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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, occupied the Throne. Bro. Montague J. Guest, Prov. G. Master for Dorset, acted as Dep. G. Master. The Grand Wardens, the Right Hon. Lord Kensington and Major-Gen. Somerset G. Calthorpe, were in their respective places, and among the other Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. Lord Tenterden, Sir E. H. Lechmere, R. H. Giddy, Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., J. B. Monckton, Thos. Fenn; Joshua Nunn, John Havers, Ex-Sheriff Burt, Capt. Platt, J. M. Clabon, Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Col. Creaton, Wilhelm Ganz, Sir Albert W. Woods, W. H. Mullens, H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. There was a very large attendance of brethren, the Temple being crowded with at least six hundred members of the Craft.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Frank Richardson, W.M. elect of Grand Stewards' Lodge, rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, this being the evening on which it is customary for the Grand Master to preside over us to be nominated for the ensuing year, I have the distinguished honour of nominating His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Great applause.)

Col. Burdett said: Brethren, our Bro. Richardson has nominated H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. This being a nomination it does not require a seconder. I shall now have the pleasure of appointing a President of the Lodge of Benevolence. We have had a brother who has done his duty in that particular branch of the Order with so much credit to himself and so much usefulness to the Order for some years that I do not think there will be a single dissentient voice when I say that I nominate, in the name of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Bro. Clabon as President of the Board of Benevolence. (Cheers.) Brethren, the next business is the election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President. The election has, for many years, fallen to two brethren; and, therefore, as there are no other two brethren nominated, I now declare that our Bro. Joshua Nunn is elected as the Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett as the Junior Vice-President. The next business, brethren, is the election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year; but, as only twelve brethren have been nominated, I will ask the Assistant Grand Secretary to read their names to you, and I declare them duly elected.

Bro. Buss then read the following names of the new Past Masters to serve on the lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year:—Bros. Charles Atkins, George P. Britten, J. B. Collyer, John Constable, Henry Garrod, R. H. Halford, Charles Fredk. Hogard, William Mann, Henry Massey, W. H. Perryman, F. Smith, and William Stephens.

Col. Burdett stated that the next business on the paper was the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, which he called on Bro. Buss to read.

Bro. Buss having read the report, the following recommendations were severally proposed and seconded:—

	£	s.	d.
The widow of a brother of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Cheshunt Park ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, Barnes ...	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, London ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Aberystwith Lodge, No. 1072, Aberystwith ...	50	0	0

The widow of a brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate... 50 0 0
 A brother of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, Kenilworth ... 50 0 0
 A brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin ... 100 0 0
 A brother of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro ... 50 0 0
 The widow of a brother of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham... 50 0 0
 The widow of a brother of the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662, West Bromwich ... 50 0 0
 The widow of a brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London ... 50 0 0
 A brother of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford... 50 0 0
 A brother of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor ... 50 0 0
 A brother of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, Camberwell ... 50 0 0
 A brother of the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, Leeds ... 75 0 0
 The widow of a brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 525, Hong Kong ... 50 0 0
 The widow of a brother of the Afan Lodge, No. 833, Aberavon ... 75 0 0
 With respect to the recommendation for the brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, a long discussion was held, Bro. Clabon having stated that a letter had been received that morning protesting, in the name of the One and All Lodge, against the grant, and alleging various reasons why it should not be made. He recommended that the letter should be handed over to the Board for consideration and enquiry, and it was then suggested that the letter should be read in open lodge. This was protested against by Bro. Clabon, as it might be injurious to the character of the proposed recipient of the grant, when he would not have the opportunity of explaining. Before the Lodge of Benevolence he would have that opportunity. This view was ultimately adopted, and the case was referred back to the Lodge of Benevolence.

On the motion of Bro. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, seconded by Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President, the following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes deeply regret to have to lay before Grand Lodge the resignation of Bro. John Hervey, who since August, 1868, has filled the very important office of Grand Secretary. At their meeting in October, leave of absence on account of severe ill-health was given by the Board to the Grand Secretary until 3rd of December following, being the date of the ensuing Quarterly Communication, and the hope was entertained that this relief from active duty might be productive of satisfactory results. This hope has however proved fallacious, and, under the advice of his medical attendants, Bro. Hervey states that there is no alternative before him but to resign the office he has, in the unanimous opinion of the Board, so honourably and usefully held, and in this view the Board in whose charge it is to recommend to Grand Lodge whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the Craft, unanimously recommend that on his retirement from office Bro. John Hervey be granted a retiring pension of £800 a year, being the full amount of his salary.

The Board further report that their attention has been called to a constantly occurring breach of the following clause in the "Alterations made by command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the mode of wearing the Charity Jewel, communicated to Grand Lodge, 7th June, 1876," viz.:—

"No Charity Jewel, clasp, ribbon, or rosette shall be obtained except through the office of the Grand Secretary, to whom the Secretaries of the respective Institutions shall, after their respective annual festivals, hand lists of the names of the brethren entitled to the jewel or decorations hereinbefore authorised."

And they recommend that a copy of such clause be sent to the W. Master of every lodge under the English Constitution; and further, that it be distinctly intimated that Charity Jewels obtained since the 7th June, 1876, otherwise than through the office of Grand Secretary, are improper, and not to be worn.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

18th November, 1879.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th ult., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3802 1s. 7d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

The President then moved:—

- 1st. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.
- 2nd. That the resignation by Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret.
- 3rd. That in consideration of the very distinguished services rendered to the Craft by Bro. John Hervey, during his tenure of the office of Grand Secretary, he be granted a retiring pension of £800 per annum, being the full amount of his present salary.
- 4th. That the other recommendations contained in the report of the Board be adopted.

Bro. Monckton then rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, in rising to move the second

resolution that stands in my name, "That the resignation by Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret," I think it is unnecessary for me to state to Grand Lodge that it is unwelcome to me, and I do it with a feeling of sincere regret, which I am certain every brother present will share, not alone on account of the resignation of Grand Secretary Bro. John Hervey, but also on account of the lamentable causes that have rendered it incumbent on him as an honourable man to lay that resignation before Grand Lodge. M.W. G. Master, there are many yet here, although many have been summoned to the Great Lodge above, who, like myself, will well remember the Quarterly Communication of September, 1868, when the Right Worshipful Bro. Lord De Tabley, occupying the throne for the Most Worshipful Grand Master, invested Bro. John Hervey with the collar and jewel of Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, amid the approving acclamation of the rulers of the Craft then assembled; and we at that time, Most Worshipful Grand Master, will also well remember the careful pains and the anxious solicitude bestowed by that estimable Grand Master, the late Earl of Zetland, who was assisted by his counsellors and advisers in filling up the vacancy caused in the Grand Secretaryship by the death of Bro. Gray Clarke, a most important duty at that time, because I think I am right in saying that Freemasonry was then entering upon that remarkable progress that it has since made. The hope of that appointment, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been fulfilled by the result; the promise of that appointment has been actually borne out by the performance. Bro. John Hervey was a man who united in himself all the qualifications necessary to make a successful and an able Grand Secretary. He combined the heartfelt charity and the skillful ability of a Mason with the industry and good judgment of a man, and, above all, the amiability and gentleness of a woman. He was never so happy as when he was associated with his old friends and colleagues in the Order; but we all know he never tired in giving knowledge, light, and instruction to the humblest brother who sought it. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I think if ever there was a man of whom we might say it, we might say it of Bro. John Hervey, that, "take him for all in all," we may scarcely hope to "look upon his like again." With another expression of the regret with which I make this motion that I expressed when I rose, I now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, beg to move (for I feel that further words on this painful subject will be rendered unnecessary by the feelings of the whole of the brethren in this Grand Lodge), "That the resignation of Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret." (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I beg to second the proposition which has just been so ably made by the President of the Board of General Purposes. I think I should offer no words to supplement what he has already said. Bro. Hervey has endeared himself to every one who came in contact with him, but especially to all members of the Craft. I feel that he is so fully appreciated by all members of the Craft here assembled in Grand Lodge, that I am sure the vote which has just been proposed will be accepted unanimously. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Burdett said: Brethren, having had a great deal of intercourse with Bro. Hervey, and received a great deal of benefit and kindness from him in every way, which I believe every member of the Order has, I must say it is with extreme regret that I feel obliged to put this resolution to Grand Lodge. I wish we could have had some reason to hope that we should have an opportunity of seeing him again among us, but I am afraid, from what I have heard, that it is past hope that we shall see him among his brethren, where he has filled a post with credit to himself and with benefit to the whole of the Order. It is, as I said before, with extreme regret that I put this resolution to you to-night, and I feel that every other brother here present will agree with me that it is with great grief that we accept his resignation. I now put the motion, "That the resignation by Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret."

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. Monckton, in bringing on his motion, "That, in consideration of the very distinguished services rendered to the Craft by Bro. John Hervey during his tenure of the office of Grand Secretary, he be granted a retiring pension of £800 per annum, being the full amount of his present salary," said he would alter the form of his motion, which, after consultation with Grand Registrar, he found would be quite regular, by proposing that the retiring pension should be £550, and an annual gratuity of £250.

Bro. H. C. Levander seconded the proposition.

Bro. Montague J. Guest opposed the granting of so large a sum as £800 a year in any form, and proposed it to be reduced to £300.

Bro. Murlis proposed £600.

After several brethren had spoken for and against the different propositions, it was resolved that the pension should be £500 a year, and that an immediate gratuity of £300 should be granted to Bro. Hervey.

The other recommendations of the Board of General Purposes were then adopted.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., brought up the appeal of Bro. Joseph Pallot, P.M. of the La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, Jersey, against the decision of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, affirming his (Bro. Pallot's) resignation as a member of the La Cesarée Lodge. After stating the circumstances of the case, Bro. McIntyre moved the dismissal of the appeal, and the confirmation of the finding of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey.

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., seconded the motion, which was then put and unanimously carried.

Bro. Stevens said that in introducing the motion which stood upon the agenda in his name, he had to ask the

brethren present to allow him to state his case without interruption. If they would do so he would, on his part, make his remarks as short as possible, considering the advanced hour, and he should be quite prepared to take the verdict of Grand Lodge as to a settlement of the question. He then went on to show that there were certain articles of union belonging to the Craft which were a sort of standing orders by which the Craft was regulated and governed, and that this prescribed one code of working which should be maintained, upheld, and practised throughout the Masonic world. He could not understand that any more forcible regulations could have been laid down than those which were laid down in 1813. These rules appeared to have been acted on in 1815-16, and a rite was rehearsed in Grand Lodge and ordered to be worked in all Masonic lodges. Therefore, Bro. Stevens said, in 1816 there was what he hoped to ask Grand Lodge to decide upon—a standard ritual; and the question he had to ask them now was, Had that standard ritual been observed? He was not speaking of the mere wording to be used. He did not expect that every one should use the same wording, it was not that he asked, but it was the doing away with many matters which were a disgrace to Masonry. Ten years ago he had attempted to enter a Masonic lodge in the provinces, and he found that, though he was a Mason of many years' standing, he did not understand the Entered Apprentice's sign; and gave some other instances of wide divergencies from the ordinary ritual which were in vogue in provincial lodges. In consequence of this, on the matter being brought before Grand Lodge in December, 1869, it was decided that, with a view to the greater uniformity of working, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to report to Grand Lodge and recommend a remedy; which resolution was ratified in March, 1870. He did not know how it was, but somebody blundered; and the committee was never appointed. Since that time things had gone from bad to worse; but the same arguments for the appointment of a Committee which were held to be sufficient in 1861 were not held to be sufficient now. It was not now a question whether the teacher knew what he was teaching, or the learner what he was learning; but it was a question of the absolute setting aside of Masonic morality. It was not only in the provinces that such divergencies occurred, but in some parts of London also; and therefore he hoped that this Committee of Past Masters would be formed with a view to put down the very gross evils that existed. Bro. Stevens said that the objection urged was that he was advocating manuals of rituals. He condemned manuals of rituals as much as anybody. He believed that if we searched there was in the archives a standard of working, but there was no authorised printed book extant to instruct Freemasons in any way. And yet there were books—manuals of the ritual—in all parts of the world; and he asked, was it not a shame that they should be found in English lodges? Were they recognised by Grand Lodge? They were printed and sold as if they were authorised, and the younger brethren of the Craft, at least, were thereby misled. Here was a printed book, and here was the printed advertisement which stated that Bro. A. Mason was the publisher's name, whereas in another instance we had it that a book was published by authority. Bro. Stevens added that he had the printed matter there which he referred to. He would not detain the brethren, but he asked them, in common sympathy with the task he had undertaken, to give him that patience which he had himself given to the subject. He had met with a great deal of opposition, but at the same time, he must own he had also met with a great deal of support. Bro. Stevens went on to say that he would leave the consideration of such comparatively small matters as he had been speaking of, and turn to unity of essentials. He then laid before Grand Lodge a statement of things existing in some lodges quite out of harmony with the spirit of Freemasonry. In this portion of his speech Bro. Stevens necessarily entered into details which it would be un-Masonic to publish, and concluded with his motion, which was, "That the Committee be now appointed which had already been voted."

Bro. Marsh seconded the motion.

Bro. Woodford rose to ask the Grand Lodge to vote a direct negative to the motion, and reviewed the various improvements of the ritual since 1723 down to the latest improvements effected by Preston. He said that in 1723 Bros. Desaguliers and Anderson are stated to have put together the first ritual, subsequently altered by Clare, emended by Dunckerley, and improved by Preston, who was said to have used two versions. In addition to these there were from the middle of the last century the concurrent system of the "Antients," which had great influence on English Freemasonry, so that previous to 1813 there were five distinct systems of ritual. In 1813 it was endeavoured to combine the two systems of the "Antients" and the "Moderns," so called, and the very incident that Bro. Stevens has mentioned about the Master's light, showed a point of disagreement which had never been reconciled. Dr. Hemming was the brother to whom, in 1813, the Duke of Sussex confided the rearrangement of the ritual, which was henceforth to be one, but his original ritual was subsequently perfected by Bro. Williams, and this was the system now in vogue in the Lodge of Emulation. But Dr. Hemming's ritual was still extensively used, and was represented by the Stability Lodge of Instruction. And then, in addition, there were several workings in England. There was, for instance, the working of Preston, and even remains of the ancient working. Grand Lodge in its toleration had wisely held, as long as essentials were maintained, and so long as the obligations were correctly given, liberty of verbiage should be allowed to all lodges. The worthy brother who had proposed this motion must be aware that there were a great number of brethren in this Grand Lodge who are not prepared to say that all the alterations of 1813 were

altogether advisable. The whole question settled in 1813 must be again gone into. If we agree to refer the ritual to a Board of Preceptors, each one of whom may have his favourite system, it would remain a difficulty to secure unanimity; and if unanimity were secured, it would be difficult to carry their resolutions into effect. Bro. Woodford referred again to the point he had before mentioned about the Master's light, and stated that since the year 1813, notwithstanding circulars on the subject from Grand Lodge, the practice to which various lodges had been accustomed was still maintained among them. He called upon the brethren, therefore, not to pass this resolution. If they did, they would simply make the fortune of one or two degraded brethren, who are selling rituals to the Craft. Bro. Woodford concluded by moving a direct negative to Bro. Stevens's motion.

Bro. J. While rose to move that the question be not put. He thought Bro. Stevens had been indiscreet, inasmuch as he had got up a correspondence in a public print, and had afterwards collected and published the same under the title "What is Correct;" and the week before last there was the whole discussion in print in a leading article. (On Bro. While referring to some objectionable letter that had appeared in print, Bro. Stevens rose and vehemently denied all knowledge of such a letter.) Bro. While continued, and said that in the same paper, and in the leading article last week, they actually discussed the question about an alteration in the Third Degree.

The remainder of Bro. While's speech was inaudible, for having alluded to Bro. Stevens as the Grand Master of Preceptors, Bro. Stevens protested, and considerable noise prevailed during the conclusion of Bro. While's speech.

Bro. Simpson said that, as one of those who had listened to this case, anxious to hear the truth and to vote according to that hearing, he was placed in a difficulty. The amendment called upon them to give a direct negative to Bro. Stevens's motion, which was only for the giving effect to a resolution solemnly passed by Grand Lodge ten years ago. If subsequent facts had altered previous convictions then that negative might be given; but if it was limited that the objectionable facts, previously condemned, were still existing, and as deserving as ever of condemnation, he did not see how Grand Lodge could do other than follow the matter to a logical conclusion by voting the motion proposed by Bro. Stevens, which was to nominate a Committee already agreed to be appointed. And if there were reasons ten years ago, when Masons were comparatively limited in number, for appointing this Committee, in consequence of errors in performance of the ritual, it was likely that there were still stronger reasons now for doing so, as the errors were likely to have greatly multiplied, in consequence of the vast increase in the number of lodges since the date of that resolution of Grand Lodge. Bro. Simpson, after reminding Grand Lodge that if they carried out the system laid down by Bro. Woodford, the question, what are essentials? would be a difficult one which would require to be answered, concluded by supporting the motion.

Bro. Bodenham protested against a statement made by Bro. Woodford that the provincial lodges will not give up the practices referred to without a struggle, and said that the provincial lodges look up to Grand Lodge as a law-giver, and were always loyal.

Bro. Stevens, in rising to reply, said he would not avail himself of his right in this respect, but was perfectly willing to leave the question in the hands of the Grand Lodge.

The Chairman then put "the previous question," as the amendment proposed by Bro. Woodford, which was declared to be lost. Bro. Stevens' original motion, "That the Committee be appointed," was then put and carried.

Bro. Stevens said that he was perfectly willing to leave the nomination of the Committee in the hands of Grand Lodge. He had not even come prepared with a list of names. He was quite prepared to leave the selection of the Committee to the Board of General Purposes, but whoever was appointed he assumed that he himself should be entitled to sit with them.

Bro. McIntyre said that he had never yet heard that any body could without consulting them cause the Board of General Purposes to perform any special service, and to say that the Board of General Purposes and Bro. Stevens should be the Committee sounded like the assertion of a right to their services, which had no existence in fact. No doubt, if they were consulted on the matter, the Board would give it their favourable consideration, but at this stage they should be considered as a body who might refuse, and had a right to refuse, to act either with or without Bro. Stevens in the matter.

Bro. Simpson suggested the matter should not be referred to any body whatever in the meantime, but that Bro. Stevens should give notice of motion for next Quarterly Communication that he would then propose a list of brethren for appointment.

Bro. Stevens gave the necessary notice.

Bro. Havers rose to order on matter of very great importance. To save time he ventured to ask the opinion of the M.W.G.M. in the chair whether their worthy Bro. Clabon's proposal to divert any portion of the monies of the Benevolent Fund from the original charitable purposes for which those monies were applicable could be ever discussed. Was it within the intention of the fund that any portion should be applied for purchasing "exhibitions" for the Schools? It was a question of very grave importance, and it was, therefore, very desirable to know what was the legal aspect of the question.

Bro. Clabon said it seemed to him rather strange that when the word "charity" was of such wide meaning this question should be raised. In the legal sense the word charity included schools and universities of all kinds, and he knew of no greater charity than to give the means of higher education to those who were worthy and required help.

Bro. Havers said he should like to hear the opinion of the Grand Registrar on the point.

Bro. McIntyre thought that in this matter they should consider what the compilers of the Book of Constitutions intended; and they must look at the context and consider the subject as a whole. The fund was raised from every member of the Craft; whether a supporter of the Schools or not, he is compelled to support this fund, to contribute his money to this, to assist Masons and the widows of Masons, and those only, in the way in which it is pointed out. That was laid down by the founders. It was perfectly open to Bro. Clabon to move that the Constitutions be altered, and to substitute a different system, but as regards Bro. Clabon's proposition, the Constitutions do not appear by the context to contemplate the fund being so used by those who founded it.

It was at this point agreed that, owing to the lateness of the hour, Bro. Clabon should postpone his proposition until next Quarterly Communication, on the understanding that it was to take precedence of other business.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening last, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., M.W. Past G. Master, occupied the chair; Capt. N. G. Phillips occupied the chair of G. S.W.; J. M. P. Montagu, the chair of G.J.W.; and among a very large number of brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, as D.G.M.; Broadley, G.M. of Tunis; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, D. Acc. T. F. Ravenshaw, R. H. Giddy, Dr. Ramsay, James Lewis Thomas, Alfred Williams, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, R. Berridge, G.D.C.; J. B. Shackleton, H. C. Levander, G.R.; F. Davison, G.T.; George Lambert, F. Binckes, G.S.; Don. M. Dewar, Asst. G.S.; Thomas Cubitt, Charles Horsley, T. C. Walls, and Baron de Ferrieres.

Grand Lodge having been opened, and the G.M. saluted, the minutes were read and confirmed. The report of the General Board, which was as follows, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

The number of certificates issued during the six months ending 30th September last is 496, making the total of registered advancements 12,908.

In the same period five warrants for new lodges have been issued, viz:—

245 Simon de St. Liz	Northampton.
246 Duke of Connaught	Derby.
247 Alfred	Oxford (City).
248 Broadley	Malta.
249 Empress of India	Woolahra, N.S.Wales.

During the year ending 30th September there have been issued 167 certificates for Royal Ark Mariners, the register showing the total number of brethren elevated to this Degree to be 507; and thirteen warrants for new lodges have been issued, viz:—

Mount Horeb, attached to St John's Lodge, T.I., Bolton.	
Carnarvon	Carnarvon "No. 7 London.
United Manchester	St. Andrew's "34 Manchester
Mount Ararat	Fidelity "98 Lahore.
Panmure	Panmure "139 Balham.
Grosvenor	Grosvenor "144 London.
Olive Branch	Lebanon "207 Allahabad.
St. Wilfrid's	St. Wilfrid's "209 Alford.
Ararat	Ardvoirlich "219 Rawal Pindi
Axe	St. John's "221 Meean Meer
Refuge	Garnet "228 Dinapore.
Brixton	Brixton "234 Brixton.
Sanc Elmo	Broadley "248 Malta.

The Treasurer's accounts, subjoined, show that the receipts from all sources for six months were £545 2s. 4d., and that on the 30th September the balances were:—

	£	s.	d.
In favour of the General Fund	154	12	9
" " Benevolent Fund	42	16	5
" " Educational Fund	90	13	0
While investments have been made.			
On account of Benevolent Fund	200	0	0
" " Educational Fund	200	0	0
" " General Fund	200	0	0

That the objects proposed by the establishment of the Benevolent and Educational Fund are widely and increasingly appreciated and approved is convincingly manifested by the support extended thereto at the anniversary festivals, the festival held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, 2nd July last, under the Presidency of W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, Prov. G.S.W. of Sussex, having proved most successful, the proceeds of the thirty-two Stewards' lists amounting to £542.

The first election of a boy for the benefits of the Educational Fund took place on 20th of May last, when Harry Lowndes Edwards was elected, and is now being educated at the Manchester Grammar School.

Two new provinces have been constituted—Tunis and Malta and Berks and Oxon.

Bro. Alexander Meyrick Broadley has been appointed as R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the former, and was installed at Malta on the 11th of September.

No event of greater interest in the history of this Grand Lodge has occurred than the establishment of a Mark lodge, in the first place, and recently of a province, in a locality rich in so many antiquarian associations as the site of the world-renowned city of Carthage. Masonry in all its branches is flourishing there, but no Degree has attracted so much attention, or has been pursued with such avidity, as that of the Mark, and with the details and information received from time to time, the Board considers itself justified in thus making prominent mention of so exceptionally gratifying a circumstance, and in testifying to the zeal and ability of the R.W. Bro. Broadley, whose

exertions have tended so materially to produce such successful results.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W., has accepted the appointment of Prov. G. Master of Berks and Oxon, and there can be no doubt as to the beneficial effect of his lordship's rule, supported by the ability and energy of the brethren who have been instrumental in fostering the Order in the united province.

The G.M. has also been pleased to appoint Bro. Thos. Trollope, M.D., to be Prov. G.M.M. of Sussex.

In the same period the following provincial changes have occurred:—

Cornwall—Bro. Col. John Whitehead Peard has been appointed R.W. Provincial Grand Master, vice Sir Frederick Martin Williams, deceased.

Kent—Bro. Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., has been appointed R.W. Provincial Grand Master, vice Bro. Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, resigned.

Somerset—Bro. Gen. H. E. Doherty has been appointed R.W. Provincial Grand Master, vice Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, resigned.

The Board, in testifying to the admirable manner in which the duties of their responsible offices have been discharged by the distinguished brethren, the loss of whose services they regret, have every confidence that the interests of Mark Masonry will be successfully promoted by the brethren whom the M.W. Grand Master has selected as their successors.

It is also with extreme gratification that the Board is enabled to report the re-organisation of the Province of Jamaica under the vigilant care of R.W. Bro. Dr. Hamilton (33°), and the consequent resuscitation of the Sussex Lodge, No. 42, followed by the establishment of three new lodges—

Clifton Mount Keystone, Kingston, No. 230.

Royal Keystone, Kingston, No. 240.

Phoenix, Port Royal, No. 242.

All of which are now in a very flourishing condition, with every prospect of continued prosperity.

The Board have very great pleasure in stating that official information of the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland has been received, a copy of the communication from the Grand Scribe E. being now subjoined. It affords the Board the highest satisfaction thus to announce the consummation of efforts extending over a number of years to effect a friendly understanding and fraternal agreement between the two bodies.

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, held upon the 18th day of June, A.D. 1879, A.L. 5883.

"Having taken into consideration an application from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales for recognition, and the interchange of representatives, with relative documents, and the report of the Committee thereon, the Supreme Chapter unanimously resolved to recognise the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales as a lawful governing body of that Degree in these countries. Farther, that the Supreme Chapter would grant no new Mark warrants therein, reserving the rights of the Supreme Chapter as regards warrants already granted. Farther, that Mark lodges in the Colonies, holding of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, be recognised as lawful, but that no exclusive jurisdiction be conceded to the Grand Mark Lodge, beyond the countries of England and Wales. Farther, it was resolved to delay consideration of the proposal to exchange representatives till next Quarterly Communication, and Comp. Mann, Grand Scribe N., intimated that he would then move that representatives be appointed."

Extracted from the Minutes of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, this 17th day of July, A.D. 1879, A.L. 5883.

(Signed) L. MACKERSY, Grand Scribe E.

Formal communications with recognition have also been received from the Supreme Grand Chapters of Maine, Texas, and North Carolina, U.S.A.

The Board have under their consideration the arrangement of the work in the Grand Secretary's office. They are of opinion that the eminent and lengthened services of the Grand Secretary deserve that he should be excused from attending to the daily routine of the ever increasing business of the office, and at the same time that he should retain his full salary.

In consideration of the additional labour that will fall on the Asst. G. Secretary, they recommend that his salary be increased to £200.

The Board recommends the following grants from the Benevolent Fund: £10 to the widow of a brother, and £20 to a brother.

The mode of electing the five members of the General Board by Grand Lodge being deemed unsatisfactory, the Board recommends the following alteration in Clause 98 of the Book of Constitutions:

After the words "at the meeting in June," on the seventh line, to add—"in manner following; the names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination are to be delivered in writing at the Grand Secretary's Office at least fourteen days prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge, in order that the names so proposed may be printed in a list, a copy of which shall be sent to every member attending Grand Lodge, when the balloting lists shall be collected by Scrutineers appointed for that purpose, and the result of the election ascertained and announced."

The Board also recommends that in Clause 111 of the Constitutions, the words "signed in open lodge" be added after the word "certificate," in the first line of the clause.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, P.G.M., President.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months to the 30th September are subjoined, which show:—

GENERAL FUND.			
Balance from 31st March, 1879	...	£143	6 8
Half-year's receipts	...	£520	12 9
Dividends	...	24	9 7
		545	2 4
Disbursements	...	£688	9 0
		533	13 9
Balance on 30th September, 1879	...	£154	15 3
BENEVOLENT FUND.			
Balance from 31st March, 1879	...	£76	14 10
Half-year's receipts	...	£380	9 0
Dividends	...	24	9 7
		404	18 7
Disbursements:		£481	13 5
Grants in relief	...	£46	0 0
Expenses	...	7	9 0
Transferred to Education Fund	...	200	0 0
Purchase of £200 Cape of Good Hope Debentures	...	198	5 0
		451	14 0
At Credit on account Stewards' Festival a/c.		£29	19 5
		12	17 0
Balance on 30th September, 1879	...	£42	16 5
EDUCATION FUND.			
Balance from 31st March, 1876	...	£100	0 0
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	...	200	0 0
		£300	0 0
Disbursements	...	£11	2 0
Purchase of £200 Cape of Good Hope Debentures	...	195	5 0
		206	7 0
Balance on September, 1879	...	£90	13 0

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

20th October, 1879.

The grants recommended by this report were carried, and the salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary was raised to £200 a year.

Bro. F. Davison, G.T., who proposed the addition, and the G.M., in putting the motion, spoke in the highest terms of commendation of Bro. Dewar's diligence in discharging the duties of his office; and the G.M. explained the reasons for the recommendation of the Board for excusing Bro. Binckes from attending to the daily routine of Grand Secretary's Office. It was also explained to the brethren that Bro. Binckes's salary was really only £125 a year, as he paid half of his salary of £250 to Bro. Dewar, and that in raising Bro. Dewar's salary to £200 a year Grand Lodge paid only £75.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas raised the question of the status of Bro. Dewar, and submitted that the rank of Assistant Grand Secretary was not next immediately after Grand Secretary, but, as in Grand Craft Lodge, immediately before Grand Inner Guard.

A long discussion arose on this subject, when it was admitted that Bro. James Lewis Thomas's contention was correct, that there had been a mistake by the printers of the Constitutions in giving the rank of Asst. G. Secretary immediately following G. Secretary, but that in Bro. Dewar's case he was rightly invested in order, because he was previously a Junior Overseer.

After the other recommendations had been carried, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke said: M.W.G.M., I rise to propose a motion which, I am sure, will be received with great pleasure by all the brethren present, and that my feelings will find an echo in every brother's breast. Consequently, my motion will require very few words to introduce it to Grand Lodge. Our present G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, has for two years filled that high office, and he has discharged his duties in that office, as he has in every other office he has been called upon to fill, in so courteous and genial a manner that, I feel confident, it is the hearty wish of the Order in general that he should continue in that office for another year. Therefore, I beg leave to nominate the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale for our M.W.G.M. for the ensuing twelve months. (Loud applause.)

The following brethren were then presented with bars and jewels for their services as Stewards of the Benevolent Fund Festival:—Bros. Dr. Ace, Lincolnshire; Richard Boggett, 182; Baron de Ferrières, Gloucestershire; G. F. Lancaster, Hants and Isle of Wight; W. S. Gillard, Dorset; Walter Spencer, Bon Accord; Charles Jacques, Old Kent; Thos. D. Bolton, 7; B. H. Swallow, 8; E. B. Bright, 13; E. C. Milligan, 34; Capt. Chas. Hunter, 38; John Clark, 53; Joseph Spencer, 53; Thos. J. Pulley, 54; E. Diggle, 56; R. L. Loveland, 63; W. I. Clarke, 75; R. Berridge, 104; R. W. Philpott, 152; A. Hopkinson, 156; Rev. C. R. Davy, 177; J. D. C. Hunter Little, 214; Geo. Dalrymple, 216; E. Margett, 235; W. Stephens, 236; F. F. Halsly, 241; Dr. E. Passamer, 244; John H. Hale, 245; F. W. Ansell, 247.

Before Grand Lodge was closed the acting Grand Master said there was one notice in the report of the General Board which ought not to be passed over in silence, the recognition of Grand Mark Lodge by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. Nothing had happened of greater importance in the whole of the twenty-three years' history of Grand Mark Lodge, because this recognition completed the claim of acknowledgment of this Grand Lodge, which was now acknowledged by all the Grand Masonic bodies

throughout the world except Grand Lodge of England. He would move that Grand Secretary be instructed to write to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, stating that Grand Mark Lodge had heard with very great pleasure of this action of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and hoped that this would bind still closer the ties which united Grand Mark of England with Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Bro. F. Binckes, in his position as Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried *nem. con.*, and Grand Lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards dined together at Freemasons' Tavern.

FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held on the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., took the chair of W.M.; Bro. W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768, took the chair of S.W.; and Bro. W. S. Lee, S.W. 1201, the chair of J.W. Bros. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., acted as P.M.; W. Smallprice, as Secretary; A. Escott, J.W. 1593, as S.D.; A. Marvin, 1768, as J.D.; and G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593, as I.G. Amongst other brethren present were Bros. Lord Kensington, S.G.W.; Gen. Somerset Calthorpe, J.G.W.; Bent, P.G.C.; Gibson, G.S. of Wks.; R. H. Giddy, District G.M. Griqualand; Colonel Shadwell Clerke, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; A. J. McIntyre, G. Reg.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; and J. M. Case, P.G.D. After the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees the following brethren worked the Second Lecture, Bro. Murton putting the questions:—

1st Section by Bro. F. R. Spaul, W.M. 1768.

2nd " " W. S. Lee, S.W. 1201.

3rd " " A. Escott, J.W. 1593.

4th " " G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593.

5th " " A. Marvin, 1768.

Each of the brethren did his work admirably, answering the questions with a fluency that reflected the highest credit on the lodge, and testified to their regular attendance at its weekly meetings. When the working was concluded,

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., rose, and said: The brethren must have noticed, and I am sure, must have noticed with regret, the absence from this lodge this evening of a face which on these anniversary occasions has been familiar to us and to those who have gone before us for a period of upwards of thirty years. I need not say, W.M., that I allude to our dear Bro. John Hervey, our most respected Treasurer. The unhappy cause of his absence this evening and his resignation of the office of Grand Secretary is no doubt now well known to us all, and I think, and I am sure, W.M., the brethren will think with me, that we cannot allow this occasion to pass without expressing and recording in our minutes our sympathy with Bro. Hervey in his affliction, our great regard for him, and our sense of the loss which we have all sustained in his resignation of an office which he has filled for many years with such credit to himself and benefit to the Craft. Without further preface, W.M., I will read to you the resolution which I am about to propose:—"The members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, at their anniversary meeting, have heard with deep regret that their much respected Bro. John Hervey, who has held the office of Treasurer of the lodge for upwards of thirty years, in consequence of serious illness has deemed it necessary to resign the office of Grand Treasurer, the duties of which he has discharged with such eminent ability and conscientious zeal, and so greatly to the advantage and satisfaction of the Craft. They desire to record on their minutes their sincere sympathy with Bro. Hervey in his affliction, and they trust they may indulge the hope that a release from the anxieties of his office may so far conduce to his restoration to health as to enable him, in his retirement, to enjoy the quiet repose he has so well earned. They fervently hope that T.G.A.O.T.U. may grant him yet many years of peaceful life to enjoy the society of his brother Masons, with whom he has been so long associated, and who, one and all, entertain towards him the most sincere esteem and affection."

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., said: W.M., I have very great pleasure indeed in seconding the resolution which has been put before you by Bro. Fenn. It has been my lot to hold office in Grand Lodge for a very great number of years, when I had for my colleague our late Grand Secretary, Bro. Gray Clarke, and all the time our Bro. Hervey has been the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England I have held the post I now occupy. And I must say that during the whole of that period a more zealous officer, a man more determined to do his duty—and no man more thoroughly understood his duty than Bro. Hervey—was not to be found among the whole of the Craft of England. He was always wise in council, he was always rapid in action, always seeing what was right, and doing what was right, and so he endeared himself to the rulers of the Craft, and especially he endeared himself to his brother officers who were brought into almost daily contact with him; and certainly to this lodge, of which I have been a member for a great number of years, he was endeared by the wonderfully good instruction he gave to every one of its members by his assiduity in his attendance upon the meetings of this lodge, and by the ability with which he conducted everything entrusted to his care. We all feel—and those who saw him most feel it most—he is a great loss to friends, to Masonry, and to the Grand Lodge of England; and in his retirement we do hope, and we do hope and fervently pray, that years may be spared to him to enjoy that leisure to which his excellent services to Freemasonry so rightfully entitle him. (Cheers.)

Bro. Murton said: It is with very great regret I put this resolution. I owe a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Hervey.

He initiated, passed, raised, and installed me. He has been a sincere friend to me in my Masonic career. He has been a dear friend to me and to all the Craft. I am sure I do not know any man more beloved by the Craft than Bro. Hervey. Let us indulge the hope that he may be spared to us for some time and be with us again. I know his heart is with us on this occasion, for it is an anniversary on which he would not have been absent on any account if he could have helped it; and, therefore, it grieves me very much to put this resolution.

The motion was then carried unanimously, and on the motion of Bro. Fenn, seconded by Bro. McIntyre, the Secretary was ordered to transmit a copy to Bro. Hervey.

Lord Kensington, S.G.W., in moving a vote of thanks to the working brethren, said: We have all heard the able and efficient way in which the Lecture has been worked this evening. Speaking for myself, for the first time that I have had the honour and the pleasure of attending the meeting of this lodge, and knowing, as I most truly do, how much in need of improvement I myself am, I can only say that I have been immensely struck with the way in which the various Sections of that Lecture have been worked; but I think I cannot be saying too much when I express my opinion that the oldest member of the Craft present and the oldest member of this lodge will, in conjunction with myself, feel we have learned something from what we have heard to-night. The proposal I have to ask the brethren present to assent to is that a cordial vote of thanks be passed to the brethren who have worked the various Sections of the Lecture to-night.

Major-Gen. Somerset G. Calthorpe, J.G.W., in seconding the motion, said: I can only assure you that I endorse every syllable that has been uttered by my Bro. Lord Kensington. I have been deeply impressed, and, I trust, have been greatly benefited by what I have heard.

The motion having been carried,

Bro. Murton said: On behalf of the working brethren, I beg to thank you. This lodge has been established now, I think, for above fifty-three years, and its office has been to promote improved working in the Craft. If we attain any approach to that desirable end our object is accomplished.

The names of brethren desiring to become members were then taken, and the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to supper at Freemasons' Tavern, at which they were presided over by Lord Kensington.

After supper the toasts were proposed, and the loyal compliments having been paid to "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers,"

Bro. R. H. Giddy, District G.M. of Griqualand, in responding, said he had to thank Lord Kensington for the kind reference he had made to their names. He was only speaking the sentiments of the whole Craft when he said that no two men among the brethren were more thoroughly appreciated than Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale. He thanked the brethren, also, on behalf of the other Grand Officers, especially those who had the honour and pleasure of partaking of the hospitality of the lodge. It was a very great pleasure to those who had belonged to Grand Lodge to be present at this gathering, but a very much greater pleasure it was to be at the meeting of the lodge and see the wonderful working, which could not be surpassed. That working was a great credit to the Craft, and must greatly benefit it. The Grand Officers had the greatest pleasure in seeing the good work which the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was doing, because it made the men who would be the future officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., in proposing "The Health of Lord Kensington," as W.M. of the evening, said that although this was not the first toast on the list, it would be the first with the brethren, as loyal Masons, upon this occasion, because, though they did the greatest homage and had to perform their most bounden duty to those who were supreme in the Craft, they did not forget that they owed allegiance to the W.M. who presided, and who, in the manner in which he had presided, had shown himself most worthy of the confidence of the Craft, and of the honour they were now about to pay him. It was a high honour to the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement that the S.G.W. of England was now presiding at their annual festival. They were perfectly well assured that it was to his own merits as well as to the favourable consideration of his friends and former schoolfellows that he had attained to the high position in the Craft which he now occupied, and the confidence of the Sovereign of the Craft which he now enjoyed. Those things alone would be sufficient to give him a passport to every assembly of Masons in England, for a reception which would be heart-felt by the members; but he needed not that, because the way in which he had conducted the proceedings since he had been in the hall had shown that he was a ruler over men and a great authority among Masons. He (Bro. McIntyre) had the greatest pleasure in proposing "The Health of the R.W. Lord Kensington," and, although this was the first time his lordship had visited the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, he hoped it would not be the last time he would come into a public assembly of Masons, because the more he came among them the more he would endear himself to all members of the Craft. (Hear, hear.)

Lord Kensington, in reply, said he most sincerely echoed that portion of Bro. McIntyre's speech in which he said he hoped it would not be the last time he (Lord Kensington) would attend this Lodge of Improvement. What he had heard that evening had only convinced him of what he well knew before, that he had a great deal to learn. As he ventured to say at an earlier portion of the evening, in the Temple, he did not think that any one of those who were present could possibly have left that room without feeling they had learned something. He only hoped he might have the opportunity—and he should certainly endeavour to seize every opportunity he had—of

attending the meetings of this lodge. It had given him the very greatest pleasure to accept the invitation he had received a little time back to preside on this occasion. The only doubt that came across his mind was, whether he should be able to discharge the duties he was asked to undertake in a manner that should be acceptable to the brethren. The brethren had given proof of their satisfaction by the way in which they had received the words of Bro. McIntyre. He came from the south-west of Wales; so far, indeed, that one could not go more than 400 yards from his home to the cliff's edge. But there were a good many Masonic lodges in that quarter where Masonry was well and carefully worked, and he knew that many of their members had attended the meetings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. When he returned home he should have an opportunity of attending the several meetings of the lodges in that province, and he should then use words of encouragement, and try to stimulate the Brethren to be present at the meetings of the Emulation. He was certain that in that province they all had much to learn, and there could be no better place for a man to learn to perfect himself in Freemasonry than in this lodge. In conclusion, if he had returned thanks imperfectly the brethren must excuse him. The imperfection was only outward; internally he could feel no more than he did.

Lord Kensington next proposed "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and in doing so said that when he entered the Temple that evening he had not the honour of being a member, but he was happy to say that since that time he had had the honour of being enrolled. Although he was the junior member of the lodge, the toast would come very fitly from his lips. The good which arose from attending the lodge was a fact no one could dispute who witnessed the way in which the work had been done that evening. He was immensely struck with the excellence of the work, which showed him how much any one had before him if he hoped to rise to proficiency.

Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., replying, said it remained for him to thank his lordship most cordially on behalf of the Committee and the working members of the lodge for the kindness with which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial reception they had given to it. It was the desire of the Committee to promote a really good system of working, and he thought, as Bro. Giddy had said, that it had made its way in the Craft. He did not wish to hold up the lodge as of exceptional superiority. It had done, no doubt, a great deal of good during the years it had been established in promoting good and efficient working in the Craft. The sister lodges had also done their part in promoting good working. There had been more desire of late years to do so. Masonry had increased, and it had given an impetus to the zeal of the brethren. The working certainly had very much improved in lodges generally. Formerly country lodges were more zealous than the London lodges, and, though their work might be a little peculiar, still they worked very zealously and fluently. London lodges now worked very admirably as a rule. Of course there were certain little quaintnesses which were adopted by different lodges which might to a certain extent be demurred to, but which Masons did not wish to see quite eliminated; but as a system of working he thought the Emulation system was the best and most logical, and no doubt it would make its way and be felt among all lodges. (Hear, hear.)

Major-Gen. Somerset G. Calthorpe, J.G.W., proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement." After the admirable way in which the business of the evening had been conducted he was sure the brethren would drink this toast most cordially. None who witnessed it could be otherwise than gratified. If every Mason could only see how perfectly the ceremonies were performed it would add very much to their feeling of respect and regard for the Order. Lodges of this kind could not fail to impress Masons with the importance and beauty of the symbolism of Masonry, and could have no other effect than to make better men and better Masons, both for working and in social and private life. The W.M. would endorse what he (Gen. Calthorpe) said, that without good officers no Master could successfully carry on his lodge. In the Lodge of Emulation no exception could be taken to the way in which the W.M. was supported. With such a Master, no doubt, the officers had an example, which they found it a pleasure and honour to follow, and, therefore, he was sure the brethren would all cordially respond to this toast, with which he would couple the name of Bro. F. R. Spaul.

Bro. Spaul replied.

Bro. Murton, by the permission of the W.M., would propose a toast which, he knew, would have a hearty reception—"The Lodge of Unions," under which the Emulation Lodge of Improvement worked. The Emulation Lodge was proud of its mother, and he hoped the Lodge of Unions was proud of its bantling. The Lodge of Unions must feel satisfaction that the Emulation had worked so long and so well under their warrant, and the Emulation was grateful to the Lodge of Unions for allowing them to work under it. Long might it continue to do so; for a very vast number of years might it go on, to the completion of its first centenary. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Farnfield.

Bro. Farnfield, in response, said in these days of education and of Board Schools, poor parents were somewhat astonished or almost frightened at the amount of education their children were receiving, and so it was with the Lodge of Unions in the first two or three years of the Lodge of Emulation by the vast strides it made. They seriously took into consideration the working of the lodge, and if the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had done one thing good it was to bring the Lodge of Unions to a sense of its shortcomings in working, and it made a change in the working of the lodge. Some eighteen years ago,

when he (Bro. Farnfield) joined the Lodge of Unions, they were rather slovenly in their working; but since then every Master had done his duty, and if at a meeting there was no work to do, sections were worked. Every one who took office was expected to be able to do his work. As in the Board Schools the child worked up the parent, so this Emulation Lodge of Improvement had worked up the parent lodge, and he trusted this Emulation Lodge might long go on and prosper, till in the year 1885 it arrived at its 100 years of age. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities." The toast commended itself to the heart of every Mason, and, therefore, no proof or argument in its favour was required. But he could not forget a clever, good, and truly brotherly remark that came from the mouth of a dear brother who stood in his (Bro. Dumas') place this time last year—Bro. Rucker—who said he was addressing an assembly of those who either were, or had been, or would be subscribers to the Masonic Charities. It told in his (Bro. Dumas') mind, and he hoped it told in the minds of all those who heard Bro. Rucker. He had not forgotten that speech, and under the cover of that part of his speech he would like again to apply his words. He need not expatiate on the needs or requirements of those Institutions, or on what it was desirable that through the brethren they should do; but if example was wanted in this world (and it often was) he could only tell the brethren that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement gave all its surplus funds to the three Masonic Charities. It was not for him as a Steward of the Emulation Lodge to boast, neither was it in any boasting spirit he said it; but he did say that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had done to the full all it could, and with the intention of doing all it could in the future for the Masonic Charities. These Charities were more than ever deserving of the support and consideration of the brethren, and he took it for an established fact which required no proof at his hands. Masonry was spreading. Lodges did not always remain what they were; they might not be what they promised to become; and we might expect in the future many calls upon the purses and abilities of the Masonic Charities. If ever, now was the time to show we would not relax in our desire to support them. The last three festivals showed that the heart of Masonry was in the right place, that it would do all it could, and more possibly than it had done. The Secretaries of all the Institutions were, unfortunately, not present. Bro. Terry was engaged at the jubilee of the lodge at Watford, and Bro. Binckes, who was always glad to come when he could, and make one of those attractive speeches which he always could, was also absent at another meeting. They had, however, the pleasure of the presence of Bro. Hedges, and he would call upon him to reply.

Bro. Hedges replied, and thanked the brethren for the very kind, cordial, and hearty support which the Lodge of Emulation had at all times granted to the Masonic charities. This was a fact which, being familiar to all present, relieved him of the necessity of detaining the brethren by informing them of it further. He would remind the brethren that the first of the Masonic festivals of the coming year was that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he would ask the brethren to afford that institution all the support in their power. The Boys' and Girls' Schools Festivals would take place in the following May and June; and on behalf of all these institutions he begged to thank the brethren.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., proposed "Prosperity to the Sister Lodge of Instruction—Stability." It was a subject of great regret to him, and it must be to all the brethren, that Bro. Muggeridge, from great age and failing health, was unable to be present that evening, as had always been his custom for many years. He (Bro. Fenn) particularly regretted Bro. Muggeridge's absence that night, because in face of the resolution about to be proposed in Grand Lodge, on the 3rd December, the two ancient lodges of Instruction should show themselves united to resist any interference in their ancient working. The Committee of this Emulation Lodge of Improvement, more especially those three of the Committee who were pupils of the late Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, considered that they had a sacred trust bequeathed to them by him to maintain, to its fullest standard, the work which he taught in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; and they had always shown the most conscientious zeal and desire to maintain that working in its utmost purity. They did not forget that the Stability Lodge of Instruction was the more ancient of the two, and although the working of that lodge differed somewhat from that of the Emulation, in this they agreed to differ with the most fraternal feelings and the utmost good fellowship. Neither this lodge nor the Stability presumed or wished to enforce their working on any lodge or any brother. But any brother who wished to improve himself in Masonry was at liberty to go there or come here, and whether he came here or went there he would find a brother presiding who was anxious and willing to assist his endeavours to the utmost of his ability. What was required was that the brethren who learned their work should work up to the standard that they chose. He was called to account a little time ago in one of the Masonic papers for having said in another place to those who wished to improve Masonry, that if they found out where to begin they would never find out where to leave off. He repeated that statement, and he believed they had better leave alone the working as it existed in those lodges of improvement and instruction, and he warned the brethren that if they attempted to use the knife and to cut away what they considered to be objectionable in the way of anachronisms or discrepancies in Masonry, they might use the knife to that extent that they might endanger the very life of the patient. He could only say that the two lodges had always worked together with the utmost unanimity and fraternal concord, and he trusted that they would always do so to the end of time. He gave with the most cordial goodwill, and more

particularly when they were assailed by a resolution which was to renovate or to disturb the working of those two lodges, "The Health of the Sister Lodge of Instruction, the Stability Lodge."

Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, P.G.D., proposed "The Stewards." It was the duty of every honest man to pay his debts, and he was quite sure that there was a debt the brethren ought to pay before they left the room. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement had been holding its high festival, and the brethren, he was happy to say, had met together in very goodly numbers. They had been accommodated in the Temple with every comfort; they had come into the banquetting room and been received at the hospitable board; been placed with all regularity and order, and enjoyed various good things. Some people might fancy that all this came of itself. The energetic Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Smallpeice, would enter a very strenuous protest against such a principle, for the truth was that all this was accomplished only by a very great deal of labour and trouble, and that labour and trouble were unselfishly and gratuitously given by the Stewards. No one who was unaware of the internal work and organisation of such a meeting could have any idea of the immense amount of trouble entailed by the making of the arrangements which were requisite to bring such a meeting to a successful issue. They had only to look round and see the success of the evening to feel quite confident that the Stewards of this festival had done their duty ably and well. Therefore, the debt was a debt of gratitude towards those estimable brethren who had worked so hard and untiringly for the gratification and comfort of the meeting. He would couple with the toast the name of a highly esteemed brother, Bro. Richards, who was not only a Steward but also occupied a very highly responsible position on one of the permanent Committees of the lodge, a brother who was eminently fitted to be the mouthpiece of his brother Stewards. In thanking the Stewards for their kind services, he was sure he expressed the hopes of all the brethren that they might be submitted to their tender mercies on some future occasion. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. Richards acknowledged the toast.

Lord Kensington, in conclusion, said: Brethren, I am going to ask you to drink a toast that, although it is not down on the list, you will respond to most cordially. And though I know you will in all heartiness respond to it, I fear that it is with a touch of sadness you will receive it. The name that I was going to submit to you is that of our Bro. Hervey. He has, as I have been informed this evening, and as you well know, served several years as Treasurer of this lodge. He has also for many years discharged the duties of Secretary of Grand Lodge, and in both those positions he has discharged them, not only to the satisfaction of lodges and brethren of those lodges, but also to the advantage of the lodges and brethren themselves. You all know the sad cause of his not being present to-night. He is away on account of ill-health, and on account of that ill-health he has resigned the office he has so long undertaken. I am sure, in drinking his health, that you will all cordially wish it, and offer a heartfelt prayer that the repose he now seeks may be accompanied by a return to health and strength. It is but a very few months that I have had the pleasure of having Bro. Hervey's acquaintance; but during that time I have learned in some way to know his worth, and I can fully appreciate the feelings of those who have known him so many more years than I have at his retirement from office. I will ask you to join with me in drinking health, and I trust I may say, "Better Health to Bro. Hervey." (Applause.)

The toast having been heartily drunk was followed by the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE.—(No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. Rumball, W.M.; Morrison, S.W.; Heaphy, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Charles Dairy, I.P.M.; Whitby, W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. Middlesex, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Bourlet and Daniel were duly passed to the Second Degree. At the request of the lodge, the W.M. then delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board. Bro. Rumball's abilities are so well and deservedly known in the Metropolitan Lodges of Instruction, in connection with all ceremonies of Masonry, that it would be superfluous to dilate upon them in the present instance further than to state that his working was quite up to its usual standard of excellence. The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—The election meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 20th ult., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. The W.M., Bro. Edward James Allen, presided, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. J. Welford, S.W.; W. Hallett, J.W.; H. A. Stacey, P.M., Treas.; John T. Woodstock, P.M., Sec.; E. Arrowsmith, J.D.; E. Helsdon, P.M., Past G. Parst. Middlesex, D. of C., Org.; B. Kershaw, I.G.; S. R. Walker, Steward; C. Thomas, Tyler; Lewis Ascott, P.M.; B. Goodwin, P.M.; James Long, P.M.; H. Reed, P.M.; Thos. W. Allen, P.M.; E. Collins, P.M.; P. Murfin, John Roberts, J. Crick, E. Stevens, C. J. Biorn, J. Martin, G. F. Hearn, W. G. Eaton, T. Thompson, T. Smith, W. Unwin, Fred. Ridley, J. B. Bennett, T. Raebuck, A. Carlstrom, W. Bell, F. Mark, R. Reeder, J. Patterson, A. Bench, Jno. Murdoch, J. Patterson, C. R. Wickens,

P. Franklin, George Lamb, jun., J. R. Stuart, H. A. Spencer, John Murdoch, W. Stone, B. C. Poppy, J. W. Curtis, G. Lambert, J. Cole, C. Burley, J. Garvith, James Beckham, R. Taylor, G. A. Bradley, and the following visitors:—Bros. John Basil, P.M. 218, I.C.; F. W. Morrill, P.M. 704; G. Draper, P.M. 1305; J. G. Russell, 1602; J. J. Clarke, 1612; H. Taylor, 1642; James Flood, 1642; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for five gentlemen, which proved unanimous in their favour. The business then proceeded with was the raising of Bros. Roberts and Crick, the passing of Bro. Price, and the initiation of Messrs. Wm. Gillings, James Curtis, and G. A. Bradley, the ceremonies being admirably rendered by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Edward James Allen, ably assisted by his officers. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, which resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. J. Welford, whose installation will take place on the 19th of February next, when several distinguished brethren are expected to be present. Bro. H. A. Stacey was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, as was also the Tyler, Bro. C. Thomas. Bros. Biorn, Martin, and Ridley were afterwards elected as the Audit Committee. The following notices of motion were then submitted:—Bro. Reed proposed, seconded by Bro. H. Elsdon, that the usual £5 5s. jewel should be presented to the W.M., for the services he had rendered during his year of office. To this the following amendment was proposed by Bro. Walker, seconded by Bro. E. Arrowsmith:—"That, considering the very efficient manner in which Bro. Edward James Allen had dispensed the duties of W.M. during his year of office, the value of the jewel should be £10 10s. instead of £5 5s." Bro. E. Arrowsmith, J.D., submitted the following notice of motion:—"That the fees of initiation should be raised from £10 10s. to £15 15s." This was seconded by Bro. Humfress. The W.M. then proposed, seconded by the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. J. Welford, "That a jewel of the value of £3 3s. be presented to Bro. E. Hart, who had held and performed the office of Organist to the lodge for sixteen years." This was carried unanimously. The previous motions stood over until the next meeting. After the proposition by that Bro. Ridley, Bro. Carter, of Lodge, No. 704, be elected as a joining member, and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the various visitors present, the lodge was formally closed. The brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a banquet, which was all that could be desired, and reflected the highest praise on Bro. Reeder, under whose immediate superintendence the dinner was served. In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said this toast was always most cordially received. Since he had been head of the Order, Freemasonry had flourished; it had never been in a more flourishing state. In introducing the next toast, "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.Pro.M.," the W.M. felt confident it would be received with as much enthusiasm, his lordship being so very popular, having, as he had, the respect and admiration of every member; with this toast he would include the names of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers. The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, to which Bros. Bradley, Gillings, and Curtis replied. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed the very great pleasure they all experienced at seeing them; he had certainly expected many more, but presumed their absence was owing to the weather, which had been bad indeed that night. With this toast he would couple the names of Bros. Draper, Flood, Taylor, and Kelly. These brethren having replied, Bro. Goodwin, I.P.M., proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Allen, in reply, said he had a disagreeable duty to perform, that was, to speak of himself. He had always the welfare of the lodge at heart, and his incessant endeavours had always been to promote good feeling among the members. He felt very grateful for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed, and for what trouble he had had he was sufficiently repaid by the very cordial manner in which the brethren had responded to his health. Several other toasts were proposed and duly responded to. The pleasures of the evening were much enlivened by some capital singing by several members of the lodge, those worthy of special mention being Bro. Hallett, for the way in which he sang "The Freemason—tell me the sign, John," Bros. E. Arrowsmith and Unwin for two very amusing songs, the latter brother's being his own composition.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The annual installation meeting of this old banner lodge took place at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday week, the 27th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Dr. C. R. Cutmore, assisted by Bros. E. Kidman, S.W.; W. Drake, J.W.; Capt. G. J. Kain, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Smart, J.D.; W. J. Collens, I.G.; W. Manfield Newton, W.M. elect; George Newman, P.M.; W. Jerrett Miller, P.M.; John Pringle, P.M.; A. Braun, P.M.; Geo. Hutchison, G. W. Hutchinson, J. H. Brookes, C. W. Lenox Hall, E. W. Broomhall, A. Wortham, R. Sutcliffe, P. Steinmann, F. G. Barnes, L. S. Burt, W. J. Heath, Dr. D. M. Forbes, Henry Brown, D. G. Hewit, A. Le Grand, W. Johnston, and the following visiting brethren:—Bros. W. H. Baker (late of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon), P.G.D. of C. Berks; W. Rickwood, S.W. 192; G. Lambert, J.D. 720; O. Moore, 176; G. J. Dawson, 749; W. W. Morgan, 1385; H. Jarmain, 1541; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. George Hutchison and C. W. Lenox Hall, candidates for the F.C., were then introduced, and received from the hands of the W.M. their Second Degree. Lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, when three gentlemen, Messrs. Brown, Hewit, and

Dr. D. M. Forbes, were impressively initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The brethren below the chair having retired, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Bro. Cutmore having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Jerrett Miller, P.M., that brother in a very impressive manner installed Bro. W. Manfield Newton into the chair of K.S. Bro. Miller also delivered the lectures at the close of the ceremony. The brethren being admitted, the newly-installed W.M. was saluted with all the honours, who then proceeded to invest the following officers:—Bros. Kidman, S.W.; W. Drake, J.W.; Capt. G. J. Kain, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Worrell (who was, owing to School Board engagements, unavoidably absent), P.M., Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; W. F. Smart, J.D.; W. J. Collens, I.G.; George Newman, P.M., Steward; Broomhall, D. of C.; and W. Grant, Tyler. Bro. Capt. Kain, in the absence of the Secretary, Bro. Worrell, then read a very satisfactory report, in a financial sense, from the Audit Committee. In the course of his remarks, Bro. Kain, referring to the absence of the Secretary, said he was in receipt of a letter from Bro. Worrell apologising for his absence, which was caused by pressing engagements in School Board matters. Bro. Worrell concluded by stating that as it was but the second time he had been absent since his appointment he trusted his absence would be overlooked. Bro. Kain also read a letter from Mrs. W. E. Newton, couched in graceful terms, acknowledging her grateful thanks for the letter of condolence which she had received. Bro. George Newman having consented to represent the lodge at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. W. J. Collens, I.G., proposed, and Bro. Pringle, P.M., seconded, that the lodge should place the sum of £10 10s. upon his list, which was carried unanimously. Bro. George Newman then announced to the brethren that, owing to the great pressure of business at their last meeting, it was inadvertently omitted to propose the usual Past Master's jewel to the outgoing Master; this omission, he was sure, Bro. Cutmore would excuse under the circumstances. Bro. Newman then formally proposed, seconded by Bro. Miller, that a jewel should be presented to the I.P.M., which was carried unanimously. Bro. Captain Kain then rose and said that, feeling sure the vote would be unanimous, he had ordered the jewel, and was happy to say it was in the possession of Bro. Newton, who would present it at a later period. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a choice banquet awaited them. The first toast the W.M. proposed was that of "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. The W.M., in proposing the latter, said it was well known what a thorough good Mason H.R.H. was, and it was a fact that he was as well able to initiate or perform any of the ceremonies as the best of them. The W.M. paid the customary compliments in proposing "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which toast was received with loud cheering. To the toast of "The Initiates," Bros. Brown, Hewit, and Forbes replied; the former remarking that everything he had recently passed through, so strange and solemn, had made a strong impression upon him. He was much gratified at the hearty welcome and kindness extended towards him, and he was sure he should never forget his initiation. Bro. Hewit would always strive to do his best for Freemasonry, and to become a credit to the lodge. Bro. Doctor Forbes would like to express his thanks for the very friendly manner in which the initiates were received. It could not be wondered at that they were a little nervous after passing through so impressive a ceremony. He hoped they would not regret having received them into their lodge. He, with his brother initiates, would endeavour to prove an honour to the lodge. Bro. Cutmore then proposed "The W.M.," which toast he considered the "cream" of the evening. Bro. Newton lost the office, when he resigned in favour of his father, a worthy action on the part of a son. He had great pleasure in congratulating Bro. Newton on at last seeing him in the chair. Bro. W. Manfield Newton, W.M., returned thanks for the kind manner Bro. Cutmore, I.P.M., had spoken of him, and said that since his connection with the lodge he had received nothing but kindness. He felt deeply grateful to the members of the lodge for unanimously electing him, after three years' absence, to the chair. It was rarely such a thing was done, which caused him a considerable amount of pleasure. He would endeavour to the utmost of his ability to carry out, in its truest sense, his duty, and hoped to meet at the end of his year of office with the approbation of the whole lodge. In introducing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that one of the best features in Freemasonry was that of hospitality. They were always glad to welcome visitors. He was happy to say he recognised several faces who favoured the lodge with their presence on previous occasions. This he was glad to think was a proof that they were well treated. He was always glad to see brethren wearing the purple; it was, therefore, with extra pleasure he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. W. H. Baker, P.G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks, and hoped it would not be the last occasion upon which he would visit them. Bro. Baker, in returning thanks, expressed the very great pleasure he had experienced in visiting the William Preston Lodge. He had taken a very great interest in Freemasonry ever since his initiation, which dated as far back as 1836. During his forty-three years' experience there was no company of gentlemen he enjoyed more than those he met in Masonry. Go where you might, in whatever part of the country, in the lodge you were always received and treated as a brother. Bro. Rickwood and other brethren also returned thanks. The W.M., in giving the next toast, that of "The Past Masters," said: At all times, no matter what society it might be, it was customary to honour old servants. The Past Masters had to bear the heat and burthen of the day, always making the work they had to do a labour of love. It was with great

gratification he presented Bro. Dr. Cutmore with a very handsome gold jewel, bearing at the back the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. Cutmore, P.M., by the brethren of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the able manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office, 1878-9." All the brethren would agree that the terms of the inscription were not overdrawn. Bro. Newton then in graceful terms alluded to the services of the various Past Masters, particularly the services rendered by Bro. W. Jerrett Miller that evening in performing the installation ceremony in so marvellous a manner. Bro. Cutmore, in acknowledging the presentation jewel, thanked the brethren for the gift, and said he always endeavoured to the utmost of his abilities to fulfil his duties properly. Professional duties alone had kept him away, but his soul was always with the lodge. He felt very thankful for the jewel, which he should always look upon with pride and pleasure. Bros. Kain, Miller, Braun, and Newman also replied. The W.M. then made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Charities, which resulted in the collection of £1 17s. 6d. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the White Swan, Deptford, when there were present Bros. R. Harman, W.M.; J. G. Vohmann, S.W.; G. Harvey, J.W.; W. Andrews, Treas.; J. J. Pakes, Sec.; W. A. Harris, S.D.; E. Good, J.D.; G. Andrews, D.C.; G. Porter, A.G.; and J. Bavin, Tyler. Past Masters: Bros. G. Limn, J. Truelove, and H. J. Tuson. Bros. Fisher, Luckraft, Whibley, Bax, Stanley, Buhler, Stringer, Horton, Clarke, Fellows, Sanders, Taylor, Wildesmith, Simmons, Abbott, Haddingham, Thomas, and West. Visitor: Bro. J. Forster, 51. Mr. B. G. Matthews was balloted for and elected. A slight alteration was made in By-laws III. and XII. Bro. Limn proposed and Bro. Vohmann seconded, that a five guinea jewel be presented to W.M. Harman, for services during his year of office. Carried. Proposed by Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.M. and Sec., seconded by Bro. Good, and carried unanimously, that the sum of ten pounds be voted to charity (widows of Freemasons).

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—The usual meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, Bro. Abraham Lazarus, the W.M., presiding, who was assisted by his officers most efficiently. There was a fair attendance of P.M.'s, Bro. Berry officiating as acting Secretary in the absence of Bro. G. W. Verry. Bro. W. J. Bonner received his M.M. Degree, the ceremony being most impressively worked, and Mr. Basil Stewart was duly balloted for and initiated. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where their festivities were interrupted by a communication being made to the W.M. to the effect that a fire was raging next to his premises, which information naturally necessitated his leaving, but he desired the brethren not to break up, or allow the untoward circumstance to mar the enjoyment of those present, and asked the I.P.M., Bro. Crouch, to preside and carry out the usual programme, which was done.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on the 29th ult., for the second time, at their new place of meeting, namely, the Crystal Palace. Bro. R. H. Crowden, the W.M., was supported by all his officers, who arrived in due form to be present at the opening of the lodge. They included Bros. the Rev. Dr. Rosenthal, D.D., Chap.; the Senior and Junior Wardens, &c.; and Past Masters C. K. Crouch, G. Clements, John Allen, and J. K. Stead. Amongst the visitors were Bros. E. B. Grabham, 19, P.S.G.W. Middx.; H. H. Spede Andrews, 27; and J. Hammond, 1572. Bro. B. Fullwood, P.M. 328, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Dr. William Lomas and Mr. P. G. Philips duly elected for initiation. The latter named candidate was then duly initiated, and Bros. the Rev. Arthur C. Driver, M.A., and James Orange were passed. Bro. Crowden, the W.M., was appointed Steward on behalf of the lodge for the ensuing festival of the Girls' School, and, on the proposition of the Treasurer, Bro. P. M. Stead, ten guineas were voted from the lodge funds. At the banquet table later on the subscription list was passed round, and though there were not more than twenty present, the total subscription amounted to £58, which is the more creditable, as, though the lodge was consecrated in 1869, this will be the first time it has sent a Steward to any of the various Charities. It is to be hoped that the example thus set will be followed by each succeeding Master.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford. There were present Bros. T. S. Taylor, W.M.; H. N. Taylor, S.W.; G. F. Dix, J.W.; G. Ward Verry, Sec.; J. F. Procter, S.D.; R. W. Biggs, J.D.; A. Meyers, D.C.; J. Hunt, I.G.; C. Mansfield, Steward; W. Steedman, Tyler; C. Bundick, P.M.; G. Hollington, P.M.; C. Lacey, P.M.; Furness, Buckle, Loane, Mills, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1369; H. Tapley, S.W. 1076; W. J. Carter, 1472; S. Waterer, 1579; and R. H. Allen, P.M. 554. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting confirmed, Bro. W. Buckle was entrusted, and raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. T. Loane and R. Mills were entrusted, and passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken for Mr. W. Hope, and being unanimous, Mr. W. Hope was initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient rite. The by-laws were read by the Secretary, after which Bro. H. N. Taylor was elected W.M., Bro. G. Levick, re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Steedman, Tyler. Bros. Bullwinkle, Buckle, and Loane were elected officers. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M., and the lodge was then closed.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the S.M.H., Camberwell, on the 27th ult. There were present Bros. Knight Smith, W.M.; Ashwell, S.W.; Foster, J.W.; Matlock, P.M., Treas.; Jolly, P.M., Sec.; Kegg, S.D.; Virman, I.G.; Goodman, D.C.; Poirard, P.M.; J. Williams, Gill, Catlin, Raymond, Holste, Smith, Ashford, and Hunt. Visitors: Bros. E. Mallett, P.M. 141; W. Carter, 22; Brock, 755; E. Roberts, 1623; Little, 1706; and Barr, 464. There being no work for the meeting, the W.M. requested his S.W. to employ the brethren with instruction. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, the S.W. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, the W.M. presiding at the harmonium; and, assisted by a quartette, the degree was worked by some beautiful descriptive music, arranged by the W.M., which certainly worked admirably, and does great credit to the genius of their W.M., who is a great favourite amongst them. The second degree was also rehearsed, accompanied by quartette and solemn music. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to enjoy the fourth degree, after which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, songs, glees, and part-songs being dispersed at intervals, the W.M. and Bro. Egbert Roberts greatly excelling themselves. The Tylers having been entrusted with the Master's gavel, gave the final toasts and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, on the 29th November, Bro. B. Phillips, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. E. White, P.M.; B. Turner, S.W.; J. E. Shand, J.W.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., Treasurer; E. J. Scott, P.M., Secretary; J. Hutchinson, S.D.; J. Waugh, J.D.; T. Murray James, D.C.; E. C. Woodward, I.G.; besides several lay members and the following visitors:—R. Payne, W.M. 1318; W. Coombes, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. Edell, I.G. 108; F. Green, 1687; Matthew Crook, 1614; T. Lewis, W.S. 1472; F. A. Wiggins, 160; A. Bassington, W.M. 205; George F. Hammond, 1765; E. Farwig, W.M. 180; J. W. Elvin 538; Louis Beck, W.M. 1559; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; W. Carrington, I.G. 1791; A. J. Mucklow, 1584; J. A. Scarlett, 276; J. Austin, P.M. 753; R. Coad, 1328; J. Simpson, W.M. 1178; R. Callingham, 1178; G. A. Watkins, 1585; James Cronland, J.W. 1687; W. J. Martin, 1681; R. Emanuel 188; W. Grover, J.W. 749; S. Wenkheim, 1017; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; H. Black, 1728; T. W. Murley, S.W. 1247; A. Behr, S.W. 1515; John Moore, 548; Charles Wale, 79; Henry Cross, J.W. 589; Wallace Wells, 1319; H. Harvey, 1604; E. Bateman, 180; and H. Massey, (Freemason). The W.M. initiated five candidates, Messrs. C. L. May, A. Stevens, H. Coots, E. Line, and T. R. Wenn. Bro. E. White then took the chair and installed Bro. B. Turner as W.M. of the lodge. The following officers were then appointed: Bros. Shand, S.W.; J. Hutchinson, J.W.; Swallow, P.M., Treasurer; Scott, P.M., Secretary; J. Waugh, S.D.; J. Emanuel, J.D.; T. Pratt, I.G.; J. Hancock, Std.; James, D.C.; and Potter, Tyler. Bro. White afterwards delivered the addresses, and there being no further business before the lodge it was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet. At the conclusion of this repast, which was admirably provided, the usual toasts were proposed. Bro. B. Phillips, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that the brethren who had witnessed that brother's working in the various offices he had filled in the lodge, were able to form a good idea of his capability of performing the duties which would now be required of him. Personally he had no doubt as to the result which would attend the labours of his successor. He did not think the brethren could possibly have done better than they had in electing the present Master to his proud position; nor did he doubt that the lodge would be greatly benefited during his term of presidency. The W.M. replied, and said he was exceedingly grateful to the I.P.M. for his remarks, and thankful to the brethren for the heartiness with which they had responded to the toast. He had been made most happy during the whole term of his connection with the lodge, and felt very grateful to the brethren for having placed him in the chair. He felt very proud of his position, and considered it a great compliment. He should endeavour to do even better for the lodge in the future than he had in the past, and hoped his year of office might result as successfully as Bro. Phillips had predicted it would. "The Health of the Initiates" was next given. The W.M. said he was especially pleased to welcome the five brethren who had been admitted to the benefits of Freemasonry during the evening. Each of them had expressed the pleasure they had experienced in being received into the lodge. Each of the initiates responded to the toast. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors." He felt that they had now arrived at the toast of the evening. He saw a great many brethren around him who were members of other lodges, and had on the present occasion honoured the City of Westminster by visiting and taking part in the work of the day. The guests were thirty-eight in number, to all of whom he desired to tender on behalf of the lodge the heartiest welcome. He hoped that throughout his term of office the lodge would maintain its reputation for hospitality. Bro. Coombes, who was the first called upon to respond, considered it a very great honour to have to reply on behalf of so distinguished an array of visitors. The work he had witnessed that night had been admirable. Every year the lodge seemed to progress, and when they took into consideration the class of men who had filled the chair, it seemed impossible for any other result to accrue. He concluded by hoping that every success might attend the Master during his year of office, and that the lodge would continue to prosper in the future as it had in the past. Bro.

Austin followed. There was no doubt in his mind but that visiting was one of the greatest privileges Masons enjoyed. How and where he could find words to thank the W.M. and brethren was his great difficulty. He could only express the great treat he had enjoyed in witnessing the work performed in the lodge. He trusted the Master might have ample work during the coming year. Bro. Farwig expressed his pleasure at witnessing the progress of the lodge. It could be but a pleasure to every good Mason to see it. Bro. Beck also tendered his thanks. Bro. Payne said it was a great pleasure to him to respond to the call. He was greatly gratified to see Bro. Turner in the chair. He knew him to be a good man and true. He congratulated him on the position he had attained in the lodge. Bro. Baker also responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters." Each one of them had acted during their respective years of office as he could wish every Master to act. Very few lodges could boast of such brethren as they numbered among their Past Masters. Bro. White was one who never cared what trouble he put himself to if it was for the benefit of the lodge. The W.M. had especially to thank him for the way in which he had that evening placed him in the chair. Bro. Holden was a good man and true. To hear him render a ceremony was a treat. As Chaplain of the lodge he was especially entitled to the thanks of the members. Bro. Swallow was last, but certainly not least. As founder of the lodge he had done wonders; indeed, had it not been for him the lodge would never have been in existence. A most important part of the duty of the Master at this time was to present to Bro. Phillips the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge. He had great pleasure in placing it on his breast. Bro. Phillips desired to thank the brethren for the jewel they had so kindly voted him. During his year of office he had done his best for the City of Westminster Lodge, and so long as he lived he should endeavour to improve the lodge as far as he could. Bro. Swallow tendered his thanks. He thought the present W.M. was likely to add to the prosperity of the lodge. Bro. Holden regretted his inability to be present at the first part of the evening. Being in the chair in another Order of Freemasonry he was unable to attend the lodge earlier, but he congratulated the brethren on the successful meeting they had had. Bro. White felt it a very great privilege to be allowed to install the Master. The four brethren who had passed the chair of the lodge were among the founders of it, now they had a brother in the chair who joined after the foundation, and might thus be considered to start on a new era. He felt very proud of being numbered among the Past Masters of so distinguished a lodge. The W.M. next proposed the toast in honour of the Treasurer and the Secretary. These were two brethren it would be impossible to do without. Bro. Swallow, in reply, thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred on him by again electing him to the important office he filled in the lodge. Bro. Scott also thanked the brethren. He tried to please all, but sometimes found it a difficult task. He thought the brethren should take into consideration the arduous nature of a Secretary's duties. As last but not least the W.M. described the next toast, that of "The Officers." Without officers he should be a position similar to a ship without a rudder. The S.W., Bro. Shand, took a great interest in Freemasonry, but more especially in the City of Westminster Lodge; indeed, his zeal in this respect was only equalled by his abhorrence for the trading of Crown servants. (Laughter.) The toast having been replied to, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening some excellent music was given by Bros. Wells and Cross, of the choir of St. Andrew's, Wells-street, and other brethren.

CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).—The first regular meeting of this young but highly prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station, and the spacious room, with its well appointed new lodge furniture and banner, presented a very striking and pleasant *coup d'œil*. There were present Bros. Louis Hirsch, W.M.; Dr. Thomas Pearce, S.W.; A. Fairlie, J.W.; W. Worrell, Sec.; R. Clay Sudlow, Treas. (pro tem.); Alfred Pocock, S.D.; W. Carlton Hale, J.D.; Dr. Lewis Evans, A. G. Repton, Sydney Pocock, G. Thorp Goodinge, Dr. John Dixon, G. Wright, Great City Lodge; J. Zeder, Mizpah Lodge; and W. Reinhard, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the consecration and lodges of emergency having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably passed Bros. Dr. Evans, A. G. Repton, and Sydney Pocock, and initiated Mr. Henry Phillips into the mysteries of the Craft, Bro. Worrell presiding at the organ. The ballot was then taken, and declared to be unanimous in favour of Bro. G. T. Goodinge, of the Lodge of Amity, No. 171, as a joining member, the W.M. expressing the great pleasure he felt in seeing Bro. Goodinge as one of the members of the Clapham Lodge, which was heartily endorsed by the brethren. Bro. Goodinge acknowledged the compliment paid him by the W.M. and brethren in a few suitable remarks. The Secretary having read letters from Bros. Buss, Asst. Sec., and Robert Fairlie, regretting their inability to be present, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was elegantly served, well attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A few songs from Bros. Zeder, Sudlow, and Hale added interest and harmony to the meeting, and the W.M., Bro. Louis Hirsch, is to be congratulated for such an auspicious commencement of his year of office. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very flattering terms by Bro. W. Worrell, P.M. He was sure the W.M. would do his best to make his year of office a pleasurable and happy one

for the brethren, and he must say that the working of the W.M. and officers of this lodge was carried out in the best possible manner, and no W.M. could take a greater interest in the prosperity of his lodge. This toast was greeted with hearty exhibitions of good feeling. The W.M., in reply, said: I thank you, Bro. Worrell, for your kind expressions of fraternal regard, and for the compliment you have paid me in proposing my health, and you, brethren, for the cordial manner in which you have been pleased to receive the last toast. Though Bro. Worrell has spoken of me in far too flattering terms, I hope that at the end of my year of office I shall be found in a measure deserving of them. Brethren, we are inaugurating to-day the commencement of the official year, which I trust will be a happy and prosperous one to us all. I believe no Master ever felt the responsibilities of his position more than I do, for having been placed in the honourable position of first W.M. of the Clapham Lodge, I feel in duty bound so to act during my year of office that at the end of that term you will have no cause to regret the choice you have made. Though my deficiencies may be great, they are not greater than my desire that the office I hold shall be filled to your satisfaction, and if I can but gain your approbation I shall be amply repaid for any trouble I have taken in preparing myself for the responsibilities of the chair. It will be my great aim to make our lodge a model lodge, both for the perfect working of our beautiful ceremonies, and for the existence of genuine, faithful, and brotherly feeling amongst us. For this purpose, brethren, it is, however, necessary that we should keep before us the maxim of the founders of this lodge, not to introduce either as a candidate or joining member any but those whom we would be pleased to receive in our own homes and families. No other men should be introduced to Masonry, and certainly not to this lodge. With exercising this care, brethren, our lodge will flourish, and peace, concord, and unanimity reign amongst us. (Applause.) Brethren, the next toast I have the great pleasure to propose to you is, I am sure, a most welcome one to you all, it being emphatically the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Initiate." We have added, this evening, another substantial link to that golden chain of fraternal sympathy which binds us so closely to one another here below, by initiating a gentleman into the mysteries of our excellent Order, of whom we have every reason to be proud as a member of our lodge. The tongue of good report has been heard in his favour, and we know him to be a man of sterling worth, who would do honour to any society, and who, I feel sure, will carry out the great principles of our Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth. "God send him many years of sunshine days." I ask you, brethren, to rise and drink with me to "The Health, Happiness, and Prosperity of the Initiate." Bro. Phillips, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the flattering manner in which he had proposed the last toast, and expressed his gratification at the handsome way in which he had been received, and the pleasure he had to be admitted as a member of the Clapham Lodge. He was greatly impressed with the beautiful ceremony, so ably rendered by his friend, the W.M., and he hoped to become a good working Mason. He would endeavour to do the best he possibly could for the interest of the Craft in general and this lodge in particular. The Worshipful Master then said: I now rise to propose to you a toast which, I know, will meet with your cordial reception—it is "The Health of the Visitors." We are honoured this evening with the presence of several distinguished Masons, and I trust their visit has been in every way as agreeable to them as it has been gratifying to the members of this lodge. I tender you, brother visitors, our most hearty welcome, and trust you will favour us with your presence on many future occasions, assuring you that a hearty reception will at all times await you, for "all our friends are welcome." With this toast I couple the name of Bro. G. Wright. Bro. G. Wright, in responding for the visitors, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty welcome they had received, and assured them that he had spent a very pleasant and agreeable evening. He could not compliment the W.M. too highly on the excellent working of the ceremonies, and might safely say he had never heard the beautiful rites more impressively performed than that evening. He wished every prosperity to the Clapham Lodge, and trusted to be with them again on some future occasion. Bro. Zeder also replied, and thanked the W.M. for his appreciation of the exertions he (Bro. Zeder) had made for the comfort of the brethren of the Clapham Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the next toast, "The Health of our Secretary and pro Treasurer." We can congratulate ourselves on having such an able and experienced Secretary, who, as we all know, takes the liveliest interest in the welfare of the Clapham Lodge. I regret that on account of ill-health our brother Treasurer is not able to be amongst us, and thank Bro. Sudlow most heartily for having undertaken the duty of pro Treasurer, which, like everything else he undertakes, he is sure to carry out properly, and to your satisfaction. I ask you, brethren, to drink to the health of our brothers Secretary and pro Treasurer. Bro. Worrell responded, thanking the W.M. for the complimentary expressions, and said he would do all he possibly could for the interest and prosperity of the lodge. The Worshipful Master then said: Brethren, I have very great pleasure in proposing to you the next toast, and when I tell you it is "The Health of the Officers" I feel sure you will give it a most hearty reception. It is of the utmost importance for the welfare and position of the lodge that the Master thereof should be well supported by able, efficient, and painstaking officers, and I am happy to say no Master of any lodge could possibly be better or more ably assisted by his officers than I am.

"If ye search all the lodges round
No better officers could be found."

You have witnessed this evening, brethren, the very excel-

lent and impressive manner in which my brother officers performed their various duties, and they are not only capable in efficiently discharging their duties, but I am convinced they are most anxious to give me their best support during my year of office the same as they have hitherto done. I tender my sincere thanks to my brother officers for their many acts of kindness towards me, and the assistance and advice they have rendered me on so many occasions; but special thanks are due to our esteemed Bro. Sudlow, whose untiring zeal for the interest and good working of the lodge is so highly appreciated by every member, and by no one more than myself. "He has deserved high commendation, true applause and love." With such officers, "men endued with worthy qualities," to quote Shakespeare, the Clapham Lodge cannot fail to prosper, and I ask you, brethren, to drink in a bumper "Long Life, Happiness, and Prosperity to the Officers of this Lodge." The toast was received with loud applause. Bro. Dr. Pearce replied, and remarked that he felt sure the officers of this lodge would do all in their power to promote the happiness and comfort of its members. He had come some 150 miles for the purpose of taking his seat as S.W., and should never regret having done so, for it was a pleasure to meet the brethren and to hear the working of their W.M. The brethren had, indeed, every reason to be proud of their W.M., and he trusted he might be spared them for many years. Bro. Dr. Dixon next proposed a toast. The brethren, he said, would be pleased to respond most heartily to the toast he had the honour to propose—it was "The Health of Mrs. Hirsch," who had so generously presented them with a silver charity box. It would be used as often, if not oftener, than any working tool in the lodge, and he trusted always with such good success as that evening. He desired that the W.M. would convey to his kind-hearted wife the sincere thanks of the brethren of the Clapham Lodge, and assure her that her kind gift was fully appreciated by the members of the lodge. The toast was received with all the honour due to it. The W.M. responded, and thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind reception they had given the last toast, and felt sure Mrs. Hirsch would be gratified to hear from him that evening how much the brethren had appreciated her gift. He assured them that from the first Mrs. Hirsch had taken the liveliest interest in the formation of the lodge, and it had afforded her the greatest pleasure to present this charity box as a token of the interest she felt for the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The Tyler's toast brought this happy and eminently successful meeting to a close.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1830).

—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Brooke, W.M.; Corpe, S.W.; Bott, J.W.; Dewsnap, Treas.; H. Cruse, Sec.; Smith, jun., S.D.; Stokes, J.D.; Smith, Sen., D.C.; Wilkins, I.G.; Baumann, Stew.; Goddard, Tyler; P.M. Maloney, and Bros. Furse and Williams. Visitors: Bros. Calcin, 586; Cook, 1806; and Culver. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Furse was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. Williams was passed to the Second Degree, and all Masonic business being over, the brethren adjourned to a banquet supplied by Bro. Best in his usual efficient manner.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).

—At the regular meeting of this lodge held on Monday, the 1st inst., Bro. W. H. Gainforth, S.W., was elected W.M., and Bro. J. Todd, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Amongst the members and visitors present were Bros. A. Buckle, W.M.; C. G. Padel, W.M. 1611; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; J. Hanly, W.M. 295 I.C.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; S. Maltby, P.M.; F. Rawling, P.M.; Sir James Meek, P.M.; and others. The installation takes place on the 15th inst.

DARTFORD.—Emulation Lodge (No. 299).

—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. Sears, W.M.; Healey, S.W.; Wells, J.W.; Wills, Harvey, Spurrell, Churchley, White, Bryant, Murray, Brock, and others. After Mr. Horatio Thomas had been initiated into the Order by the W.M., the lodge was adjourned and the brethren afterwards partook of supper, provided by Bro. Bray in his usual excellent manner.

LOUTH.—Lindsey Lodge (No. 712).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Rosemary-lane, on Friday, the 28th ult., Bro. Jno. Mawer, W.M., occupying the chair. An interesting feature in the programme of the evening was the presentation to the lodge, by Bro. Frank Adlard, of a very handsome oil portrait of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, Bro. W. H. Smyth, one of the oldest P.M.'s of this lodge. The portrait, which was in the costume of a Provincial Grand Master, reflects great credit on Bro. Adlard as a painter, for the excellence of the workmanship; and, as a Mason, for the generosity of his gift. This pretty little lodge room has lately been most exquisitely decorated by the hand of Bro. Adlard, assisted by Bros. G. H. Porter, P.M., and E. F. B. Lucas, free of all charge (excepting for paint), from designs by Bro. James Fowler, P.M., the well-known architect. We believe that Bro. Adlard's talent as a portrait painter is not generally known, but feel sure that this picture has only to be seen for it to be appreciated. The portrait is handsomely mounted in an elegant gilt frame, the gift of Bro. Wm. Somerton, of Louth. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to Bros. Adlard and Somerton for their valuable present, and the same ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was

held on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst. There were present:—Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; J. Black, I.P.M.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; F. C. Robinson, J.W.; R. W. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; W. Paisley, Steward; J. C. Nicholson, J. Borrowseale, T. Mason, and J. Hewson, Tyler. This being election night, after the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. Bird, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. R. Robinson, P.M., and J. Hewson were also unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Tyler. It was agreed to hold the Feast of St. John on Tuesday, January 6th, at five p.m. The Installing Officers will be Bros. J. Black, P.M.; Capt. Sewell, W.M.; and W. F. Lamony, P.M. No other business remaining, the lodge was closed in form.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge.—(No. 1512).

—This provincial lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Lion Hotel, on the 20th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. J. C. Jessett, W.M.; T. O. Ockenden, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, J.W. (Freemason); E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Sec.; J. Hammond, P.G.D. Middlesex, acting I.P.M.; Hiscox; J.O.; Moody, I.G.; Wheeler, P.C.; Knowles, A.W.S. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Hammond introduced the following proposition:—"That the term 'members' in Bye-law IV., having already, by a resolution, dated January 18th, 1877, been defined to mean full subscribing or voting members, resolved—That the remaining ambiguity in the said bye-law, in its influence on the admission of candidates when the voting members subsequently number less than forty, be removed; and that the phrase, reaching forty, read reaching and remaining at least forty." This matter, after an hour's discussion pro and con, in which the W.M. and Bros. E. Hopwood, W. Hammond, T. O. Ockenden, and Walls took part, was carried. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual routine of toasts followed the collation. Bro. E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B., responded upon behalf of "The P.G.O.'s, Present and Past;" and Bro. Ockenden for the toast of "The Officers." In the interval some good selections of harmony were contributed by Bros. Jessett, Knowles, and others. The Tyler's toast, at an early hour, terminated the proceedings.

RHYL.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Town Hall. There were present Bros. W. H. Foulkes, W.M.; J. Rhydwyn Jones, S.W.; K. McEwen, J.W.; W. L. Nicholas, Chap.; H. A. Steer, Sec.; C. D. Burdett, acting S.D.; E. W. Keatinge, J.D.; F. Wrigley, Org.; E. Groucutt, D.C.; W. Hackforth, I.G.; G. D. Burdett, Stew.; J. Bayliss, Tyler; T. Hughes, A. E. Lloyd, R. Hughes, E. L. Williams, P. P. Pratt, A. L. Clewes, F. P. Lewis, J. Morris, R. Roberts, J. Lean, J. B. Linnell, and H. J. B. Laurance. Visitors: Bros. Brereton, W.M. 1477; Thos. Davies, S.W. 755. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and signed. The ballot was taken for Bro. H. J. B. Lawrance, Abbey Lodge, 624, Burton-on-Trent, who was unanimously elected. Bros. Clewes and Pratt being present were examined as to their proficiency in the First Degree, were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Brownley, 279, St. John's, Leicester, was proposed as a joining member by Bro. A. Eytton Lloyd, and seconded by Bro. E. W. Keatinge, J.D. Bro. Keatinge proposed, and Bro. E. L. Williams seconded, that a Committee, with power to act, of the members present should be appointed to inquire into the advisability of holding a Masonic ball early in January. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the brethren of Lodges Nos. 1477 and 755.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).

—The members of this most successful lodge assembled at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, on Wednesday, 26th ult., when there was one of the largest gatherings of the fraternity which has been seen in Liverpool for a long time. The lodge was only consecrated last year, and its highly satisfactory progress, socially and financially, has been in a large measure due to the admirable rule of Bro. E. Johnston, the first W.M., P.M. 203, who has received enthusiastic support from every member of his lodge. At the opening of the proceedings he was supported by Bros. C. Bromley, as I.P.M.; W. Gick, S.W.; H. Ferguson, J.W.; R. E. Mitton, Treasurer; J. Grierson, Secretary; C. Bargery, S.D.; Thomas Hay, J.D. Among the P.G. Officers present were Bros. J. F. Newell, P.G.S.W., ex-Mayor of Bootle; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treasurer; John Wells, P.P.G. D. of C.; John Lunt, P.P.G. D. of C.; George Broadbridge, P.P.G. D. of C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; John Houlling, P.G. Steward. There were also present, as representing the lodge, Bros. J. Croxton, A. Child, D. Lowe, W. Macindoe, H. Townley, J. D. Reader, J. Kellie, J. Barker, J. Thornton, J. Barnby, T. Singleton, J. Ritchie, S. Bushell, G. H. Shearn, J. Gentles, T. Marshall, T. Powell, R. Forbes, J. Comber, J. Whalley, W. Ellis, Dr. Costine, N. Moreland, R. T. Britten, D. H. Gaskell, R. W. Chatham, C. Marcroft, W. Barrow, M. Arden, and others. The visitors also included Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Dr. Sheldon, P.M. 1094; T. Hatton, 203; J. W. McWean, P.M. 1035; C. Birch, S.W. 203; T. McWean, W.M., 1035; J. Queen, 203; S. K. Gardham, 1035; H. James, P.M. 203; J. Hilton, J.W. 203; Webster Williams, 1609; John Hill, 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; J. Taylor, 203; J. Pendleton, S.D. 241; C. Donnelly, 203; G. E. Hamner, P.M. 1086; J. Twiss, 1325; S. Jacobs, 241; W. H. Quayle, 1325; H. Pennington, 1473; J. Winsor, P.M. 241 and 203; P. T. Neill, 203; P. Armstrong, 724;

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To Correspondents.

The following reports, &c., are in type, but stand over for want of space:—Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire; Solent Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, Southampton; Freemasonry and Sailors; Oakwood Lodge, 1126; Ashbury Lodge, 1456; The Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec; Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, 1602; Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Croydon Guardian," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance News," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Schoolmaster," "Exeter and Plymouth Gazette," "Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal," "Citizen," "The Statesman," "The Liberal Freemason," "Die Bauhütte," "The Metropolitan," "Funny Folks," "Boys and their Ways," "A Bad Bargain," "The Edinburgh Courant," "The Record," "Hebrew Leader," "The Warren," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Boletín Masónico," "Kelt Orient," "The Churches of Yorkshire."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BAKER.—On the 30th ult., at Myrtle Villa, Dalberg-road, Brixton, the wife of William Baker, of a daughter.
WILLING.—On the 1st inst., at Springfield Lodge, Junction-road, Kentish Town, N.W., the wife of James Willing, jun., prematurely of a son, stillborn.

MARRIAGE.

NOTLEY.—KILMISTER.—On the 27th ult., at R. dmarion, W.A. Notley, of Haxton, Wilts, to Margaret Jane Kilmister, daughter of W. Kilmister, Esq., of Trull House, Gloucestershire.

DEATHS.

BROWN.—On the 26th ult., at Woodheys, Heaton Mercury, Sophia, wife of H. Brown, M.D., of Manchester.
VALLANCE.—On the 2nd inst., at Kingsland, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, Mary Anne, relict of the late James Vallance, in the 87th year of her age. Friends will please accept this intimation.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1879.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The last meeting of Grand Lodge took place with a numerous assembly. When the Grand Officers entered, the great hall was completely filled. We cannot, however, honestly congratulate Grand Lodge on the temper it evinced, or the resolution it arrived at. Indeed, at one period of the evening, no fair hearing could be obtained for the speakers, and, while we bow to the wisdom of our Masonic Parliament, we deeply deplore the controversy which arose as to Bro. Hervey's retiring pension. If any brother has ever deserved well of the Craft, Bro. Hervey has done so, and we feel sure that on calm consideration all will regret that in his sickness and in his sufferings he was not cheered and consoled as far as, humanly speaking, he could be, by the unanimous vote of that Grand Lodge he had served so faithfully and so well. We venture to think that the result of the last meeting of Grand Lodge in this respect will not accord with the liberal sympathies of our large-hearted brotherhood. It would have been far more dignified and Masonic, in our humble opinion, if Grand Lodge had accepted, without discussion, the reasonable and proper proposal of the President of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Stevens' motion, unwise, unpractical, and utterly uncalled for, as we venture to think it still, was also carried by a small majority. That it can ever lead to anything we do not believe, as, after the discussion of Wednesday, it is clear that if the Committee ever be appointed it will find itself in a position of inextricable difficulty. For it is idle to suppose that the English Craft in 1879 will accept without discussion a decision arrived at in 1813. But here we stop to-day; we shall return to this subject more fully in our next issue. Bro. Clabon's motion was withdrawn, as we anticipated, on a point of order. It is quite clear to us that, until the text of our Constitution is altered, Bro. Clabon's scheme cannot come under the provisions of our present laws on the subject. Thus ended the meeting of Grand Lodge December 3rd, 1879.

THE CHARITY MEDAL.

We are much struck with that portion of the report of the Board of General Purposes which relates to the Charity Medal. It has for some time been clear to many Masonic minds that the whole question of Masonic supply and demand, of Masonic contracts especially, requires most serious reconsideration and readjustment, inasmuch as by the present system the authorities at Freemasons' Hall are compelled, nolentes volentes, to buy in the dearest market for all they want, for all supplies they have to order. It has often struck us that perhaps by a system of "Licenses" granted by the Board of General Purposes all Masonic manufacturers might act as agents for Grand Lodge, both in the supply of the Charity Medal, the "Calendar," or the Book of Constitutions, and by this means a much larger sale of all these important Masonic adjuncts might be brought about, and the complaints of the Board of General Purposes avoided. Monopolies are always objectionable, and Masonic monopolies run counter to every idea of Masonic fair play, and we shall never cease to contend that Grand Lodge has a moral right as well as material benefit in going into the Masonic, nay the open market, and obtaining what it wants at fair trade prices. For instance, the sale of the "Calendar" might be largely increased if only a fair circulation could be obtained for it, and so the funds of benevolence augmented. As it is it is circulated in a limited area, owing to the absence of a "circulating medium," and it owes a good deal of its very sale to those who are anxious to support Grand Lodge, and yet are debarred from making active efforts to promote its circulation. This is one of many illustrations which might be adduced to point out, that what is complained of by the Board of General Purposes is capable of remedy in only one way, in our opinion, namely, the granting of licenses to Masonic agents by Grand Lodge, or otherwise the correspondence at the Grand Secretary's office, now unnecessarily large, must be increased a hundred-fold. It will be remembered that many of the provisions of our excellent laws were drawn up a time when no one could foresee the extension and expansion the Charities would gradually assume, and it is not impossible that even the Book of Constitutions might be improved by a few alterations and emendations. But here we stop. We have said enough we hope and think so, to warrant some thought and befitting consideration.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

We understand that the Board of General Purposes is moving in this matter, so that ere long we hope to announce the appointment of the "Prestonian Lecturer" for 1880, who ought, we think, to give the Lecture in all the Three Degrees. There will now be, strictly speaking, some accumulation of the income of the trust, and we hope that this matter, which constitutes somewhat of a reflection on us and on our Order, may now soon be put right "in futuro."

STEWARDS' FEES.

We are somewhat sorry, we confess, that this matter has come before the public in any way. We think we ought always to wash our dirty linen at home, and we doubt the policy or the propriety of thus drawing attention to the little "spots" on our "feasts of charity." At any rate such things, as the lawyers say, should be discussed "in camera." No doubt the evil is a great one, and the fact a disgrace to many brethren and lodges, and both the evil and the disgrace is much greater if it be true, as we are informed, that brethren who have not paid their fees to one institution have acted as Stewards to another. Perhaps if the Charities published in our columns their lists of non-paying Stewards some good may accrue. It is the only cure we see at present for what Bro. Cox seems to consider a growing evil. As Treasurer of the Girls' School Festival last year, he has a right to speak feelingly on the subject.

RECENT ATTACK ON THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

The whole civilized as well as the whole Masonic world will hear with indignant reprobation of this last wicked and insane attempt of the Russian Nihilists. All loyal citizens, as well as all patriotic Masons, will rejoice to know that in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. a life so valuable to Russia, so dear to his family, and so necessary to the peace of the world has been happily and wonderfully preserved. We trust that a speedy punishment will soon overtake the perpetrators of this most dastardly outrage.

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 LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to observe that it is proposed by the Grand Lodge of England to appoint a committee to inquire into and report upon the various systems of Masonic working, with a view of establishing uniformity. The inquiry is a very interesting one, for the want of uniformity and the causes thereof are of a very ancient date, and will, when found, lead, not only to such uniformity, but to the observance of the articles of faith inscribed on the celestial rays pursuant to the token and spirit thereof.

The causes and observances referred to are fully shown in original research, of which, when published in six or eight months hence, copies will be sent to the Grand Lodges of all nations, so that they may be acquainted with the same, and act thereon, to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Fraternally yours,

W. N. CRAWFORD.

Orchard-hill, Guernsey.

MASONIC GRUMBLERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Grumbling members of any society are invariably to be found in larger numbers amongst those who are either too careless or too indolent to thoroughly study the subjects upon which they so prematurely grumble.

Our respected brother, the I.P.M. of Lodge 877, seems to be no exception to this rule, for he freely confesses such dire ignorance as a P.M., that any Lancashire or Yorkshire brother who has even attained the rank of Deacon in his lodge would be heartily ashamed of. To grumble and find fault is with some the first step to knowledge—it may be the least troublesome and least expensive way of getting information to the grumbler, but when these grumbles take the form of communications to public newspapers there is a possibility that the ignorance exhibited, especially by one who uses the magically powerful symbol of I.P.M. as his cognomen, may do very considerable injury to very worthy and estimable charities, that only require to be fully known to be as fully appreciated.

Our Jersey I.P.M. is extremely agitated at present; let us hope ere the storm abates he will have gained so much additional Masonic light as will convert him into an ardent advocate and supporter of all our Charities. If there are faults in their constitution and practices there are constitutional methods of remedying them, but I respectfully and most fraternally submit it is a most unlikely source to seek for needed reforms in the ideas and suggestions of one who begins by confessing his utter ignorance of the subject on which he dilates at so great extent. If every W.M. of a lodge passed the chair of K.S. with such easy indifference to its duties and privileges, Freemasonry in its highest and truest sense would long since have been a thing of the past, and now be only remembered to be held just derision.

If instead of fulminating a string of undeserved epithets in a public print he will take the trouble to write to the indefatigable Secretaries of the Institutions, they will be only too glad to give him all the information possible, or, better still, if he will follow the example of Bro. George Taylor, P.M., who also writes in yours of 22nd ult. on this subject, he will see and learn more in one year's Stewardship, faithfully and ardently carried out, than he would learn in a lifetime by correspondence such as he now indulges in; but, unhappily, if his time or circumstances will not permit him to accept a Stewardship in conjunction with a Life Governorship, and to indulge in a visit to the Institutions, then I fear he will have to be content to take the report of those who can and do. Or he can adopt another course, if he happens to possess the confidence of the brethren of his lodge—he can get elected as their representative on the Charity Committee of his province, and he will, no doubt, learn much while acting on that Committee, which will at least prepare him for further enlightenment. Meanwhile he may gain much by personal conversation with those who are recognised local authorities on such matters.

Regretting I have not time at present to go more fully into this question,

I remain, very faithfully yours,

J.W. 317.

OLD MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

How our aged Bro. Delasaux, vouched by Bro. Jno. K. Hall in your last impression as the oldest coroner in England and, presumably, the oldest existing Mason on the rolls of Grand Lodge, could have been initiated in 1820 in a lodge (Canterbury, 1635) which, according to the Calendar, did not receive its warrant until 1876, perhaps your correspondent will be good enough to explain.

Lodge Canterbury, 1635, seems only to be connected by its name with the illustrious minister capital of the ecclesiastical province. It holds its meetings at 33, Golden-square, whereas the letter upon which I was remarking is dated from the city of Canterbury.

I have a strong suspicion that Bro. Hall is not responsible for the parenthetical 1635; that some transcriber seeing the word Canterbury at the foot of his letter has, *ex mero motu*, supplied the number of the lodge bearing that name, and that your esteemed correspondent must have meant to allude to the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, the only lodge in existence in Canterbury, as far as the Calendar informs us, in 1820. Perhaps you will think the error so obvious as hardly to be worth correcting, but printed matter is constantly building up history, and no one can adequately estimate the value of correction in such apparent trifles as false quotations, inaccurate dates, and involuntary, but none the less mischievous, misstatements in the organs that, assuming to guide public opinion now, must also fulfil the office of abstract and brief chronicles for succeeding times.

Such slips are so numerous in your contemporaries that, jealous for your fame for accuracy, I presume, even in this minute detail, to disregard the maxim, *de minimis non curat*, &c., and I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

P.M. and TREASURER.

28th Nov., 1879.

DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the report of the consecration of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, which appears in your issue of the 29th ult., the V.W.D.P.G.M. for Sussex is reported to have said, "that it was upwards of 100 years since the Derwent Lodge was first established at Hastings."

I think this is an error which is caused by taking the position the lodge holds on the roll of Grand Lodge. As it is No. 40, it is generally supposed that it must be one of our oldest lodges, but such is not the case. The lodge under the Grand Lodge Ancients, which was numbered 36, was constituted about 1755, and met in London, and it had ceased to exist for many years when the Derwent Lodge, No. 36, now No. 40, was established at Hastings in 1813, the latter being a new lodge with a new warrant, placed in the position of the extinct lodge; it was not a resuscitation of the old lodge or a warrant of confirmation.

The first lodge held at Hastings was in 1799, at the Swan Inn, No. 583, Lodge of Harmony, Grand Lodge Moderns.

I was in hopes that the list of lodges in the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for 1880" would have been carefully revised, and the dates annexed to those lodges formally under the Grand Lodge Ancients; as it is the only authorised list published it should be a perfect one.

For further information on anti-union lodges I would refer those who are interested in the same to a recent publication, entitled "A Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges which formed the United Grand Lodge of England," and which can be purchased of the author, Bro. W. J. Hugnan, Truro, Cornwall.

Yours fraternally.

T. F., 56, 804.

Dec. 1st., 1879.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARLBOROUGH CHAPTER, No. 1399.

The new chapter attached to the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1399, was consecrated on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Lodge Room, Woodstock. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. David Pryce Owen, P.Z. 998, who was ably assisted by Comps. J. Williams, P.Z. 581, as H.; E. Bruton, P.Z. 340, as J.; Reginald Bird, M.A., P.Z. 357, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Oxon, acted as P.Z. The other companions present were J. Potts, 340; H. Williams, 581; J. Long, 340; T. B. Brown, 185; H. Plumridge, 340; H. Robbins, 340; H. O. Crane, 340; A. Rowley, 340; J. Calcutt, 340; and G. Norwood, Janitor. After the chapter had been formally opened Comp. T. B. Brown, the M.E.Z. designate, was requested by the Consecrating Officer to deliver the inaugural address.

The companions having signified their approval of the officers named in the charter, Comp. D. P. Owen proceeded with the ceremony of consecration. Comp. H. Plumridge ably conducted the musical portion of the ceremonial, assisted by Comps. H. O. Crane and A. Rowley.

The ceremony of consecration being finished, the M.E. Comp. D. P. Owen installed the Principals—Comps. T. B. Brown in the chairs of J., H., and Z.; H. Williams in the chairs of J. and H.; and Jas. Long in the chair of J.

The ceremony throughout was of a very impressive character, being admirably performed. Comp. D. P. Owen delivered all his addresses with great force and animation.

After the ceremony several propositions for exaltation and joining were made. The Consecrating Officer and the three Principals who assisted him were elected honorary members of the chapter.

The chapter was then closed in ancient form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

The Mark Master's Degree has made rapid strides during the last few years, but no better evidence could be afforded of its increasing vitality than the very successful meeting at Reading on Thursday week, to inaugurate the new Province of Berks and Oxon. That the Degree itself is progressing in all parts of the world is proved by the fact that it is now recognised by the Grand Lodge of every English speaking country except England, such as the Grand Chapters of Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Quebec, General Grand Chapter of the United States, &c., &c.; in short, it never was in such a position before. Out whilst it may increase in numbers the Degree cannot ever be more recognised than it is now, as the "Articles of Union" of England prohibit it being worked, as in Scotland, in a Craft Lodge.

The lodges comprising the new Province of Berks and Oxon are: Porchester, 27; University, 55; Abbey, 225; Leopold, 235; and Alfred, 247, and it was under the banner of the Leopold Lodge at Reading that the inaugural ceremony was performed.

The lodge assembled at 1.45 and the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers having been received in due form, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, the presiding Grand Officer being the M.W. Bro. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M.M. Among the brethren present were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, 55, P.G.S.W.; Rev. G. R. Portal, Past G.M., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; A. M. Broadly, 222, 107, and 248, P.M., G.T., D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; H. C. Levander, 1, P.M., G.R.; F. Binckes, 7, G. Sec.; T. Meggy, 104, P.M., P.G.M.O.; D. M. Dewar, P.M., G. Asst. Sec.; R. P. Spice, 3, P.M., J.W.; T. Cubitt, 1, P.M., G.S.D.; H. Deane, 55, W.M., P. Provincial C.; G. L. Hawkins, 55, S.D.; H. Hacker, 54, J.W., P. Prov. G.J.W. Hants; Robert Berridge, D. T. Clark, 75, 164, Sec., P.G. Sec. Sussex; F. Harrison, 62, P.M., P.P.G.S.O. Hants; T. J. Pulley, 54, P.M., G.S., G.J.O. Hants; H. R. Bowden, 247, Org.; T. Benham, 54, W.M., P.P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; S. Harris, 340, Steward; S. Cole, 54, P.P.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; C. Horsley, G.J.O.; H. Stone, 34, J.D.; Geo. Westall, 54 and 235, S.D., M.O.; Walter Wooddon, 54, M.O.; F. H. Cozens, 104, P.G. Org.; R. White, 54; E. Margrett, 235, W.M., G.S.; H. R. Cooper Smith, 55, W.M.; C. Stephens, 253, S.W., D.P.G.M. Berks and Oxon; Rev. F. F. Ravenshaw, 187, P.M., P.G. Chaplain; and W. Lake, 98, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. (Freemason).

There were also present Bros. E. L. Sheppard, C. J. Butler, W. Ballard, J. F. Stransom, R. Bracher, F. J. Ferguson, A. Welch, E. Hornblower, W. J. Lendrin, J. R. Shearer, J. Reade, J. A. Accock, A. Wheeler, W. C. Moffatt, S. Bradley, H. Ayres, George Blunt, J. F. Cossey, E. Nichols, H. W. Homann, W. Hinchley, R. G. Glasspool, James Jenkin, J. T. Morland, H. Reece, G. Wade, W. Hickie, H. Brett, F. W. Ansell, G. S. Kirchhoffer, W. Sowdon, C. Forrest, W. Park, W. G. Emberlin, C. Park, A. T. Rose, W. G. Bayliss, T. Tomkins, W. Belcher, W. Wedges, R. Pocock, George Saxby, J. Dew, H. J. Thatcher, J. W. Lamb, G. Lear, Alfred Barker, John Egginton, J. M. Dormer, E. Townsend, F. Ryman Hall, A. Hubbard, J. W. Simons, and others.

The presiding Grand Master having been saluted, and the summons convening the meeting and the minutes of the preliminary proceedings having been read by Bro. Pulley, the Prov. Grand Master designate, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and accompanied by the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers was conducted to the pedestal, where an address was delivered by the presiding Grand Master on the nature, duties, and qualifications for the office. This done the Right Worshipful brother was conducted to the right of the presiding Grand Master, and invested and inducted into the chair.

The Prov. Grand Master was then proclaimed and saluted in due form, and after thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him by selecting him as their first Provincial Grand Master, which office he had not accepted without some hesitation, proceeded to appoint and invest the Prov. Grand Officers as follows:

Bro. Charles Stephens	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" H. R. Cooper Smith	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" E. Margrett	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Walter Ballard	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Samuel Patey Spiers	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" F. W. Ansell	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. C. R. Henny	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. H. Deane	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. J. Trendell	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. L. Sheppard	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. J. Pulley	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. M. Dormer	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" J. T. Morland	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. Park	...	Proy. G.J.D.
" J. Tomkins	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" J. Egginton	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. L. Hawkins	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Belcher	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. R. Bowden	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Brett	...	Prov. G.L.G.
" Emberlin, Bro. S. Sandback,	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
and Bro. W. Hedges	...	

Bros. W. Hemmings and C. Norwood Prov. G. Tylers. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master said it was his pleasing duty to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Portal was so well known in connection with Mark Masonry that no more need be said to commend the proposition to the brethren.

The motion was seconded by the Prov. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith, and carried by acclamation.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal said he thanked the brethren for their kind expressions of feeling, and assured them that it had given him the greatest pleasure to assist at the inauguration of this new province.

Apologies from a number of distinguished Mark Masters who had been prevented attending were then read.

Votes of thanks to those brethren who had worked so hard to bring the proceedings to a successful issue, notably to Bro. T. J. Pulley, whose labours had been unremitting, were then passed, and the lodge closed.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet was served, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

The Prov. Grand Master having proposed the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," gave "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master of Mark Masons, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Past Grand Masters," remarking that to no brother more than the brother on the left (Bro. Portal) had the success of Mark Masonry been due. He felt a difficulty in saying much in praise of a brother who was present, particularly as he had performed an interesting ceremony, with which he (Lord Jersey) had been intimately connected, that afternoon, but he must be allowed to thank Bro. Portal most cordially for having come there that day and given them the benefit of his valuable assistance. He could only express the hope that Bro. Portal would come among them as often as possible.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal said he felt it a great honour to have to return thanks for such a grand roll of distinguished Past Grand Masters. Twenty-three short years ago Lord Leigh found himself with only three lodges, while at the present there were 260 lodges on the roll, and twenty-nine Provincial Grand Masters, including the noble Earl he had the pleasure of installing that day. Bro. Portal concluded by proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master."

Earl Jersey, in responding, expressed his warmest thanks to Bro. Pulley and one or two other brethren, for the kind assistance they had afforded him, and the enthusiasm they had manifested in the cause of Mark Masonry.

The D. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. C. Stephens) proposed "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master of Mark Masons (Lord Donoughmore) and Grand Officers, Present and Past," for whom Bro. Cubitt, G.J.O., returned thanks.

Bro. C. H. Levander, G.R., next proposed "Success to the New Mark Province of Berks and Oxon," which, as might have been expected, was received with acclamation, and severally responded to by Bros. H. Cooper Smith, W.M.; E. L. Shepherd, W.M.; E. Margrett, G.S., W.M.; and F. W. Ansell, W.M.

"Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," proposed by Bro. F. Binckes, and responded to by Bro. Meggy, and other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

The arrangements connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge, the train services, and also the banquet reflected the greatest credit upon Bros. Pulley and Margrett, and other members of the Leopold Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

An especial P.G. Lodge of Emergency was held at the "Old Hall," Gainsborough, on Monday, 1st inst., W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, on the throne.

The lodge was opened in due form as soon as possible after the close of the P.G. Chapter. The Hymn of Invocation having been sung to a new accompaniment by Bro. A. W. Lambert, 588, P.G.O., the R.W.P.G.M. called attention to the business of the day, viz., the confirmation of certain alterations in the existing rules of the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund, and the addition thereto of certain rules respecting the "Oliver Memorial Fund," which had been drawn up by the present Committee of the P.G. Fund of Benevolence.

Proposed by W. Bro. W. Watkins, 297, P.P.G.S. of W.; seconded by Bro. T. M. Wilkinson, 297, P.G. Std.: "That the I.P.M. of each lodge should in future be a member of the Committee of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, and share with the W.M. the voting power of the lodge." For this proposition thirty-two voted against fifteen, and it was declared carried. The remainder of the revised rules were passed without opposition, and on the proposition of W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, seconded by W. Bro. A. L. Peacock, W.M. 1386, P.G.S., were unanimously adopted.

The requisite authority was given to W. Bro. W. H. Radley, 838, P.G. Charity Sec., to secure the purchase into the R.M.I.B. of two boys now on the Provincial list, viz., Alfred Thomas Cole (No. 1) and Phillipson Marshall (No. 13), on the October list of candidates for election.

W. Bro. W. H. Sissons, 1447, P.G.J.W., gave notice of his intention at the next Prov. Grand Lodge to propose "That a fund, similar to the Oliver Memorial Fund, be raised in this province, for the purpose of obtaining the admission by purchase of candidates for the R.M.I.G."

This concluding the business, Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren and companions adjourned to a luncheon in the magnificent banquet chamber of the Old Hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the brethren separating at an early hour.

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T. B. Myers, P.M. 1182; J. Latta, J.W. 241; F. J. Pentin, 1713; J. Prescott, 1713; J. Williams, P.M. 1182; R. A. Hough, J.W. 1473; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; J. Davison, P.M. 724; J. Heggic, 673; J. C. Merrilees, 1393; R. Whitehead, 673; H. Worthington, J.W. 1570; J. P. Bryan, 1035; S. Hinks, W.M. 1570; I. Leece, S.W. 1086; R. Steadman, 1013; W. Bracey, S.D. 823; W. H. Gick, 1182; W. Walker, 1086; J. H. King, 837; J. Macbeth, 1086; S. Broadbridge, 241; R. P. Gill, W.M. 216; J. Hall, 241, and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. Gick, S.W., S.D. 203, was presented by Bros. T. Sergeant, P.P.G.S.D., and Bromley, P.M. and efficiently installed by the retiring W.M., the addresses being given by that brother and Bro. Sergeant in an impressive manner. The usual honours were paid, and the following officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. Johnston, I.P.M.; T. W. Sergeant, P.M., D.C.; Hugh Ferguson, S.W.; James Grierson, J.W.; R. E. Mitton, Treasurer (re-elected); C. Bargery, Secretary; T. Hay, S.D.; W. G. West, J.D.; H. Marshall, I.G.; James D. Reader, S.S.; H. Formby, J.S.; J. Kellie, Assistant-Secretary; A. Child, Organist; Edwin C. Watson, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Gick, W.M., initiated a candidate into the Craft in a commendable manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where dinner was served by Bro. Casey, 1086. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. In responding to that of "The Provincial Grand Master and Officers," Bro. J. F. Newell, P.G.S.W., said that it was impossible to overrate the services of their P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale. No member of the nobility more ably discharged his Masonic duties; in proof of which he mentioned the fact of his attendance at the P.G.L. meeting at Morecombe in a very indifferent state of health. He hoped that they would long have him spared to them. He congratulated 1756 on its prosperity and working, and concluded with his best wishes for the lodge. "The W.M." was received with acclamation, and suitably responded to by Bro. Gick. Bro. Sergeant proposed "The I.P.M." in hearty and feeling terms, and presented him with a handsome timepiece on the part of the members; and to the lodge, on behalf of several brethren, a very life-like portrait in oil of that brother, by Bro. Rattray, of Bold-street, Liverpool, whom he complimented on his efforts. Bro. Johnston thanked the brethren. Other toasts followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The musical arrangements were creditably carried out under the conductorship of Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., and Bro. A. Child, Organist, and musical items were given by Bros. J. Hill, W. Williams, Bryan, Quayle, Twist, Muir, Ashmore, Queen, and others.

PORTSMOUTH.—Landport Lodge (No. 1776).

—The regular meeting of this popular and very prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Portsmouth, on Thursday, the 20th inst., when a very large gathering of influential Freemasons attended for the purpose of witnessing the installation of the ex-Mayor, Bro. William David King, P.M., and P.P.G.S.D., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Richard John Murrell, assisted by Bro. E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. During the ceremony some beautiful anthems and odes were exceedingly well rendered by the choir, accompanied by Bro. Misselbrook, of Gosport, as the Organist. After the ceremony of installation had been performed, the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. R. J. Murrell, the I.P.M., with a valuable gold Past Master's jewel, as a slight recognition of the ability, earnestness, and courtesy with which he had discharged the duties of the office of W.M. during the past year. The business of the lodge having been completed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most recherché banquet was supplied by Mr. William Maybourn, of Butcher-street, Portsea, whose catering gave unqualified satisfaction. The ex-Mayor, Bro. W. D. King, presided, and was supported by Bros. the Worshipful the Mayor of Portsmouth, A. Cudlipp, P.M. 487; G. Rake, P.M. 487, P.P.G.W.; Francis Pikes, P.M. 257, P.P.G.W.; W. Edmonds, P.M. 309, Hon. Sec. Port of Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce; Councillor G. T. Cunningham, vice-Chairman, and the Directors of the Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, Limited; Bros. E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; G. Felton Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. B. Whitcomb, P.M. 1705; R. J. Murrell, I.P.M. 1776; the W.M.'s and representatives of the following lodges:—257, 309, 342, 804, 903, 1069, 1428, and 1834; the officers of the Lodge, and about sixty other brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were admirably given by the several speakers, and enthusiastically received by the brethren. Some choice selections were sung by the choir during the evening. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. William David King, W.M.; Richard John Murrell, I.P.M.; Cornelius G. Adames, S.W.; Henry J. Andrews, J.W.; Thomas H. Williams, Treas.; Edward S. Main, P.M. Sec.; John F. Baccgilape, S.D.; Emanuel J. Smith, J.D.; George Drake, I.G.; Arthur Russell, D. of C.; Edwin Izod, Organist; Henry Dean and Alfred H. Hancox, Stewards.

MANCHESTER.—Albert Victor Lodge.—(No. 1773).—The first anniversary and installation festival of this young and promising lodge was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, the 21st ult. Present:—Bro. S. Stratham, W.M., P.P.G.T., who very satisfactorily performed the duties of Installing Master; Bros. John Lees, J.W. and W.M. elect; A. H. Allen, P.M., acting S.W.; J. Harrop, P.M.; E. Williams, P.M.; T. H. Bagshaw, P.M.; John Brooks, P.M.; D. Asquith, Sec.; W. Slater, Treas.; E. Winterbottom, S.D.; J. Almond, J.D.; W. Hardcastle, I.G.; J. Statham, J. Moffat, Thomas Hewitt, George

Crossfield, W. Oldham, Thomas Kay, etc. Visitors:—Bros. Thomas Entwistle, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; Gilman, P.P.G.S.D. West Lancashire; Powers, W.M. 325; Byley; Eldershaw, P.M.; Goodier; Rev. J. Harper, W.M. Victoria Lodge; Rev. J. Baines; Bernhardt, Hamburg; and several others. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer; and, after the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to install, according to ancient custom, Bro. John Lees as W.M., in which he was ably assisted by Bro. John Brooks, P.M. and D.C.; Bro. Harrop, P.M.; and Bro. Gilman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. The appointment and selection by the W.M. of his officers gave general satisfaction, and were as follows:—Bros. D. Asquith, S.W.; E. Winterbottom, J.W.; W. Hardcastle, Sec.; W. Slater, Treas.; W. Almond, S.D.; W. Oldham, J.D.; Jno. Statham, I.G. The investiture of the officers by Bro. Gilman was marked by the very interesting manner in which he explained the moral and symbolical teachings or meaning of the several jewels attached to each office. The proceedings were closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for a short time to allow of the lodge room being set out for the banquet, which was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Penwarden, of the Hare and Hounds Hotel, the excellent character of the repast and the admirable and tasty arrangements for the comfort of the brethren called forth unqualified praise from all present. The W.M. proposed very neatly the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In reply to that of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Entwistle, P.P.G.S.D., replied, that although that was his first opportunity of meeting the Albert Victor Lodge, yet he had frequently heard of the excellent way in which the lodge was conducted, and from his intimate acquaintanceship of Bro. Statham they had had a W.M. who could not fail to afford both interest and profit to any lodge. Bro. S. Statham, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., said: "The next toast is one which he was sure they would have as much pleasure in responding to as he had in proposing; it was that of their newly installed W.M., Bro. John Lees. There could be but one feeling amongst them that Bro. Lees had well and deservedly earned this honour, by his many excellent qualities, and the great interest he had taken in the lodge, and it must add greatly to the gratification of their W.M. to know that he had been elected to the distinguished position by the unanimous suffrages of his brethren, accompanied with their hearty congratulations and sincere wishes that he might enjoy a most happy and prosperous year. He felt persuaded that the brethren would one and all support their W.M. to the utmost of their power; remembering that the position of the W.M. was often a difficult and responsible one, and happy was he who in the administration of its duties could please everybody, but while they claimed the privilege of being Masons, they must do their duty in supporting the authority of the chair, and depend upon it by so doing they would best promote the happiness and prosperity of the whole lodge. The W.M., Bro. John Lees, replying to the toast of his health, returned his warmest thanks to the I.P.M., Bro. Statham, for the kind and amiable terms in which he had placed the toast before them, and the hearty manner in which it had been received by the brethren, and the pleasure it afforded him was all the greater when he knew their good wishes were sincere. The position in which they had that day placed him was one, as Bro. Statham remarked, of great trust and honour, and one calculated to inspire the aspiration of all true Masons, but at the same time it was a position not by any means to be lightly undertaken; it had its responsibilities as well as its pleasures, and he had several times questioned himself whether he had arrived at that stage in Masonry which justified him in acceding to the cordial request of his brethren to undertake its duties, but when he reflected that it was their unanimous wish he should occupy the chair for the ensuing twelve months, he thought it was time to put away personal feelings, and, with the co-operation he felt he should receive at their hands, faithfully endeavour to do his best. He then called upon the brethren to drink to "The Health and Prosperity of the I.P.M., Bro. Statham," to whom he said their hearty thanks were especially due, not only for the pleasant manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year, but for the very many services by him in obtaining this charter twelve months ago. They were justified in looking upon him as one of the most active pioneers of the lodge, and those who understood duties in a smaller degree in connection therewith would readily understand and realize the amount of work which had been successfully undertaken by him, but, as words and acts sometimes faded away from memory and sight, the brethren had desired that their appreciation of those acts should be conveyed to him in a more tangible form, and he had, on his own and their behalf, the greatest possible pleasure in decorating him with a Past Master's jewel, accompanied with an illuminated address, so that, not only himself but his family and friends might be aware of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge. Bro. Statham, who seemed considerably embarrassed and spoke at first with evident emotion, then rose to respond, and was greeted with the enthusiastic cheers of his brethren, replied: W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens, superior officers, and brethren, I am so greatly taken by surprise with this practical expression of your kind appreciation and esteem that I am quite at a loss to find words suitably to respond to the toast, which has been proposed in such kind terms by our W.M., and so enthusiastically received by you all. If what I shall say in return shall but inadequately express the depth of my feelings, I trust, brethren, that you will not consider that my imperfect speech represents that I am insensible to your kindness. Although I did expect that, in accordance with the custom on these interesting and festive occa-

sions, my health would be proposed, I had not the slightest conception that the feelings of the brethren would be thus so practically expressed. While, on the one hand, I am greatly taken by surprise, yet, on the other, I feel deeply gratified to be thus honoured and respected. As our Worshipful Master has been pleased to remark, I have, as a true Mason endeavoured to be true to the principles of the Craft, and conserve the best interests of this lodge, which was my duty, but beyond that, I am not aware that I have done anything more to merit this special mark of your high esteem. However, I gratefully and thankfully accept it, and whenever I look upon it I shall not only be reminded of the distinguished honour you placed upon me when I was installed the first W.M. of the Albert Victor Lodge, but also of the very gracious way in which you have acknowledged your appreciation of my services upon my completing my year of office, and in making way for one whom I trust will occupy this proud position far more efficiently than I have done. Whatever services I may have rendered during the past year have been altogether prompted by my love to the Craft and the noble science of Freemasonry; also from a sincere desire to render any assistance in my power to a number of truly worthy brethren whom I greatly respect and esteem; who were most anxious to establish a lodge in this neighbourhood. I sincerely trust I may have been of some little service to them; if so, I consider that out of that alone I receive an ample reward; I would say to the brethren—

All the thanks that I require,

Is that you ask for more.

Twelve months ago the inauguration or founding of the Albert Victor Lodge seemed to me like the launching of a noble Craft, and a noble Craft it was; the launching day was most auspicious, one long to be remembered, and gave promise of a safe and prosperous voyage. Her first voyage is now safely completed, and our vessel well tested. As we look back upon the past we may, brethren, congratulate ourselves upon the success and happiness we have enjoyed. It is no small satisfaction to know that the lodge is now firmly established. Having laid the foundation stones well and truly, it remains with us now to build up a stately, imposing, and comely structure. We may, if we will, make this structure a sanctuary, a school, and a home. A sanctuary where, by our constant study of the beautiful principles of the Craft, we shall culture our higher and better natures; a school where, by our constant interchange of thought, we shall educate our minds; and a home, where, by our constant meeting together, we shall promote the social virtues. I cannot forbear here from expressing my great indebtedness to the Past Masters and all my officers for the cordial support and assistance I have uniformly received from them, and I may just say that if, in presiding over this lodge, I have given any offence or caused any brother to feel uncomfortable in any way, it has been done inadvertently and not intentionally, and for the good of Masonry. It is no small gratification for me to know that there are so many able and experienced brethren in the lodge, this to me presages a most happy and prosperous future. Before bringing my remarks to a close, I should like to add that if this lodge is to be successful the brethren must most earnestly cultivate and do everything to promote a kindly, brotherly feeling, knowing that the happiness of the lodge is in their hands. It will certainly be what they make it. I feel fully persuaded that the brethren will, one and all, set their faces against that narrow, unworthy principle which centres in self, remembering "that man was not born for his own enjoyment alone"—that there is no joy on earth so pure and refining as the joy of contributing to the happiness of others. In the language of that beautiful address so admirably delivered to us this evening by Bro. P.M. Brooks, we must have but one aim in view to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy; we must be living examples of virtue and benevolence, we must be incarnations of all that is worthy, excellent, noble, and good. We shall then, and only then, demonstrate to the world that we are true to the great and noble principles of our noble Craft. Brethren, let us live these principles, and then shall the words of the poet be applicable:—

Peace to the just man's memory; let it grow
Green with years, and blossom through the flight
Of ages; let the mimic canvas show
His calm, benevolent features; let the light
Stream on his deeds of love, that shunned the sight
Of all but heaven, and in the book of fame
The glorious record of his virtues write,
And hold it up to man, and bid him claim
A palm like his, and catch from him the hallowed flame.
Bro. Josh. Harrop, P.M., in proposing "The Visiting Brethren," remarked that it was one of the great privileges of the Craft to give the right hand of fellowship to, and to welcome to the hospitable board brethren, not only from our own country, but from every other country in the world, and, as an instance of the universality of the Craft, he might draw attention to the presence of Bro. Bernhardt, from Hamburg, who would, doubtless, bear to his own country a favourable impression of his Masonic brethren in England. Bro. Bernhardt briefly replied, expressing great pleasure with his visit to the lodge, and the cordial reception he had received. Bro. W. Slater, Treasurer, in a neat speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and expressed his pleasure in being re-elected to the office, and, as an example to others, he notified his intention to give a second donation of £5 to one of the Institutions. Bro. Hardcastle, Secretary, proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and Bro. Crossfield that of "The Officers," which were responded to by Bros. Bagshaw, P.M., and Asquith, S.W., but having already exceeded our limits we are compelled to close our notice of this very interesting meeting, but not without a well-deserved compliment to the glee party, composed of Bros. Almond, W.M.,

Moffatt, Harrop, and Dale, all members of the lodge, and who, by their excellent singing of some fine glees and songs greatly added to the enjoyment of the meeting. The illuminated address is in the form of a copy of a resolution, "That the thanks of the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge be given to Bro. Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., for his valuable services in the formation of the above lodge, and whilst filling the office of first Worshipful Master thereof, for his exemplary efforts to promote the success and diffusion of the principles of the Craft; and for his undeviating kindness to the brethren, not only to the Albert Victor Lodge, but the Order generally; and that a copy of this resolution be presented to him, together with a Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, as a testimonial of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the brethren."

INSTRUCTION.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB (No. 58).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street. There were present Bros. W. Smallpeice, W.M.; Pulsford, S.W.; Scott, J.W.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Chapman, S.D.; J. S. Fraser, J.D.; Becton, I.G.; Joseph Langton, Williams, Barnett, John Wood, Brittain, and Wells. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and was then resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Barnett, being a candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions. The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Barnett was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the following brethren were unanimously elected members of the lodge:—Bros. Becton, 778; G. C. Pulsford, 1593; F. E. Scott, 771; F. H. Edmunds, 8; and A. Escott. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Pulsford was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and then the lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of the annual banquet, Bro. Joseph Langton, P.M. 1673, occupying the chair. The excellent manner in which the banquet was served reflected great credit upon Bro. Harrington, the Steward of the club.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE.—(No. 1524).—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Royal Edward Hotel, Mare-street, Hackney, on Wednesday, December 3rd. Present—Bros. A. McDowall, W.M.; C. W. Baker, S.W.; S. Crane, J.W.; A. R. Olley, S.D.; J. L. Payne, J.D.; W. Green, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Prec.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; and also several other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. G. Spencer being the candidate. Bro. C. Larkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. S. Crane seconded, that Bro. C. W. Baker be W.M. for the ensuing week, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Cambridge proposed, and Bro. J. Williams seconded, that Bro. A. G. Spencer become a member of this Lodge, which was carried unanimously. Bro. W. Green proposed, and Bro. A. R. Olley seconded, that Bro. J. Pige become a member of this lodge, which was also carried unanimously. Nothing further offering the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

MACDONALD CHAPTER (No. 1216).—On Thursday, the 20th ult., this chapter met at the headquarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell. There were present Comps. W. J. Messenger, M.E.Z.; J. H. Hastie, H.; Lieut. Newington Bridges, J.; W. H. Thomas, Scribe E.; and a number of other companions. The chapter was opened in due form, when Comp. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer, was requested to install the Principals. A conclave of Installed Principals was formed, and Comp. Hastie installed into the chair of Z; Comp. Bridges into the chair of H; and Comp. Thomas into the chair of J. The conclave was closed, the companions re-admitted, and Comps. Bradley and Col. Gardner were inducted into the office of S.E. and P.S. A jewel was presented to Comp. Messenger, I.P.Z., and the chapter was closed in due form, when the companions adjourned to the mess room, and partook of an excellent banquet, enlivened by the vocal abilities of Comp. Seymour Smith and other companions.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—The installation of Principals took place at the regular monthly meeting in Freemasons' Hall on the 27th ult., M.E. Comp. Edward Booth, P. Prov. J.W., performing the ceremony, the following being the officers for the year:—E. Comps. T. P. Payne, First Principal; G. M. Passenger, jun., Second Principal; R. Sharpe, Third Principal; J. R. Weston, Scribe E.; W. Waters, Scribe N.; R. S. Pearce, Treas.; H. P. Aslatt, P.S.; Comps. S. Myer and C. Bemister, A.S.; and Biggs, J.

LINSLADE.—St. Barnabas Chapter (No. 948).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, on Thursday, the 13th ult. Comp. Haselgrove, of Luton, opened the chapter in due form. After the minutes were confirmed, Comp. Henry Muggeridge, P.G. Standard Bearer of England, by request of the M.E.Z., took the chair, and installed Comp. Howell, of Dunstable, into the First Principal's chair, and Comp. Wixley, of London, into the Third Principal's chair. The conclave of Installed Principals was then closed, and the

companions re-admitted, when Comp. Poynter, P.Z., of Luton, was inducted into the office of S.E., and Comp. Sandell, P.S. There were also present Comps. Cawdell, P.Z., of Luton; McCubbin, P.Z., and several other companions, who, after the chapter was closed, partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Morgan, the worthy host, in his usual admirable style.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—This new lodge commenced its session on the 18th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among the officers present were Bros. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W.; Charles Horsley, G.J.O., Treasurer and M.O.; Richnell, J.O.; J. Dodson, S.D.; F. H. Clemow, acting J.G.; Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Benningfield, 1589, was duly advanced to the honorable degree of M.M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. most ably. Bros. Webb and Benningfield were then respectively appointed and invested by the W.M. as J.D. and I.G. A discussion then took place upon the subject of the by-laws, when it was unanimously agreed that their final settlement should be deferred until the next regular meeting in February. Several propositions for advancement having been handed in, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet. After this entertainment had been done full justice to, the customary loyal and Mark toasts were duly proposed. Bro. Horsley responded in fluent terms upon behalf of "The Grand Officers, Past and Present," and immediately afterwards gave "The W.M." This toast having been warmly received, Bro. Wigginton briefly acknowledged the compliment, and gave "The Advance," which pledge was modestly responded to by Bro. Benningfield. "The Officers" followed, and, in reply, this most important toast received full justice from the hands of Bro. Horsley. The remainder of the evening having been agreeably spent, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the brethren separated.

SOUTHAMPTON.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 63).—The festival of St. Andrew was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, on Wednesday evening, the 26th inst., by the installation of Bro. George Tilling, P.P.G.I.G. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Sheppard, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Blount Thomas, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; R. L. Loveland, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Treas., S.W.; F. H. McCalmont, P.G.S., J.W.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, M.O.; P. M. Emanuel, S.O.; J. S. Pearce, J.O.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec., Treas.; P. Warren, P.P. Grand Steward, Sec.; J. Coles, Registrar; D. O. Hobbs, S.D.; W. Horton, J.D.; J. R. Weston, P.P.M.O., D.C.; Bro. Stroud, I.G.; and Biggs and Vane, Tylers. The next and future meetings of this lodge will be held in the New Masonic Hall, which is to be opened on the 29th of December next.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This provincial lodge held its first regular meeting of the season at the Albany Hotel, when there were present among others Bros. S. H. Knaggs, P.G.S. W.M.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, S.W.; E. Hopwood, Acting J.W.; Tomlinson, P.G.S., P.M.; Sanders, S.D.; T. C. Walls, I.G.; Rogers, Registrar; Richnell, W.S.; and Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Taylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Harrison re-elected Tyler. There being no other business the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. At its conclusion the usual toasts received full justice. Bro. Tomlinson responded on behalf of "The Grand Mark Officers, Present and Past," and then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who duly acknowledged the same. In giving "The W.M. elect," Bro. Knaggs congratulated Bro. Taylor upon having arrived so soon at that important position. He (the W.M. elect) had been advanced in the lodge, and from the attention and ability he had displayed in the execution of the duties of the various minor officers he had filled in the lodge, he believed that Bro. Taylor's performance of the "work" attached to the higher responsibilities of the chair would be alike creditable to himself and gratifying to the members of the Francis Burdett Lodge. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Taylor briefly replied, "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast then terminated the proceedings.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, on Saturday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. James Pinder, P.M., as W.M.; W. C. Claridge, S.W.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., as J.W.; W. G. Hallows, M.O.; J. Franklin, S.O.; Fred. Hallows, Sec.; J. H. Cambridge, J.D.; G. J. Westfield, as I.G.; T. Upward, Organist; Fredk. Binckes, G.S.; G. Graveley, R. T. Williams, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge and audit meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Binckes then occupied the chair, and Bro. W. C. Claridge, the Master elect, was presented and obligated. A Board of Installed Mark Masters was formed, and Bro. Claridge installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. On the brethren returning to the lodge, the W.M. was presented to them by Bro. Binckes, and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.M. immediately proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. Groome, S.W.; W. G. Hallows, J.W.; T. Franklin, M.O.; J. Badkin, J.O.; Fred. Hallows, Sec.; J. M. Cambridge, S.D.; George Graveley, J.D.; G. J. Westfield, I.G.; T. Upward, Organist; and R. T. Wil-

liams, D.C. (The remaining officers were left vacant until next lodge meeting.) After the officers had been invested and conducted to their positions in the lodge, Bro. Binckes delivered a very able and impressive charge to them all upon the important duties they had undertaken, and the manner in which it was expected they were to be carried out. The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. In response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Binckes replied; and to that of "The Visitors," Bro. Broadley, the P.G.M.M.M. of Tunis and Malta, responded. Amongst the other visitors present were Bros. G. W. Verry, P.M. 104; S. Wharman, 1773; and others.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This distinguished Conclave met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Bros. Sir Knights Kingston, M.P.S.; Peters, S.G., M.E.V. elect; Massa, I.G.; T. Cubitt, P.M.P.S., Treasurer; H. C. Levander, P.M.P.S., Recorder; George Kenning, P.M.P.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.M.P.S.; Marsh, P.G.V., &c.; Thielley, H.P.; Shiley, Prefect; T. C. Walls, A.D.C.; Robinson, Gilbert, and Harrison, Sentinels. The minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, Col. Sir Knight Peters was duly installed as M.E.V. A motion by Sir Knight Walls, which was seconded by Sir Knight Levander, "That a silver gilt Past Sovereign's jewel be presented to every subscribing Sir Knight who had filled the position of Sovereign of the Premier Conclave," was carried *nom con*. Two notices of motion having been handed in, and numerous communications read from absent members, the Conclave was closed in accordance with ancient usages, and the Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The M.P.S." was proposed in very complimentary and exhaustive terms by Sir Knight Peters. This pledge having been cordially received, the M.P.S. gave "The Health of the new-installed M.E.V.," which toast was duly honoured, and in response Sir Knight Peters expressed his acknowledgments. "The Officers," coupled with the name of Sir Knight Levander, brought the formal proceedings to a conclusion. In the intervals of the toasts Sir Knights Marsh, Peters, Massa and others entertained their colleagues.

PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE (No. 2).—The knights of this Masonic and military Order assembled on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. The early unpropitious and cold weather, no doubt, chilled many of the members from attending to their chivalrous duties. There were present V.E. and Perf. Sir Knight E. H. Thielley, G. St. B., M.P. Sovereign; E. Sir Knight C. F. Hogard, G.S.A., Viceroy Eusebius; W. Sir Knight H. Venn, Junior General; V.E. and Perf. Sir Knights H. Dickets, G.A.M., P.S., Treas.; F. Bayley, P.S.; H. C. Levander, P.G.S.G. and G. Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.A.; Sir Knights H. Moon, and Laing, Sentinel. The conclave was opened in due form, letters of apology from absentees and candidates were read, some little business transacted, when the conclave was again closed in due solemnity and adjourned. The usual *recherché* little banquet ensued, for which the Plantagenet Conclave so distinguishes itself, thanks to that excellent gastronomist, the Treasurer.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

YORK.—Hilda Chapter Rose Croix (No. 236).—At the regular meeting of this chapter, held at York, on Friday evening, Bro. T. B. Whythead, H.P., was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Bro. J. S. Cumberland Treasurer for the ensuing year. In the unavoidable absence of the present M.W.S. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Nole-Powlkt, Bro. C. J. Bannister, 33, S.G.I.G., presided.

Order of St. Lawrence.

METROPOLITAN LODGE.—This influential lodge, which comprises upwards of seventy members, met in good numbers at the Masonic rooms, Red Lion Square, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. S. Rosenthal, I.P.M., acting W.M. in the absence of Bro. W. Roebuck; F. Binckes, P.M.; H. C. Levander, acting S.W.; T. C. Walls, acting J.W.; D. M. Dewar, Secretary; A. Williams, Conductor; J. Robins, J. Constable, T. Poore, R. L. Loveland, E. Passawer, C. E. Soppet, T. Cubitt, J. Pinder, W. C. Claridge, C. J. Morgan, etc. Bro. Broadley, of the Ebor Lodge, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Graveley, Anderson, Gimmingham, and Silvester were duly admitted members of this quaint degree by the W.M. The interesting lecture of the Order was most ably belivered by Bro. D. M. Dewar. Bro. Binckes then, in a few appropriate sentences, presented Bro. Rosenthal with a P.M.'s jewel. Several communications having been read, and numerous propositions handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent grill at the Albion Hotel. Upon the removal of the cloth, the various toasts pertaining to the Order were done full justice to. Bro. Rosenthal, at an early stage of the proceedings having to leave, the chair was ably filled for the remainder of the evening by Bro. Binckes. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Binckes, in the course of his remarks, took occasion to speak in very warm and eulogistic terms of the services of Bro. Broadley in almost every degree of Masonry. He was pleased that the

Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence had had the opportunity of entertaining their distinguished brother previously to his departure for Tunis, and on behalf of the lodge he, Bro. Binckes, wished him "bon voyage." This toast having been drunk most heartily, Bro. Broadley responded in a humorous speech, which "set the table in a roar." In concluding his remarks, he stated that upon his return to Tunis and Malta it was his intention to introduce the Order of St. Lawrence and other side degrees in those districts. "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes, was given by Bro. Robins in brief but pertinent terms, and having been cordially received, the brother thus honoured made a stirring and able response. The proceedings were enlivened by the contributions of Bros. Constable, Gimmingham, and others, and the members separated at an early hour, highly gratified with the success that had attended their first re-union of the season.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

A NEW CONSTITUTION.

I am happy to say that this MS. is now in my possession. It is of date 1607. It has a frontispiece by the famous Inigo Jones; on the title page, in MS., are these words—"The Ancient Constitution of the Free and Accepted Masons 1607." This one fact and statement opens the door to numerous most interesting questions.

I will recur to the matter in the next *Freemason*.

A. F. A. W.

Obituary.

BRO. ALEXANDER RIDDELL.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. Alexander Rid dell, of Portsmouth, which took place on the 19th ult. The deceased was much respected by the Freemasons of this great Masonic centre, as he has ever been a plodding, hard-working Mason. He was initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, and joined the Fareham Lodge, No. 309, in which he served the office of W.M. with considerable credit. He was also one of the founders of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, and worked laboriously to promote its success. He was exalted in the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 342, and served the various offices, and was filling the Z's chair the second time at the time of his death. The funeral took place at the Putney Cemetery, on Saturday, the 22nd ult., and was attended by a considerable number of Masons, although the weather was most inclement. The deceased leaves several children without a mother to look after them, and in rather indigent circumstances, as his pay ceased at the time of his illness, as he held a Government appointment as Clerk of Works.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Gainsborough on Monday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of Comp. W. H. Smyth, M.E. Grand Supt. of Lincolnshire, on the invitation of the All Saints Chapter, No. 422.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance, probably caused by the fact of the All Saints being one of the oldest chapters in the province, and the Old Hall, which was the appointed place of meeting, being one of the curiosities of the county, it having been at one time, we believe, the residence of John o'Gaunt.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Prov. G. Supt., Comp. W. H. Smyth, M.E.Z., assisted by M.E. Comps. J. Moxon, H., and W. Watkins, J., at 11.30, after which the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Chapter, held at Grimsby in 1877, were read and confirmed.

The accounts of Provincial Grand Chapter were then presented by Comp. C. M. Nesbitt, Provincial G. Treas., showing a balance in hand of £18.

In the absence of Comp. F. Watson, 297, P.G. Reg., the returns were presented by Comp. T. C. Lazenby, 297, showing a decrease of ten members since the formation of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

The following companions were then appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers:—

Comp. E. Pocock, 712	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" A. Kirk, 422	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. Fowler, 712	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
" G. Honsham, 422	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
" Rev. G. W. Lowe, 272	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" G. Barrell, 272	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. Robinson, 272	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" C. M. Nesbitt, 712	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. C. Lazenby, 297	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. M. Lowe, 297	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. E. Howlett, 422	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" G. Robinson, 422	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Box, 422	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comps. F. D. Marsden, P.Z. 712, and G. H. Porter, P.Z. 712, were elected Auditors of the Provincial Grand Chapter accounts for the ensuing year.

Several collars and jewels, wanting to complete the equipment of the Provincial Grand Chapter, were ordered to be obtained by the Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Scribe E.

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form, according to ancient custom.

Bro. Frank Richardson, W.M. elect of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, had the honour of nominating, on Wednesday last, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master for the year ensuing.

CONSECRATION OF ST. PETROC LODGE, No. 1758.

The Freemasons of the town of Padstow have, up to the present time, possessed no lodge of their own, but have been subscribing members to those in the neighbouring towns. Recently, however, and mainly through the exertions of Bro. W. H. Martyn, it was determined to form an independent lodge at Padstow, and for this purpose premises known as the old Post-office, in Church-street, have been purchased and converted to the required purpose. A large room in the upper part of the building has been furnished with the necessary furniture, &c., for working the lodge in Craft Masonry, and a small room adjoining has been converted into an ante-room. The warrant for its constitution has been granted by the Grand Lodge, and here eleven members who represent the Order at Padstow will assemble under the title of St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785. As the membership increases and funds accumulate it is intended to convert the existing premises into a building on a more pretentious scale, and its promoters entertain the idea that they will be in a position to accomplish this at no very distant date.

The ceremony of consecrating and constituting the lodge was performed on the 21st ult., by the P.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, in the presence of a tolerably large gathering of the Masonic fraternity, considering the remote position of the town from any of the large centres. The P.G.M. was supported by Bros. Colonel Peard, D.P.G.M.; T. Hawken, P.M. 330, P.S.G.W.; A. Elford, 977, P.J. G.W.; the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, P.S.G.C.; Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, P.J.G.C.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec.; W. Rowe, 330, P.G.D.C.; Richard John, P.M. 131, P.G. A.D.C.; W. Rook, P.M. 131, P.G.A.P.; F. B. Williams, 977, P.G.S.B.; J. Bishop, 790, P.G.S.; P. Giles, P.M. 496, P.P.G.S.; E. D. Anderton, P.M. 33, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Trevail, J.D. 330; M. Hicks, P.M. 1529; John James, D.C. 1529; W. H. Cobeldick, S. 1529; W. Paynter, P.M. 330; A. A. Davis, 997, P.P.G.J.W.; Charles Hawke, W.M. 1529; T. W. Beale, 977, P.G.T.; John Dennis, 330, P.P.G.D.; W. W. Howard, S.W. 1529; W. T. Eastcott (Huyshe), 1099; R. Griffiths, 131; G. Garland, 330; John Hawken, 131; D. Jones, 330; E. Grove, J.D. 1529; C. H. Parks, 1529; and T. Nicholls, 1785.

The brethren first assembled in the lodge room, and the lodge having been opened in the First Degree, a procession was formed, and, headed by the band of the local volunteer corps, marched to the parish church, where Divine service was held in the presence of a large gathering of the townspeople. The Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, P.S.G.C., read the opening portions of the service, and the Rev. S. T. Daunt, vicar of St. Stephen's, Launceston, P.J.G.C., preached the sermon. Taking his text from the 5th chapter of Galatians and the 24th verse: "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts thereof," the rev. gentleman put before his hearers the principle which very few of them, he said, applied literally to heart; that was, the complete severance from their lives of those surroundings which were so fatal to what was commonly called the growth of godliness. Freemasons, above all others, he urged, ought to feel the imposture of sin, and all of them should put aside the cant and hollowness of the world and should study that manly style of religion which was indicated and suggested in the Masonic ritual. They had started a new lodge, and he hoped they would be in earnest, that they would have a bonâ fide faith in the suggestive teachings of their ritual. If they thought of the great Bible teachings and of the suggestive thoughts embodied in that ritual, it would be sure to inculcate faith of a noble and manly character; faith free from twaddle, free from cant, free from hypocrisy; a manly faith, an earnestness of purpose, feeling that they were taking the right road, and then God will bless and reward them in their endeavours.

The brethren having re-assembled in the lodge, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the P.G.M. in accordance with ancient custom. The P.G.M. then addressed the members of the new lodge. As many of them, no doubt, were as old in Masonry as he himself was, he would not, he said, attempt to instruct them on the objects and designs of the Order; but at the same time he did not like an occasion of this kind to pass without addressing a few words that might have some practical bearing upon the working of a new lodge, because he felt very earnestly about it himself, and liked to call the attention of others to it. Without going into the history of Freemasonry, they all knew, and no one could practically help seeing, that the Order was not only an influential and honourable institution, but that it was also one of the most widely extended, and the most critically observed by the outside world, so that those members who were forming this lodge, and who had obtained the permission of the Grand Lodge to do so, were accepting a great responsibility. In their hands was placed, and to a great extent was entrusted, the credit of Freemasonry in that neighbourhood. They were forming themselves into a branch of the great Masonic tree, and it would depend upon them whether it continued to be a living branch and an ornament to the parent stem, or the reverse. Of course their success depended entirely upon their regarding Masonry in its proper light. Wearing Masonic clothing, attending Masonic ceremonies, learning the ritual, or even holding important offices, was one thing, but being a real Mason was another thing. If "brotherly love, relief, and truth" were to be their watchwords, then at least the formation of a lodge in that place would tend to smooth over all those differences which, unfortunately, often existed between neighbours in most places, whether they arose from political disputes, from religious distinctions, or from personal rivalries of any kind. If Freemasonry was to be a real thing amongst them, no doubt all those evils which

arose from the different circumstances he had named would be smothered and softened; and they must be, so far as the members of the lodge were themselves concerned. Kindness and a real and earnest desire to help each other, as implied in the word relief, must be exercised; and honesty in its widest sense, coming under the head of truth, must also be encouraged. There were one or two other things he desired to impress upon them in relation to the practical working of the lodge. In the first place, he would beg of them in balloting for new members only to consider in giving their vote whether the candidate was likely to be a credit to the institution or not. That was the one thing they were to think of. They must never let any personal or jealous feeling influence them to exclude a man. Then, again, there might be a natural desire on the part of a young lodge to increase its membership, and, with that object in view, they might be tempted to admit those whom otherwise they would not admit. He hoped that that would not be the case there. Further than that, he was sure they would not misinterpret his motives when he advised them to elect those candidates who did not seek admission simply for the benefits which might accrue. Those who were admitted into the Masonic fraternity ought to be above that, otherwise the objects of Freemasonry would not be carried out. A man ought to join for the sake of Freemasonry itself, and for the benefit of others rather than himself, and then if he afterwards fell into misfortune he knew that he would be as readily helped as he was previously ready to help others; but it was not right to admit a man simply for the advantages he might expect to derive. He could not too earnestly impress upon them the necessity when a Master was elected of giving him their entire and hearty obedience. The election of a Master in Freemasonry was carried out in the most free manner possible, and when the majority had selected an individual that should be final; everybody should give way, there should be no personal feeling; but they should give him their hearty support and allegiance. Everything depended upon this in the good working of a lodge. It was a natural and honest kind of ambition on the part of a Mason to seek to obtain office; but if at the same time the voice of his brethren selected somebody else all feeling of jealousy should pass away from that moment. Unfortunately, ambition for office was one of the greatest difficulties in Freemasonry, and sometimes brought about a block which all good Masons must regret. He sincerely trusted that this lodge would go on upon the principles he had hinted at, and then he was sure it would not only be a satisfaction to those who were members of the lodge itself, but that it would be a benefit to the town of Padstow, in which it had been established, and that its effect would always be to create harmony and good feeling, and to make all things pleasanter in the town than they were before it was formed. The P.G.M. concluded by declaring the lodge regularly and duly constituted, and by dedicating it to the service of Freemasonry.

The installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. W. H. Martyn, was ably performed by the P.S.G.W., Bro. T. Hawken, after which the W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. W. H. Roberts, S.W.; F. Bray, J.W.; J. F. Clemow, Treas. and Sec.; J. W. Pearce, S.D.; J. Nicholls, J.D.; C. Matthews, I.G.; and T. Wills, Org. The consecration ceremony having been completed, the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared. The W.M., Bro. Martyn, presided, and was supported on his right and left by the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Chaplains. Several Masonic toasts were proposed. Among others was that of "The Provincial Grand Officers," to which the D.P. G.M. responded, and proposed, in return, "The Health of the W.M." The toast was received with warmth, and Bro. Martyn, in responding, expressed his firm intention of doing everything in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge, to extend its operations, and to increase its membership. He called upon his officers to render him every possible assistance, feeling sure that with their help he should be able to uphold the dignity of the chair, and to hand the office over unstained and unsullied to his successor at the end of the year. He proposed, in cordial terms, "The Health of the Installing Master." W. Bro. Hawken, in reply, congratulated the lodge upon having made so judicious a selection in their first W.M. He had the pleasure of proposing Bro. Martyn for initiation into the Order, and also of giving him the first office he had held in a Masonic lodge. That day Bro. Martyn had reached the climax of Craft Masonry; he was a brother who would do his work thoroughly and well, and was entitled to the support of every individual member of the lodge. "The Health of the P.G.C." was responded to by the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, and one or two other toasts of a formal character brought the proceedings to a close. The musical portions of the service and of the post prandial proceedings were effectively rendered by Bro. H. Jacobs, Org., Bodmin.—*Western Morning News*.

THE SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC HALL COMPANY.

The Southampton Masonic Hall Company held a large meeting of shareholders on Friday, the 28th ult., W. Bro. W. Hickman, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Chairman of the company, presiding, and determined to borrow £800 on mortgage, at 4½ per cent., from the Southampton Masonic Benevolent Association, to assist in meeting the cost of the new hall, which is now finished, and in the course of being furnished.

The Secretary of the company (Bro. R. Sharpe, P.M.) announced that £2600 £1 shares had been allotted to brethren in respect of the hall and site.

The buildings are to be opened towards the close of December by the Grand Master of the Province, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland met on Monday last afternoon, in Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of installing their officers for the next year, and also to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew. The business meeting was held at four o'clock, and was well attended by the brethren. Brother R. W. Cochran-Patrick, Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, occupied the throne; while Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Junior Warden, and James Caldwell, Junior Grand Deacon, acted respectively as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the acting Grand Master intimated that Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., had been re-elected as Grand Master. Intimation of this appointment was then made to the Grand Master Elect by a deputation, who conducted him into Grand Lodge, where he was informed of the election. Sir Michael intimated acceptance of office, and was thereafter installed with the usual ceremony, after which he thanked the brethren for reappointing him to his high office. The Grand Master then took his seat, and installed the other officers who had been appointed, so that the grand office-bearers for next year are the following brethren:—

Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart	... G.M.
" The Earl of Mar and Kelly	... D.G.M.
" Col. A. C. Campbell	... Sub. G.M.
" The Lord Inverurie	... S.G.W.
" R. F. Shaw Stewart	... J.G.W.
" D. Murray Lyon	... G. Sec.
" David Kinnear	... G. Cashier.
" Rev. T. N. Wannop and Bro. W. C. E. Jamieson, B.A.	... G. Chaplains.
" The Earl of Haddington	... S.G.D.
" Jas. Caldwell	... J.G.D.
" William Hay	... G. Architect.
" F. J. Law	... G. Jeweller.
" Thomas Halket	... G. Bible Bearer.
" John Coghill	... G.D. of C.
" H. Y. D. Copland	... G. Swd. Bearer.
" C. W. Maxwell Müller	... G. Dir. of Music.
" Robert Davidson	... G. Org.
" Captain William Hills	... G. Marshal.
" W. M. Bryce	... G. Tyler.
" John Ness	... G. Outer D. Guard.
" Jas. Turner	... Pres. B. of G. Stds.
" James Crichton	... Vice-Pres.
" James McLaren	... G. Supt. of L. A.

Grand Lodge then adjourned to the large hall in order to join in the festival, where there were assembled members of Grand Lodge and deputations from the daughter lodges to the number of upwards of 200.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

The Grand Master, in his reply, alluded to the presentation of his bust to Lady Octavia, and thanked the Freemasons of Scotland for the compliment, which, he said, had been enhanced, as their kindness was increased by the fact that the gift was not to him, but to her who received it. He concluded by thanking the brethren for re-electing him as Grand Master, and remarked that at the expiry of this his seventh year of office, he thought the time would have arrived when another Mason should be elected to preside over the Grand Lodge of Scotland—(cheers)—and who, he trusted, would be able and ready to lead her to increased usefulness, and to a great and glorious future. (Prolonged cheering.)

MAJOR CHARD IN EXETER.

On Friday, the 14th ult., a Lodge of Emergency of St. George's Lodge, No. 112, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, for the purpose of presenting Major Chard, V.C., R.E., the gallant hero of Rorke's Drift, with a congratulatory address on his return home from Zululand.

There were present Bros. George Hirtzel, W.M., P.G.R., Devon; W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B., England; Lt.-Col. Drewe, Commanding 34th Brigade Depot; Farrant, I.P.M.; Woodgates, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Tozer, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Rogers, P.M., D.P.G.M. Devon; Gray, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Brewin, P.M., W.M. 444, P.P.G.S.W. Leicestershire; S. Hooper, P.M.; S. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; F. W. Jones, P.M.; A. F. Luke, P.M.; Shaw, P.M.; W. F. Geare, H. P. Boulnois, Rev. — Williams, P.P.G.C.; C. T. K. Roberts, Hon. Sec.; J. D. Harris, J. Harding, J. W. Matthews, Capt. Bent, Major Carlyon Simmons, Major Arscott, Capt. Cunningham, S. Rees-Philipps, H. D. Thomas, P.G.S.D.; C. H. Edmonds, P.M. 444; Rev. H. E. Reynolds, P.P.G.C. Cambridgeshire; Rev. R. J. Thornton, P.G.C.; A. K. Hamilton.

A congratulatory letter from the lodge was forwarded to Major Chard in Zululand as soon as his gallant conduct was known to his brother Masons, and the address was at once prepared, to be presented on his return home.

Major Chard is a member of St. George's Lodge, in which he was initiated whilst he was quartered in Exeter. The address was beautifully illuminated by Mr. Faulkner White, of this city, and ran as follows:—"To Bro. John Rouse Merriott Chard.—We, the undersigned Master, Wardens, and Brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 112, desire to express to you our great admiration of the determined and well-sustained courage and gallantry with which you defended the post of Rorke's Drift against an overwhelming force of Zulu warriors on the night of the 22nd and morning of the 23rd Jan., 1879; our sincere congratulations on the well-deserved honours in the shape of a majority in the Army and the Victoria Cross for valour, with which Her Most Gracious Majesty has been pleased to recognise your gallant feat of arms; and our earnest hope that you may long be spared to serve your Queen and country with that devotion and courage you have so early evinced." Here follow the signatures of the officers and members of St. George's Lodge. The address

was presented in lodge, and Major Chard was most heartily welcomed and cheered. Afterwards the brethren entertained the Major at a banquet at the New London Hotel, but the proceedings were of a strictly private nature.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND

On Monday afternoon Bro. C. F. Matier, Supreme Magus of Scotland (by request of Dr. Woodman, S.M. of England), formally opened a new college at York, and installed Bro. T. B. Whythead as Chief Adept.

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORY OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The Provincial Priory of the Knights Templar and Malta for Northumberland and Durham was held under the banner of the Royal Kent Preceptory at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Friday, the 28th ult. The V.E. Prov. Grand Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Bannister, was received with the usual arch of steel. The Priory having been opened in due form, the muster roll of the Sir Knights was called, when the following appeared under arms:—Sir Knights Hotham, Brandt, Jackson, Jansen, Tuck, Beresford, Maddison, Fry, Martin, Bousfield, and others. The Sub-Prior, Sir Knight John Ironer, having resigned, Sir Knight H. Hotham, who has been a member of the Order for over forty years, was appointed Sub-Prior. The great officers and officers were then appointed and invested, the arms were collected, and the Provincial Priory closed. The Sir Knights then dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk.

GLOBE THEATRE.

"Les Clanches de Corneville," which reaches its 600th performance on Tuesday next, is still being played at this theatre with unabated interest, and, by all appearances, will resemble Tennyson's "Brook." There are one or two new artists introduced into the cast; also a new chorus. Miss Kate Munroe plays with great spirit her original character of *Serpentine*, as also does Miss Laura Clement the character of *Germaine*. Miss Clement, who possesses a very sweet voice, is to be commended for the careful manner in which she enacts her character. Mr. Wilford Morgan is an able *Marquis de Corneville*. Mr. Shiel Barry portrays the character of the *Aliser* as ably as ever, though the effect is somewhat marred by Mr. Righton, who, we think, somewhat overdraws the character of the *Bailie*. With this exception, everything is most creditable to the theatre and enjoyable to its patrons.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The presentation of a testimonial to Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., subscribed for by his late parishioners at St. Clement Danes, took place at Clement's-inn Hall on Thursday evening.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopgate, who has recently returned from America, preached at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Peckham, on Sunday evening last, on behalf of the National and Infant Schools.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., has contributed the sum of £200 to the Building Fund of the new Baptist Chapel at Loughborough-park, the memorial stone of which he recently laid.

Another instance of the inexplicable differences between the amounts of builders' tenders is reported in last week's *Builder*. For re-laying pipe-sewers at Hornsey, for the Local Board, the highest tender was £1095, and the lowest £399, only five tenders being sent in altogether.

The *Court Circular* announces that, although her Majesty has been prevented taking her usual outdoor exercise since Saturday last, in consequence of a chill, the Queen is much better. A Windsor correspondent writes that it is understood her Majesty's cold was attended with sore throat, and that it was this cause which necessitated the postponement for a few days of a reception by the Queen of the soldiers who had distinguished themselves in the recent campaigns.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1327, at the Britannia, Watham New Town, on Thursday, the 27th ult. Bro. Bradstock, 1327, Preceptor; Bro. Beavis (I.G. 879), W.M.; Bro. Robinson (J.D. 1327), S.W.; Bro. Noyes (S.D. 1327), J.W. The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m.

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Peach, I.G. 1237.
2nd " ...	" Wells, 1158.
3rd " ...	" Reilly, P.M. 1327.
4th " ...	" Davison, P.M. 299.
5th " ...	" Shepherd, 122.
6th " ...	" Lewis, W.S. 848.
7th " ...	" Noyes, S.D. 1327.

SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Jackson, P.M. 1475.
2nd " ...	" Martin, D.C. 879.
3rd " ...	" Garrad, I.G. 754.
4th " ...	" Robinson, J.D. 1327.
5th " ...	" Taylor, W.M. 753.

THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Bradstock, 1327.
2nd " ...	" Wise, P.M. 1158.
3rd " ...	" Kent, P.M. 879.

The Rowland Hill memorial scheme is being warmly taken up in Derby.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold and suite arrived at the Victoria Station at five o'clock on Wednesday evening, by special train, from the continent. His Royal Highness afterwards proceeded to Windsor on a visit to the Queen, where he arrived at 7.30 p.m.

The Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, was consecrated at Farnham, in Kent, on Monday last, by Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, P.P.G.S. West Kent, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Hill, Grand Chaplain Kent and England, and a large array of Provincial Officers and brethren of the Craft. A full report will appear in our next week's issue.

Owing to the continuation of the frost the Sandown Park Meeting Steeplechases are again postponed till Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next, December the 9th, 10th, and 11th.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer a Civil List Pension of £150 per annum upon the widow and five daughters of the late Mr. Peter Vargas, in consideration of his long and meritorious services as Superintendent of the Parliamentary Messengers under the Secretary of the Treasury.

The new Holborn Town Hall will be opened on Thursday, the 18th inst., by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, and the Sheriffs, Bros. Woollaton and Bayley.

A report of the installation meeting of St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, which was held on Tuesday last, will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Lord Mayor of the City of London, has become a Vice-President of the National Thrift Society.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, was present at the funeral of the Earl of Durham, which took place at Bowm Moor, on Wednesday last.

The annual dinner of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery (No. 4 Battery) will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday next, December 13th. Dinner on table at six o'clock p.m.

The inaugural dinner of the Master and Wardens of the Loriners' Company will take place on the 21st of January next. The Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, and the two Sheriffs, Bros. Woollaton and Bayley, have promised to attend.

The enterprise of Messrs. Spiers and Pond appears to know no bounds. For some time past, notwithstanding the size and capabilities of their various establishments, they have found great difficulty in fully meeting the demands made upon them. At the Criterion, especially, the pressure upon some of the departments became so great that it was imperative to make considerable additions to the building. The site of some adjoining shops was secured, the architect of the Criterion, Mr. Verity, was consulted, and upon his plans the present building, the Criterion Annex, was erected. There are many novelties to be introduced, but what concerns us most are the handsome and commodious Masonic Rooms, which, for convenience and luxury, are superior to anything we have ever seen, and we have no doubt that many lodges will hail with satisfaction the opportunity of locating themselves in such comfortable quarters.

"Saunders's Daily News Letter," the oldest newspaper in Ireland, expired on Monday last.

A supply of sea-water for London is again being proposed by means of a pumping station at Lancing and a series of aqueducts from thence to London.

An arrangement concluded between England and France, and since gazetted, provides that any distressed mariner of either country landing in a colony of the other country or in the territories of a third Power shall be supplied with board, lodging, clothing, and travelling expenses until he finds fresh employment or is able to leave. The arrangement is to come into operation on the 1st of January, and is terminable at twelve months' notice.

Among the earliest arrivals of the Christmas numbers of weekly papers is the *Sporting and Dramatic News*, which, in illustrations and literature, is equal to anything we have seen of the class. It will run the older Christmas numbers a very hard race, and we shall be greatly surprised if it is beaten by either of the well-known favourites. The general get up is chaste in the extreme, and the illustrations, both coloured and "black and white," of the highest merit.

We regret to hear that Bro. H. E. Francis is suffering from the effects of an encounter with a burglar who had broken into his premises; this prevented his attendance at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, where we believe he intended speaking on Bro. Stevens's motion.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire was held at Newport, on Monday last, when the Prov. G. Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, was re-elected for the ensuing three years. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

The last of the series of four grand subscription concerts, organised by Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G.O., took place in the dome of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday evening, and proved to be one of the most brilliant successes of the season.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, R.W.P.G.M. Derbyshire, has consented to allow his name to be placed on the Mansion House Committee List of the Sir Rowland Hill Memorial Fund.

The Cosmopolitan Masouic Pocket Book for 1880 is now ready, price 2s., post free 2s. 1d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C.—[Advrt.]

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, has subscribed £10 towards the Rowland Hill Memorial Fund.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR; Diary, and Pocket Book, for 1880.—London: George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, price post free 2s. 1d.—We do not remember seeing a more useful compendium of class information than is published in this neatly got up pocket book, which forms a complete manual of reference to the great brotherhood for whose use it is designed. Among its contents, besides the indispensable Masonic calendar, is a list of lodges (with dates ancient and modern), chapters, K.T. encampments, conclaves, and Grand Councils; with the names of officers in England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, the colonies, and in foreign countries, together with full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe. By a judicious arrangement, these details are condensed within the limits of a small and convenient pocket body (with neat roan cover and gilt), which should be in the possession of every member of the brotherhood. —*Baignton Examiner*, Dec. 2nd, 1879.

PARACELSUS.

Whose names were properly, it seems, Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Paracelsus Bombast von Hohenheim—was born in 1493, and died in 1541. His father was a medical man, and he devoted himself to the study of medicine also; but he superadded researches in chemistry, alchemy, and hermeticism. The accounts of Paracelsus are various and contradictory. According to some writers he was genial and able, profoundly learned, and most intellectual; according to others he was to a great extent illiterate, quarrelsome, given to debauchery, and semi-insane. His work were first published by Hufer in 1589-90, and no doubt in his alchemical and hermetic speculations some of the high grade and German Rose Croix teaching may be found by the curious searcher. Beyond this he has no connection with Freemasonry.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 12, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, the Chequers, Walthamstow.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bdge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Piccadilly.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 29, Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Court.

Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 58, Felicity, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Hot., Stepney.
Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
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.
Colonial, Board at 4.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor H., Hammersmith.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand,
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's H., Covent Garden.
" 1803, Cornhill, New City Club, Lombard-st.
Ch Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tav.
R Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.F., 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, DECEMBER 10.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, Sth. London M.H., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 781, Merchant, Navy Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
" 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms H., St. John's Wd.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Ho., Wapping.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart H., U. Norwd.
" 1677, Crusaders, N. Market Hot., W. Smithfield.
" 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-st., S.W.
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, 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, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Copper, Guildhall Tav.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head Qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1791, Creaton, F.M.H.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 619, Beadon, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Mark 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st. W.
" 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Basinghall-st.
K.T. Precep. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-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, DECEMBER 12.

Lodge 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Great Priory of England, Cannon-st. Hot.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 13, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, M.H., Liverpool.
" 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bldgs, Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.C., Birkenhead.
" 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 50, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 13, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 1253, Travellers, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
Mark 171, Union, M.H., Oldham.
Precep. Jerusalem, M.H., Manchester.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Chap. 163, Integrity, M.H., Manchester.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.
" 191, St. John's, Knowsley Hot., Bury.
" 204, Caledonian, M.H., Manchester.
" 288, Harmony, M.H., Todmorden.
" 852, Zetland, Albert Hot., Salford.
" 854, Albert, Duke of York, Shaw.
Chap. 62, Social, Queen's Hot., Manchester.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 1055, Derby, M.R., Bedford-st., Manchester.
" 1144, Milton, Commercial Hot., Ashton-under-L.
" 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.
" 1147, St. David, M.H., Manchester.
" 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.
Chap. 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Hot., Rochdale.
" 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hot., Bacup.
Mark (T.I.) St. John's, Commercial Hot., Bolton.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Lodge 815, Blair, Tower Hall, Hulme.
Precep. Faith, M.R., 20, King-st., Wigan.

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