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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The December meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, December 4th, at the Cannon-street Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. Chas. Arkell, W.M.; Legge, I.P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, S.W.; S. T. Lucas, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Chillingworth, S.D.; H. A. Pratt, I.G.; H. A. Carter, Steward; T. Fisher, B. Perkins, J. Cook, Thomas Agutter, Henry Stevenson, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. A. Carter proposed that ten per cent. of the entire receipts of the lodge be each year written off the general account and placed to the charity fund account, to be thereafter dealt with as prescribed in the bye-laws. This proposition was fully discussed, the result being that Bro. Carter withdrew his proposition. The lodge was then closed in due form.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 27th ult. There were present Bros. Neville Green, W.M.; W. H. Brand, S.W.; J. Brasted, J.W.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; T. C. Chapman, P.M.; E. Dignam, S.D.; C. Lorkin, J.D.; J. L. Payne, I.G.; A. Ferrar, D.C.; R. Polak, W.S.; Varney, Moon, George, Bell, A. Olley, Beasley, Reynolds, Hill, Harding-Watkins, and Fisher. The minutes of the preceding regular meeting and lodge of emergency, including a resolution to remove to the Moorgate-street Station Restaurant, E.C., were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Bell was raised to the Third Degree. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and Bros. W. H. Brand, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. Bro. N. Green, W.M., in an appropriate address, presented Bros. Lee, P.M. and Secretary, and Chapman, P.M., a past Treasurer of the lodge, with jewels, previously voted by the lodge, for their valuable services in their respective offices, which were suitably acknowledged by the recipients. The usual Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Green, W.M., for his able and efficient services during the past year. The brethren then adjourned to a substantial repast, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and suitably responded to, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment.

ST. DUNSTAN LODGE (No. 1589).—This highly successful parochial lodge mustered strongly on the 26th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. Dodson, P.M. Constitution, W.M.; Reeves, S.W.; Woodbridge, J.W.; Alfred Tisley, Sec.; H. Dalwood, I.P.M.; Gruggen, acting S.D. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Manners; Low, J.D.; Clemow, D.C., acting I.G.; Farrington, jun., Org.; Farrington, sen., W.S.; J. C. Dwarber, P.M.; W. Wellman, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Lemper, S.D. 1275; Clark, I.G. 1662; Cox, 8; Jacobs, 206; Newton, 1258; and T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx. (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. N. W. M. Maxwell, No. 60, as a joining member, and for Messrs. R. C. Downer, F.R.G.S., B. Freeman, and W. M. Edwards as initiates, and it proved to be unanimously in their favour. The three latter gentlemen being in attendance they were then duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., the ceremonial being ably performed. A resolution having been passed that the sum of £42 should be taken out of the lodge funds towards defraying the expenses of the summer festival, and a distressed brother of a Metropolitan lodge having been handsomely relieved out of the Benevolent Fund, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren partook of a most excellent and admirably served

banquet, which reflected great credit upon Bro. Clemow, the caterer. The preliminary toasts having been duly proposed and loyally honoured, the I.P.M. gave with much warmth and earnestness "The Health of the W.M.," who in his reply expressed among other things the great pleasure it had afforded him in presiding over so large an assemblage of the brethren as had met that day notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. "The Initiates" followed, and drew from each newly-admitted brother in response a few appropriate remarks. In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon the quantity and quality of the brethren that had from time to time honoured the St. Dunstan with their presence. On that occasion they were favoured with the company of six visiting brethren, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them, and in conclusion he said he should couple the name of Bro. Cox with the toast, as he represented one of the oldest and most distinguished lodges in the Craft, namely the British. This toast having been received with acclamation, Bro. Cox made a brief but most pertinent reply. "The Past Masters" followed, and having been drunk with that cordiality which so important a toast demanded, Bros. Dalwood, Dwarber, and Wellman individually responded, the latter brother's speech being full of point and humour. "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Principal Officers," "The Junior Officers," and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, thanks to the musical efforts of Bros. Farrington, jun., Tisley, Raddle, Cox, Esson, and others.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The usual meeting of the brethren of this prosperous lodge was held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Francis Rowley, the W.M., and despite the notice on the summons, "no banquet," by some considered ominous of a small attendance, the W.M. was supported by his officers, Bros. J. Weston, S.W.; John Osborn, J.W.; and others. Among those present were Bros. I.P.M. Coombes, and Past Masters E. Lionel, Edward E. Sim, and R. G. Thomas, the manager of the popular Mohawk Minstrels, who is also the Organist of the lodge. The principal business consisted in conferring the F.C. Degree upon Bro. Isaac Eisenstein, which work was most efficiently performed by the W.M. and his officers, and the lodge was duly closed in the usual manner.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met in good strength at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. Charles Jacques, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; W. H. Jackson, jun., I.P.M., Sec.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; M. Samuel, S.D.; Strugnell, D.C.; E. Hart, Org.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.J.W. Middlesex, P.M., &c.; and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Dubois, Macdonald, and Acland, Lodge of Israel. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Jackson, jun., who raised Bro. Wildash to the Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being well performed. The draft bye-laws as approved by the Committee were then submitted to the lodge, and they were, with a few trifling alterations, adopted. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Bro. Dubois responded upon behalf of "The Visitors" in a neat and appropriate speech. "The Health of the Officers" followed, and drew from the W.M. some very warm and flattering remarks upon the merits and services of the brethren forming that important body. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Jackson, I.P.M. and Secretary, at the request of his colleagues, returned thanks. The success of the proceedings after the banquet was greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal exertions of Bros. Hart, Potter, Ramsey, Jacques, Samuel, and others.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday week, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Louis Stean, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. G. F. Barr, S.W., W.M. elect; Barham, J.W.; H. E. Henderson, Chap.; C. Stevens, Treas.; Cox, Sec.; Elias Benjamin, S.D.; H. Jones, J.D.; H. J. F. Gales, D. of C.; A. G. Clement, I.G.; and C. T. Speight, P.M. 27, P.G. Tyler Surrey, Tyler; W. Clarke, Prov. G.D. of C. Norfolk; W. H. Brand, R. S. Mendey, John Staff, H. Waynforth, J. Funston, W. Beasley, W. Snellgrove, W. Stevens, Frank Matthews, J. B. Burnard, W. Provost, Thomas Lawrence, R. Drysdale, W. E. Cole, E. T. Henman, and J. Tidball. The following were the visitors: Bros. Dr. Pottle, Past P.G.W. Herts; R. Illsley, P.M., P.G.S. Berks; W. H. Bateman, W.M. 12; G. Anderson, W.M. 60, P.G.S.; George Burford, W.M. 754; R. R. Harper, W.M. 813; Richard Jennings, W.M. 907; C. W. Cox, W.M. 1566; J. T. Lacey, P.M. 49; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; H. Stephens, P.M. 754; H. Lloyd, P.M. 780; H. H. Hodges, P.M. 795 and 1566; T. E. Purdy, P.M. 861; W. H. Stokes, P.M. 861; John Dennis, P.M. 907; T. Griffiths, P.M. 907; F. A. White, P.M. 907; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; Robt. Nicholson, 1566; E. M. Adams, S.D. 1685; G. J. Turner, J.D. 183; L. E. Stean, J.D. 212; A. T. Leech, J.D. 749; James Garrod, I.G. 754; D. Matthews, 12; H. Sarson, 70; J. J. Mustart, 174; J. W. Long, 569; T. Glass, 813; W. F. Green, 861; T. Butt, 907; W. Lamarque, 917; C. Robson, 960; G. H. F. Rowe, 1096; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; G. E. Howes, 1437; P. Edwards, 1816; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). After the usual business

had been transacted, ballot was taken for Mr. James George Moore, which resulted unanimously in his favour. The lodge was then advanced, when Bro. John Staff was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro. George Thomas Barr was then presented for installation, which ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Louis Stean, who received valuable assistance from Bro. W. Clarke, P.M., the able D. of C. On the re-entry of the brethren, the usual salutations were given, and the following appointed as officers for the ensuing year: —Bros. Barham, S.W.; E. Benjamin, J.W.; H. E. Henderson, Chaplain; C. Stevens, Treas.; Cox, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; A. Clement, J.D.; J. Funston, I.G.; E. Walker, D. of C.; F. Matthews, W.S.; Young, Organist; C. T. Speight, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. G. T. Barr, then commenced his year of office by initiating Mr. Moore into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, which ceremony he very ably delivered. The next business was that of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Louis Stean, the first Master and one of the founders of the lodge, together with a handsomely framed illuminated testimonial on vellum. The inscription, which was written in a most complimentary vein, was signed by every member of the lodge, and, in presenting it, the W.M. said: As the first W.M. he (Bro. Stean) had gained the respect and admiration of every member for his great courtesy and his unceasing endeavours to do everything for the good of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Barr) felt very delighted at having such a Past Master to whom he could look for every support. It gave him extreme pleasure to present his Bro. Stean with such a handsome jewel and address, which had been voted to him by the lodge in recognition of his high worth and for the valuable services rendered. Bro. Stean, in feeling terms, thanked the brethren, and said he felt proud and honoured to be so esteemed. He had always striven to do his best to make the lodge second to none in the Craft. He had received able support from the officers. He was very grateful for the jewel, and felt very proud of it, but he must own he felt more proud of the testimonial, as many of his friends, who could not for obvious reasons be present at the lodge, would see it elsewhere. He concluded by congratulating the lodge on its great success, knowing nothing to prevent the continuance of the same, and thanking the brethren for the kind support they had always given him. The lodge was then closed. After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bro. W. Clarke, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C. Norfolk (in the absence of Bro. Terry), eloquently responded on behalf of the "Masonic Charities," and in the course of his remarks, said that in the long list of toasts generally honoured there was none more deserving than that of the Charities. He regretted the absence of his esteemed Bro. Terry, who he could but poorly represent. He (Bro. Clarke) had a great admiration for the three Masonic Institutions, there being, he thought, scarcely a choice between them. If he had a leaning towards one, more than another, it was to the old people's Institution. He deemed it a very grand thing to have such an Institution, where brethren in the decline of life, suffering from all sorts of infirmities, could look forward to, to spend their last days, should adversity beset them. It is a pleasure to assist such a deserving Institution, for no one knows but what he may at some time require its assistance. At the conclusion of Bro. Clarke's address, which was warmly applauded, the charity box was passed around with good results.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 4th inst., which was very scantily attended, no doubt owing to the severity of the weather. Bro. Braham, W.M., presided, assisted by the following: Bros. Ashley, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W., Treasurer; T. Brown, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; Rubie, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; F. Wilkinson, I.P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; Moutrie, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W.; Peel Floyd, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Radway, Secretary; Murlis as S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; Holmes, I.G.; Peach, Steward; and Bigwood, Tyler. There were several visitors, among them Bro. Howes, W.M. 906. The lodge was opened at a quarter to eight. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. H. L. Brown was examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The candidate was re-admitted and raised to the rank of M.M. by the W.M. The traditionary history was given by Bro. Moutrie; the symbolism of the working tools was explained by Bro. Mercer; and the charge was given by the S.W. The lodge was resumed in the Second and then in the First Degree. The Secretary read the bye-laws in accordance with regulations. He also brought up a report from the Permanent Committee, several meetings of which had been held in reference to a revision of the old form of ritual used in this lodge, when certain alterations had been agreed upon, which would be adopted in due course. Bro. Ashley supplemented the report by a statement that he and other old P.M.'s had jealously guarded and maintained all the distinguishing peculiarities of the old ritual, and that the changes were chiefly in regard to forms of expression. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and other private business was transacted. The lodge was closed at a quarter to ten.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Freemason-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at 6.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Frampton, supported by many eminent P.M.'s and visitors. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. Dobbins and Innes were examined, and giving satisfaction, they retired. The lodge was opened in the Second

Degree, when they were re-admitted and made F.C. Masons. The Installing Master, Bro. Frampton, proceeded with the ceremony. Bro. Dr. John Potts was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Pearson, P.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The Secretary read the ancient charges, to all of which Bro. Potts gave his unqualified assent. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when the ceremony of installation was completed in a highly Masonic manner. The lodge was closed to the First Degree. The W.M. then installed the following brethren: Bros. Frampton, I.P.M.; Sutherst, S.W.; Smart, J.W.; Riseborough, Treas.; Stiles, Sec.; Hudson, S.D.; Wilson, J.D.; Whinham, Org.; Burns, I.G.; Somerville and Craven, Stewards; and Brown, Tyler. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

MAIDSTONE.—Belvedere Lodge (No. 503).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Tuesday last, the 9th inst., and more than ordinary interest was manifested in the event from the fact that the worthy and respected Town Clerk of Maidstone, Bro. Herbert Monckton, was to be installed into the chair by his brother, Bro. John Braddick Monckton, Town Clerk of London, who has for many years taken an immense interest in the Craft, and especially the numerous Charities connected with it. The ceremony of installation took place at the Town Hall, kindly granted for the occasion, where a goodly number of the members of the Belvedere and other lodges in the province assembled. Amongst those present were Bros. J. R. Foord, W.M.; J. B. Monckton, Installing Master; H. Monckton, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; C. G. Long, S.D.; Reader, J.D.; Nicholson, I.G.; Rev. T. Robinson, 709, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Allen, 144; W. H. Parsons, 1373; H. Gillespie, 1725; G. Naylor, 20; J. W. Menpes, 1725; and the following Past Masters and brethren of the Belvedere Lodge, 503: Bros. J. S. Ancomb, R. G. Pike, R. Sargent, J. Hunt, J. H. Clarke, J. Cruttenden, H. Cruttenden, Chittenden, Waller, R. T. Tatham, T. Wells, G. Baker, G. F. Baker, Thornhill, Shrubsole, Gray, and others. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Monckton, and the W.M., Bro. Herbert Monckton, having taken the chair, the formula was completed, and the following officers invested: Bros. Piper, S.W.; C. G. Long, J.W.; Reader, S.D.; Nicholson, J.D.; Cornell, I.G.; E. Page, Steward; Kite, Sec.; Harpur, Treas.; and Case, Tyler. A pleasing feature of the day's proceedings was the presentation to Bro. J. R. Foord of a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. R. Foord, Belvedere Lodge, No. 503, as a token of respect, Dec. 2, 1879." At the conclusion of the business of the day, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Star Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by the host, Bro. Keeley. About seventy sat down, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, Bro. H. Monckton, who was supported on the left by his brother, the Town Clerk of London, and on the right by Bro. Foord, the I.P.M. The customary loyal toasts having been given from the chair, that of "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. J. B. Monckton, who, in responding, spoke of the pleasure it had given him to undertake the ceremony of the installation of a brother in a double sense, and in his old mother lodge the Belvedere. Referring to the Officers of Grand Lodge, he said they were a worthy body of men, and excellent examples of what Grand Officers should be. The toast of "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," was most enthusiastically received, as was also that of "Bro. Eastes, and the Officers of the Province." The toast of "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Monckton," was entrusted to Bro. Wells, P.M., and received with great enthusiasm. The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the proposer for the flattering terms of his speech, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received it. Having referred in appreciative terms to the ceremony of his installation, he ventured to suggest that in the coming year of political strife, although politics were strictly excluded from their meetings, the younger members of the lodge should not allow any feelings of strife to interfere with the harmony and brotherly feelings of Masonry. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Belvedere Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Foord; that of "The Treasurer" (in the absence of Bro. Harpur), by Bro. Swinfen; and of "The Secretary" by Bro. Kite, who referred to his long connection with the lodge, and the pleasure it gave him to again serve them as Secretary. "The Health of the Visitors" was given by the worthy W.M., and the Rev. Bro. Robinson, in an impressive speech, spoke of the excellent principles which Freemasonry was designed to promote. Founded on the volume of the sacred law, it taught them their duty to God and their neighbour, and led them to respect one another in the different positions into which God had called them. "The Health of the Wardens and Officers" concluded the toast list. The pleasure of the evening, we should state, was greatly enhanced by the excellent programme of music given by Messrs. Rhodes and Moulden, of Canterbury Cathedral, assisted by Miss Nelly McEwen.

STOURPORT.—Vernon Lodge (No. 560).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge room at the Swan Hotel, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. T. Meredith, 377 and 560, P.G.A.D.C., who was well supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Stokes, 252, P.P.S.G.W.; Fitzgerald, P.P.S.G.D.; George Taylor, P.M. and Treasurer 377, and P.S.G.D.; E. A. Broome, P.P.G.P.; George Grosvenor, P.P.G.R.; J. Blundell, P.M. and Treasurer 560, P.P.G.R.; Buck, 280, P.G. Supt. Wks.; Hilary Hill, P.M. 280; McCandless, W.M. 377; T. Pike, W.M. 1204; Stinger, 377;

Ryder, 1792; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Whitfield Naylor, was presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. George Taylor, P.M., and was inducted into the chair of King Solomon in an impressive manner by Bro. J. T. Meredith, the retiring W.M. At this stage the lodge was honoured by the presence of the R.W.P.G.M., Sir Edmund Lechmere, and he having taken the chair, was received by the brethren with royal honours. The R.W.P.G.M. having desired the W.M. elect to resume his chair, the remainder of the ceremony was performed by Bro. George Taylor, P.M., and has seldom been given in a more earnest and impressive manner. The lodge listened with the greatest attention, and Bro. Taylor, at the conclusion of the ceremony, and after lodge had been closed, was warmly congratulated, this being the first time that he had acted as Installing Master. The W.M., Bro. Naylor, then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, the usual instructions and a few appropriate remarks being made to each by Bro. Fitzgerald, P.P.S.G.D.: Bros. Robert Blundell, S.W.; Comber, J.W., pro. tem., in the absence in Ireland of J. Ormsby, J.W.; Danks, S.D.; Vale, J.D.; H. Preen, I.G. (pro. tem.); J. Blundell, Treasurer; J. T. Meredith, Secretary; and Mills, Tyler. The brethren then, in celebration of the feast of St. John, adjourned to a choice banquet presided over by the W.M. After the usual loyal and the earlier Masonic toasts had been given and honoured, the W.M. rose and proposed "The Health of their distinguished guest, the R.W.P.G.M. of Worcestershire, Sir Edmund Lechmere." He said the Vernon Lodge was exceedingly gratified by the visit of their P.G.M., which was the more pleasant because totally unexpected. The W.M. believed that this was the first occasion of Sir Edmund coming to Stourport since Provincial Grand Lodge had been held there, and he considered it as a great compliment to him, and to the lodge, that he had attended this installation. He hoped that the R.W.P.G.M. would be able to come and see the working of the lodge on an ordinary occasion, for it was his desire to have plenty of work during the coming year, and he hoped to do that work well, for he knew that his officers would give him the heartiest support, and thus they trusted to be always ready should the P.G.M. do them the honour to come and see them again unexpectedly. It was a great encouragement to the brethren to see the interest their R.W.P.G.M. was taking in Masonry and in every individual lodge in the province. The R.W.P.G.M., in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the brethren, and to visit the Vernon Lodge. He stated that although his visit had been made without any notice, he was pleased to find the lodge so strongly represented. He intended thus to visit lodges at all times throughout the province; he only regretted that his numerous engagements had prevented his being present in lodge during the first part of the interesting ceremony performed that day, but from what he had seen of the working of the lodge he had derived great pleasure. He wished especially to allude to the impressive manner in which Bro. Taylor had performed the concluding portion of the installing ceremony, which must have afforded great satisfaction and delight to the brethren. The R.W.P.G.M. having proposed "The Health of the newly-elected W.M.," the toast of "The Visitors" was next duly honoured, and after the Tyler's toast the brethren separated.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's School, on Monday, the 9th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Eggleston, supported by many able P.M.'s. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. Lackenby and Burlinson, candidates for the Second Degree, were examined, and giving satisfaction, they retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Lackenby and Burlinson were regularly admitted and made F.C. Masons. Bro. Thompson, a candidate for the Third Degree, was examined, and retired. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when Bro. Thompson was admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was regularly reduced to the First Degree. "Hearty good wishes" from Bro. Sears, W.M. of the Emulation Lodge, 299, Dartford. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

ROMILY.—Oakwood Lodge (No. 1126).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Stock Dove Inn on Thursday, the 27th ult. There were present Bros. T. Wilkinson, acting W.M.; R. Ballantine, S.W.; Jno. Gray, J.W.; Jas. Hartley, Treas.; Robt. Gray, Sec.; J. Mitchell, S.D.; H. Woodall, J.D.; T. Booth, acting I.G.; J. Denneley, Tyler; W. Greig, Henry Howard, R. Wilkinson, P.M.; Saml. Howe, John Plant, Geo. H. Jackson, G. A. Robinson, P.M.; and visitors: Bros. H. Howard, P.M. 1126, P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire; Drinkwater, Jno. Beech, P.M. 361, P.P.G. Purst. Cheshire; and R. R. Lenden, 317 (Freemason). The lodge was opened at seven o'clock with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Geo. H. Jackson being ready and willing to take his Second Degree was interrogated, and having very satisfactorily answered withdrew. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and on the re-admission of Bro. Johnson he was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M. The manner in which this ceremony was performed by the W.M. and his officers reflects the greatest credit to the lodge. This being the usual night for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, the usual proceedings were gone through, which resulted in favour of Bro. R. Ballantine for the first-named honour; Bro. Hartley for the second (re-elected); and Bro. Denneley for the third (re-elected). Bro. Ballantine briefly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. After some discussion as to the fixtures for a lodge of emergency and the St. John's Festival, the lodge was lowered to the First Degree.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.20. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, but some of them, ourselves amongst the number, having to return to Manchester by the 8.54 train, prevented further particulars being noted.

SUDBURY.—Stour Valley Lodge (No. 1224).—The eleventh anniversary of this lodge and installation of the Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Market-hill, on Friday, the 5th inst. The brethren assembled at four o'clock, and the lodge having been opened, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the highly esteemed D.P.G.M. Suffolk, and P.G. Chaplain of England, and Immediate Past Master, most impressively performed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Robt. E. Jones, S.W., being duly installed in "the chair of King Solomon," with all the ancient rites and ceremonies, "proclaimed in the north, south, east, and west," and saluted in ancient form by the assembled brethren. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. H. C. Canham, S.W.; S. Spurgin, J.W.; E. R. Boulter, S.D.; Geo. Murrells, J.D.; T. Ardley, I.G.; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; F. Wheeler, P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; W. H. Smith, D.C.; H. Welham, P.M., Steward; and H. M. Sholl, Tyler. Bro. Lieut. J. S. De Beauvoir Yelloly, R.N., was balloted for, and elected a joining member. Mr. Christie E. Mauldon and Mr. F. E. Dunn were next balloted for, elected, and duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremonies were well worked by the newly-installed W.M., a charge being afterwards delivered by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, I.P.M. Additional interest was attached to the initiations, the two candidates having been recently elected Town Councillors. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of thirty, adjourned from "labour to refreshment" to a banquet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, splendidly served up by Mrs. Hansell. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the names of the W.M., Bro. Jones, who presided, and Bro. H. C. Canham, S.W., vice-chairman, being most cordially received, as well as the Installing Officer, Bro. Martyn, and the newly-initiated Masons. The remainder of the evening was most pleasantly spent in harmony and good fellowship, the gathering having been one of the most successful the lodge has ever had. Besides those mentioned above the following members of the lodge were present:—Bros. W. L. Lewis, A. Boggis, F. W. Gee, E. Flowerday, C. N. Row, C. W. Grimwood, S. Cooper, G. F. Swain, N. Aprile, C. Emmerson, P.M.; G. H. Grimwood, P.M.; C. J. Cardinall, and A. Grimwood. Visitors: Bros. A. Peacock, P.M. Temple Lodge, 118; C. Cooke, W.M.; J. W. Collins, S.W., P.G. Chaplain Suffolk; T. Stokoe, Sec.; T. Klamkowski, J.W., all of the Royal Clarence Lodge, 1823, Clare; J. B. King, Egyptian, 27; and W. H. L. Jones, Royal St. Edmunds, 1008.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—On Saturday last, the 6th inst., the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the large room of the Conservative Club, Miles Platting. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer at 3.30 p.m., by Bro. Wm. Cox, W.M., assisted by the officers of the lodge. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. E. Iliff, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; A. Yaxley, S.D.; W. Nicholson, J.D.; A. Hebden, I.G.; M. Hyams and A. B. Goodchild, Stewards; Chas. Beswick, Tyler; W. H. Flynn, J. Cooper, R. Nelson, F. Kingston, W. A. Barton, G. H. Needle, P.M.; T. Tyers, P.M.; S. Needham, P.M.; and visiting Bros. F. H. Dale, 1773; J. Greenup, S.W. 581; J. W. Hester, 1011; John Rogers, 1219; Chas. Ray, 152; J. Howarth, 1392; M. Davies, 667; J. S. Leach, 1077; E. J. Cummins, W.M. 1459; T. Heap, W.M. 1077; H. Darbyshire, P.M., acting W.M. 581; H. Lister, P.M. 1011; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; J. Kinder, P.M. 387; E. Everatt, 1077; A. B. Everatt, 1045; Robt. Leach, W.M. 1219; W. H. Anderton, P.M. 1161. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and duly confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. requested Bro. Robt. Caldwell, P.M., P.G.S.B. E.L., Installing Master, to proceed with the ceremony of installation, which was very ably performed by that distinguished and able brother, assisted by Bros. Cox and Needham, Past Masters of the lodge. The officers for the past year were in each case advanced to the higher position, except the Secretary (resigned), when Bro. J. H. Hall was invested to the important office. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer at 6 o'clock. At 6.30 the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Johnson, and ably served up by a numerous staff of efficient assistants. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., Bro. J. E. Iliff, who also presented the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Cox, with a gold Past Master's jewel as a slight recognition of the many services rendered to the lodge. The presentation was with much feeling acknowledged by Bro. Cox. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was very neatly proposed by one of the Past Masters, and responded to by most of the visiting brethren. A very interesting programme was gone through by the following musical brethren: Bros. Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; H. Lister, P.M. 1011; Chas. Turner, W. Nicholson, S.D. 1458; pianist, J. Howarth, O. 1392, and the brethren, after spending a most enjoyable evening, retired at 10.30 p.m.

MANCHESTER.—Ashbury Lodge No. 1459).—The installation meeting of this thriving lodge was held at the Justice Birch Hotel, West-street, Gorton, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. Thos. Hughes, W.M.; E. Cummings, S.W.; S. N. Newton, J.W.; P. F. Brownridge, I.P.M.; Edwin J. Reynolds, Sec.; John Gallagher, P.M., D. of C.; Jas. Abbott, Treas.; Joseph Meadows, Tyler; Thos.

Aspinall, P.M.; Jas. Wright, Jos. Worwald, W. Drabble, and John Storey. Visitors: Bros. Peter Royle, M.D., P.M. 44, 1357, 300, 64, P.P.S.G.D. of C.; Benj. Taylor, P.M. 935, Prov. G. Treas., E.L.; Henry Johnson, 935; John Greenup, S.W. 581; Abr. Pemberton, 1030; Wm. Parker, W.M. 993; Jno. Jenison, late 1054; W. Sturm, W.M. 1161; J. Bonehill, P.M. 152, 277; J. Hukey, W. Hoyland, W.M. 1083; Dr. Walls, 1219; Jos. Greenwood, 852; John Bird Sumner, 163; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at three o'clock with prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. John Gallagher (Installing Master) then introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Cummings, and after the usual preliminaries and the retirement of the M.M.'s a Board of Past Masters was formed, and Bro. Cummings was duly installed Worshipful Master of the Ashbury Lodge for the ensuing year. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. John Gallagher proclaimed the fact of Bro. Cummings having been installed W.M. of the lodge, and the customary salutations were given. Bro. Benj. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas., next proceeded to invest the newly appointed officers as follows: Bros. John H. Newton, S.W.; Jas. Wright, J.W.; Beeston (by deputy), S.D.; W. Harvey, J.D.; Roberts (by deputy), I.G.; John Gallagher, P.M., D. of C. (re-appointed); Benjn. Abbott, Treas. (re-appointed); and Jos. Meadows, Tyler (re-appointed.) The addresses were given to the W.M. by Bro. Thos. Hughes, I.P.M., and to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. Benjn. Abbott. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5 o'clock. The St. John's Festival had been arranged to take place at Belle Vue Gardens, and an omnibus was all ready waiting to convey the brethren thereto. The general arrangements of the banquet, and the manner in which it was served, reflected great credit on Bro. Jenison, who is one of the proprietors of the gardens. As soon as the appetites of the brethren had been satisfied, and "Grace after meat" had been said, the W.M. proposed "The Health of H.M.G.M. the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was enthusiastically received, and loyally responded to. The toasts of "Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. Grand Master, and the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M.," followed, and were suitably acknowledged. In response to the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie," Bro. Peter Royle, M.D., said it gave him great pleasure to reply to this toast inasmuch as he was glad to notice the cordiality with which it had been received. They all knew, at least all those who had seen and heard Col. Starkie at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in Salford knew, the great interest that their Prov. G. Master took in all Masonic matters relating to the Province of East Lancashire. Their province held the proud position of being the largest in the world, and there was nothing that Col. Starkie felt more proud of than in being at its head, and he (Bro. Royle) felt sure that the Provincial Grand Master would be pleased to hear of the prosperity of the Ashbury Lodge. Bro. Benj. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas., in responding to the toast of "Bro. Geo. Mellor, W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers," said it was a matter of regret to him that their Dep. Prov. G. Master was not present, as it would have been gratifying to him to witness the completeness with which the arrangements had been carried out. He had not the honour of visiting the Ashbury Lodge before that day, but he felt that the loss was his, and he thought that it was something for them to be proud of in being able to produce amongst their numbers brethren who were capable of performing an installation ceremony without having to go outside their own lodge for assistance, and in thanking them for the cordial reception they had given him he wished the lodge every success. Bro. Thos. Hughes in proposing the toast of their "Worshipful Master, Bro. E. Cummings," expressed his pleasure at being privileged in so doing, and also in having to retire from the chair in favour of their present W.M. He felt sure that there would be no superior, if any equal, to their Worshipful Master, and that so far as prompting was concerned he felt quite certain Bro. Cummings would never require it, as he had nothing to learn, and whatever he undertook would be done in a thoroughly earnest and satisfactory manner. In concluding his remarks Bro. Hughes said he had no doubt the brethren of the Ashbury Lodge thoroughly appreciated their W.M., and he would ask them to drink his health in a bumper. The toast was responded to in such a hearty and genuine manner that made apparent the correctness of the I.P.M.'s remarks. The W.M. in reply, said he thanked Bro. Hughes and the brethren very kindly for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and remarked that in holding the proud position to which they had that day installed him, he felt that his humble efforts while filling the various offices in the lodge, commencing at the bottom of the ladder, had at last brought him to the top, and he trusted his younger brethren would, when elected to any office, persevere with earnest endeavours to attain the same position as he now occupied. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of their I.P.M., Bro. Hughes, and the Past Masters of the Lodge," said it afforded him great gratification to present him, in the name of the lodge, with a gold Past Master's jewel as a proof of the respect and esteem in which he was held by them all. The jewel, which was of eighteen-carat gold, and bore an appropriate inscription, was handed round for the inspection of the brethren, and afterwards pinned on the breast of Bro. Hughes by the W.M. The I.P.M. in a few well chosen sentences thanked the brethren for their gift. Bros. Moores and Gallagher responded for the Past Masters. Other toasts followed, and the intervals between each were enlivened by some thoroughly good glees and solos, executed by Bros. Turner, Fielding, and Ellis, while Bro. Milller

proved himself an able accompanist. The brethren separated at eleven o'clock. We had almost forgotten to state that during the evening a letter was read from Bro. Hall, a P.M. of the lodge, and now residing in South Africa, expressing "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. and all the members of the lodge. Bro. Hall is universally esteemed by the brethren, and during his presidency proved himself one of the best workers in the province.

WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—Bro. R. R. L. Rosoman, the re-elected W.M. of this lodge (so called after the Roman station, now named Bitterne, which it embraces), was re-installed on the 3rd inst., the duty, in the absence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Hickman, being ably discharged by Bro. W. Bowyer, the Secretary, and a Past Master of the lodge, in the presence of a goodly number of brethren, including Bros. J. T. Bowyer, Brown, Wilson, Loney, Dr. Symonds, Dr. Turner, Capt. Ward, Capt. Martin, R.N., P.M.; Williams; the Rev. Leigh, Chaplain Isaac Newton Lodge, Cambridge; Bone, W.M. 394; Rev. Scott, P.P.G. Chaplain; T. P. Payne, P.M. 130; S. S. Pearce, P.M. 1780; Crew, Treas. 1112; and Parkinson, W.M. elect 1112; letters of apology for inability to attend being read from the Worshipful Masters of Lodges 130 and 359. The W.M., following the compliment paid to himself by the lodge, both for his zeal in promoting its efficiency and usefulness and for his great interest in the work of erecting a Masonic hall at Woolston, the arrangements for which are now nearly complete, re-appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. G. J. Tilling, I.P.M.; Capt. R. W. Evans, S.W.; W. H. Chapman, J.W.; Rev. W. S. French, Chap.; E. A. Andrews, Treas.; Walter Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; J. Methven, S.D.; J. C. Stroud, J.D.; E. Waters, D.C.; W. Fowler, Org.; D. O. Hobbs, I.G.; R. Scovell and F. Ekless, Stewards; and Vane and Morten, Tylers. A candidate having been initiated, before the lodge closed a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his services during the past year. Bro. Capt. T. H. M. Martin, R.N., P.M., in making the proposition, alluded to the great exertions of Bro. Rosoman, as well as to his munificent donations towards erecting the Masonic hall for the brethren, which, it is confidently expected, will be built during the year now begun; a letter from Bro. Tankerville Chamberlayne being read, intimating his willingness to transfer a piece of land for the purpose forthwith. A banquet, well served by Mr. Penny, was afterwards held at Woolston College, at which the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening spent.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. W. T. Turner, W.M., in the chair. The following were also present:—Bros. W. Vance, S.W.; W. Burgess, J.W. pro tem.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; E. West, P.M., Treas.; J. A. Elder, S.D.; W. G. Holloway, D.C.; M. Sherwin, Org.; W. Mill, A. Ives, C. Guy, W. Mitchell, T. Tollurst, F. Phillips, M. Kaul, G. Brighthouse, J. C. Smith, 1744; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). The business before the lodge consisted of the passing of Bros. Mitchell and Brightmore, and the raising of Bro. A. Ives, both ceremonies being ably worked by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a cold collation. Upon re-assembling round the social board the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which having been honoured, Bro. West, P.M., briefly proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who as briefly responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Smith and Jolly, and then, in reply for "The Past Masters," Bro. Ives spoke eloquently of the duties attached to the office of Past Master, which were not to be passed through without earnest work and unflinching zeal, but to be so exalted by example as to make it not only worthy of them but adjuncts to the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. They had an example of what could be done by a working Past Master in the sacred cause of charity in the person of their I.P.M., Bro. Manning, who had undertaken to stand Steward for the lodge at the coming festivals, and he, by his perseverance and the assistance of the lodge, had got upwards of £50, and meant to double it before the time came to give an account of his Stewardship. He concluded a speech full of eloquence by asking them all to assist the Past Masters and the W.M. in ruling and governing the lodge and in the grand work of aiding the Masonic Charities. After a few words from Bro. West, Bro. Vance responded for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant and instructive gathering.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The foremost of the lodges in the neighbourhood of Liverpool, that which meets at the Town Hall, Bootle, gathered on Thursday, the 4th inst., at headquarters, and more than usual interest attached to the proceedings on this occasion, as was evinced by the large and highly influential attendance. Bro. W. H. Clemmey, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. F. Newell, P.G.S.W. (ex-Mayor of Bootle); J. P. McArthur, P.M. (Mayor of Bootle); Councillor S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Houlding, P.G.S., P.M. 823; R. Roberts, P.M. 1473; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, and others. The chief interest of the meeting centred in the fact that Alderman H. Musker was initiated into the Order, and the ceremony was most efficiently performed by the W.M. (Bro. Clemmey), assisted by the officers of the lodge. At the banquet which followed the business of the evening, Bro. Newell, in responding for "The P.G.M. and P.G. Officers," spoke in terms of strong condemnation of the action taken by the Liverpool Town Council in connection with the regulations for balls at the Town Hall. In the course of an admirable speech, he stated that the result of the action of the Council, would be the crippling of the

funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institutions to a very large extent. Bro. R. Roberts, P.M., proposed "The Charities," and made a specially forcible appeal on behalf of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. He said: W.M. and brethren, the toast which I have the honour to bring before you has reference to a subject which I am pleased to say always raises the most satisfactory feelings in the breast of every true Freemason. The outside world is prone to say that our meetings are merely convivial gatherings, devoted to much eating and drinking, and where we indulge in songs of doubtful character; and our lodges are suspected to be the hatching places of many social and political plots. The idea is scouted of an universal brotherhood, undisturbed by differences of politics and creed, and bound together by the closest ties of friendship for purposes of good and benevolence. And while the greater part of our system is to them shrouded in mystery, yet one part which is made visible to the world always commands their respect, and is to us a perennial source of pride. I refer, as you may guess, to our extensive and excellently managed Charitable Institutions. The particular Charity whose claims I am permitted to advocate in this lodge is the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Most of you know of the incalculable benefits which this Institution has already conferred on the children of our less fortunate brethren; of the valuable work it is at present doing; and I am sure that we all have the sincerest desire that its usefulness may continue to increase. When on former occasions I have had the pleasure of bringing this subject before you, you have unfailingly responded with generosity. I am pleased to see so many eminent brethren here to-night—eminent in Masonry and eminent in many things besides—and I think, my brethren of this lodge, you cannot signalise such an important meeting in a better way than by making such a subscription as will endow four or five of the officers of the lodge with Life Governorships for ever in the West Lancashire Educational Institution. Brethren, there are many noble charities besides those connected with Freemasonry, some of them with palatial homes, glorious with magnificent architecture, erected on expensive sites, and managed by well-paid secretaries and numerous assistants. When we are requested to subscribe to such an institution we cannot help a vague feeling creeping over us that not all that we give is expended in real charity. But, brethren, when we are quite certain that every penny we give will go direct to the purpose for which it is intended, that the finances are administered by good and prudent and experienced men, who make their work a labour of love, that not a single farthing is expended on paid officers, but the whole of the work done by trusty volunteers, then, brethren, we may give the utmost freedom to our generous impulses, and dip our hands as deeply into our pockets as we can possibly afford. Brethren, I truly hope you will to-night exceed your usual generosity. Most of you have had some blessing bestowed upon you during the year which is now so near its close; let your subscriptions be in the shape of thank offerings. If God has blessed you with good health; if you have been mercifully restored from sickness; if you have been fortunate in your business; if your worldly store has been increased by any good luck or windfall; if no clouds have shadowed your domestic or private life; if you have been made the recipients of social or public or private honours, however much deserved, or if Providence has been bountiful to you in any way dear to your hearts—you cannot make a more fitting acknowledgment than by to-night making a thank offering on the altar of charity. Brethren, I ask you to drink "Success to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution." The toast was most enthusiastically received, and as the result of Bro. Roberts' eloquent appeal £15 was collected at the table, which, it is expected, will be increased to £20.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This fairly prosperous provincial lodge met on the 29th ult. at the Teddington Assembly Rooms, Queen's-road. There were present amongst others Bros. John Hurst, P.G.A.P. Middx., W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Fricker, Treas.; Fitt, Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.G. S.B. Middx., S.D. (*Freemason*); Goodchild, I.G.; Stevens, Org.; Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, &c.; Cox, 41 (Ireland); and McIntyre, 144. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Henry Stedenfeld was duly initiated, and Bro. W. Philips passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. Forge, Hurst, and Gilbert. The Audit Committee having been appointed and the bye-laws read, a Past Master's jewel, of the value of seven guineas, was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. The correspondence, which had resulted in permission being given from Grand Lodge for the removal of this lodge from the Clarence Hotel to the Teddington Assembly Rooms, was then read. The lodge was directly afterwards closed and the brethren adjourned to the Clarence Hotel, where a substantial collation awaited them. In consequence of the prolonged proceedings of the lodge, the toasts and subsequent speeches at the dinner were, owing to the lateness of the hour, necessarily very brief and formal. They comprised "The Queen and Craft," "The W.M.," "The Initiate," "The Visitors," and "The Officers." Bro. Elsam responded fluently upon behalf of the visitors, and Bro. Forge, W.M. elect, said all that was necessary in his reply for the officers. The little time at the disposal of the brethren was agreeably devoted to conviviality, Bro. McIntyre, in particular, caused much mirth by his selection from "Our American Cousin," à la Sothorn.

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INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—This popular and prosperous lodge of instruction held its annual banquet at the Alwyne Castle, Saint Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Friday evening, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Edridge, Treasurer and P.M. 187. There was a large number of guests, and, with his usual forethought, the host, Bro. T. Meekham, had obtained an extension of hours for the accommodation of those assembled, in order that there should be no interruption to the harmony. It was a peculiarity that the toasts usually proposed were given in the ordinary way and without the usual Masonic honours, the gathering being understood to be simply a social one, though under the auspices of the instruction lodge of the Royal Standard. Their labours concluded, some members of the popular troupe of minstrels who have so long delighted the public at the Agricultural Hall attended, and their vocal effusions considerably enhanced the pleasure of the company. Messrs. Egbert Roberts, George Eustace, and C. Temple were specially applauded, and broke through the strict rule observed elsewhere by accepting encores. Bro. R. G. Thomas was the accompanist, and lent valuable assistance to the vocalists by the exercise of his musical skill.

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, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. J. L. Payne, W.M.; J. Lorkin, S.W.; H. Forss, J.W.; F. Fleck, S.D.; W. Green, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Secretary; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. J. Williams, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was then opened up to the Third Degree, and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 3rd and 4th Sections of the Lecture.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The annual banquet of this excellent lodge of instruction took place on Friday evening, the 5th inst., at Bro. W. Tucker's house, the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, and under the presidency of the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. T. Hutton, was a most successful and enjoyable occasion. Among the company present were Bros. Rose, P.M. 73 and 1622; H. Syer, J.W. 13; R. A. Smith, J.D. 13; J. Elder, S.D. 1472; H. Gould, 1685; W. Burfield, 687; H. Mabbett, 913; W. Hill, 700; A. Joskey, 913; Bowley, 480 (S.C.); Walters, 166 (I.C.); G. Masters, C. Chasteneuf, H. Grice, A. Deans, W. Tailby, R. Martin, and W. Clements, all of No. 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The good things provided by Bro. Tucker in abundance having been discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Rose, whose fame as a Preceptor is recognised and acknowledged in this district, then proposed "The Health of the W.M. presiding," and, in reply, Bro. Hutton said he should be hard to please indeed if he was not pleased at the position he was in that night, and the reception of the toast of his health. He felt it an honour to preside over the mother lodge, and was proud to see so many of her children preparing themselves for the position that every good Mason desired to fill during his Masonic career. Unfortunately he was not so well acquainted with the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction as he should like to have been, but promised to give it his support in every way he could. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Bowley, Walters, and Mabbett. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction." He said, although he was not very old, yet it was some years since he was initiated into Freemasonry. At that time there was no Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction. It certainly used to figure in the calendar as being held at the King's Arms, Woolwich, but had no existence in fact. Since he had been Master of a lodge, and while preparing for it, he knew the value of lodges of instruction, and unless the brethren attended them they could not expect to be placed in office in any lodge where good working was considered a *sine qua non* for a Master's position. There was a great discussion going on about "Uniformity of Working," and the previous Wednesday he listened to a long oration about it at Grand Lodge. He thought that so long as the great landmarks of Masonry were adhered to in their integrity, they would have nothing to fear on the question of informality in the ritual. He was sorry that Bro. Macdonald was too unwell to attend. Bros. Macdonald and Davies were the Preceptors of the lodge, and were worthily respected for their efforts in the cause of instruction. In their absence he should couple the toast with the name of Bro. Cleal, the Secretary of the lodge, who deserved their esteem for his indefatigable exertions for its prosperity and their comfort. Bro. Cleal, after thanking the brethren for the welcome given him in the toast, proceeded to say that during the past year twenty-one new members had joined the lodge, and the attendance showed an average of 617, or an average of twelve members present every meeting night. They had, assisted by Bro. Rose, worked the Fifteen Sections, and Bro. Macdonald and Davies were satisfied at the progress made by the brethren who attended. Bro. Davies was at that time at the bed side of a sick brother, or he would have been present. In his name he thanked them for the toast. "The Health of Bro. Rose" was then drunk most enthusiastically, and that brother, in returning thanks, alluded to the very able and marked manner in which the brethren of the lodge answered the sectional questions. Several other toasts followed, and the harmony was well sustained throughout the whole of the proceedings.

Royal Arch.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—On Thursday, the 20th ult., a convocation of this chapter was held at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens, Hammersmith-road. The attendance was as usual good, and the chapter having been opened by the Principal, the installation of Comp. William Game, M.E.Z. elect, was then proceeded with. Afterwards Comp. Game had the ballot taken for Bro. George Harrison, of the Ranelagh Lodge, 834, and Bro. Charles Holland, of the Londesborough Lodge, 1681, which proved unanimous. These two brethren being present, they were introduced, and exalted in due form by the M.E.Z., Comp. W. J. Adamson giving the Mystic Lecture. There being no further business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a sumptuous dinner, provided by Comp. Millis, which gave great satisfaction to the guests, numbering about thirty. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, after which the companions separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.—*West London Observer*, Nov. 29th.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).—One of those enjoyable Royal Arch meetings for which Tunbridge Wells has become justly famous was held on Monday, the 3rd ult., at the Pump Rooms, under the government of Comps. Wm. Stephens, M.E.Z.; W. Delves, H.; T. Hastings Miller, J.; B. S. Wilmot, P.Z., Treas.; R. W. Delves, Scribe E.; Montague Williams, Scribe N.; and several other companions not holding office. On this occasion all business was suspended, excepting the installation of Principals and investiture of officers. Immediately after the confirmation of the minutes the M.E.Z. proceeded to instal Comp. Williams as Third Principal of the chapter for the year ensuing, he being at the present time the W.M. of the Holmesdale Lodge. Comp. Wm. Delves was then installed M.E.Z. in an impressive manner by the Installing Officer. Comps. B. S. Wilmot was re-installed Treas.; R. W. Delves, Scribe E.; Langridge, Scribe N.; Holt, P. Soj.; and Bates and Goodall, Assistants. After the chapter was closed the companions were entertained at an excellent banquet in the ladies' drawing room of that establishment, the M.E.Z. presiding. After the usual loyal and customary toasts had been duly honoured, an especially pleasing and complimentary presentation was then made to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. W. Stephens, consisting of an elegant P.Z.'s jewel, supplemented by a beautiful oak spirit case and stand, mounted with silver, and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Comp. W. Stephens, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer. Middx., P.Z. 862, 1365, and 1489, by the companions of the Holmesdale Chapter, 874, with a P.Z.'s jewel, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his valuable services." His health was drunk in the most felicitous terms, and modestly responded to. Comp. H. Miller replied for "The Visitors," and complimented the chapter, not only for the reception he had received and the manner in which the duties were performed, but also on the splendour of the room, which he seldom, if ever, had seen equalled for carrying out the duties and ceremonies of Royal Arch Masonry. Letters of apology were read on the absence of several officers of the province.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.).—On Friday, the 28th ult., this old time immemorial lodge held a regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, under the direction of Bro. Rubie, W.M., who was supported by Bros. John Dutton, I.P.M.; Jas. J. Dutton, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W., P.M. 26 and 74, Chap.; C. Wilkinson, S.W.; Braham, J.W.; Murlis, Sec.; Radway, M.O.; Dingle, S.O.; F. Wilkinson, J.C.; Howes, Reg.; Mercer, S.D.; Penley, J.D.; Sparrow, Org.; Peach, I.G. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Knight, which proving favourable, by request of the W.M. the chair was taken by Bro. J. J. Dutton, by whom the ceremony of advancement was conducted, with musical accompaniments by the Organist and some of the brethren. The bye-laws were read by the Secretary. Dr. Hopkins read a letter from the Grand Secretary, from whom he had been requested to make inquiries about the apron, as the members of this old lodge claim the right to wear the Craft apron, in accordance with stipulations made at the time when it consented to be enrolled under the Grand Mark Lodge. The claim was admitted, but at the same time it was stated that the members could not demand admission as visitors to other Mark lodges unless clothed according to regulations, accompanied by the expression of a hope that all newly-advanced brethren would be required to conform to the present custom. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at 10 o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 161).—The members of this Mark lodge met at the Skelmersdale Hall on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., to assist at the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a poor attendance, partly, no doubt, owing to the cold, inclement weather. The members present were Bros. G. W. Hammer, W.M., P.P.G.S.D. Lanc.; J. Chas. Lunt, W.M. elect, P.M. 161, P.P.G.M.O. Lanc.; W. Newsome, J.W. 161; Isaac Leece, Sec.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, LL.D., P.M. 161, P.P.G.C. Lanc.; A. Moore, and M. Williamson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Hayes, P.M. 65, P.P.J.D. Lanc.; W. Corbett, M.O. 65; and David Cangle, S. 65. Bro. John Hayes, P.M. 65, acted as Installing Master, and, in his usual and perfect manner, gave the beautiful ceremony, and installed Bro. J. C. Lunt in the chair in the E. The W.M., Bro. Lunt, then proceeded to invest his officers as follows

—Bros. Newsome, S.W.; Leece, J.W.; Townsend, M.O., by proxy; Lewis Peake, Treas., by proxy; Williamson: was re-elected Tyler. The W.M., Bro. Lunt, proposed, and Bro. Rev. Dr. Hyde seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. John Hayes, P.M. 65, for the very efficient manner in which he had given the installing ceremony. The resolution having been unanimously agreed to, Bro. Hayes responded in suitable terms. One or two propositions for advancement were given in; "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors were expressed, and the lodge was then closed in due form. We cannot conclude this short report without wishing Bro. Jos. Chas. Lunt, W.M. 161, a successful year of office, and we hope that all Mark Masters in the north end of Liverpool, who meet at the well-appointed Skelmersdale Hall, will enthusiastically rally round him during this his second year in the chair of W.M. of this Mark lodge.

Knights Templar.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—At a meeting of this lodge on Tuesday last, the 9th inst., Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett was unanimously elected to the office of E.P., and E. Sir Knight T. B. Whythead was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Comp. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier (4th Dragoon Guards) was installed a Knight of the Order. E. Sir Knight A. M. Broadley, P.E.P. Melita Preceptory, was elected an honorary member.

Royal Ark Mariners.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Solent Lodge.—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, when Bro. J. Blount Thomas was duly installed as Commander N. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the I.P.N., Bro. W. J. Hickman. The following brethren were appointed officers by the Commander N.: Bros. R. Loveland Loveland J.; Geo. Cross, S.; G. J. Tilling, S.D.; F. H. McCalmont, J.D.; P. Warren, Treas. and S.; J. R. Weston, D.C.; and J. C. Stroud, G.

CONSECRATION OF THE LULLINGSTONE LODGE, No. 1837.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 1st instant, at the Lion Hotel, Farningham, Kent, in the presence of a large and distinguished circle of the Masons of Kent and the metropolitan district. The brethren began to assemble soon after eleven a.m., and by twelve o'clock the following were among those ready to take part in the ceremony: Bros. Eastes, P.M. 709, D.G.M. of Kent; A. M. Broadly, P.M. 1717, D.D.G.M. of Malta and Tunis; Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chap. of England and Kent; H. Sadler, P.M. 147 and G. Tyler, England; Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.M. 88 and 709, and P.P.G.S.W. Kent, and P.P.G. Chap. Cambs; J. Harrison, P.M. 1096, and P.G. Chap. Kent; H. Moncton, P.M. 1725, and P.G.S.W. Kent; F. A. Gange, P.M. 133, and P.G.W. Kent; Flaxman Spurrell, P.M. 615, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; F. Spencer, P.M. 1063, and G.J.D. Kent; J. R. Foord, W.M. 500, and P.G.S. Kent; J. W. Knight, P.M. 615, and P.P.G.D.C. Kent; H. S. Neate, P.M. 77, and P.G.S. Works Kent; E. Mackney, P.M. 209, and P.P.G.O. Kent; H. Batherst, P.M. 133, and P.P.G.R. Kent; W. Barlow, W.M. 77; W. H. Cronk, W.M. 144; W. Hicks, P.M. 483; Thomas Deane, P.M. 77; R. French, P.M. 483; E. R. Champion, S.W. 77; R. French, 77; W. Hills, I.G. 615; C. Buckland, I.G. 1536; H. Harding, Org. 1536; O. Hervey, J.W. 126; F. W. Underdown, J.W. 133; R. Sears, 209; W. Bedford, 77; J. Spurge, 77; A. Bunnett, 77; J. W. Gibson, 615; H. Biles, 615; Jas. Shrubsole, 503; H. Lawley, 209; C. Bishop, Org. 615; H. De Gray, 706; W. Taylor, 1536; P. Cheep, 1744; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others.

The lodge room presented a brilliant appearance when the brethren, after having been formed in procession, took their respective places in it. Bros. Eastes was in the chair of the W.M., Moncton in that of the S.W., Gange in the J.W. chair, Spencer as Secretary, and Sadler as Tyler.

Over the Master's chair was hung the banner of the lodge, bearing the arms of Bro. S. W. Hart Dyke, with this motto on it "Prêt à Faire" (Ready to do); this was a present from our worthy brother Sir William. The Bible and Tyler's sword were presented by the W.M. designate, Bro. George Churchley, P.M. 615; the bible cushion by the hostess of the house, Mrs. Haviland; the gauntlets of the W.M., S.W., and J.W. by Bro. Haviland; the Tracing Boards by Bro. G. G. Parker, Treas. designate; the lodge carpet by Bro. Boardman, J.W. designate; and the charity box by Bro. T. W. A. Neech, J.D. designate.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, grand honours were paid to Bros. Eastes and Broadly.

Bro. Eastes then said they were assembled for a most important purpose, that of consecrating a new lodge. That day another lodge was added to the roll of the lodges of the province over which their G.M., Lord Holmesdale, had so long and ably presided, and they would, as he did, regret their Master's absence from among them. Their brother had, however, requested him to instruct Bro. Robinson to perform the important ceremony of consecration, and at his hands nothing would be wanted to make the ceremony worthy of the occasion. He was not going to enter into a dissertation on Freemasonry, but he could not allow the occasion to pass without saying a few words on the matter. They would all agree with him that it was something worthy of congratulation to know that a new lodge was being opened, but then it must be taken into consideration

as to whether there was any necessity for the opening of a new lodge. It was a most important question, and one that was only consented to by Grand Lodge after due and full consideration. It might be fairly asked, "Was the proposed lodge necessary, and what were its prospects?" Now, it was a very common thing for a brother to say, "My lodge is so far away I cannot attend; I wish I could join a lodge nearer." This lodge, which he considered a necessity for this part of the province, would be the means of affording relief for the brethren of this part of the district whose lodges were far away from their homes. If they looked at the map of Kent, and at the lodges in it, they would find that, while they had lodges at Chatham, Gravesend, Faversham, Ramsgate, Canterbury, Greenhithe on the one side, and at Sidcup, Dartford, and Plumstead on the other, the nearest lodge to the one they had met to consecrate was at Dartford, some five miles away; so that would show that this lodge was a necessity, so far as regards the particular district of the province in which it was situated. (Cheers.) Then, as to its prosperity, he had every reason, after looking at the list of petitioning brethren, to feel confident that with their assistance, and under the rule and governing of its officers designate, it would be a great success. He trusted it would be so, and wished it every success and prosperity. (Applause.)

Bro. Eastes then handed the gavel to Bro. Robinson, who proceeded to fulfil the beautiful ceremony of consecration, which, we need hardly say, was an effort worthy of his high and distinguished character as a divine and a Mason.

Bro. Hill then delivered the following magnificent oration. After a few preliminary remarks, congratulating the brethren of the lodge on the large and influential gathering of Masons who had assembled to assist at the consecration of their lodge, he said they had met to found another temple dedicated to piety and virtue, to brotherly love and charity—another spiritual house which will last when the most gorgeous palaces shall have passed away. The brethren of the Lullingstone Lodge will be stones of that spiritual edifice, here to be squared, and trimmed, and fitted for a place in the Grand Lodge above, after patient perseverance and repeated trials. It is usual on occasions like the present to offer a few words of encouragement to those who are preparing to carry out the principles of Masonic order, and to take note of the moral beauties of Masonry. So, then, while not adopting any stereotyped form, we can readily suggest grounds for congratulation. If impartially viewed, Masonry has not for its foundation a mere plausible, selfish platform of good fellowship and boon companionship. No, nor of mere almsgiving or charity, but its root rests on the purest and most disinterested friendship. It calls to do right in the sight of God, and more, it demands daily self improvement, with eternity in view, and a solemn adjudication in store, according to the deeds done in the body. It is universal in its operation and not sectarian in principle, and yet, though extending its branches throughout the world, it has its limitation, as regards associates and members. Not every man can be admitted, and if proper heed be taken, only "just and upright men of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals" would be admitted. In the introductory address to the Third Lecture an explanation of these principles is given, which should be kept fresh in the memory. Every Degree in Freemasonry is progressive, and cannot be attained but by time, patience, and assiduity. In the First Degree we are taught the duties we owe to God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves. In the Second we are permitted to participate in the mysteries of nature and science, and to trace the goodness and majesty of the Creator, by minutely analysing his works. But the Third Degree is the cement of the whole; it is calculated to bind men together by mystic points of fellowship, as in a bond of fraternal affection and brotherly love. It points to the darkness of death, and the obscurity of the grave, as the forerunner of a brilliant light, which shall follow at the resurrection of the just, when these mortal bodies which have long been slumbering in the dust shall be awakened, re-united to their undying souls, and clothed in immortality. These principles evidently proclaim our Order as a handmaid of piety and virtue, and show that in Masonry there is nothing incompatible with our social, moral, or religious duties. Can it be just then to brand us with odious imputations, and to urge that our teaching leads to Atheism or Deism. We respond emphatically, "No." We are not of the number of those of whom the Scripture speaks as "fools," "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." We all remember what a shock vibrated amongst us when tidings crossed the sea that the Grand Orient of France, under pretence of being unsectarian, and giving proper freedom of conscience, banished both the name and idea of God from its constitution. The result, on our part, was an open severance from all lodges so acting, and a repudiation of the infidelity proposed. Happily for us, the sacred law is the rule of our faith and practice; and where this is received not only does the moral law demand observance, but the revelation of mercy and love to fallen man gilds the present and future, and makes us realise the presence of an ark of refuge, in which we may pass in safety over the billows of time, and behold above life's wintry sea a "bright and morning star, whose rising brings hopes of happiness to the faithful and obedient of the human race." So then let none say that Masonry dishonours religion, or is opposed to Christianity, for it is not true. Through its teachings many have been led to adorn the Christian profession. A confirmation of this lately appeared in the public journals from the lips of an eloquent preacher, who, in referring to the progress of Masonry in Mexico, stated that the Bishop of the Happy Valley there had told him that Freemasonry had done more to promote the extension of the Gospel in Mexico than any other thing that had ever been introduced into the country. (Applause.) Well instructed Masons could not expect less than this; and, wounded as we have been through hasty words, we may

derive strength from the conviction that our building is not based on sand, but founded on a rock. The tenets of our ancient brethren, while exhibiting them as large hearted, pure minded men, full of kindness and toleration for the opinions of others, yet manifest that they acted upon the principle, "Have thine own faith, but hope and pray for all." If the bases of Masonry did not distinctly lead to the present form of religion, why are we directed in Masonic study to the great parallels of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist; one the preacher of repentance and the forerunner of the Messiah, and the other the apostle of love? and why are our lodges dedicated to one or both of these worthies? Why, plainly that we may receive their virtues and profit by their good examples. The report made by Archbishop Parker to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on the characteristics and society of the Freemasons of the 16th century, stating that "she had not in her dominions such a loyal, orderly, and religiously disposed body of men," shows that at that time our ancient brethren were, as now, loyal, religious, faithful, and true to the tenets of their faith and harmony. He then spoke of the uniformity question, and said let us use the old motto, *Ande vide face*, and while we do not insist upon a uniformity in words, let us decline to recognise any substantial defections from our ancient teaching. Let us hold fast to the fulfilment of the admonition, that in the performance of our duty to God and our neighbour hangs, or depends, all the law and the prophets, and in the consecrating of this new lodge, advocating and using the holy tools and sacred symbols, not lightly but reverently, and in a manner creditable to ourselves and acceptable to our God. We pray that the hearts of the brethren may be cheered, and knit together in holy friendship, as were the hearts of David and Jonathan in the days of old, for Jonathan "loved David as his own soul." He gave him his princely robe, his girdle, his sword, and his high position for his sake. Such real friendship, the friendship of abnegation and self sacrifice, yet exists among us, and casts a halo of brightness over us, and we rejoice to have received and personally experienced its glow. With sincere regard and affection and hearty good wishes we cordially, in the words of an ancient manuscript of the 15th century, say, "The might of the Father of Kings, with the wisdom of His glorious grace, through the grace and goodness of the Holy Ghost, these being three persons in one Godhead, be with us, and give us grace so to govern us here in this mortal life, that we may come to His kingdom that never shall have ending, 'so mote it be.'"

Bro. Hill's oration was listened to with rapt attention, and applauded by the brethren most warmly.

The ceremony was then continued, and the lodge having been duly constituted, Bro. Robinson proceeded with the installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. Churchly, and with the usual ceremonies that brother was placed in the chair of K.S. and duly saluted. The following officers were then invested: Bros. T. W. Knight, I.P.M. (we had almost forgotten to say that Bro. Knight acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout the ceremony in finished and perfect style); the Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., Chaplain 299, S.W.; C. S. Boardman, I.G. 299, J.W.; G. Parker, Treas.; E. Mackney, P.M. 299 and P.P.G.O. Kent, Sec.; J. Fletcher, J.W. 615, S.D.; J. W. A. Neech, 299, J.D.; P. Jones, D.C.; R. G. Stone, I.G., Sec. 615, I.G.; J. Hulton, Steward; G. Martin, Tyler. Our reverend brother then delivered the charges splendidly, and the ceremony was concluded. Votes of thanks were then passed to Bros. Robertson and Hill, for their services, and they, with Bro. Eastes and Knight, were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. Three candidates were then proposed for initiation, and three as joining members. Bro. Churchly was elected as Charity representative for the province, and then after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the representatives of the various lodges present, the lodge was closed in due form. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. Bishop, Org. 615, who was assisted by Bros. C. Buckland, H. Harding, and W. Taylor.

The banquet was such as fully sustained the character of the house for its menu. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently put by Bro. Churchly, that of "The Grand Officers" being responded to by Bro. Hill, G. Chaplain of England.

"The Health of Lord Holmesdale, Grand Master of Kent," was enthusiastically received. In reply to the toast of his health, coupled with that of the rest of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Eastes thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. He could assure them that the Prov. G. Officers had a great love for Masonry at heart, and nothing gave them greater pleasure than to be among the brethren at the various lodges, and watch the progress of the lodges, and the comfort and happiness of the brethren, and not only watch in but assist by every means in their power their progress and prosperity. (Applause.) He felt it a great source of sorrow that their beloved Grand Master was not present to see the manner in which the duties of the lodge had been carried out that day, but it would be his pleasing duty to report them to that distinguished brother, and he felt sure it would be a great gratification to know that a lodge with such a good prospect before it had been added to the list of lodges in the Province of Kent. (Cheers.) The prosperity of the lodge would depend in a great measure upon the assiduity and zeal of the W.M. and his officers, and from what he had seen and heard of them, he looked forward to the lodge taking a high place among the lodges of the province. He would now say a few words to the brethren of the lodge. There was a very natural feeling among the officers and brethren of the lodge to make it strong in numbers. Now that was not the way to make a good lodge; what constituted the strength of a lodge more than the quantity was the quality of its members. (Hear, hear.) After impressing upon the brethren the necessity

of this, he proceeded to give the brethren the advantage of his great experience in Masonry, and some excellent advice as to the manner in which they should carry out their relative duties, more particularly as to the manner of their selection and election of candidates for admission. He reprobated the blackballing of candidates, and pointed out in forcible language how to avoid doing so, and averred that in the twenty-five years he had been a member of the Invicta Lodge, at Ashford, there had not been such a thing as blackballing in the lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. Eastes concluded by saying that if he should have the pleasure of coming to visit them in the course of the year he trusted to find them as prosperous and happy as their present circumstances presented the hope and belief of. (Cheers.)

Bro. Harrison, P.G. Chaplain, also briefly responded.

Bro. Robertson then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that he never proposed a toast upon an occasion such as the present with more pleasure than he did upon this. He felt pleased, because Bro. Churchly was not new to the office, having passed the chair of another lodge, so that he brought into this the knowledge and experience obtained there, and those who had seen his work during the closing of the lodge and since in the chair would see that he was eminently fitted to do honour to the office. (Cheers.) He begged, therefore, to propose the toast.

The W.M., in response, said so many kind words had been said of him, and to him, that he felt at a loss to sufficiently thank Bros. Eastes and Robinson for their good wishes and the brethren for their response to the gavel of the latter. He then spoke eloquently of the good feeling which existed among the brethren of the lodge through which he had just passed, and trusted it would be his good fortune to have the same report to make of this at the end of his year of office. He then proposed the toast of "The Consecrating and Installing Officer, Bro. Robinson," in glowing terms, and the brethren received it warmly.

Bro. Robinson, in reply, said that he wondered not at the brethren enjoying the ceremony, not because he did it, he was not vain enough to think that he could add one iota to the effect of it, but because of its grandeur and beauty. The consecration of a lodge was a ceremony not given to every Mason to behold often. He would most likely see the ceremony of installation at his own lodge, or at other lodges, at least once a year, but there were many good Masons who had never seen the ceremony of consecration. It was a great pleasure to him to conduct such a ceremony, because it had in it a spirit of seriousness that impressed the heart of a religious man with its essence of love, and truth, and charity. It was a ceremony that he loved to hear and see rendered by those Masters of the Craft who felt the spirit of the work they were doing, and he had heard it rendered by laymen far better than he had heard clergymen in their pulpits preach and conduct the services of the church. He then eloquently dwelt upon the grand teachings of their ritual, and declared that no good Mason could be else than a good man, and a religious man, and must be better, not only in heart but in his pathway through life, if he followed up the pure, good, and exalted teaching brought before his mind at such a time as that they had experienced that day in the consecration of this their new lodge.

Bro. Robinson was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his eloquent address.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. Broadly briefly responded.

The toast of "The Officers" came next, and Bro. Jamblin responded.

"The Masonic Press" was responded to by Bro. Jolly, and the Tyler's toast concluded a memorable and interesting day.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the Chair. There were also present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, James Brett, Thomas Cubitt, W. Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, Fredk. Adlard, Charles John Perceval, John G. Stevens, Richard Hervé Giraud, C. G. Dilley, John Henry Leggott, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, Captain N. G. Philips, Charles Atkins, and James Terry (Secretary).

Bro. Terry read a letter from the Earl of Carnarvon, conveying H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's sanction to the alteration of the date of the annual festival of the Institution to the 9th of February, 1880. Bro. Terry also reported the death of one annuitant, and read the report of the House Committee, which was received and adopted. Bro. Terry likewise read a letter from Bro. R. Percy Middlemist, offering his services as Honorary Surgeon to outdoor annuitants. This offer was accepted with thanks.

The petitions of five male candidates were read, examined, and accepted. One petition was deferred. The petitions of five widows were accepted.

Application being made for the use of the hall of the Institution for the New Year's entertainment to the inmates, the Committee granted the same, and also voted £20 towards expenses.

The Committee then adjourned.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS effect wonderful cures of bad legs and old wounds. If these medicines be used according to the directions which are wrapped round each pot or box, there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate, but will yield to their curative properties. Numbers of persons who had been patients in the large hospitals, and under the care of eminent surgeons, without deriving the least benefit, have been cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills when other remedies had wholly failed. For glandular swellings, tumours, scurvy, and diseases of the skin there is no medicine that can be used with so good an effect. Though potent for good, it is powerless for harm; and though the cure it effects is rapid, it is also complete and permanent.—[ADVT.]

To Correspondents.

I.P.M.—We do not consider it wise to continue the discussion.

The following stand over:—

Eboracum Lodge, 1611, York.

Old England Lodge, 1790, Thornton Heath.

The Gilbert Greenall Lodge, 1250, Warrington.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "The Masonic Record," "Croydon Guardian," "Aston Reporter," "Brighton Gazette," "The Masonic Herald," "The Freemason's Repository," "Keystone," "Liverpool Mercury," "Humanity and the Man," "Old Jonathan," "The City Diary," "Reports of Sanitas," "The Masonic Newspaper," "The Sussex Daily News," "The Entertainment Directory and Playgoer's Guide."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTH.

MEYER.—On the 3rd inst., at South-hill Park, Hampstead, the wife of B. Meyer, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

JONES—COOPER.—On the 9th inst., at St. Peter's, Leicester, by the Rev. F. W. Robinson, vicar, George Howell Jones, of 9, Seymour-street, Leicester, to Janet, sixth daughter of the late Thomas Cooper, chemist, one of the Founders of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and niece of the late James Thompson, F.R.H.S., F.H.S., Historian of Leicester.

DEATHS.

BOROUGH.—On the 3rd inst., in Dublin, Sir Edward Borough, P.D.G.M. Ireland, aged 85.

MENZIES.—On the 6th inst., suddenly, in Edinburgh, John Menzies, aged 72.

TOOLE.—On the 7th inst., at his father's residence, 4, Orme-square, Bayswater, Frank Lawrence, the only son of John Lawrence and Susan Toole, aged 23.

VARLEY.—On the 9th inst., at Chelsea, after a short illness, Frederick Charles, third son of Charles Varley, of Chelsea, of heart disease.

THE CHRISTMAS DOUBLE NUMBER OF THE "FREEMASON."

On Saturday, December 20th, will be published a Double Number of the *Freemason*, in Emblematic Wrapper, Price 4d. In addition to the usual matter, it will contain 48 Columns of Tales, Poems, &c., by well known writers.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1879.

GIRLS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The Craft will rejoice to hear that H.R.H. Prince Leopold has kindly consented to take the chair at the anniversary festival in 1880. This most interesting fact has been communicated in a letter from Bro. Collins to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer. We congratulate Bro. Hedges on the announcement, and have no doubt but that he will soon be able to announce a long list of Stewards.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

The motion of Bro. Stevens, which was carried at last Grand Lodge after only a very partial debate, is a most serious one both in its immediate effect and its prospective results. It goes much further and strikes much deeper than the majority which voted for it has learnt to realize, and no one who has not studied the whole question in all its bearings can form any conjecture of the mischief likely to accrue from Bro. Stevens' rash and ill digested motion. It has been stated in Grand Lodge, we apprehend, clearly and fully, what is à priori the grave objection to Bro. Stevens' motion, in itself, and though Bro. Stevens in his reply affected to consider the historical objections raised to his motion as beside the question, it is perfectly clear to every thinking mind that there, after all, lies the true and real

answer to Bro. Stevens' vehement incriminations of our present system. Admitted, if you like, that Grand Lodge passed and confirmed a resolution to the same effect in 1870, unless you could predicate absolute wisdom and infallibility of every resolution of Grand Lodge, the answer fairly comes that, like many other legislative bodies, Grand Lodge was taken by surprise; the subject was not fully debated, and for nearly ten years no action has been taken—showing, not as some foolishly assert, any disrespect by the authorities of the resolution of Grand Lodge, but the serious difficulty of the whole question when fairly faced, and the impossibility, owing to their unwillingness to serve, to find a competent committee in whom the entire Craft would have confidence. For it is one thing to talk about a matter, it is another thing really to understand it, and we venture to believe that if there are any persons of whom our educated Craft have the greatest distrust it is the professional agitator, on the one hand, or the emitter of "bottled moonshine" on the other. Some of the reasons of the mover, which it is impossible to discuss in a paper, are too grotesque to dwell upon. If such abuses exist, which we venture to doubt, despite the obnoxious "ipse dixit" of Bro. Stevens, they constitute a grave reflection on the Provincial authorities, on the one hand, or those of Freemasons' Hall on the other. If proved to be prevalent, we fancy the action of the Board of General Purposes would be summary and decisive. And all these things tottled up at their very worst, if they do constitute a case for authoritative interference and disciplinary treatment, do not touch the real point at issue, and here was the fallacy of Bro. Stevens' whole speech. Admitted that all be true, as Bro. Stevens put it, what does it prove but the want of surveillance and control? The existence of stereotyped formulae would only aggravate these evil symptoms and would enrich the brother or brethren who now deal in spurious rituals. It is this very "liberty of verbiage and ceremonial" which stands in the way of un-Masonic ventures and unhallowed gains. It is not likely, neither would it be reasonable, that the decisions of the Lodge of Reconciliation in 1813 should pass without review in 1879. These arrangements were the best then possible, but were not for all time, and we, the Masons of 1879, surely have a right, if the question be referred to a Committee, to ask to have the whole matter reviewed. And thinking that we are not ripe for any such movement, we venture to ask our brethren to "hold their hands," and to oppose the confirmation of that portion of the minutes at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

Some objections have been recently and forcibly made to the large grants made by the Board of Benevolence. There can be no doubt that for some time past the ratio of giving has been perceptibly increased, and cases which would have received £10 ten years ago are now receiving £40 or £50. We do not complain of this increase, "per se," because the old system of giving had this grave defect,—it did not sufficiently meet the strong case, it gave too much to the weak case. But there is a "golden mean" in all things; and as some worthy brethren are led away by the idea that because they have "plenty" to give away, they may as well give, we wish to remind them one and all of the irrefragable truth and wisdom of Bro. Clabon's remarks in Grand Lodge, that we do not give because we have plenty to give, but because the petitioners deserve it. If brethren will only keep this "canon" of true giving carefully before them, we shall soon hear the last of condemnatory complaining. Certainly the case debated in last Grand Lodge as to a brother only five years in Masonry receiving £50 is a "strong order." No doubt a great deal may be said on both sides. But we confess that our impression is strongly that such a grant is far too large, and serves only to encourage a delusion very prevalent at this moment apparently, that Freemasonry is a vast benefit Order. We, therefore, are anxious to call the attention of many worthy brethren to the subject, that they may learn to realize their responsi-

bility and measure their gifts. The idea of our Masonic benevolence is noble and grand, and true in itself, for it is not only charity in name and deed, but if by any means it becomes subject to abuse or exaggeration, and fictitious sentiment, or unreasoning lavishness, it ceases to be true charity, and degenerates into a spurious form and mistaken illustration of that needful and excellent virtue. We wish we could think that all our votes at the Board of Benevolence were determined solely by the "merits of the case." Unfortunately, we fear that it is not always so, and personal influence and unwise sentimentality often affect votes, which ought ever to be governed alone by principle. But it is very difficult in a shifting Board to obtain uniformity of action or harmony of thought, and we can only express our hope that, by the good sense of our brethren who distribute our Masonic charity, care will be taken to make a full and clear discrimination between good cases and shaky cases, between the petitioner who has subscribed for long years and the brother who has subscribed only for a few years, and then left Masonry and died out of Masonry.

THE PURCHASE OF LYNDCOMBE HOUSE.

This purchase, which was unanimously approved of by a Special Court, as being in the best interests of the School, is, we understand, violently attacked by privately circulated statements, circulars, and petitions. We say nothing of the ingratitude involved in such proceedings towards that distinguished brother whose labours for the welfare of the Girls' School are beyond all praise; neither of the unworthy clap-trap displayed and the "bad form" manifested in such underhand proceedings, but we do protest openly as before the Craft, against a system of procedure which is unworthy of us as Freemasons and gentlemen, and which evidences lowness of mind as well as an utter forgetfulness of all Masonic teaching, alike in the motives it seeks to suggest, and the end it is apparently anxious to achieve. If any brethren object to any proceedings in our Courts, let them come forward in an open and manly manner and say so, and they will be patiently heard and fully answered. But, as Freemasons, let us set ourselves against all behind-the-back circulars, and surreptitious calumnies, and, as good men and true, properly in the proper place, and at the fitting time, assert our honest and rightful opinions. But let us avoid mischief-makers and agitators of every degree.

THE VACANT GRAND SECRETARYSHIP.

We believe that we are right in our statement that up to the present no definite appointment to the vacant office has been made. Many names are circulating among the Craft of candidates for the post, but all such are merely suggestions—more or less interested. Two names are prominently mentioned, one a Grand Officer much connected with Golden Square, the other an active Craftsman, who is not a Grand Officer. We prefer to await the nomination of the Grand Master with Masonic deference. We reject one pure "canard," the somewhat current assertion that a sort of "clique," or "camarilla," or call it what you like, is seeking to promote the interests of a particular candidate. If it were really so, nothing worse for the present or future interests of the Craft can well be conceived. We have every reason and right to believe that H.R.H. the Grand Master is quite aware of the vast importance of the office for the progress and welfare of Freemasonry as well as in the world at large as our in own country.

On Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., at half-past six o'clock, the ceremonies of installation of Principals will take place at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Comp. William Stephens being the Installing Officer.

The Lord Mayor has consented to become a patron of the third performance in aid of the Printers' Dramatic Pension Fund, originally promoted and successfully carried out by Bro. George J. Dawson. The performance is arranged to take place in March next. £200 has been already realised for this highly deserving object.

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.]

THE LAST MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must confess my feeling of disappointment at the very slight notice taken by you on the very important meeting of Grand Lodge last Wednesday; I cannot conceive how any much more important topics could be laid before you to dilate upon, for the edification of that body which you so ably represent. You certainly throw out your opinions on two out of the three important and interesting subjects brought before that meeting. They are thrown down somewhat like in ancient times they used to throw down a challenge or glove for some one to pick up. Now, though I may burn my fingers or get a rap over the knuckles for my pains, I fearlessly pick it up, for I consider that unless the several questions are opened out from both points of view, those members of Grand Lodge who were absent will not be able to form a correct estimate of the different matters at issue.

1st. Bro. Hervey's retiring pension. I yield to no one in the respect and esteem in which Bro. Hervey must be held by those who have had the pleasure of knowing him, and cordially reiterate the words of Bro. Monckton "that we may scarcely hope to look upon his like again," and yet I feel sure that could he express an opinion upon the discussion, and the result of that discussion, he, whose impartiality to one and all are so well-known, would say that the Craft were perfectly right in refusing to grant that abnormally large sum of £800 per annum, or full retiring pension, after being in receipt of that sum ten years, or only eleven years in all, and would feel that it was out of no disrespect for himself, or that he was unworthy of it, but that they had done wisely in not making an exception in his favour, thereby sacrificing principle on the altar of friendship, and forming a precedent that they would find it extremely difficult to depart from on future occasions. I can only finish with, what I know to be the heartfelt prayer of all, "would to God that the occasion for his retirement had not been such as it is, and may the G.A.O.T.U. alleviate his sufferings and restore him to us if such be His Divine will."

2nd. Bro. Stevens' motion, or rather revised proposition, which was carried and confirmed ten years ago, but allowed to subside.

I am quite certain I speak the sentiments of every brother who was present and within hearing of our Prov. G.C., Bro. Woodford, when I express the great interest with which we listened to the short but explicit resumé he had culled from carefully studied researches into the ancient lore of Freemasonry, when he told us how that in a space of ninety years, i.e., from 1723 to 1813, when Freemasons, let alone lodges, were few and far between, the standard ritual put together by Desaguliers and Anderson in 1723 had been later on altered by Clare, and later still emended by Dunkerley, and yet again improved by Preston, with other exceedingly interesting matters of detail, but there, speaking for myself, my admiration ceases, for to my mind a more illogical deduction than his motion for a direct negation of Bro. Stevens' excellent and much needed proposition could not be brought forth. If the ritual required four revised editions, when Masons and their lodges were so few, how much more must a revised standard be required now after a lapse of seventy years, when lodges and chapters are numbered by thousands, and Craftsmen by hundreds of thousands, when the different workings are so varied, and as many as the weeks, I might almost say days, in the year, when our language even has undergone such great alterations; when we have no standard or recognised authority to guide us or to refer to; when Masters of lodges can work as they please for want of such authority, having no one to say them nay; when Grand Lodge's chief duty seems to be keeping an eye that the dues to Grand Lodge are paid, and an occasional insight into the way in which the books of individual lodges are kept, but keeping no check on the several manners of working, which, if I am not greatly in error, is one of their special and particular duties? When we here of such farce, mummery, carried on as described by Bro. Stevens from both printed and oral evidence, with such painful and patent abuses of our beautiful liturgy before us, if now is not the time for the M.W.G.M. to step in, and, with the aid of some of the many eminent and learned brothers around him, cause a thorough and searching investigation into the different teachings, and from that investigation constitute an authority to which every Master of a lodge can refer who is desirous of fulfilling those duties so graphically laid upon him for the well ruling and governing of his lodge, and which he has solemnly declared he is able and willing to do, or to which if in doubt and anxious to prove himself correct in, or improve himself in his work, he might appeal with the satisfaction and certainty of knowing that he would be set right—I repeat if the time has not arrived, I unhesitatingly affirm that the time will never arrive, and shortly, instead of the beautiful teachings of which true Masonry consists, and ought to consist, we shall be like the builders of the Tower of Babel just before they left off, and be speaking to one another in unknown tongues. I therefore, earnestly and devoutly hope that every brother who has the good of our noble Order to heart will raise his voice, and so assist in this much and long needed work of reformation.

The third and last important notice of motion on the paper was Bro. Clabon's, and the purport of it was this—that out of the surplus revenue especially set apart for distressed Masons and their widows two-thirds were to be de-

ducted, one-third for the boys and one-third for the girls, which spoliation, to use a mild term, was nipped in the bud, and I trust, not only as Vice-President of all the Institutions but upon principle, and by all that is just and upright, that such a deviation of monies from the legitimate direction of that fund will never be permitted. With all due deference to Bro. Clabon, whose goodness of heart, whose benevolence, whose zeal for Masonry no one can for a moment deny, I must say I do think his zeal has run away with him, that the handkerchief over the eyes of Justice must have slipped a bit when Bro. Clabon thus sought to rob Peter to pay Paul and Virginia; when he attempted to alienate two-thirds of a fund especially set apart for one purpose for that of another, when he sought to benefit the children at the expense of the parents, he must have left out of his reckoning the enormous increase of Masors without a corresponding increase of funds, and that there is no telling how soon a great and legitimate call may be made upon that fund which he seeks so ruthlessly to spoil.

As an amendment, I would venture to suggest that larger powers be entrusted to the existing Committees, both of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, who have hitherto discharged that trust faithfully and impartially, and instead of limiting their power to £20 extend it to say £50, to be left to their judgment to grant that or less, according to the peculiar circumstances of the case brought under their notice.

Fearing to bore you any more, I remain, yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

[We really do not understand how our worthy correspondent can complain either of our report or our leader, but some people are very difficult to please. We say it without offence.—Ed.]

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS AND BRO. WILSON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being unable to attend the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to-day, I beg to forward you copy of a letter I have addressed to them with respect to my dispute with the House Committee.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

27, Walbrook, E.C.,
6th December, 1879.

"To the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Brethren and Gentlemen,

"Consequent on the seeming misunderstanding with respect to my account for business services in connection with the Institution at Wood Green, which were completed more than twelve months ago, I beg to lay before you a brief statement of the facts.

"The House Committee having refused to order payment of the balance due to me, I was obliged to apply for payment through my solicitors. Since such application I have received payment of £100, without prejudice, with the understanding that the balance was to be referred to arbitration. To this I agreed, and offered to refer the matter to Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B., who is the arbitrator for the Office of Works in all such matters, than whom I considered there could be no better authority. The House Committee declined to accept Sir Henry Arthur Hunt as referee, having resolved that they would not refer the question at issue to any Freemason.

"My solicitors were, therefore, compelled to inform them that proceedings would be taken for the recovery. On this I was officially informed that Mr. F. Stanley, of 22A, Austin Friars, had been appointed by the House Committee, with full powers to settle with me. I, accordingly, immediately instructed my solicitors to stop all further legal proceedings, and requested a gentleman of my own profession to give Mr. Stanley any explanations he might require. It is now more than two months since my friend first endeavoured to make an appointment with Mr. Stanley, and he has made repeated endeavours since, but hitherto without avail. I may add that should I be compelled to recommence proceedings, all the professional gentlemen I shall call as witnesses on my behalf, who are of high standing, will give evidence that there are no overcharges in my account, but, on the contrary, that the usual professional rates are considerably higher than several of the charges on which I have based my account.

"I do not know where the blame lies, but I do think that I am not being treated at all fairly in the matter, and as I do not wish to take legal proceedings, I appeal to you with confidence to see me righted.

"I am, Brethren and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

"S. B. WILSON.

"27, Walbrook, E.C.,
"27th November, 1879."

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some time ago there was a lodge of Freemasons formed called ———— Lodge, which was to be held, according to warrant, at the ———— Hotel, ————, there being no other place in ———— suitable for a lodge of Freemasons. It was consecrated by the Grand Secretary and officers, and opened, as every one thought, with brilliant prospects, but, unfortunately, those prospects have been dashed to the ground. Our W.M., it appears, through some dispute with the proprietor of the ———— Hotel, who is also a brother Mason, has thought fit, without even consulting the lodge or even the officers, to move it from the ———— Hotel (a place where the lodge had every convenience and comfort, and

where any member could invite a visitor to with pleasure, even our Grand Master himself) to a public house some distance from there, and which is not at all suitable for a lodge, not having the convenience in any shape or form when the comfort of the lodge is concerned. Now, sir, I want to ask you as an authority, has the W.M. of any lodge the right to move the lodge to where and when he thinks proper, without calling a lodge of emergency and stating the facts, simply because he may have a private dispute with the proprietor where the lodge is held, and which does not concern the lodge whatever? It has caused dissension and unpleasantness among the members of the lodge, and a great many members would not have joined the lodge had they known it was going to be moved. I think that out of courtesy the lodge should have been consulted by the W.M. in the matter.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A MASON.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish you would impress upon Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of lodges the importance, I had almost said the duty, of seeing that the dates of their lodge meetings are correctly announced in our Masonic papers, as the neglect of their doing so often causes annoyance to visiting brethren. If it be worth while to announce them at all—and I think it so—common courtesy claims that the announcement be not misleading.

Yours fraternally.

D. W. FINNEY, P.M. 148, 1250,

Prov. G.D. Cer. West Lanc.

Warrington, Dec. 10th.

OLD MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much obliged to "P.M. and Treasurer." He is quite right in not considering me responsible for the parenthetical error, and I cannot understand how the figures 1635 could have been inserted. Of course I alluded to the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, and no other.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN R. HALL, P.M. and Hon. Sec. 31.

Canterbury, Dec. 6, 1879.

Reviews.

THE CHURCHES OF YORKSHIRE. Vol. 1., No. 1.

By Bro. H. HATTON, F.R.H.S., and W. E. Fox.

London: W. H. Smith & Son, 186, Strand.

We highly approve of this publication, both as an archaeological and artistic production, and wish it much circulation and all success. The drawings are very good and true, as our own personal knowledge and memory can safely testify, and we think the idea an admirable one in itself, and deserving the patronage of all lovers of art, taste and archaeology. The churches of Yorkshire are really beautiful old structures, and built by the operative Guilds, with the Masons' marks still on many a "perfect ashlar," speak to Freemasons with special interest and meaning. We trust to hear that this praiseworthy attempt to make us acquainted with many of the specimens of the ecclesiastical building art may prove to be a thorough success in every respect. It has our hearty good wishes.

HISTORY OF THE HERTFORD LODGE, No. 403.

Stephen Hunter and Sons, Fore-street, Hertford.

This is a most interesting history of a distinguished lodge, and may be perused with profit by us all. If it be true that its history is uneventful in one sense, it is equally certain that it well represents the normal state of many a good English lodge, and is therefore full of information to the student of to-day who seek to gain a realistic glimpse of the Masonic life of the past, to ascertain precisely what were its actual conditions of practical existence. We have turned over its pages with infinite pleasure.

YOUNG FOLKS. James Henderson, Red Lion-court, Fleet-street.

This monthly serial, much read by the young, comes before us with its thrilling tales and startling adventures. It is undoubtedly attractive to the youthful mind in the force of its narratives and the animation of its recitals.

CATHOLIC TIMES. (Christmas Number.)

This is a Roman Catholic serial and candidate for support, mainly, we apprehend, by the members of its own religious denomination. It is illustrated by a likeness of the late Cardinal Cullen, and is full of stories of incident, sentiment, and romance. On our Masonic principle of returning good for evil, though we are somewhat surprised to have it sent to us, we are glad to mention it with literary approval.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Spottiswoode and Co., the Queen's Printers.

We are greatly pleased with the selection of these interesting Christmas souvenirs submitted to our notice. They are truly artistic in the highest sense, and deserve the notice and patronage of all who wish to give or return such pleasant memorials of a sacred season, or of personal attachment. As evidences of refined taste and skilful execution they are A1; as pleasant reminders of present or distant friends they constitute a most rational and enjoyable medium of coming closer to the near, and reminding ourselves of the absent. We, therefore, think it well to call the attention of our readers to them, for Freemasons, like other mortals, have sympathies to unfold, friendships to avow, and memories of living interest and fond affection to cultivate and confirm. Let our readers see them for themselves.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Monday week, under the banner of the Keystone Lodge, and was opened by the P.G.M. in due form.

The minutes of the previous lodge were read, the by-laws of the province distributed, and the Treasurer's accounts passed. The returns of the P.G. Registrar were also received.

The P.G.M. then declared the whole of the offices vacant, and called upon the brethren to nominate a brother of eminence and ability to fill the position of P.G.M. for Monmouthshire for the ensuing three years, and to approve a petition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, in support of the recommendation made by the Provincial Grand Lodge, praying his confirmation.

Bro. William Williams, P.M. 185, then proposed the re-election of Bro. L. Augustus Homfray for the ensuing three years, and referred to the great ability that had been brought to bear on that high position during the past three years, and the immense strides made in Mark Masonry under his rule and able guidance. (Applause.)

This proposition was seconded by Bro. West, W.M. of the Keystone Lodge, 109, and put to the Provincial Grand Lodge by the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, who declared it unanimously carried amidst great enthusiasm.

The Right Wor. the P.G.M., Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, then rose to thank the Provincial Grand Lodge for the high compliment paid him, and promised that by the vote of this day he would be induced to give increased energy to the high position to which they had nominated him. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. James Horner, was re-elected.

The Right Worshipful the P.G.M. then appointed the following officers for the succeeding year:—

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| Bro. Col. Lyne | ... | ... | Prov. D.G.M.M. |
| Capt. S. G. Homfray | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| W. Watkins | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| Capt. Perkins | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| Nichol Bradley | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.O. |
| Thomas Harry | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.O. |
| Rev. J. W. C. Lindsay | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| Crawshaw Bailey | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| Walter West | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| T. H. Gage | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.S. |
| James Horner | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| L. P. Gravenor | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| Henry Richards | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.D. |
| J. A. Shepherd | ... | ... | Prov. G. In. of Wks. |
| E. J. Baker | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| J. P. Fowler | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| C. H. Rice Harris | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| William Tucker | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| H. J. Groves | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| A. I. Sinclair | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| Bros. W. S. Tait, T. G. Powell, and | ... | ... | ... |
| John Jones | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stewards. |
| Bro. Henry Fletcher | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

The Right W.P.G.M. then proposed that the warmest thanks of the P.G. Lodge be accorded to the W.M. and brethren of the Keystone Lodge for the cordial reception given them that day.

This was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. West, the W.M., most suitably responded.

The Right Wor. the P.G.M. then called attention to the report of the General Board, and expressed his satisfaction that their old, valued, and esteemed brother, General Doherty, C.B., had been nominated to the high position of P.G.W.M. of Somersetshire in the place of Lord Carnarvon, who had resigned, and invited the brethren of the province to accompany him to his installation at Bath, of which due notice would be given to them all.

The announcement was received with much acclamation.

Bro. Captain Perkins then proposed, and the P.G.M. seconded, "That the province send a Steward to the Mark Charity Festival, and that Bro. Watkins, P.G.J.W., be invited to act as Charity Steward for the province in the coming year."

This Bro. Watkins accepted, and hoped that the brethren would come forward and render him such assistance as would make his list second to none.

The other usual formal votes were given, when the P.G.M., after asking the necessary questions, proceeded to declare the P.G. Lodge closed in form, with solemn prayer.

The P.G.M. then invited the brethren to a banquet at the King's Head Hotel, when Bro. F. G. Grettton placed a magnificent spread upon the board.

There were present R.W. Bros. L. Augustus Homfray, P.G.M.M.; and Charles Lyne, D.P.G.M.M.; W. Bros. S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.W.; Wm. Watkins, P.G.J.W.; Capt. A. T. Perkins, P.G.M.O.; Bros. E. J. Baker, P.G.S.O.; T. Harry, A.G.J.O.; Thomas H. Gage, P.G.A. Sec.; James Horner, P.G. Treas.; J. P. Fowler, P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. R. Harris, P.G. Swd. Br.; L. P. Gravenor, P.G.S.D.; A. I. Sinclair, P.G.I.G.; Henry Fletcher, P.G. Tyler; J. Jones and T. J. Powell, P.G. Stewards; W. Williams, P.M. 185, G.S. Eng.; J. L. C. Hunter Little, P.P.G. Overseers; W. Pickford, P.M. 109; Alfred Taylor, P.P.G.S. Wks.; Rev. James Pugh, S.W. 214; W. P. Pugh, 214; T. Thomas, 109; Wm. Tucker, Treas. 214; S. D. Hallen, 109, and others.

At the conclusion of the banquet, at which the P.G.M. presided, the following toasts were given:—"H.M.G. Majesty the Queen," "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G."

Captain Perkins proposed "The M.W. the G.M.M.M.

of England, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and coupled with it the name of Bro. W. Watkins, whom he congratulated on his elevation as Grand Officer.

Bro. Watkins responded.

Bro. Colonel Lyne proposed "The R.W.P.G.M.M. of Monmouthshire, Bro. L. A. Homfray," and referred to the ability with which he managed the affairs of the province, and felt that the G.M. of England would only be too pleased to confirm the unanimous recommendation made for his re-appointment.

The Prov. G.M., who was warmly received, responded, and said that by the reception and unanimity exhibited he felt that he was called upon still further to use his best energies for the success of this beautiful Degree in Freemasonry.

The P.G.M.M. then proposed "The R.W. the D.P.G.M., Colonel Lyne (R.W.P.G.M. of the Craft Mon.), and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He thanked them all for the valuable assistance rendered, specially referring to the D.P.G.M. and P.G.S.W. The toast was received with much acclamation.

Bros. Colonel Lyne and Captain Homfray most ably and suitably responded, and promised increased efforts in their respective positions.

Bro. J. L. C. Hunter Little proposed "The W.M. of the Keystone Lodge (No. 109)," who responded.

Bro. Pickford proposed "The Installing Master," who responded.

Bro. E. J. Baker proposed "The Mark Lodges of the Province," and coupled with it the names of Bros. Harry, W.M. (214), and T. G. Powell (185), who duly responded.

The P.G.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and feelingly alluded to the long career in Masonry of Bro. Hallen. Bros. W. Williams (185), Pickford (109), and Hallen (109), responded.

The P.G.S.W. proposed the next toast, that of "The Masonic Charities," and referred to the power and influence which this province secured at Grand Lodge by their exertions in appointing the various Stewards. He congratulated Bro. Watkins on his appointment as Charity Steward for the year, and felt satisfied that in his hands everything would be done to secure a good list.

Bro. Watkins responded, and said he felt the high compliment conferred upon him, and hoped he would be placed in that position which would enable the province to stand second to none in the list of contributions of the Grand Mark Lodge charities of the year, and by that means secure to the deserving cases a lasting benefit for the future.

The P.G.M. then thanked the P.G. Organist (Bro. H. J. Groves) for the musical arrangements of the day. His health was drunk, and duly responded to.

The P.G. Tyler was then called upon to give the last toast of the evening—"To all poor and distressed," &c. This brought to a close a red letter day in the history of Mark Masonry in Monmouthshire.

The company having sung the National Anthem, bade each other adieu until the meeting of next P.G. Lodge, which, we understand, will be held under the banner of St. John's Lodge, Abergavenny, where the P.G.M. will be re-installed most probably by the G.M. of England.

FREEMASONRY AND SAILORS.

On Sunday, November 30th, the Freemasons of Gravesend attended the festival service at St. Andrew's Waterside Mission Church, at the invitation of the vicar of the parish, the Rev. Bro. Scarth. There was a crowded congregation, one side of the beautiful church being filled by Freemasons. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.M., and P.Z., P.P.G. Chap. Camb. P.P.G.S.W., and P.P.G.H. Kent. The lessons were read by the W.M. of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Bro. W. Barlow. Among the congregation we observed the Mayor of Gravesend and several members of the Corporation. The grand banner of the lodge and banners of the Royal Arch chapter were in conspicuous positions, and were referred to by the preacher.

The work of the St. Andrew's Waterside Mission is world-wide in its character, therefore, as a work of benevolence, could be well linked with Freemasonry. This the Rev. Bro. Robinson brought out clearly in his discourse. He also mentioned how the work had extended into so many parts and the good it had done by enabling the clergy at waterside parishes and at ports abroad to do more for sailors than had previously been done. One part of the mission work is supplying free libraries of entertaining, instructive, and devotional reading to ships, and in distributing periodicals, magazines, books, and illustrated papers freely on board emigrant and other ships, and, indeed, in every way to help and cheer both crew and passengers on their voyage. The offertory was devoted to the funds of the mission.

On the same day sermons were preached for the St. Andrew's Waterside Mission in the cathedrals of Salisbury and Rochester, and at many churches. The mission expends upwards of £2000 a year for the benefit of sailors, and distributes upwards of £2000 worth of books, &c., all free gifts; it has also supplied upwards of 3000 ships with libraries for the use of the crew. As there are many sailors who are Freemasons, some may be glad to know of this good work. Libraries can be had on application to the Secretary at the depot of St. Andrew's Waterside Mission, 36, City Chambers, Fenchurch-street Station, E.C.; contributions of books or of money may be sent there, or to the vicar of Holy Trinity, Gravesend, the Rev. Bro. Scarth.

The Rev. Bro. Robinson met a hearty welcome from the members of the lodge, and next day proceeded to Farnham to consecrate a new lodge there, of which particulars are given in our columns.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. Joyce Murray, Vice-Patron, presided, and there were also present Bros. C. F. Matier, Edw. B. Grabham, Rev. Richard Morris, L.L.D. (Head Master), W. Maple, George J. Palmer, S. Rosenthal, W. F. C. Moutrie, Thomas Meggy, F. Adlard, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Secretary reported the investment of £1500, ordered by the last meeting. He also reported that two boys were to be purchased into the Institution.

Six petitions were read and examined, and the petitioners' children placed on the list for the April election. One petition was postponed for further particulars for one month.

Bro. Binckes read to the Committee a letter which had been received from a boy to whom an outfit had been granted at last meeting, thanking the Committee for making the grant. Bro. Binckes stated that this was the more agreeable an acknowledgment, as it was but seldom the boys took any further notice after the grants were made.

The Committee adjourned after discussing some matters of detail.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

The Committee appointed on the 5th July, 1878, for the purpose of establishing a memorial to the memory of our deceased brother in the shape of a monumental stone over his grave and a perpetuation of his memory in the R.M. Institution for Girls having reported at their last meeting, on the 14th ult., that the memorial stone was completed, and that several members of the Committee had been to see it, it was resolved that one-half of the balance remaining after the payment of the monument should be handed to Mrs. Little, the widow, and the other half invested in the names of the trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the interest to be devoted annually to a prize to be denominated "The Wentworth Little Memorial Prize."

A meeting of the subscribers was called on the 3rd inst., when Bro. Col. Creaton, G. Treasurer, the Vice-President, presided, and there were also present Bros. Peacock, Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, George Kenning, Herbert Dicketts, H. C. Levander, G. Tidcombe, jun., F. R. W. Hedges, and Wm. Dodd. The resolution of the Committee having been read, it was stated by the Chairman that great caution had always been taken by the School in not accepting gifts having a tendency to endow the Institution, and as he had been advised there might be a question on the construction of the resolution, if adopted in its present form, he should suggest it be altered.

Bro. Peacock said they were all agreed as to the substance of the resolution, the only doubt being as to its legal purport in creating an endowment, which would have the effect of placing the School within the reach of the Charity Commissioners of Endowed Schools. He read the resolution, and moved "That the resolution of the Committee be adopted, with such alteration, if any, as shall be deemed necessary by the legal advisers of the Institution, in order to carry out the terms of such resolution."

This was seconded by Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Dicketts said he could not allow the meeting to pass over without recording his very great disappointment in the result of the memorial; he was ashamed to see the absence of so many well-known names of brethren who had been so intimately connected with Bro. Little's Masonic career, and who should have subscribed liberally; and that so many of the lodges in the Province of Middlesex which had been consecrated by him had not contributed anything. He also regretted the decease of Bro. Boyd, who did so much as a member of the Committee. He hoped even yet subscribers would be added to the list before the fund was divided.

Bro. Dodd read several letters from brethren who all agreed to the resolution of the Committee, in one of which the following remarks were made, and which were thought so apropos that it was hoped they would appear in print: "I am sorry to find that the well-directed efforts of the Committee have not resulted in a larger sum for our lamented friend's memorial. The fact is, that whereas 100 would gladly have attended a banquet in his honour when alive, at 1½ guineas per head, not more than twenty would be found of the number to contribute half that sum to a memorial of him. No doubt the object of the many is to please the living, that they may secure their own living. However, he will live in our memories apart from all memorials, and, on behalf of many of his friends, I thank you and the Committee for all you have done."

Votes of thanks were then unanimously passed to Bro. Col. Creaton, the Committee, Bro. Buss, the Treasurer, and Bros. Dodd and Hedges, the Secretaries.

The installation meeting of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, was held on Saturday last, the 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, a large number of brethren being present. A report of the proceedings is in type, and will appear in our next.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold will be installed Knights of Malta at the meeting of the Studholme Priory this (Saturday) afternoon.

A general meeting of the Committee of the London Masonic Charity Association will be held at No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, on Tuesday next, the 16th inst., at 5 o'clock precisely.

THE GRAND LODGES OF SCOTLAND
AND QUEBEC.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Can nothing be done to bring about a fraternal settlement between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec? All of us who have been trying, publicly and privately, have so far failed, but surely we are not to accept the present "dead lock" as final.

To begin at the beginning! I have before me the circular of Nov. 20th, 1869, announcing the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec 20th day of October, 1869, just ten years ago. It bears, amongst others, the respected signature of the M.W. Bro. Dr. J. H. Graham, who has, happily, again consented to wield the gavel of the Grand Master, notwithstanding his many years of service.

The Grand Lodge sprung into existence through the operation of the "British North American Act" of July 1st, 1867, which made the Province of Quebec as distinct from that of Ontario (formerly united as the Province of Canada, legally and Masonically) as New Brunswick from Nova Scotia. After much "heartburning" and many difficulties—in which generally Quebec was heartily supported by the Grand Lodges of the United States and elsewhere—the "Grand Lodge of Quebec" has become fraternally recognised and accepted as another polished stone in the Grand Lodge arch of the world. In 1866 Nova Scotia, and in 1867 New Brunswick, had also been formed, so there were abundant reasons for the action on all sides, since which period all has gone pleasantly, locally, but not so, however, with the authorities representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland. These Grand Lodges are "flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone," and if by any means, consistent with honour, usage, and Masonic rights, the claims put forth by Quebec can be agreed to, "the sooner the better."

Under its rule are sixty-four lodges, being thrice the number when first of all constituted, and all must agree that, as a Grand Lodge, Quebec has done its best to support its position with dignity and rectitude.

The claim, however, made and enforced as it has been of late, for "exclusive and undivided Masonic sovereignty in the Province of Quebec," cannot be recognised by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, because it would be unfair and injurious for any lodges preferring to continue their allegiance to either or all of those Grand Lodges. Why should a majority of lodges—not necessarily composing a majority of the members—have the right to coerce the remainder, and make them either join in the formation of a Grand Lodge, independent of the Grand Lodges to whom they owe their existence, or be characterised as irregular, and denied Masonic intercourse? I freely grant that the lodges in Quebec who formed the Grand Lodge in 1869, or who have joined since, had a perfect right so to do, according to Masonic custom or usage, but I deny that the new Grand Lodge so formed has any right to demand that all lodges (objecting to such a formation, and preferring to continue as heretofore) surrender or return their old warrants, and enter, whether they desire it or not, the new organisation. I claim for our lodges in Quebec the same freedom for those who prefer the allegiance of the Grand Lodges here as for those who have chosen the allegiance of the Grand Lodge there. Some difficulties, of course, will arise through the lodges continuing their independence of the new Grand Lodge, and doubtless in time, by proper management, the members will elect to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but until they voluntarily do so I submit they are as regular and as much entitled to the fraternal support and countenance of the Grand Lodge of Quebec as the latter organisation deserves recognition by other Grand Lodges.

There is a regular Grand Lodge of Egypt, recognised by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, but the English lodges at Alexandria, Cairo, and Ramleh are not objected to in any way by the Egyptian Grand Lodge, and so long as they prefer allegiance here, Egypt Masonically agrees thereto.

In Nova Scotia we have 398, Halifax, hailing from England, and yet why should we not be on the best of terms with that Grand Lodge? For a similar reason we have certainly the right to claim fraternal consideration from Quebec on behalf of our English and Scottish lodges at Montreal and St. John's, which were chartered before the Grand Lodge of Quebec was constituted.

I cannot, however, defend the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in granting warrants for 622 and 625, Montreal, after Quebec had regularly formed its own Grand Lodge, for it is this action which has so embittered the feeling between the two Grand Lodges. England and Quebec Masonically are on a firm footing, and if only Quebec would be content to wait until our lodges desire to transfer their allegiance, or if they never do, be ready to acknowledge them as regular Masons (which they are), there need be no fear of any new warrants being granted in that province by England. In fact, if our friends in Quebec will not hold out the hand of fellowship to the English lodges, working by right of their warrants dated long before the Quebec Grand Lodge came into being, they need not be under any apprehension of our invading their territory, as they are a regularly constituted Grand Lodge. The point between us being simply that they claim authority over our lodges in Montreal, &c., which we object to, but else there is practically no difficulty whatever between us, and under the genial rule of Dr. Graham, English and Quebec Freemasons will realise their brotherhood more and more as time rolls on.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland, however, by warranting two new lodges in 1878 at Montreal, has treated Quebec as unoccupied territory, and has without doubt done more to create an ill feeling between these two Grand Lodges than all the efforts of Freemasons have done good hailing

from the former Grand Lodge, and now resident in Quebec.

The excellent letter from Dr. Baynes, the District G.M. of Montreal, under the Scottish Freemasons, in the *Freemason* for November 15th, disposes entirely of the objections raised to the conduct of the lodges under his rule, and proves that in many respects his lodges flourish better in Quebec than on Scottish soil; but the real grievance is left untouched—the creation of the new lodges being a standing menace to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. If the "injurer will not forget and forgive, let the injured do so," for the sake of peace and harmony, and so long as no new warrants are granted let the "hatchet be buried," and may peace and concord be found cementing us to our provinces as Masons and brethren.

In conclusion, permit me to fraternally advise the Grand Lodge of Quebec, asking and accepting recognition, so long as its rights are respected, they not being of a retrospective character—by all means obtain the support of the English and Scottish lodges if possible, but if not, rest content to accept them as visitors, hailing from the "mother country."

THE BELL MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The members of this Society, which is conducted on sound principles, gave the third entertainment of their second season on Tuesday last at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street. The entertainment was most successful, upwards of 100 gentlemen being present, the programme being noticeably free from the vulgarities of so-called harmonic meetings. Visitors were admitted by ticket only, thus securing a most select and respectable assembly. The programme, which consisted of songs, duets, &c., was excellently rendered, the gentlemen worthy of special mention being Messrs. H. W. Goddin, Percy B. Todd, W. H. Pridham, E. C. Goldin (President of the Society), and G. Slaney (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). During the evening Bro. E. W. Wheeler (1541), the Vice-President, announced that a special entertainment in connection with this Society would be given on Tuesday week, when it is intended that the first part of the programme shall be devoted to the members and the second to the visitors. Application for tickets of admission may be made by letter to Mr. G. Slaney, addressed to Masons' Hall.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC RESEARCH.

Amidst so many discoveries of late, and suggestions, I cannot find that attention has been paid to the statement of Mr. Halliwell, F.R.S., in the "Masonic Poem" of the 14th century, to the effect that "Mr. Black possesses a minute book of the Freemasons of Chester, of the eighteenth century." Cannot Bro. A. F. A. Woodford hunt up this reference and add another to the many obligations we are under to him for his "happy finds." There was an old lodge meeting at Chester early last century (1724) and it might refer to the records. Who was the Mr. Black referred to? Now then, Bro. Woodford, at it again, and success to you on the part of

ANTIQUITY

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONS.

I have carefully collated Inigo Jones's MS., as I propose to term it, with most of the others, and I find that it is a peculiarly interesting MS., in that it differs from all known transcripts in many points and agrees with no one copy extant. It is more like Grand Lodge MS. in its Invocation, it is like the Harleian 1942, in some portions, and the Wilson MS. in others, but really is identical with none, as the following variations will show: It calls the "Land of Behest" the "Land of the Jebusites;" it terms Hermes "Trismagestrus;" it refers to a place called Bubastis, in Egypt, in which Onias built a Jewish temple in the reign of Ptolemy and Cleopatra. It sets out the letters of Solomon to Hiram and Hiram to Solomon; it omits all reference to Charles Martel, or Amphibalus, or Maymus Græcus; its charges vary considerably from any other, in that the "King" is not mentioned—in the ten charges of Masters and Fellows—but these words: "that you be not disloyal nor confederates in treasonable plots." In the eighteen charges to be observed by Masters and Fellows we find some slight variations, but none of importance. At the end Hallidom is deliberately and carefully written Itallidom. I thought at first that it was a clerical error, (and so it might be), but it is so plainly and beautifully written that the scribe clearly intended it—copying it, perhaps, from an older MS. "Ye" is written all through "yea," and all the capitals are floriated. Altogether it is one of the most interesting MSS. I have yet seen, and as I remarked last week, opens the door to many considerations and questions. Other points will no doubt "crop up" after closer collation.

Obituary.

R.W. BRO. SIR E. R. BOROUGH, BART.

In Sir Edward Richard Borough, Bart., Past Deputy Grand Master for Ireland, English as well as Irish Masonry has lost one of its most distinguished members. In the year 1820, Sir Edward, then an undergraduate at Christ Church, was initiated in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford. In the same year, the same lodge initiated amongst others Edward Coleridge, afterwards Lower Master at Eton, Richard Harington, afterwards Principal of Brasenose, and John Fawcett, the present Prov. G. Master for Durham. For fifty-nine years after this did Sir Edward live a keen and zealous Mason. As Deputy Grand Master for Ireland he spared neither time

nor trouble in the service of the Craft. Irish Masons know how much his energy and exertions did towards obtaining for the Grand Lodge of Ireland her present high position amongst the Grand Lodges of the Universe. Nor did he forget his English brethren. Many English visitors to Irish lodges will remember the cordial welcome he gave them. He was himself a frequent guest at English lodges. Though his failing eyesight made it a matter of great practical difficulty he was present at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England. The Isaac Newton University Lodge at Cambridge honoured itself by electing him a honorary member, and one of his last Masonic duties was to attend a meeting of the Studholme Chapter Rose Croix, and to accept the honorary membership of that body. Those whom he honoured with his private friendship will know that they have lost one whose kind and gentle heart made that friendship a pleasure which they will never cease to think of with affection.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The members of the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners will meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at five o'clock this day (Saturday), when a number of Grand Mark Officers and other distinguished Masons will be elevated. By desire the ceremony will be performed by Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., &c., with the permission of the W.C.N., Bro. H. Lovegrove.

The recently formed Hull Literary Club, of which Mr. William Andrews, F.R.H.S., a well-known local author, is Honorary Secretary, has resolved to form a library of works relating to the history of the East Riding of Yorkshire, and books written by natives of the district. The members propose to produce several local historical volumes.

Mr. Edward Bradbury will contribute to the January number of the "Magazine of Art" a paper entitled "Pictures in Trains," and dealing with the romantic side of railway realism.

An annual will shortly be issued in Hull under the title of the "Yule Log." It will contain contributions by several well-known authors, amongst them may be named William Andrews, F.R.H.S., author of "Historic Romance," Edward Bradbury, W. H. Hatton, J. Wilton Jones, Emra Holmes, J. W. Gould, Thomas B. Trowsdale, T. Tindall Wildridge, and other popular writers.

The National Coffee Palace Company (Limited) have taken the Royal Exchange Vaults for the purpose of carrying on a restaurant there.

We are informed that Prince Leopold is about to be created a duke, and that the county of Kent is to have the honour of claiming him as her own.

Bros. James and Thorne having gone to Nice, their places in the "Two Roses" at the Belford benefit performance on Saturday (this day) will be taken (the *Echo* says) by Messrs. Bradbury and Garthorne.

The Christmas double number of *Brief* will be ready on December 19th, and will contain, in addition to the usual epitome of the news and press opinions of the week, a mass of highly interesting and reasonable reading for Christmastide.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has sent a handsome present of game for the benefit of the patients of the Consumption Hospital, Brompton, and St. George's Hospital, also thirty pheasants for the patients in the Charing Cross Hospital.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Menzies, the Scottish publisher, which occurred suddenly in Edinburgh on Saturday last. Mr. Menzies was in his seventy-second year.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. C. Amos, of the firm of Messrs. Gilbert and Co., of Old Court House-street, who expired Nov. 6th, after a very short illness. For many years Mr. Amos has been a zealous member of the Craft of Freemasonry, and has held various offices in connection with the fraternity. It was his expressed wish to be buried with full Masonic honours.—*Indian Daily News*.

On January 1st the Gas Light and Coke Company's price of gas will be reduced from 3s. 6d. to 3s. 4d. per 1000 cubic feet.

At a special meeting of the Court of Common Council, held on Tuesday last, it was resolved to vote £105 to the Sir Rowland Hill Memorial Fund.

During Bro. Toole's temporary absence from the stage Mr. H. J. Byron will appear in "Not Such a Fool as he Looks."

At this season of the year, when taste, ingenuity, and skill vie with each other in producing Christmas novelties, we hail with every feeling of pleasure any fresh feature which strikes out from the regular groove, and obtains a distinctive success. Among the many who have attempted, few have gained so complete and pleasing a result as Mr. W. Shury Marshall, the eminent photographer, of 34, Parliament-street, S.W., with his photo Christmas cards, which are resplendent in design, artistic in colouring, and poetical in expression; the *Spécialité* consists in the photograph of the sender being inserted in the card, adding much to the value of these Christmas gifts. When informed of this novelty, we at once repaired to Mr. Marshall's studio, and in less than five minutes we were the happy possessors of half-a-dozen Christmas cards, each one containing our portrait, which, owing to the rapidity of exposure, was a characteristic likeness. To those who delight in pleasing and gratifying their friends, go to 34, Parliament-street, and avail yourselves of the opportunity.

The installation meeting of the Creton Lodge, No. 1791, took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

At a meeting of the members of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., Bro. Councillor Nell was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Payne was re-elected Treasurer. To Bro. C. Sandeman, the retiring W.M., was unanimously granted a Past Master's jewel. A good attendance of the members marked the important meeting.

We glean from the local papers that Bro. Alderman J. R. Bull, of Bedford, has given a supper, which was as much appreciated as it was excellent, to the Corporation of Bedford, of which he has been so many years a distinguished member. Amongst the guests of Bro. Bull (who is a member of the Stuart Lodge and Stuart and Mount Sinai Chapters) were the following brethren:—Bros. Captain Polhill Turner, M.P., Alderman Horsford, Sergeant (Borough Treasurer), Barfield (P.Z. Mount Sinai Chapter), R. E. Roberts (Governor of the Gaol), Capt. Colbourn, H. Allen, H. Young, Lund, and Jarvis.

A new lodge of the Swedenborgian Rite has been warranted by the Supreme Grand Council, to be called the St. Hilda Lodge and Temple, No. 12, to meet on the first Tuesday in every month, at Lofthouse, in Cleveland. The first Worshipful Master of the lodge is Bro. John Monkman Collier, 1511; the first Senior Warden is Bro. Thomas Allen, 561; and the first Junior Warden is Bro. Robert Dyson Nutt, 1618. The lodge is started under very good auspices, and promises to be as successful as can be desired by the members of the Rite.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master has sanctioned the removal of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, from the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, to the Moorgate-street Station Restaurant, E.C., where the future meetings will be held.

We understand that another effort to provide high-class serial literature for boys is about to be made. Messrs. Griffith and Ferran, whose name since the time of Oliver Goldsmith, has been identified with the production of books for the young, intend to begin with the coming year the publication of a new penny weekly entitled "The Union Jack: Tales for British Boys,"—edited by the popular veteran W. H. G. Kingston. The venture will have the distinctive character of being devoted entirely to the publication of serial tales, and it will thus, it is hoped, enter more directly into competition with the pernicious literature supplied so liberally in that form to the rising generation. The authors who are already enlisted are known favourites, their names are a guarantee that the stories will be healthy and vigorous in tone, and while they will recount adventures by land and sea, life in the Colonies and foreign countries, hair breadth escapes, and scenes and events at home and abroad, they will always inculcate the right principles and manly virtues which characterise the true English gentleman.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the Bishop of St. Asaph is obliged to postpone his intended ordination, which was fixed for the 21st inst., to February 22nd next.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lee has commenced his duties as preacher at Gray's-inn Chapel.

Bros. Sir Francis Truscott (Lord Mayor), Woolton, and Bayley (Sheriffs) will attend the re-opening service of St. Sepulchre's Church, on Sunday, the 25th proximo.

The installation meeting of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, was held on Monday evening last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Owing to severe illness the W.M. elect, Bro. Footitt, was unable to attend. The installation ceremony was, therefore, postponed until the February meeting. At the suggestion of Bro. Samuel Webb, Past Master, the Wardens were invested to enable them to serve the proper period of twelve months. A full report of the proceedings is in type, but is unavoidably postponed until next week.

A meeting of the St. Alban's Cathedral Masonic Restoration Fund Committee will be held on Monday next, the 15th inst., at 4 o'clock "to consider a fresh form of circular drawn up by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., and for general business."

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-Book for 1880, price post free 2s. 1d. (London: Mr. George Kenning.)—The object of the compiler of this neat little volume is to supply to the brethren of the "Craft" a correct and trustworthy calendar and pocket-book. A glance at the contents will convince the merest novice that wherever Freemasonry exists—and where does it not?—there the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" will guide and give definite information of distant spots, and of numerous bodies of whose very existence some of the "Craft" are probably altogether ignorant. A handy companion for the pocket, it will tell the wanderer of mystic councils and far-off lodges, and will keep alive that interest in the universal organisation which want of knowledge is apt to chill, and forgetfulness is likely to destroy. Besides being a comprehensive book of reference, it contains the names of officers in Great Britain and Ireland, the Continent of Europe, Canada, New Brunswick, British Columbia, United States, Central and South America, Egypt, and Peru, and full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe. There is a calendar of notable days and meetings, and also a sheet of blanks for memos, and general information. No Mason should be without this compact and handy little pocket-book.—*European Mail*, Nov. 21st.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" reached its 500th representation on Saturday last at the Opera Comique, and appears to enjoy more success the longer it is performed. The performance by the juvenile company will commence on Tuesday afternoon next.

The Rev. Dr. S. Wainwright will preach a sermon at St. Bride's, Fleet-street, on Sunday morning next, on behalf of the Post Office branch of the Church Association.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 19, 1879.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.
Committee Restoration Fund, St. Alban's Cathedral, F.M.H.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.
Lodge 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tav.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, Regent M.H.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 9.
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 16.
Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
General meeting L.M.C.A., 1, Clifford's Inn.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bge.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.
Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav.
" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot.
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Mark 144, Grosvenor, Regent Masonic Hall.

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 18.
House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
" 1139, S. Norwood, Singapore Public H., S. Norwd.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1613, Cripplelegate, Albion Tav.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Lodge Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.
House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
Mark 176, Era, Bridge House Hot.
K.T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav.
Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.

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 20, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.
Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 86, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.
Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.
Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 20, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.
Lodge 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.
" 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton Norris.
" 1170, St. George, M.H., Manchester.
Chap. 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hot., Blackburn.
Mark 141, Skelmersdale, Pitt & Nelson Hot., Ashton U. L.