and one emergency meeting, Bro. G. F. Smith, jun., was duly advanced to the honorable Degree of Mark Master. The ballot was then taken for some candidates for initiation, and a brother for joining. Bro. M. S. Larlham, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., then presented Bro. C. P. McKay for installation, and the whole ceremony was rendered by Bro. Poore in his usual style, so well known to nearly all metropolitan brethren. The following were invested as officers: Bros. T. Poore, I.P.M.; H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; J. Curtis, M.O. (by deputy); H. Baldwin, S.O.; Dr. Pearce, J.O.; H. Lovegrove, Treas.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; G. Moss, S.D.; G. N. Evans, J.D.; Axford, I.G.; G. S. Graham, Organist; and Potter, Tyler. The brethren passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Poore, the Installing Officer, and the lodge was closed in due form. An excellent repast was provided

by Bro. Oliver, to which the brethren did ample justice, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

BIRKENHEAD.—Joppa Lodge (No. 11).—The annual gathering of the members of this lodge of Mark Masters was held at the Masonic Hall, Argyle-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There was an excellent gathering, amongst the chiefs present being Bros. John Pemberton, P.P.G.J.D., W.M., in the chair; Hugh Williams, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. W. Burgess, J.W.; C. Dutton, M.O.; Thomas, J.O.; Bennett, S.D.; Bradshaw, J.D.; J. P. Platt, Treas.; Pearson, Sec.; and others. The list of visitors included Bros. J. Hayes, W.M. of West Lancashire Lodge; E. Friend, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Salmon, P.M., P.G.I.G. of England; Bolton, W.M. Egerton Mark Lodge; D. Fraser, W.M. Earl of Chester Lodge; and others. The W.M., Bro. Pemberton, installed Bro. Hugh Williams, P.P.J.D., in a very impressive manner (who was unanimously elected W.M.), assisted by Bro. Stevenson, P.G.T. The W.M. then appointed the following officers:—Bros. J. W. Burgess, P.P.I.G., as S.W.; Dutton, J.W.; J. P. Platt, P.G.D. England, was re-elected Treasurer for the eighteenth time; Pearson, re-appointed Sec.; Gray, Reg.; Thomas, M.O.; Bennett, S.O.; J. H. Bradshaw, J.O.; Gardner, S.D.; Thorburn, J.D.; Robertson, I.G.; and Holtaway, Tyler (re-elected). A Past Master's jewel was presented by Bro. Morgan, P.P.G.S.B., to Bro. Pemberton on his retirement. The brethren afterwards banqueted, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 6).—The brethren of the above lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at 6.30 p.m., to assist at the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. A. Wylie, J.W. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. H. Evans, W.M., assisted by the following brethren: Bros. A. Wylie, J.W. as S.W.; W. J. Thompson, M.O., as J.W.; W. Corbett, P.M., as M.O.; R. Reader, Sec., as S.O.; H. W. Parry, J.O.; John Hayes, P.M., P.G.J.D.; G. R. Goepel, Treas., P.G.M.O.; W. C. Erwin, S.D.; J. Jenaway, I.G.; M. Howarth, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler. There were also present Bros. T. Clark P.M., P.P.G.M.O.L.; John Pye, D. Davies, E. Humphries, J. S. Russell, R. Young, and W. Henderson. The visitors were Bros. S. Mattison, P.P.G.M.O. Cheshire; John Pemberton, P.M. No. 11 and P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire; George Morgan, P.M. No. 11, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Hugh Williams, W.M. No. 11. The following brethren were advanced to the Honourable Degree, Christopher Wadsworth, Luke Bramwell, Jas. Sampson, and David Cangleby, by Bro. Evans, W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Hayes, P.M. The W.M., Bro. Evans, having vacated the chair, it was occupied by Bro. J. Hayes, P.M., as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. Wylie, was presented by Bros. R. H. Evans, W.M., and G. R. Goepel, P.M., Treas., P.G.M.O., and installed according to ancient custom. The W.M., Bro. A. Wylie, then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. Their names are Bros. R. Reader, S.W.; W. J. Thompson, J.W.; W. Corbett, M.C.; H. W. Parry, S.O.; W. C. Erwin, J.O.; G. R. Goepel, P.M., Treas.; J. Jenaway, Reg. M.; M. Howarth, Sec.; J. S. Russell, S.D.; E. Humphries, J.D.; Dr. A. Samuels, I.G.; D. Davies, Chap.; W. J. Henderson, C. Wadsworth, and D. Cangleby, Stewards. Bro. Evans, I.P.M., in proposing that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Goepel, Treas., P.M., P.G.M.O., said that he could not too highly esteem Bro. Goepel, for his many excellent qualities; his courtesy and kindness were beyond all praise. He had worked long and arduously for the lodge, and all the brethren knew that but for him they would not have seen it in such a flourishing condition as it was that day. The vote of thanks was seconded by Bro. J. Hayes, P.M., P.G.S.D., in a few appropriate words, and carried unanimously. Bro. Goepel, Treasurer, thanked the brethren for their vote of thanks, and said that during the many years he had been the Treasurer of the lodge he had seen it pass through many vicissitudes. He had seen it under three constitutions, but now he hoped that it had safely weathered the stormy sea of difficulties, pecuniary and others, and had entered the safe harbour of success. Bro. Goepel, Treasurer, then proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Evans, I.P.M., for so ably presiding over the lodge during his year of office, and also a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Hayes, P.M., for the very efficient manner in which he had given the installing ceremony. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Wylie, W.M., and carried unanimously. Bros. Evans, I.P.M., and J. Hayes, P.M., responded in suitable terms. A brother was proposed for advancement. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors, and the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Chaplin, House Steward, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a very agreeable manner.

FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND.

By Bro. William James Hughan.

Freemasonry in England differs in some respects from any other country, and though mostly these differences are to the advantage of the Craft in the "old country," occasionally a few of the departures witnessed under other Grand Lodges might be adopted with like success by the Body which, directly or indirectly, is the parent of all modern Grand Lodges in the world. From the operative companies and societies of "ye ancient tymes" came the old lodges which independently were working early last century in England. A few of these united and formed the premier Grand Lodge of England (and of the world)

in 1716-17. The success attending this organisation led to the members of the famous lodge at York starting a "Grand Lodge of all England (at York), and all went on "merry as a wedding feast" until about 1740-50, when, after various alterations and altercations, the secession was an accomplished fact, and a third Grand Lodge was formed "according to the old Institutions," with their Grand East at London, about 1750-1. Of these three bodies, No. 1 and No. 3 went on progressing rapidly—as rivals—until December, 1813, when they united. No. 2 died out about 1800, but before then issued several warrants for lodges to assemble in England, and constituted a Grand Lodge of England south of the Trent, under the wing of the Antiquity Lodge, London (during its temporary secession); but before the present century the Grand Lodge, its offspring Grand Lodge, and all its lodges had expired, and not a real representative of the York Grand Lodge was left anywhere. In fact, York Masonry originated in that city, and under No. 2 Grand Lodge ceased to exist after the latter part of last century. No. 1 issued warrants for Provincial Grand Lodges and lodges in America from 1730, but No. 3 having commenced a similar work about 1760, and recognised four degrees instead of the constitutional three, the latter became the more popular, and most Provincial Grand Lodges in the United States came under its sway, added to which, No. 3, though the more modern, became known as the "Ancients," or "Ancient York Masons," and by misrepresentation secured a firm footing on American soil. Hence the title "Ancient York Masons" (A.Y.M.), which is quite a misnomer, as the York Grand Lodge No. 2 only issued warrants for England, all warrants from that country for America, by No. 3, or No. 1, being dated from London, not York. Under the Duke of Sussex and the Duke of Kent (Masonically and naturally brothers), Grand Masters of Nos. 1 and 3 respectively, the two rival bodies united in December, 1813, and formed the "United Grand Lodge of England," London, since which period its title has been well maintained. The "Articles of Union" provided for the "Fourth Degree" or "Royal Arch" being recognised, as before then No. 1 only authoritatively worked the three Craft Degrees, whereas No. 3 acknowledged the Royal Arch. Hence in England the recognised Degrees are E.A., F.C., M.M., and R.A., all the rest being virtually permitted, but not on any plea to be worked in an open Craft (or R.A.) Lodge. The Grand Master is elected annually by the Grand Officers (present and past), Masters, Past Masters, and present Wardens, who personally attend the quarterly communication in March. No proxy voting is allowed, and, if R.A. Masons, the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, and Grand Secretary become in like manner the holders of similar offices in the Grand Chapter of the R.A. There are about 1650 active lodges, and over 500 R.A. chapters, and the government is very similar under each Body, the business being conducted most ably by the same staff and apartments in Freemasons' Hall, London. No "mileage" is paid to the representatives, and such hard worked officers as the Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, the two Presidents of the Board of General Purposes and of Benevolence, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, not only give their valuable services freely but pay large "Fees of Honour" on accepting office, the revenue of the two Bodies being obtained from "Fees of Honour," and Fees for warrants, certificates, registration, annual dues, &c. These payments are all required by the Constitution, each member being obliged through his lodge to procure a certificate from the Grand Lodge. The expenses are light considering the magnitude of the two societies, and large sums are devoted to the relief of necessitous brethren, or to their wives and families after due scrutiny. The business is so well conducted by the Boards, &c., that two or three hours a quarter transacts all the work of the Grand Lodge at their communications. The great Masonic Charities are supported by voluntary donations from the Craft and the Grand Bodies, yielding usually about £40,000 (\$200,000) annually, and support about 400 boys and girls, and about as many aged Freemasons and widows. In the Provinces (or counties over which rule the Provincial Grand Masters, appointed *ad vitam* by the M.W.G.M.) there are also similar charitable organisations, only minus the buildings, by which about the same number are supported or educated, and each Provincial Grand Lodge is within its jurisdiction in effect a Grand Lodge, and has similar officers, only all subservient to the M.W.G.M., and have to report their principal work every year to the Grand Secretary. The "unrecognised degrees" (as they are called) comprise the Mark Grand Lodge, which takes care chiefly of the Mark Degrees, which has 240 active lodges; the Royal Arch Chapters only working the Royal Arch, not (as in the United States, Scotland, &c.) the intermediate Degrees. The Grand Priory of the Knights Templar looks after the Templar and Malta Degrees; the Grand Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, that particular degree; and the Supreme Council, the Fourth to the Thirty-third Degree. The Mark Grand Lodge has its offices at 2, Red Lion square, the Knights Templar in Chancery-lane, and the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" at 33, Golden square, all in the City of London. The latter Body has a magnificent library at its Grand East, valued at 2000 guineas (\$10,000), and as respects influence and management, it stands certainly as the accepted chief of the "High Degrees." The Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and many Provincial Grand Masters, belong to one or more of these Bodies, for though not actually or officially recognised, they are virtually so. The Grand Lodge of England is unsectarian; any gentleman, otherwise eligible, is accepted irrespective of his colour, country, or creed, provided he believes in the Great Architect of the Universe, and practises the sacred duties of morality, and over all rules the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, the Heir apparent to the Throne.—*Masonic Review*, Cincinnati.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present Bros. Richard H. Giraud, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Col. Somerville Burney, F. Adlard, John Newton, W. Clarke, E. Bowyer, Capt. Philips, A. H. Tattershall, J. M. Case, J. A. Farnfield, Griffiths Smith, S. Rawson, James Brett, C. G. Dilley, William Stephens, John G. Stevens, John H. Leggott, J. J. Barnes, C. F. Hogard, C. Atkins, James Terry (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Terry informed the Committee that the day fixed by the Prince of Wales for the next festival of this Institution happened to be on Ash Wednesday. Immediately he became aware of that fact he wrote to the Earl of Zetland, who was to preside, to know whether it would make any difference to his lordship. The noble earl replied that he would prefer to have it on the 9th of February. He (Bro. Terry) then wrote to the Earl of Carnarvon, requesting his lordship to lay this letter before the Prince of Wales, and he had no doubt that his Royal Highness would give his assent to the alteration of the day. Bro. Terry then announced that since the last meeting of the Committee a West Yorkshire male annuitant had died, and also a female annuitant, a resident in the Institution at Croydon. Bro. Thomas White, a candidate placed on the list at last meeting, had likewise died.

A letter from Bro. Recknell, thanking the Committee for the increase made in his salary, was read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for annuities, salaries, and wages. The application of the widow of the late Bro. John Dawson for half her late husband's annuity was granted. Five male candidates and four widows were placed on the list for the election in May next.

With respect to the petition of one applicant, deferred at last meeting, Bro. Terry said he had received a communication from Bro. Macrae Moir, the Secretary to the Scottish Corporation, saying that the candidate was a pensioner on his fund. As he was in receipt of £40 a year he was ineligible for the Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. G. Stevens said he was very sorry that the Yarrow Lodge had recommended the case. At the last meeting of that lodge he had explained the case, and the brethren deliberately said they would not recommend it. Notwithstanding that the brother was ineligible, having £40 a year, he had the effrontery again to come before them for assistance.

Bro. Leggott, before the Committee adjourned, said he wished to bring a subject before the brethren. He went down to the Asylum at Croydon on Tuesday and examined it. He found the building in good condition, with plenty of good air, well ventilated and well lighted; but he considered that the buildings were quite inadequate to the demands of the Institution. When he knew that as Freemasons the Craft extended over the face of the whole earth, he felt that the building was small. The Board room was not half large enough, the library was nothing more than a cupboard, though the inmates of the Asylum thought it quite sufficient. He believed a fund might be raised by which there could be added an infirmary and a chapel, as well as a very large board room. There was a large piece of land adjoining which he thought could be obtained. Close by it would be found there were numerous small buildings, mere rabbit hutches, being erected, which were no credit to such a respectable Institution. The approaches to the Asylum were also bad. He thought he could see a plan by which money might be raised to build another wing in the Tudor style, as well as an infirmary, a chapel, and a large board room. The brethren must understand that this was only a suggestion, but everything were to be done by perseverance, and if a Committee was formed to go fairly into the matter and study it, he thought they might succeed in getting a wing built on one side for an infirmary, which would be detached, and another for the chapel and board room over it. Then there might be an additional wing on the other side in the course of time—not perhaps at once, but in the course of ten years. By this means the building would be rendered worthy of the great body of Freemasons; at present he thought it was quite inadequate. He found the inmates were very cleanly, and the building was in a very good state of repair, and did great credit to the Committee who had the management of it. He called on the inmates, who were not prepared for his visit, and found them cleaning up their residences and polishing the stoves, &c. If an appeal was set on foot he thought it would be responded to all over England. If the site he had referred to was lost the building would not maintain its character, and the object of the founders would not be realised, because the ground would be sold and small tenements built on it. The matter was worthy of consideration, and, if necessary, he would give notice of a motion for carrying out his proposition.

The Chairman said that with regard to the land, he did not think there was any chance of the Institution getting it, and with respect to enlarging the building, it was very rarely that the present building was full.

In answer to Bro. Leggott, Bro. Terry said there were thirty-three inmates at the present time, and only five times since the Asylum had been erected had it been quite full.

The Chairman said that, of course, if notice of motion was given the whole subject would be in order, and it could be discussed at a future time.

Bro. Leggott said he would send to Bro. Terry a proper notice of motion, and then ask the Committee to discuss it.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

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

To Correspondents.

Masonic Amateur Dramatic Performance in our next.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "The Girl's World," "Hull Packet," "Alliance News," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Daylight," "La Chaine d'Union," "The Freemasons' Repository," "New York Dispatch," "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Keystone."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

BALDOCK.—On the 10th inst., at Charlton le Moorland, Lincolnshire, the wife of the Rev. R. Baldock, of a son.

MACGILL.—On the 10th inst., at 5, Southbrooke-road, Lee, Kent, the wife of Mr. Campbell MacGill, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

DARBY—GROVER.—On the 5th inst., at All Saints', Child's-hill, N.W., by the Rev. J. H. Clay, Robert, third son of Mr. Robert Fryer Darby, of Cirencester, to Kate Emily, daughter of Mr. James Grover, late of New Brentford.

DEATHS.

COX.—On the 6th inst., at Swansea, Joseph Hamilton Cox, aged 47.

KELLY.—On the 5th inst., Isabella Rosa Curzon Fitzroy, third daughter of the Lord Chief Baron Sir Fitzroy Kelly, aged 19.

MILTON.—On the 8th inst., at Uxbridge-road, W., Ann Susan, wife of Mr. John Milton.

TURNBULL.—On the 9th inst., at Cedars-road, Clapham-common, Sarah Dent, widow of Mr. Thomas Turnbull.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1879.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

A correspondent, calling himself a "Past Master," in a column of our last newspaper, gave us some "figures" as regards provincial support of the Girls' School, which are alike curious and most interesting. We assume, of course, that they are correct. There can be no intentional inaccuracy in the matter, and though there is only approximate certainty at the best, yet the facts thus elicited are facts worthy of note and remembrance. We shall next week give our correspondent's figures for the Boys' School. It seems there were to the close of 1879 (though that hardly covers the whole ground, we fancy,) 8435 votes in the provinces for the Girls' School, and that 940 lodges subscribed. Of these the highest average subscriptions came from West Yorkshire, with 65 lodges and 1484 votes, and, as the compiler of the figures puts it, 22½ votes per lodge. This, is, however, a deceptive way of putting the average, we think it right to remark, as all lodges do not subscribe alike; some lodges do much more than others, some do comparatively little. We fancy that this remark applies to West Yorkshire as to all other provinces, though Bro. H. Smith can best tell us, if he will. Still it is a convenient way, perhaps, of getting at an "idea" of provincial work, and, curiously enough, as West Yorkshire heads the list, Kent follows suit, and Sussex succeeds to Kent. East Lancashire is only twenty-fourth in order of forty-three provinces, and West Lancashire thirty-seventh. West Lancashire will no doubt make a noble effort in 1880 under its distinguished chief, and a little bird has whispered in our ears that it "means to beat East Lancashire for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." We wish it may. It is but fair to

observe that the votes for 1879 are not included in this list, and which may materially alter the average, so that our brother "Past Master" must in 1880 repeat his valuable summaries. We have always contended that a great margin remains of work for the Secretaries, and we are sorry when we notice crude suggestions or impractical theories propounded which serve only to check the efforts of zealous brethren, or to dwarf the movements of sympathetic lodges. All lodges cannot contribute alike, all brethren are not on the same level of worldly means, and to lay it down that all brethren shall contribute so much per annum to the Charities, either for themselves or through the lodges, is a very great mistake, because utterly unreasonable to expect, and impossible to effect. The work of the future will, and must be, we fancy, the work of the past, only in enlarged ratio, and with a juster perception of need and of means, and of the real end in view. It still must be left to the willing hearts and thoughtful minds of individual members of our kind-hearted brotherhood, and with the exception of more uniform lodge and chapter support actually of all our Charities, like everything else in the world, the result must still, humanly speaking, be controlled by personal sympathies, individual effort, and a Masonic sense of duty, a belief in the noble principles we habitually profess.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

A very sensible letter from Bro. Frances gives what we fancy is the general idea of all who have ever thought really on the subject. For it is one thing to take up a question, it is quite another thing, and often a very different thing, to think it out. We believe that there is but one feeling among all "sound Preceptors" and "bright Masons," to "leave well alone," and not for any idle love of change, excitement, or novelty to land ourselves in that debateable and undiscovered country of ritual alteration. To take away from the English Craft its harmless and healthy "liberty of ritualizing" would be, in our opinion, impolitic and unwise, and certain to produce at no distant date many and serious evils, hard to ameliorate and harder still to cure. Under these circumstances we deprecate the agitation, just as we question the arguments on the subject. But, to say the truth, arguments we have seen not, and the premises set out involve a complete fallacy in themselves. It is assumed that there has been, first, an uniformity of ritual before and after the Union—that is undoubtedly a myth, pure and undoubted. It is then asserted that in 1813, with the Lodge of Reconciliation uniformity was enjoined, and no doubt that fact is a fact, per se. But then, also, equally practice has widely differed from theory. Just as no uniformity existed before the Union, none has existed since, and Hemming's working has prevailed in some parts, Hemming's improved by Williams elsewhere, while the old Prestonian working is very prevalent. Grateful as we are to the Lodge of Emulation, we are not prepared to concede "infallibility" even to it, nor would its ablest exponent claim that on its behalf; but too much cannot be said in favour of its careful working and grateful simplicity. The Lodge of Reconciliation being now dissolved there is no legal exponent of its views. If any doubts exist as to "landmarks," &c., the Grand Secretary has to be appealed to, but we feel sure, from what we know of that distinguished brother, and no one is a more consummate master of the Royal art, he would, like us, deprecate heartily a childish agitation, and a leaden uniformity. Like us, he would rejoice in the sensible and tolerating liberality of the Grand Lodge of England, which declines to enforce a "standard of ritual" from which some might conscientiously differ, with which few would entirely agree. Let us trust this movement will be "still born."

OUR UNIVERSAL CRAFT.

It is a wonderful idea, is it not, that of the "Universality of Freemasonry?" As the Bishop of Durham, speaking at another meeting of another work, says truly, "Quæ regio in terris nostri non plena laboris." What region is there

on the face of this whole earth, what land so parched with heat or numbed with frost, what ancient kingdom so incrustated with the successive layers of an immemorial civilization, or what newly discovered track so rude with the grossness of its aboriginal savagery, that "Freemasonry" has not found thereon a hold for its foot? From the Rocky Mountains to the Wall of China, beneath the Northern Pole Star and beneath the Southern Cross, in the central plains of the African Continent, and in the scattered islands of the far off Melanesia, its voice is heard." And thus, just at this moment, Freemasonry is, in truth, cosmopolitan, world-wide, and is making rapid strides, as in the old world so in the new. There are probably about two millions of Masons dispersed over the "face of earth and water," and wherever we go at this time we find jurisdictions, rites, lodges, chapters, councils, if not all the same in organization and object, yet all proceeding from the "one starting point," Freemasonry. For those so scattered and so severed outwardly a handbook is needed, clear and comprehensive, lucid in order, succinct in statement, easily portable, and easily digestible. The Masonic mind is not always interested, (like others), in details, or long calculations, or tedious compilations, but wants a result, easily attainable, and as easily remembered, one that it can use daily, and serve as a useful little vade mecum of reference wherever chance or duty leads us, wherever the travel-stained pilgrims or the lone and weary pilgrims stay their weary feet. We feel it but then right, alike in a spirit of fraternal sympathy, and yet of honest independence, to announce once more, in the far read columns of the *Freemason*, the appearance of the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," which aims at being a Masonic handbook of universal use and reference. We can say for it, as we are assured, and as we know, that no pains have been spared to make it worthy of our universal Craft. It has been made a little more handy, with new type, and contains much fresh and useful matter never before published in any Masonic work. We allude, for instance, to the complete account, for the first time printed, of the Masonic bodies in France. Indeed, as we run over its pages, we are struck with its compactness and its completeness, the enormous amount of otherwise unattainable facts and names it records and preserves. Surely we have a right and warrant to say that Bro. George Kenning, has deserved well of the Craft Universal for the trouble and expense he has so liberally and ungrudgingly borne in order that "all the world over," wherever Masons do congregate, in lodge or chapter, wherever the Knightly Grades are found, wherever the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite flourishes, his little book may give to all such brethren and bodies the best and clearest attainable account of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry? And thus it is that the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" enters into rivalry with none, is in opposition to none. There are numerous jurisdictional calendars at home and abroad which, excellent in their way and ably edited, are the correct and official calendars of distinct Grand Lodges. But the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" takes a wider flight, a larger survey of the whole vast Masonic family. It equally records the lodges of France and the lodges of Germany, Spain, and Italy; it gives us the names of all the leading officials of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in all portions of the world. If errors creep in, as creep they will in all similar compilations, despite the most careful supervision, or through the retardation of returns, or the carelessness of correspondents, the "Cosmo." suffers more in this respect, (not from its own fault, but the fault of others), than the most eager and bitter criticism can discover or blame. We claim for the Cosmopolitan Calendar the support of thousands of our educated brotherhood in all countries, as a most useful handbook of facts, and names, and figures, most useful to the traveller, most necessary to the Mason, and one which will tell us, go where we will, loiter where we may on this earth's surface, in words which none can gainsay, or doubt even, of the wonderful and moving fact of the Cosmopolitanism of Freemasonry.

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.]

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Notwithstanding that I am aware how much we differ in opinion on this subject, I implicitly rely upon your acknowledged fairness in the conduct of our recognised exponent of Freemasonry to afford me space for reply to the letter of our worthy Bro. H. E. Frances in your impression of this date.

I perceive that he, in common with many others, quite misunderstands the nature and import of the movement I have consistently advocated for so many past years and does not recognise the fact that much more important issues attach thereto than the mere diversities and discrepancies which have crept into the language of our ritual.

I cannot if I would, and I am sure I would not, put into print that which I look forward to speak of in another place. Until then I must submit to whatever comments may be made by those who cannot know to what I allude. Meanwhile, it is but reasonable to ask them to suspend their judgment. They may then see that what I suggest is not only absolutely necessary, but eminently practicable, and that the "candle" which may enlighten them will not be wasted. The "score or so of Preceptors in the Metropolis," amongst whom are many worthy, zealous, and sufficiently informed brethren, for whom I entertain a great respect, will, I feel assured, if their desire for the "pure and unsullied system" is as great as they represent it to be, rather coincide with than oppose my views after a fair and impartial hearing shall have been given. There is nothing paradoxical in any portion of my proposition, and nothing inharmonious need of necessity ensue on its adoption. Nor would any edict of Grand Lodge, requiring a faithful following of its measures, become an assumption of infallibility or interfere in the slightest degree with the principles or even the name of Freemasonry.

Our brother says that in no mode of working does he see perfection. But that is no argument against an endeavour to secure, as nearly as possible, perfection and uniformity. There are many who have seen and welcome a simple and effective working, free from anything which can be objected to by religious and educated men, and fully sufficient for the expounding of our "system of morality," without any attempt to illustrate our teachings by the aid of effects which poison the mind, and give rise to feelings of disgust rather than reverence. And as we are, or should be, "tethered to our landmarks," and willingly so, let us not scruple to condemn any attempt to remove them and substitute therefor other allegories or symbols which are not in distinct accord therewith.

As to the suggestion of "arguing our different readings in the Masonic publications," setting aside the impracticability, even if there were the possibility of effectively doing so, our Bro. Frances must see the impolicy of adopting such means as he refers to; whilst the further request to be allowed to adopt in our working "what seemeth best" (I presume he means to each individual), if granted, would be to at once introduce anarchy and confusion, and set brother against brother in the work of communicating light and instruction.

A long personal and pleasant acquaintance with Bro. Frances gives me assurance that he would not wish that any man should do what he himself would not do, namely, "put his hand to the plough and look back," and as this is not a question of difference between "tweedledum and tweedledee," but, in the opinion of many, one of vital importance to the best interests of the Order we reverence, both himself and yourself must take it for granted that I am earnest in continuance, not in the least seeking "Jaurels," but strenuously desiring to uphold and maintain that "pure and unsullied system" which as an initiate, nearly a quarter of a century ago, I pledged myself to support to the best of my ability.

Believe me to be, my dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
Clapham, Nov. 8th. JAMES STEVENS.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reading your reports of the various Masonic meetings my attention was particularly drawn to the report of the lodge of instruction held under the warrant of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, at which I was elected acting W.M. at the next meeting, to be held on the fourth Wednesday in this month.

There is a question connected with lodges of instruction which has often occupied my mind, and on which I venture to ask you to decide.

When an acting W.M. is elected, is he not virtually the same in that lodge of instruction, for the time being, as the W.M. of a regular lodge, so far as the working of that lodge is concerned, or can individual members propose in open lodge (after he is elected) such and such work to be done without his consent or even consulting him in the matter? An answer through your paper will oblige,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
E. SUTHERST, S.W. 94.

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In continuation of the tables published last week I now send a return of the votes per lodge as regards the Boys' School. It will be seen that in many respects it

differs widely from the former return, but, as in that, life votes to the end of last year only are counted, and fractions of $\frac{1}{2}$ are estimated as $\frac{1}{4}$.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

Province.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Votes.	Votes per Lodge.
1 West Yorkshire ...	66	2455	37 $\frac{1}{4}$
2 Dorset ...	13	435	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 Warwickshire ...	30	983	33
4 Gloucestershire ...	14	391	28
5 Surrey ...	18	464	26
6 Kent ...	43	1044	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 South Wales (Eastern) ...	13	313	24 $\frac{1}{4}$
8 Somerset ...	21	497	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
9 Hants and Isle of Wight ...	31	705	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 Oxfordshire ...	9	199	22 $\frac{1}{4}$
11 Sussex ...	20	438	22
12 Lancashire (East) ...	89	1894	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
13 Staffordshire ...	21	437	21
14 Norths and Hunts ...	9	172	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
15 Wilts ...	10	189	19
16 Northumberland ...	18	314	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
17 Berks and Bucks ...	17	290	17 $\frac{1}{4}$
18 Lincolnshire ...	20	339	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
19 Leicestershire and Rutland ...	10	162	16 $\frac{1}{4}$
20 Bristol ...	8	127	16
21 Essex ...	17	255	15
22 Durham ...	25	458	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
23 South Wales (Western) ...	9	114	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
24 Cumberland & Westmorland ...	19	235	12 $\frac{1}{4}$
25 Worcestershire ...	10	122	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
26 Yorkshire (N. and E.) ...	26	311	12
27 Derbyshire ...	19	210	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
28 Notts ...	9	98	11
29 Herts ...	11	115	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
30 Middlesex ...	29	298	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
31 Cheshire ...	37	368	10
32 Suffolk ...	19	186	10
33 Monmouthshire ...	8	76	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
34 North Wales and Salop ...	25	203	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
35 Norfolk ...	15	121	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
36 Devonshire ...	47	352	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
37 Cambridgeshire ...	4	27	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
38 Herefordshire ...	4	23	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
39 Cornwall ...	28	152	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
40 Lancashire (West) ...	80	406	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
41 Bedfordshire ...	5	23	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
42 Channel Islands ...	11	48	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
43 Isle of Man ...	3	0	0
Total	940	16,049	17$\frac{1}{4}$
Lodges.	Total	Average	per
	Votes.	Lodge.	

In order, if possible, to get a fair average I append the total number of votes for Boys and Girls, and the votes per lodge:—

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Province.	Number of Lodges.	Total Votes Boys & Girls.	Votes per Lodge.
1 West Yorkshire ...	66	3939	59 $\frac{1}{4}$
2 Warwickshire ...	30	1383	46 $\frac{1}{4}$
3 Sussex ...	20	834	41 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 Dorset ...	13	527	40 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 Gloucestershire ...	14	555	39 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 Kent ...	43	1699	39 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 Surrey ...	18	705	39 $\frac{1}{4}$
8 South Wales (Eastern) ...	13	490	37 $\frac{1}{4}$
9 Oxfordshire ...	9	320	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 Somerset ...	21	731	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 Hants and Isle of Wight ...	31	1063	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 Wilts ...	10	330	33
13 Staffordshire ...	21	673	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
14 Norths and Hunts ...	9	284	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
15 Berks and Bucks ...	17	498	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
16 Lincolnshire ...	20	580	29
17 Lancashire (East) ...	89	2534	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
18 Durham ...	25	691	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
19 Bristol ...	8	201	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
20 Essex ...	17	393	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
21 Leicestershire & Rutland ...	10	229	23
22 South Wales (Western) ...	9	191	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
23 Northumberland ...	18	381	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
24 Herts ...	11	228	21
25 Monmouthshire ...	8	165	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
26 Suffolk ...	19	345	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
27 Worcestershire ...	10	179	18
28 Middlesex ...	29	515	18
29 Cumberland and Westmorland ...	19	330	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
30 Yorkshire (N. & E.) ...	26	446	17 $\frac{1}{4}$
31 Notts ...	9	140	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
32 Cheshire ...	37	568	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
33 Norfolk ...	15	213	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
34 North Wales and Salop ...	25	313	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
35 Derbyshire ...	19	235	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
36 Herefordshire ...	4	45	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
37 Devonshire ...	47	510	11
38 Cambridgeshire ...	4	38	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
39 Lancashire (West) ...	80	649	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
40 Cornwall ...	28	224	8
41 Beds ...	5	38	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
42 Channel Islands ...	11	72	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
43 Isle of Man ...	3	0	0
Total	940	24,484	26$\frac{1}{4}$
Lodges.	Total	Average	per
	Votes.	Lodge.	
		Boys & Girls.	

The foregoing figures require no comment from me unless it be to notice the splendid position held by West Yorkshire, "facile princeps" throughout. I should have been glad to have added a similar return for the Benevolent Institution, but the mode in which the list is made out precludes it. The insertion of the names of all subscribers, metropolitan and provincial, in one alphabetical list, is very inconvenient, especially for country subscribers, and it is to be hoped that the executive will see fit to adopt the plan pursued by the two other Charities.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

A GRUMBLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whenever Englishmen incline to grumble, to vent their grievances and propose schemes for reforming the world at large, it is their undoubted prerogative to "write to the Times"; it satisfies them and does no one much injury. When Freemasons murmur I presume the *Freemason* may be regarded as their *Times*. Will you, Mr. Editor, kindly let me indulge in the luxury of a growl? I will make my remarks as short as possible, and without preface will begin. When a man enters Freemasonry and takes his Third Degree, he usually reviews his progress, and the question naturally suggests itself *cui bono?* In my case, I got no very satisfactory answer, and my interest in the subject began rapidly to cool, and had it not been for the fact of my being, by great favour of the then W.M., very quickly appointed to office, I should probably have glided from this sublunary sphere in almost utter ignorance of the real object and significance of the mystic Craft. More extended experience has taught me that Masonry can be understood only by those who persevere in its study and practice; it is more than can be communicated by mere words and signs; it is a something indefinable, which binds man to man in one common bond of brotherly feeling; it will not regenerate the world; it may not in every instance have the effect of moulding unsuitable natures into perfect finish; but even in the unlikely event of the morality inculcated, and the convivial socialism practised, not modifying rugged attributes, it can do them no harm. To a man who has rested content with the acquisition of the Third Degree, who has merely as it were "stood shivering on the brink," and who is without the knowledge possessed by those who have advanced further, Freemasonry can merely be regarded as an intellectual recreation, the practice of which is innocuous if somewhat vapid; this Pierian spring may be either tapped deeply or merely tasted, with equal impunity; if the first taste proved insipid, and the cup is thrown away (as so frequently happens, and for reasons which I hope to show), it is to be regretted, but at least "the last state of that man" is not "worse than the first," and this much can scarcely be said of any other system of morality. I make these preliminary remarks, because in whatever I may feel called upon to write I would that none should misunderstand the purport of my observations, or imagine that any attack upon the Craft is meditated; such is not my object. Masonry is exceedingly conservative, there seems to exist a spirit antagonistic to reform of any kind; any one who demurs at whatever is presented is usually regarded as heterodox, and unreasonable fears are entertained that he might pull up the ancient landmarks (whatever they may be), and cause a deluge or something equally awful and mysterious; let those fears be banished in this instance. I began then to enquire as to the wherefore of my new existence, and could elicit no satisfactory reply. I was informed that benevolence formed a great part of the Masonic scheme. I asked for a sign, and was referred to the various Institutions as a proof; enquiring further, I found no one who could or would enlighten me as to what these Charitable establishments were really doing. I have since that time passed the chair, and have prosecuted enquiries from the highest to the lowest in the province; but beyond the merest generalisations no one appears to know anything about them; but for the facts that certain brethren are said to be in receipt of pensions, and occasionally voting papers are presented for signature, the existence of our eleemosynary organisations might well be regarded as chimerical. I am aware that we are at a distance from the Metropolis, but the printing press obliterates space. I think some one told me the Masonic newspapers contain notices from time to time of the doings of each Institution; that may be so, but it generally happens that a Freemason has some occupation, and time will not admit of his metaphorically searching in a bottle of hay after a needle. Is it not possible to place within the reach of every Freemason a concise history of the various Masonic Charities? This should not be a very difficult matter, and greater publicity would benefit them and evoke salutary criticism. The narration might be accompanied by a copy of the annual balance sheets; thus fully accounting for the funds dispensed *ab initio*; there could also be appended notices of the progress of pupils in the Schools as shown by annual examinations by competent men and strangers, the status of the Masters, the mode of their election, the salaries or stipends from Head Master to porter; the position of the Schools as shown by results at the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations, &c.; the dietary, the system of rewards and punishments, the Medical Officers' report as to sickness, sanitary arrangements, quality of food, and so forth. All these important matters should annually appear; and if the history of bygone years, as embodied in the balance sheets and reports issued, were collected, bound, and sold to Freemasons at just sufficient price to pay expenses—say two shillings or two shillings and sixpence—I feel sure these Institutions, and therefore, Masonry in general, would be great gainers. A volume of this kind placed in the hands of the newly-raised would go far towards awaking that interest in the material concerns of the Craft on the part of the novice

which is now lamentably wanting. Of course, all this pre-supposes the Charities to be properly managed; each of us takes that for granted; but, with due submission to the powers that be, such a course should not be allowed; not, let it be understood, that I would for a moment insinuate that any bad management exists, or that there are any cracks or leakages by which funds may improperly escape; in common apparently with my fellows, I know nothing about the matter; it is every Mason's business, and we are told that is equivalent to being no Mason's business. In affairs of this nature we should take nothing for granted, and especially should no sentimental or fraternal feeling be allowed to interfere with strict supervision and scrutiny. The novice is called upon to pay certain fees, and it is his undoubted right to be informed as to their disposal; it should not be requisite for him to search far and wide after the desired knowledge, it should be placed in his hands on his being raised. The diffusion of such information cannot fail in proving beneficial to the Craft.

Until this or something of the kind is effected, we shall witness what continually happens, that many are introduced into the Order who, when they have taken their Third Degree, feel that nothing more has to be accomplished; their attendance at lodge becomes intermittent, and eventually their visits cease, with their subscriptions; having failed, through no fault of their own, to penetrate further into Freemasonry than the (perhaps imperfectly understood) ceremonial, and a little conviviality, which latter may have been rendered somewhat distasteful by the absence of those conventionalities to which the novice has been accustomed. We deplore the loss from these circumstances of many a "good man and true," who would have adorned a lodge, and rendered good service to the Craft. Thus far, Sir, I entreat your lenience; if you allow me to continue my grumble, I will beg leave to trespass upon your kindness and space next week.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

I.P.M. 877.

AN OLD MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"A fact unprecedented in the annals of the Craft."

So runs a paragraph in the address presented to W. Bro. Stephen Austin at the jubilee celebration of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, published in your last issue, referring to the fact that that brother had completed his 50th year in Freemasonry, having been a continuous subscribing member of one and the same lodge.

However creditable to that brother, I must demur to the word "unprecedented," as the roll of members of Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, shows that W. Bro. Richard Hervé Giraud, P.G.T., considerably exceeds that number of years continuous subscription, that worthy brother having been initiated in the lodge on the 17th May, 1824, served as Grand Steward in 1826, and was in the chair as W.M. in 1829, and has, I believe, ever since filled the onerous duties of Treasurer.

A jubilee festival was held in honour of his completing his 50th year of membership in 1874, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on which occasion a very beautiful portrait was presented to him.

By your inserting this correction in your next issue you will greatly oblige,

Yours fraternally,

P.M. No. 1.

[The following appears in the *Western Daily Mercury* of the 4th inst., relative to Bro. Emra Holmes's letter, which appeared in our last, and which also was inserted in our contemporary.]

TRURO CATHEDRAL AND THE FREEMASONS.

Dear Sir,

As a Mason, and a Cornishman, I was truly pleased to see Bro. Holmes's letter in to-day's issue, and felt inclined to shout out "Bravo, old fellow!" when I read his challenge. Surely after this there will be among those who at Masonic gatherings wear big collars, make big speeches, and have their broad acres or big money-making machines in old Cornwall, men who will come forward, and prove by a practical gift towards a county object that they have a fair claim to the honours they possess, and that in being Cornishmen they will not allow themselves to be outdone in liberality upon such an occasion by a brother from another province, whose connection with the county may not perhaps be of such a permanent nature as their own.

Yours faithfully and truly,

SQUARE AND COMPASSES.
Nov. 3rd, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I attended Prov. G. Lodge, held at Fowey last June, and I hope to attend another. I understood that Bro. Holmes's motion was considered laudable in itself, but was simply withdrawn because it was premature, and I for one thought so too. I believe that not one of the 1700 Masons in this province would object to a Masonic window being erected in Truro Cathedral, and if each lodge is applied to in the usual way the application will be responded to according to the means of its members. I need not say that the Masons of Cornwall are not only believers in the G.A.O.T.U., but they, although of various religious denominations, are so unprejudiced that they will, I verily believe, help in the erection of an edifice wherein shall be said or sung, "Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ, Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father," until time shall be no more.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

M. M.

Lostwithiel, 9th Nov., 1879.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The last of the Trustees of the Prestonian Lecture was the late Grand Treasurer, and his death renders it necessary to appoint fresh Trustees. Before they are appointed I think a return ought to be furnished to Grand Lodge of the names of the lecturers, and the subject matter of the lectures they delivered, with the honorarium paid in each case by the deceased Trustees. A Committee might then be chosen to draw up fresh rules and suggestions suitable to the present time, and a strong effort ought to be made to render the trust a means of benefiting the Craft at large. Prizes might be offered for the best essays on Masonic lore and kindred subjects, and the successful one might be read on a special evening in the Hall of Grand Lodge. The arrangements might be carried out by the lodge of the prize winner, and the use of the hall ought to be given free. Perhaps some of the following subjects might be chosen with advantage, and if the area from which the subjects are taken be sufficiently wide, I am quite sure that a stimulus would be given to Masonic research, and an interest excited in the intellectual aspect of our traditions and ceremonies which it is rare indeed to find at present:—

"The rise of speculative out of operative Masonry.

"The operative lodges of Scotland, both before and after the foundation of speculative lodges.

"The rise and progress of speculative as well as operative Masonry in Ireland and on the continent.

"The history of the other guilds in Germany and elsewhere besides the Guild of Architects and Builders, and the traces of any means which they may have taken for the preservation of trade secrets.

"The influence of Freemasonry on the great French Revolution in 1789.

"The evidences of Christian dogma to be found in our ceremonies.

"The secret societies of the Mahomedans, and of other Eastern nations.

"The secret societies of England at the present day, and their association with or imitation of Freemasonry.

"The degradation of Freemasonry by its perversion to political ends, and its consequences as exemplified in France and Italy."

The list might be indefinitely extended, but enough has been given to show that subjects of considerable interest to every Freemason lie outside the threshold, which would renew the ardour of the enthusiast, and make him bless the day when he entered our ancient and honourable fraternity. The knife and fork Mason is held up to ridicule, but can any reasonable man wonder that twenty, thirty, or forty years of lodge meetings, never advancing beyond the first three steps of admission into the Order, become intolerably irksome, and the social gathering and creature comforts come to be looked on as the be-all and end-all of Freemasonry, instead of being considered, as they ought to be, merely accidental accessories? I shall be unable to move myself, but will any brother put down a notice at the Board of Masters to appoint a Committee to enquire into the matter, and see what use can be made of the grand opportunity now offered?

Yours truly and fraternally,

P. G.D.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been very much interested in the able letter from Bro. Benjamin Cox, P.M., P.Z., on "What is Freemasonry?" published in your paper of the 8th inst., especially where he finds his companions in the celestial atlas, but I think he has fallen into an error when he thinks the passion flower teaches Masonic symbolism, particularly when referring to the Passion of Christ, the three nails, and the crown of thorns. If Bro. Cox is correct in his assumptions, those brethren who are not Christians would not be able to appreciate Masonry at all, in fact would be scarcely eligible to become members of a society supposed to have been in existence hundreds of years before the Christian Era. The universality of our institution would be destroyed, a foundation stone removed, and the ancient edifice would be tumbling about our ears, and soon crumble into dust.

With all due respect to the opinion of my learned Bro. Cox, I think unity is strength, and is only to be retained by including all who believe in T.G.A.O.T.U.

Yours respectfully,
Liverpool.

HENRY LYON.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MONTREAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see by your issue of the 4th inst., you have noticed the communication of Robert Ramsey, of Orillia, to the *Dispatch*. But since you have published his statements I think it well to explain for the information of your readers that we are very careful whom we admit into our lodges. It is false that we accept material from any and every jurisdiction. And we do not give the Three Degrees of St. John's Masonry to any one in one night, except he be a mariner, and I find upon examining the various lodge books, that there has been only one such case admitted within the last fifteen years, and that was on the 25th of September, 1879, when I issued a dispensation authorising the Master of King Solomon Lodge, No. 622, to make Capt. Anderson, of the steam-ship Hurworth.

As to the second charge, you are aware that the Scottish Constitution allows it. But again, on reference to the lodge books, I find there has been only one Mason made of that age, viz., Bro. Russ W. Huntingdon, since graduating as a B.A. and B.C.L. of McGill University, and now one of the editors of the *Herald* newspaper of Montreal.

Lastly, as to our making Masons for a nominal fee, your readers can judge for themselves by the following quotations, which are never reduced on any pretence whatever:—Elgin Lodge, No. 348, that has worked here for nearly fifty years, charge 30 dollars, £7 10s.; King Solomon Lodge, No. 622, 40 dollars, £10; Arygle Lodge, No. 625, 25 dollars, £6 5s., besides a monthly contribution for the purpose of charity, &c.

Your editorial remarks are sufficiently clear without my adding any further explanation in refutation of his charges.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEO. A. BAYNES, M.D.,

D.G.M. of Montreal, Scottish Constitution.
Montreal, Oct. 27th.

THE "FREEMASON" AND "COSMOPOLITAN CPLENDAR."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me through your columns to thank your publisher for a very great improvement in last week's issue? The cutting of the paper is a very great convenience to those who, like myself, have their first peep at the *Freemason* in the railway carriage on their homeward journey. I should like also to express my thanks for the adoption of a suggestion of mine as to the arrangement of the country lodges and chapters in provinces in the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book," just issued.

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. L.

Reviews.

ORIGIN OF THE LAWS OF NATURE. By SIR EDMUND BECKETT, Bart. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

This is a very useful and interesting little book, written by Sir Edmund Beckett with all that forcibleness of expression and clearness of logic, of which he is, as we know, a master. It deserves to be read over and thought over by us all, as probably in no print to-day are more sophistical fallacies current or more hurtful suggestions made than on this most important subject. Many paradoxes have been propounded, and many absurd theories invented in this tempting field of assumed dogmatism and infallible pretension in successive generations, and which seem to be very popular just now. It is, however, clear to us, that when people talk so loudly and so glibly as they often do at this hour of the "laws of nature," &c., bearing down all opponents with froth and noise combined, they certainly do not understand either what they talk about, or realize whither the stern logic of their own "premises" must conduct them. They need to study much more carefully such "laws" before they assert, with the infallibility of Ultramontanism, that the theories they enunciate are positive facts or objective truth to us. We owe to Sir Edmund Beckett many thanks for a concise, clear, and masterly little treatise on a question which, for some reason just now, has great attraction for many thoughtful minds amongst us. We hope to hear that the book is largely read.

ALL THE YEAR ROUND, for November.

This interesting serial is before us in much vigour. "Sebastian Strome" is very exciting, and Mr. Anthony Trollope begins "The Duke's Children." "All the Year Round" is very pleasant and healthy reading.

TEMPLE BAR.

Has its usual forcible articles if not always very deep. "Probation" is prolonged and popular, and "Vivian, the Beauty," sails on with flying colours. All the other articles are very readable indeed.

SCRIBNER'S.

Our old friend is, as ever, to the fore with much varied "pabulum" for American and English minds. It is a very readable magazine, and has few compeers, alike in its artistic illustrations and the general tone of its articles is most healthy and sound thinking.

BLACKWOOD'S.

As usual very effective, vigorous, and interesting, but a little out of the "country" of the *Freemason*.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROYAL ARCH AT YORK.

I have read Bro. Whythead's communication in the *Freemason*. If he will look back to the old "Freemasons' Magazine" for 1863, he will find, if I mistake not, a reference to the Royal Arch Chapter minutes. Without wishing to arrogate anything to myself, both in company with Bro. Findel and Bro. Shaw, and thanks to the kindness of the York brethren, the lamented Bro. Cowling, among others, I went over the MSS. in York sixteen years ago, and first called attention to them with Bro. Shaw and to their great value. If Bro. Whythead has found a MS. overlooked by us, (as well may be), no one will rejoice more heartily than myself, as in all my studies and searches I have always placed all I discovered at the services of my good friend Bro. Hughan and the Craft.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

P.S.—I am at a distance from all books of reference, so can only write "currente calamo."

R.A. DEGREE IN YORK.

All interested in the origin and character of "Royal Arch Masonry" must rejoice to see the important communication in the *Freemason* of the 8th inst. as to the most fortunate find of Royal Arch records from A.D. 1762, under

he wing of the "Grand Lodge of all England, held at York," and I congratulate my good friend, Bro. Whytehead, on the valuable discovery thus made. I had the pleasure also of hearing from Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., &c., as to the matter, on whom the mantle of our lamented Bro. William Cowling has fallen. Bro. Todd (as myself) is quite unable to understand how the old R.A. minute book escaped the vigilant eye of Bro. Cowling, for certainly he was unaware of its existence. Bro. Findel, in his "History of Freemasonry," speaks of the Royal Arch as "having been introduced into York in 1768." Doubtless, our learned brother considered that 1768 was the date of origin, because of the existence of a "Treasurer's Book of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons," which commences April 29th, 1768. No records, however, were known of an earlier date than 8th February, 1778, as Bro. Whytehead, P.M. 1611, &c., has pointed out, until the present discovery, and, therefore, whilst it is true that the present minute book in question takes us back six years earlier than the Treasurer's book of 1768, it actually furnishes records of sixteen years before the earliest minutes previously known. Bro. Whytehead's explanation of the three titles for the chief officers in a R.A. chapter at York, 1762, is most likely to be correct, though I am not aware of their having been alluded to before in that manner. Owing to this discovery and others, I have decided to re-write my "History of Freemasonry at York," as Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M. 92, &c., has so kindly desired, and others also have been solicitous about, but must defer its publication until the "Masonic Register" has been fully subscribed for.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE "ROYAL LODGE," LONDON.

I find by reference to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" and my own lists, that the "Royal Lodge" was warranted as No. 313 on April 4th, 1764, and became 231 in 1770; then 201, and 171, at the "Union" taking 210, soon after which it collapsed.

W. J. HUGHAN.

LODGE MINUTE BOOKS.

The "Royal Lodge," cited in last week's *Freemason*, was numbered respectively 313 in 1756-69; 231 in 1770-80; 201 in 1781-91; and 171 in 1792-1813. In the numeration of 1781-91 it was thus described:—201, Royal Lodge, Thatched House, St. James-st. (late the new lodge at the Horn, Westminster). It duly appears in four of the lists appended to "Four Old Lodges," at pp. 60, 64, 70, and 77.

R. F. G.

OLD CHARGES.

My object in calling attention to Bro. Fort's incorrect statement, "that the name of Charles Martel is to be found in the MSS. of Halliwell and Cooke," was to bring under notice the fallacy of the argument which that very erudite brother has proceeded to build up on his own erroneous assumption. The allusions in "Antiquities of Freemasonry" to the subject under discussion will be found at pp. 118, 121-24, 163, 174, 177, 179, and 183. Bro. Fort twice qualifies his statement respecting the Cooke MS., remarking at p. 122, note 1:—"Cooke's MS. says Charles II. instead of Martel. All others, I believe, agree." Referring to the legend of the "Holy Martyrs," Mr. W. H. Ireland, in his "History of Kent" (1828), vol. I., p. 157, names the Churches of "St. Martin" and of the "Four Crowned Martyrs" as the oldest ecclesiastical edifices in Canterbury. To the former he assigns the earlier date, and thinks that the latter, which stood on ground now occupied by the Church of St. Alphage, was erected about the time of St. Augustine, A.D. 597, its name (Four Crowned Martyrs) being conferred by one of the earliest Archbishops, of whom the three first were Romans. If this supposition be correct, it would be somewhat remarkable that, perhaps, the first church erected after the arrival of St. Augustine should have been dedicated to the patron saints of the Masons, and, if the theory of travelling builders be sustainable (?), might justify the belief that, in passing from Canterbury to other towns, "where churches had to be built" (see Wren's "Parentalia," p. 306), these journeying foreign artificers disseminated far and wide through Britain the legendary history of the "Holy Martyrs Four." On the other hand, however, if it be a fact, as stated by Mr. Cooté (*Romans of Britain*, p. 417), and for which he cites numerous authorities, that, in the 5th century, this island was abundantly furnished with churches, it seems far from improbable that the Church of the Crowned Martyrs at Canterbury was erected long prior to A.D. 597. It would be interesting to ascertain the date of erection of the Church of the "Quattro Coronati," at Rome. Karl Baedeker, in his "Central Italy and Rome" (1872), says:—"The date of the foundation is very remote; the materials were probably partially derived from some ancient structure. After its destruction by Robert Guiscard (A.D. 1084) it was rebuilt by Paschalis II., A.D. 1111." According, however, to Bro. Fort (p. 174), it was first restored A.D. 847. This last date is the most remote which I have succeeded in tracing, in the form of a positive statement, and it would be satisfactory on all grounds could some one more conversant with the subject be induced to elucidate in detail the early history of what is claimed to be the original Church of the Crowned Martyrs. Mr. T. H. Dyer, in his "History of the City of Rome" (1865), does not include it amongst "the seven primeval churches of Rome, said to have been founded by Constantine." Referring once more to Charles Martel, the absence of his name in the Halliwell MS. (which is known to have been penned by a priest) may be accounted for from his extreme unpopularity with the clergy. A Gallic synod, according to Gibbon (Ed. 1790, vol. 10, p. 27) "in an epistle to a Carolingian prince," "declared that his ancestor was damned; that on the opening of his tomb the spectators were affrighted by a smell of fire and the aspect of an horrid dragon, and that a saint of the times

was indulged with a pleasant vision of the soul and body of Charles Martel burning to all eternity in the abyss of hell!"

R. F. G.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

Lord Skelmersdale, in his capacity as Grand Master of Mark Masons of the Province of Lancashire, presided at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Wigan, on Wednesday afternoon, the 5th inst., and he was supported by his Deputy, Bro. Le Gendre Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire.

The lodge was held under the banner of the Rose and Thistle Lodge, Wigan, No. 158, and the Public Hall premises were devoted to the purpose.

A sum of 50 guineas was voted to the Boys' School; a previous motion that this sum should be divided between the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and the East Lancashire Systematic Fund being withdrawn, in order that as much support as possible might be accorded to Lord Skelmersdale on his taking the chair at the festival of the Boys' School.

Bro. Hine, of Manchester, was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and subsequently the R.W.P.G.M. appointed his officers as follows:—

- Bro. W. Ascroft Byrom, Wigan ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " Henry Thomas, Oldham ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " W. S. Barlow, Bury ... Prov. G.M.O.
- " A. Middleton, Manchester ... Prov. G.S.O.
- " R. Rushton, Accrington ... Prov. G.J.O.
- " Rev. J. Harrison, Oldham ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " Rev. C. E. Knowles, Southport ... Prov. G.A. Chap.
- " J. Chadwick, Manchester ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " J. Clayton, Ashton-under-Lyne ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " J. Reed, Barrow-in-Furness ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " J. Hayes, Liverpool ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " W. Beswick, Rochdale ... Prov. D.G.M. of W.
- " Probert, Bury ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- " J. L. Thorpe, Todmorden ... Prov. G.A.D. of C.
- " Beattie, Preston ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " J. Horrocks, Bolton ... Prov. G. St. Br.
- " W. Balmer, Bury ... Prov. G. Org.
- " Startup, Bury ... Prov. G. Purs.

Bros. Platt, Brown, & Murray, Wigan Prov. G. Stewards. The banquet was afterwards held in the large hall, Lord Skelmersdale presiding.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN MANCHESTER.

A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., at the Portland Hotel, Portland-street, Manchester, to take into consideration the desirability of forming a chapter of instruction, Comp. Julius Arensberg, E.Z., in the chair.

The Chairman introduced the object of the meeting, and said he had long been of opinion that it was very essential that a chapter of instruction be formed, that the companions might meet together for each other's instruction in Royal Arch Masonry. He had observed, when visiting chapters, that, in many cases, the officers had not shown that proficiency which it was desirable to see, and he had furthermore observed, and knew, some chapters who regularly called in the assistance of P.Z.'s to assist them (in fact do their work for them), and he had been informed that it was the intention of Prov. Grand Officers to visit the chapters throughout the province for the purpose (amongst other reasons) of seeing how the officers did their work and the way chapters were conducted generally; therefore, he hoped this chapter of instruction, to be held under the warrant of the Rectitude Chapter, No. 581, would be well and regularly attended, and he doubted not but that much good would ensue.

Comp. Darbyshire moved, and Comp. John Gallagher E.Z. 325, seconded, "That the chapter of instruction be held on the first Tuesday every month, at eight o'clock in the evening, the said chapter to be conducted by a Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary, to be elected annually."

The meeting then requested Comp. Henry Darbyshire, J. 581, to draft out the bye-laws and other matters, and submit them for approval at the next meeting, to be held at the Portland Hotel, Portland-street, City, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6th, at eight o'clock.

A very interesting conversation then ensued, when some companions stated their experiences when visiting in the province.

Comp. John Gallagher said he sincerely hoped, and had every confidence, that this instruction chapter would be instrumental in doing great Masonic good. He had often thought that if companions would more frequently meet together for Masonic conversation it would in itself create a desire for knowledge, and discussing and reciting to each other portions of ceremonies, telling each other of having visited so-and-so, and how so-and-so did his or their business, would be a means of keeping the memory fresh, and the companion ready at any time to take this or that part when called upon. He had been informed that, no doubt, the Prov. Grand Officers would take particular notice when visiting chapters how the work was done, and would, no doubt, report thereon to Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, so that he would recommend all chapters who were (as they ought to be) ambitious and desired to see their P.Z.'s clothed in purple to start that day forth, study assiduously, meet together frequently, and so prepare themselves for the work of their several offices, that when visited by the officers from Prov. Grand Chapter they will do their work with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the visitors.

A vote of thanks to Comp. Julius Arensberg for presiding and placing a room in his hotel for the use of the companions closed the proceedings, at ten o'clock.

THE EBRINGTON MASONIC HALL.

There was a large gathering of Freemasons on the 11th inst., to inaugurate the opening of the new hall, which has just been completed for Lodge Fidelity.

The warrant of this lodge was granted in 1799, and it was then numbered 320. At the union of the two Grand Lodges it became 405, and is now in consequence of many old lodges having become extinct numbered 230. In 1828 it was removed from Plymouth to Tiverton in exchange for the older Lodge of St. John, No. 83, now No. 70. In 1860, however, several influential brethren, foremost amongst whom was the late Bro. J. J. Clase, P.M., P.P.G. D.C., were instrumental in getting the lodge removed to Devonport; their first place of meeting was in a private room adjoining the Mechanics' Institute. This was inconvenient, and they removed to Fore-street. This temporary accommodation was insufficient, and the members, at considerable expense, altered some premises in Chapel-street, where they remained from 1862 to the present time. Finding it necessary to lengthen their cords and strengthen their stakes, the present Master, Bro. Richard Cawsey, assisted by Bros. J. Lynn, F. Codd, H. Boyling, J. R. Harris, and R. Ellis, as a Committee, found and purchased premises in Granby-street, formerly a chapel, and from plans prepared by Mr Norman they have altered the building, and made it one of the best adapted halls in the province. The lodge room is about 46ft. long by 18ft. feet wide, the refreshment room being about the same size. There are three ante-rooms, with other necessary offices. The alterations have been executed by Bros. Berry and A. Lethbridge, at a total cost of about £600, and Bro. Cawsey is to be congratulated on the success which his energy merited. During the proceedings he received an ovation from the members and visitors. The hall is named after the Prov. Grand Master of Devon, with his consent, and the lodge has the honour of numbering among its members R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.C., and P.P.G. Master of Devon. There is still one brother living who was a member of this lodge before its removal to Tiverton in 1828. This is the respected clerk of St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, whose father was also a member of this lodge, and was well-known and highly esteemed by the Freemasons in old time.

The ceremonies were ably conducted by Bro. Cawsey, assisted by the officers of the lodge, and during the evening a pleasing episode took place. Bro. A. E. Lean, the W.M. of the Lodge St. John, 70, took the opportunity of presenting an old relic of the Fidelity Lodge, which has been for half-a-century in the possession of his lodge. It was an old silver trowel, which had been presented to Lodge 405 soon after its consecration.

The gift was suitably acknowledged, and the business over, the brethren retired to a collation, provided in the building by Bro. Gorey, of the Temperance Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Lodge of St. Aubyn, 954, will meet in this new hall, and also several Mark lodges, chapters, &c., which are connected with the two lodges.

Amongst those present were Bros. Richard Cawsey, W.M.; J. R. Harris, S.W.; R. Ellis, J.W.; A. Rowe, I.P.M.; Robert H. Burt, P.M.; John Lynn, P.M.; P.P. G.P.; John Whitford, J.D.; John Babb, D.C.; W. M. Ridland, Org.; James S. Bowden, I.G.; H. Bridgeman, S.S.; R. Gorey, W. H. Ellis, T. Williams, J. W. Thompson, R. Jones, W. S. Rattenbury, H. Boyling, all of 280; and visitors Bros. J. E. Curteis, P.M. 189, P.P.G.S.W.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Miller, P.M. 159, P.P.G.D.C.; A. E. Lean, W.M. 70; T. Searle, I.P.M., 1091; J. R. Lord, P.M. and Treas. 1247; O. Ordish, 1212; Jas. Letton, 1136; C. Haggerthy, 1136; C. White, 1136; J. S. Smith, 954; J. D. Sandy, 202; D. R. Waight, 954; F. Littleton, W.M. 159; H. Welch, P.M. 202; H. Pile, 1212; W. MacIlroy, 1136; W. Worth, 1099; J. R. Dugdale, W.M. 954; C. Marshall, 159; A. Lethbridge, P.M. 159; George Harper, 730; George Mitchell, 70; O. Knowles, 159; A. Stephens, P.M. 954; John Baxter, P.M. 954; J. Dawe, W. 1255; C. Watson, P.M. 954.

Obituary.

BRO. JOSEPH HAMILTON COX.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. J. Hamilton Cox, P.M. of the Gihon Lodge, No. 49, P.Z. of the Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22, formerly of London, but latterly of Swansea, which sad event occurred on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the early age of forty-seven years, after but four days' illness, leaving a widow and several children to deplore his loss. Bro. J. H. Cox was Secretary of the Gihon Lodge for some years, also of the Stability Lodge of Instruction. He had served as Steward to the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and was a Life Governor of each of those Institutions. He had been up in London some little time on business, and he was taken ill with inflammation of the lungs on Sunday, the 2nd inst., and lingered only four days. His remains were interred on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Highgate Cemetery.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—In general debility, mental depression, and nervous irritability there is no medicine which operates so like a charm as these famous Pills. They purify the blood, soothe and strengthen the nerves and system, give tone to the stomach, elevate the spirit, and, in fact, make the patient sensible of a total and most delightful revolution in his whole system. They may be commended most unreservedly as the very best family medicine in existence. Though so powerfully efficacious, they are singularly mild in their operation, and might be given with perfect confidence to delicate women and young children. They contain not a grain of mercury, or any other noxious substance, and cannot do harm. Delicate females and all persons of sedentary habits will find these Pills a blessing.—[Advr.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Henry Davey has been elected Mayor of Brighton for the second time.

Bro. Dr. Dixon has removed from Melbourne Lodge, Anerley, and 108, Grange-road, to 133, Jamaica-road Bermondsey.

The Earl of Rosebery has remitted 20 per cent. of the rents due at Michaelmas last from his tenants on the Hoggston estate, Bucks.

Bro. George Augustus Sala was entertained at dinner on Thursday last at Willis's Rooms, by his friends and confreres, prior to his leaving for Sydney.

The installation meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, was held on Thursday last, when Bro. E. M. Lander, S.W., was installed as W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M. 1567, has presented the Worcester Free Library with a return of members of Parliament for the United Kingdom from the year 1213 to 1702, which enumeration forms a volume of considerable size.

Bro. Horace Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., the well-known publisher, of 125, Fleet-street, and Treasurer of the Royal Hanover Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1777, has been invited by the Building Committee of the Loughborough Park Chapel to lay the foundation stone on Tuesday, the 25th inst.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Jersey's installation as R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master of Berks and Oxon will take place at Reading on Thursday, the 27th inst. The ceremony, which will commence at 1.45 p.m. precisely, will be performed by the M.W. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, Past Grand Mark Master.

The first meeting in their new quarters (the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond), of the members of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, will be held on Friday, next, the 21st inst., at half-past three for four p.m. punctually. The business before the lodge consists of a raising, the initiation of five gentlemen, and the installation of Bro. James Garnar, P.M. 1622, as W.M.

Prince Leopold and suite left the Victoria Station of the London Chatham and Dover railway, by special train on Monday evening, arriving at Dover at 8 o'clock, and embarked on board the special steamer, Maid of Kent, for Calais, whence his Royal Highness proceeded by the ordinary mail train via Brussels to Darmstadt.

The consecration of the St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785, will take place on Friday next, the 21st inst., at Padstow, Cornwall. The consecration and installation ceremonies will be performed by the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgecombe, Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the V.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Wm. Henry Martyn is the W.M. designate.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon will be held on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the Foresters' Hall, West-street, Reading, upon which occasion Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Jersey will be installed R.W. Provincial Grand Master. The ceremonies will be performed by the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W. Past Grand Mark Master. The banquet will take place in the Town Hall at 4 o'clock.

Bro. E. C. Massey, who is well known to many of our readers, has been appointed Secretary in London to the "Millers' and General Fire Insurance Company," of Birmingham; and from Bro. Massey's lengthened experience in insurance business, and the fact that he is so well known and so deservedly esteemed, we do not doubt that the company in question will have reason to congratulate themselves on having selected him to preside over the business of their London Office at 69, Mark Lane, E.C.

AUNT TOWZER ON FREEMASONRY.—"Mrs. Swanborough, of the Strand Theatre, has presented the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, with an entire set of clothing." Which I'm sure I'm glad to hear. Only think of them Lodgers, as most ha' been unfurnished ones, a-going about in a state of oddity like them Zuloose, as made that poor Lorj Mayor blush for his speeches—which I'm sure he ought to do after expoging hisself as he did. But lor, who'd ha' thought of that Mrs. Swansburrow a-coming forward to rig out them Masons? If it had been a new rigaleyer she'd invested them with I shouldn't ha' been appriised, as it would ha' been more appropose if she'd given 'em orders.—Fanny Folks.

The Prince of Wales has just erected in the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Sandringham, a beautiful tablet to the memory of his lamented sister, the Princess Alice. The work, which has been executed by Mr. J. E. Boehm, A.R.A., consists of a medallion portrait in marble of the Grand Duchess, with the following inscription beneath:—"To the beloved memory of Alice Maud Mary, Grand Duchess of Hesse, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland, this monument is erected by her devoted and sorrowing brother, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales." The architectural design is by Mr. Arthur Blomfield, F.S.A. Above and below the tablet are carved these texts:—"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord;" "Thy will be done." His Royal Highness has also presented to the church a fine organ.

Bro. W. Ballard has been re-elected Mayor of Abingdon.

NELLIBETY OF (THE SO-CALLED) CO-OPERATION.—"Fair Traders" five per cent. discount for cash, with undivided attention and prompt delivery free in London. Country orders over £2 carriage paid. Detailed price lists on application to J. E. Shand & Co., Wine Merchants, 2, Albert-mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The consecration of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, will take place at the New-Concert Rooms, Warrior-square, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, on Friday next, the 21st inst., at three, p.m. Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., P. Prov. Sen. G.W. Sussex, P.M. 40, is the W. Master designate. Bro. Dr. Cuncher, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., P.M. 40; and T. H. Cole, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., P.M. and Sec. 40, the Wardens designate. The R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart, M.P., with his Provincial Grand Officers will be present. The ceremony of consecration and installation will be performed by the W. Bro. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. A large gathering from Sussex and the neighbouring provinces, and many London brethren, including Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, are expected. Visitors will be heartily welcomed. Banquet at five o'clock.

The Longton Hall Hotel Company, Limited, has been formed to take over the well-known hotel at West Hill, Sydenham. To those who are unacquainted with the site it occupies, we can say that it is charmingly situated, sheltered from bleak winds, but commanding splendid views of the famed Surrey Hills. But our reason for calling attention to the enterprise in the columns of the Freemason, is that the directors, believing there is need for special Masonic accommodation in the neighbourhood, propose to extend the building by erecting, beside other rooms, a spacious hall for Masonic meeting, banquets, balls, &c., there is nothing of the kind in the locality, and bearing in mind the large resident population, among whom must be many Freemasons, we are warranted in predicting for this part of the scheme satisfactory results.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 21, 1879.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1767, Kensington, King's Arms Hot., Kensington.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., Hammersmith.

LOGES 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 17.

- Lodge 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
" 997, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, Regent M.H.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K.T. Precep. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LOGES 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 18.

- Board of Gen. Pur., at 4.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
" 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Old Battersea Bdg.
Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1348, Ebury, 58, Grosvenor-rd., W.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 244, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., S.W.
Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden sq.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepey.
Domatic, 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.
Dalnousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich,

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge.
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, N. Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor, Hall, Pimlico.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.

LOGES 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 20.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
" 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1139, South Norwood, Singapore P.H., S. Norwood.
" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Pk.
" 1287, Gt. Northern, F.M.H.
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
" 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Hall, Aldersgate-st.
" 1623, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., Smithfield.
" 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot.
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 834, Andrew, Bell & Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd. Qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, C'well

LOGES 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, Ponsomy-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
" 1704, Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1159, Marquis Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
K.T. Encamp. 48, Kemys-Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

LOGES 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.