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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—This old and flourishing lodge met in strength at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 19th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. James Smith, W.M.; Hyland, S.W.; Payne, J.W.; F. B. Davage, P.M.; Treas.; P. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; R. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, acting I.P.M.; Wallis, S.D.; Davey, J.D.; Sibley, acting I.G.; Whitley, P.M.; Wagner, P.M.; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Cummings, 1677; E. Walter, 459 (India); T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlx. (*Freemason*); and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Messrs. C. G. Mathysz, R. Smith, and Sydney Gibbs, and it proving to be unanimous, the two last named gentlemen were duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Elsam, P.M., who proceeded to raise Bros. J. Harris, E. A. Harris, and S. T. Wickstead to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably and impressively performed. Bro. J. B. Ottaway was on the agenda for passing, but was unavoidably prevented from attending. A communication from the widow of a deceased member of the lodge having been read, it was unanimously resolved that, subject to inquiries being made as to the correctness of her statement, the sum of five pounds should be given to her from the Benevolent Fund. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year resulted respectively in favour of Bros. Hyland, S.W.; Davage, P.M.; and Parkinson. The Audit Committee, consisting of the W.M. Past Masters, Wardens, and Bros. Brailey, having been appointed, Bro. P. Wagner moved, which was duly seconded and carried unanimously, that the usual Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. J. Smith, the outgoing W.M. A very prolonged and somewhat acrimonious discussion upon the subject of the last appointment of officers having taken place, the lodge was formally closed at ten o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were quickly and briefly given, and as the time was rapidly approaching midnight, the respective replies were necessarily, but tersely and formally made.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Bro. W. G. Brighten, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Boswell, S.W.; Sawyer, J.W.; Frances, Sec.; Masters, I.G.; Klenck, P.M.; Pain, P.M.; Bassett, P.M.; Coe, P.M.; Roseblin, Moss, Salmon, M'Kay, J. Roseblin, Bowyer, and the following visitors:—Bros. Meek, 754; Fletcher, 1567; Bartlett, 1752; Bonstead, P.M. 548; Portreene, 1555; E. Dodson, P.M. 72; Smith, 186; Newman, 1385; Dondney, 145; Freeman, 1288; and H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes read, the first business was to ballot for Mr. Roseblin and Mr. H. J. Pain, who were candidates for admission into Freemasonry, the latter being the son of Bro. Pain, one of the highly respected Past Masters of the lodge. In both cases the ballot was unanimous, and they were introduced, and ably initiated into the Order by the W. Master. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Dakes was examined as to the progress he had made in the science. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M. and Sec., presided, and Bro. Dakes was impressively raised to the Sublime Degree. The lodge was afterwards closed in the different Degrees, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where ample refreshments were provided. At its conclusion, the usual formal toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. said the next toast he had to propose, was "The Health of their Brother Initiates," one of whom was the son of an esteemed Past Master, and he could assure him that he welcomed him with a great amount of cordiality, and asked him to diligently follow in the footsteps of his father, for by so doing he would make himself es-

teemed, not only in Freemasonry but throughout his life. He was glad that Bro. Pain had come into the Order in that lodge, and could assure him that if he gave his heart to it the benefit would be returned to him a thousand-fold. As to Bro. Roseblin, he was a stranger amongst them, but he was brother to one of their members, who had stood by the lodge through good report and through evil report, and had come hundreds of miles to be with them over and over again. He trusted that, as they were now brothers two-fold, they would work together for the benefit of the lodge in particular and for Freemasonry in general. The toast was very cordially received, and Bros. Pain and Roseblin severally returned thanks for the honour that had been conferred upon them by their admission into Freemasonry in that lodge. Bro. Coe, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W. Master," who, he said, was one of the founders of the lodge, and asked the brethren to drink it with cordiality. Bro. Dodson sang "Shells of the Ocean" in exquisite style, and afterwards the W. Master said he was very much obliged to them for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast proposed by their Immediate Past Master. His year of office was drawing to a close, and he would, to the utmost of his power, endeavour to make the Stockwell Lodge a bona fide working lodge, and restore it to the happy position it formerly held. Bro. Klenck, P.M., then announced that they were about to draw for a Life Governorship of one of the Charities, but a small sum was required to make up the required amount, which was immediately supplied, and the lot fell to Bro. Bowyer, who was fortunate in obtaining another one on a former occasion. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," for which Bro. Thompson responded, referring to the time when he had the privilege and pleasure of being present at the consecration of the lodge, and he had a vivid recollection of the great and hearty welcome he, in common with others, then received from Bro. Bannester, their first W. Master, and he was glad to have the opportunity of revisiting a lodge in which he had received such kindness. He congratulated the lodge on that night initiating the son of Bro. Pain, one of their Past Masters, and an old friend of his own, and he thought that when a father proposed his own son for initiation it might be a good answer to those who were at all times ready to throw a stone at Freemasonry, and that was because they knew nothing of it. If the father was willing to introduce his son amongst them, Freemasonry could not be a very bad thing, and would fully answer the sneers of the vulgar that were sometimes levelled against them. Two or three other visitors also returned thanks. The W. Master then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and extolled their good qualities, being always ready to render suit and service in any way in their power. Bro. Coe, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the hearty, kind, and cordial manner in which they had supported him during his year of office, as he had endeavoured to carry out the duties of the lodge to the best of his ability. Bros. Pain and Klenck also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The December meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday week, the 17th inst. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Scales, the lodge was opened by Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M., Secretary, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. W. Side, S.W.; W. M. Stiles, J.W.; James Willing, P.M., Treas.; R. T. Kingham, P.M.; H. Lovegrove, D. of C., as Secretary; H. Stiles, as S.D.; Raney, as J.D.; G. Clarke, I.G.; Brumwell, W.S.; J. Daly, Tyler; J. Fortescue, C. C. Cruikshanks, J. W. Little, C. F. Hall, Thos. S. Raney, D. Hatch, J. C. Edmonds, Chas. Carter, Wm. Wiltshire, Lewis Solomon, C. Rooks, G. W. Knight, Alf. Mellon, C. Killingback, P. H. Thorn, F. H. Parker, E. R. Freebody, J. Sheppard, W. Davey, D. Morgan, F. J. Perks, R. Kearns, S. Hollingsworth, E. T. Henborn, H. H. Child, E. Van Camp, M. Conolly, John Jones, R. A. Fraser, A. Burstow, H. A. Dennison, C. W. Blake, John R. Rogers, C. Sheath, and others. The visitors included Bros. A. J. Ireton, W.M. 1624; Alfred Tisley, J.D. 8; E. Storr, 167; W. H. Lee Davies, 192; F. Silvester, 193; F. E. Morris, 697; J. Godwin, 1556; Chas. B. Carter, 1662; C. B. Putland, 732; F. W. Sillis, 1744; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The first business proceeded with, after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, was the raising of Bros. C. Rooks and H. Connolly to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being ably given by the acting Master, Bro. Michael. Bro. Scales having by this time arrived, assumed the chair, and impressively initiated Messrs. A. A. Burstow, J. W. Bourne, R. W. Fraser, and John Jones into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. R. T. Kingham, P.M., then brought forward the following motion:—"That to Bye-law 12 the following words be added: 'and a permanent Committee, consisting of the W.M., the Past Masters, and officers of the lodge, shall be appointed to consider the matter of brethren in arrear, and see this bye-law properly carried out.'" Bro. Kingham said his main object in introducing this motion was to put a stop to the practice of mentioning the names of defaulting brethren in open lodge. He considered it a most uncharitable action, and the sooner it was abolished the better. Bro. Cruikshanks supported the motion, which was opposed by Bro. Willing, who, in the course of a somewhat lengthy speech, informed the brethren that names were never mentioned in open lodge until every means had been exhausted in endeavouring to induce the brother to pay his dues. When a brother was really unable to pay, and had the honesty and fairness to say so, his was not a name that was mentioned. It was only for those brethren who would not pay unless some force was used that they wished to retain the power they possessed, in threatening that, unless the dues were paid, their names must be mentioned in open lodge as defaulting

members, and they would be excluded from attending the meetings of the lodge. Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M., also spoke in opposition to the motion, and cited, much apparently to the surprise of many young members of the lodge, several instances where it was of the utmost importance that those responsible for the well-doing of the lodge should hold some means of pressure, which was never wantonly used. The Senior Warden, Bro. W. Side, and the Junior Warden, Bro. W. M. Stiles, also opposed the motion, the latter brother stating that, having acted as Secretary to the lodge for several years, he was in a position to say positively that every brother in arrear had been written to over and over again, five or six times, and it was only those who would not reply in any shape or form who were threatened with exposure. In the majority of cases replies were received promising to pay. Of course, these were shelved for a time, and ultimately paid. The motion was then put to the lodge by the W.M., and was rejected by a large majority; in fact, there were only five held up their hands in favour of it. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Clemow, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to. Some excellent singing was given during the evening, special mention being due to Bro. F. Silvester for a most amusing, though difficult, song, very cleverly sung.

STOCKPORT.—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—The installation meeting and celebration of the festival of St. John was held at Ashton House, Greek-street, on Monday, the 8th inst. There being a rather a full day's work to be got through, it was found necessary to hold a morning and afternoon session. The morning session, therefore, commenced at 10 a.m., when some 15 brethren were present. After the lodge had been opened with prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Davis and Mr. A. G. Cumming, and these gentlemen having been duly elected, they were each singly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Harrison, P.S.G.D. On the retirement of the initiates, the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. Major Preston, who was ready to be advanced to the Third Degree, was interrogated, and withdrew for preparation. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and on the re-admission of Bro. Preston he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Pearson, P.M. This ceremony being finished, Bro. Capt. Henry Turner, P.M. 62, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, was balloted for, and elected a joining member of the lodge. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. The financial and charity reports were next read and adopted. With respect to the latter report, a few particulars of the same may not be uninteresting. The Committee reported that they had, during the year, devoted £126 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; £10 10s. to the Cheshire Educational Institution; £5 5s. to assist an aged brother in procuring an annuity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £23 in relieving local cases of distress; making a total of £164 15s., and towards this amount the lodge had only been taxed to the extent of twenty-five guineas, the remainder having been derived from the regular charity receipts, supplemented by voluntary contributions from the brethren. The lodge was called off from labour at twelve o'clock. At three o'clock the brethren, who had by this time assembled in good numbers, resumed their labours, the following being amongst their number:—Bros. Wm. Harrison, W.M., P.S.G.D.; Henry Collier, S.W.; R. W. Shelmerdine, J.W.; T. Bullock, Sec.; Wm. Booth, S.D.; Geo. Balfe, Org.; H. Mather, S.S.; J. Fox, J.S.; Jos. Meadows, Tyler; John Bell, Thos. Taylor, Abel Gaskell, Thos. Torkington, Geo. Naylor, Chas. Pearson, Wm. Glearne, Herbert Finch, P.G.D. of C.; Jos. Stafford, Frances Preston, Henry Leal, Geo. Gaskell, Jos. Weed, Giles Hatherton, M. B. Sutton, H. Warren, A. G. Cumming, Thos. Davis, Wm. Raynor, H. Turner, P.M.; John Eaton, and Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Edward Hardon, P.P.S.G.D. E. Lanc.; Thos. Brookes, P.M. 323, Prov. G.A.D. of C. Cheshire; J. Vaughan, P.M.; Chas. Booth, W.M. 287; Wm. Nukton, 322; Wm. Alcock, J.D. 322; Thos. Smith, P.M. 1126, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; Isaac Bailey, W.M. 322; J. T. Owen, W.M. 993; John Leigh, S.W. 287; Geo. Bowden, 336; G. Atkinson, W.M. 323, P.M. 1126; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; John Wood, P.G.S.W. Cheshire; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C. E. Lanc., and others. The W.M. called upon Bro. Herbert Finch (the Installing Master) to take the chair, and that brother immediately appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. Brookes, D. of C.; Capt. Turner, S.W.; Edward Hardon, J.W.; G. W. Harrison and W. Hixon, Deacons; Dr. T. Smith, Chaplain; Chas. Pearson, Sec.; Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, Org.; and Chas. Booth, I.G. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Finch, by the Deacons. After the obligation had been taken, the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when all below the rank of Installed Masters withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters was opened in the form, and Bro. Collier installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. On the re-admission of the brethren the usual proclamation was made to them of Bro. Collier's installation, whom they saluted in the customary manner. The W.M. then presented to Bro. William Harrison, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, and accompanied the same with a few well-chosen words of kindly feeling. Bro. Finch afterwards gave the lecture on the jewel to the I.P.M., and Bro. Harrison returned thanks for the present. The investiture of officers was then proceeded with as follows: Bros. T. Burrows, S.W.; W. Booth, J.W.; R. W. Shelmerdine, Treasurer (re-elected); G. Balfe, S.D.; T. Bullock, J.D.; H. Mather,

I.G.; J. Fox, S.S.; W. Bradley, J.S.; and Jos. Meadows, Tyler (re-elected). The appointment of Secretary was deferred. The Installing Master then gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and "Hearty good wishes," having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45. The ceremony throughout was choral, and Bros. W. Alcock, G. Balfe, W. Booth, E. J. Edmonson, G. Gaskell, C. Pearson, P.M., and T. Wilkinson, P.M. (who were the executants) rendered valuable aid to what was unmistakably a treat to all those who were fortunate enough to be present, and it would be well for the honour and glory of Masonry if the practice of choral accompaniments at installation meetings was more frequent, as it undoubtedly attracts all lovers of music and gives additional charm to the proceedings. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson proved himself a most efficient accompanist on the harmonium. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to an admirably served banquet, and as soon as grace after meat had been sung by the musical brethren (*Non Nobis Domine*), the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" was proposed by Bro. Finch, the D.C., and loyally responded to. The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales" followed. The next toast was "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge." The toast of "The R.W. Grand Master of Cheshire, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley," followed. In response to the toast of "The R.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Hon. W. Egerton, M.P., and the rest of the Present and Past Grand Officers," Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson said he had responded to this toast so many times that he was afraid he had almost worn it threadbare; he would, therefore, simply content himself by thanking them heartily for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed as one of the P.P.G. Officers, and he thought that the recent election of Prov. Grand Officers had given great satisfaction in Stockport, at any rate. Bros. Dr. T. Smith, P.P.G.J.D., and T. Brookes, P.G.A.D. of C., also responded to the toast. The sixth toast proposed was "The Prov. Grand Officers of the Neighbouring Provinces." In proposing the seventh toast on the list, that of "The W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 104," Bro. Wm. Harrison said he felt it a great honour to be called upon to propose this toast, at the same time he was diffident in doing justice to it. He thought their W.M. well deserved the honour he had gained, as he had always been very attentive to his duties while sitting as S.W. in the lodge, and he thought that in their Worshipful Master's hands the interests of Freemasonry would assuredly be benefited, and would be handled by him with that prudence and forethought that experience alone gives. In placing upon Bro. Collier's breast the centenary jewel of St. John's Lodge, he trusted it would be handed to his successor with the same feelings of pleasure as it afforded him that evening. The W.M., in reply, said Bro. Harrison had given him such a text that he felt it rather difficult to preach from. He could only return his sincere thanks for what he felt to be the greatest honour the brethren of St. John's Lodge could confer upon him. He felt himself in a very responsible position, and he thought that a brother who had the responsibility of managing a number of brethren ought to be as equally capable of managing himself to begin with. As the brethren had, however, unanimously elected him to rule over them, it showed their confidence, but at the same time he trusted to their supporting him in his position. He could not help feeling a little nervous in undertaking such an important office, especially when he saw so many shining lights in Masonry around him, and it had been very gratifying to him to see that afternoon the presence of so many Provincial Grand Officers, who had formed the Board to instal him, and he especially thanked Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson for his great kindness in coming to support him. He thanked his officers for their assistance, especially Bro. Herbert Finch, the Installing Master, who, he was sure, the brethren owed a great deal to. Bro. Collier also spoke in the highest praise of the I.P.M.'s zeal and energy while presiding over them during the past twelve months, and concluded by asking the brethren to drink his health. The I.P.M., in reply, said he thanked the brethren for so cordially responding to his health. When first he presided over them he thought the duties of W.M. were very onerous, but he afterwards found they were not so difficult, and, like most things, became easier when you thoroughly knew how to do them, and became a pleasure instead of being irksome. If he had given the brethren satisfaction it was all he could desire. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said if this was not the toast of the evening, he considered it ranked next to it, and it always afforded him exceeding pleasure in seeing visitors amongst them. He thought that hospitality in Masonic lodges was one of their chief characteristics, and the St. John's Lodge was no exception to the rule. He trusted the visitors were pleased with the ceremony of installation, as he did not think the work could have been better done than it had been that day. They had that evening a large assembly of visitors, and amongst them many well-known brethren in rank, and as good Masons, and in asking the brethren of St. John's Lodge to drink their health in a bumper he was sure they would. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. The concluding toasts were "Past Masters of the St. John's Lodge," "The Newly-invested Officers," "The Newly-admitted and Newly-raised Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Sister Lodges of Stockport," "All Poor and Distressed Masons." This concluded one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings in connection with this lodge, and great praise is due to Bro. Herbert Finch, who was perceptibly the moving spirit of the whole affair. The musical brethren and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson also deserve warm

eulogy for the manner in which the musical arrangements were carried out, and, although it is scarcely possible to particularise any one piece, we cannot help awarding the palm to the rendering of "The Soldiers' Chorus," from "Faust," which was well sung, and vociferously encored.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, the 15th inst., when Bro. W. H. Gainforth, was installed in the chair, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R. The Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. Buckle, I.P.M.; M. Rooke, S.W.; J. S. Rymer, J.W.; Rev. A. B. Day, Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; G. Kirby, Sec.; G. Garbutt, S.D.; W. Draper, J.D.; J. G. Hodgson, M.C.; Thos. Hopkins, Org.; W. Powell, I.G.; J. Young and W. Smith, Stewards; W. G. Calvert, Tyler. After the ceremonies, the brethren met at an excellent supper, the W.M. ably presiding. Amongst other members and visitors present were Bros. Sir James Meek, P.M.; W. Lawton, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.M.; T. B. Shaw-Hellier, P.M. 295 (I.C.); J. Hanly, W.M. 295; L. Murphy, W.M. elect 295; Rev. W. Valentine, P.M., and many other members and visitors. Letters were received from Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M., J. S. Cumberland, P.M., and several others, regretting inability to be present.

JERSEY.—Mechanics Lodge (No. 245).—At the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, after the initiation of two candidates, Bro. O. Dodge, P.M., Sec., presented Bros. Past Masters Moss, Blampied, and Gray each with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the high esteem in which they were held by the members of the lodge, and, in doing so, passed a high eulogium on the recipients. In conclusion, he hoped that what they had just witnessed would make a lasting impression on their minds, especially of the younger brethren, and serve to stimulate them to higher aims, and be the means of throwing fresh energy into their work, in the hope that they might ultimately become the recipients of like rewards. Bros. Moss, Blampied, and Gray returned thanks for the honour done them. We believe the above circumstance is unprecedented in the annals of Freemasonry in Jersey. The jewels were much admired.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. John Roger Lever, W.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; William Nicholl, J.W.; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; Tomlyn, S.D.; Halliday, J.D.; Cunliffe, Organist; John Bladon, P.M., D.C.; J. Dawson, P.M., Registrar; John Church, Sec.; J. Wilson, acting I.G.; John Smethurst, Treas.; J. Kirk, acting Tyler; J. Higginbottom, P.M.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Sydney Henson, P.M.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.G.; J. Howarth Clark, P.M.; J. W. Edwards, E. de Yongh, J. E. Elderton, P. Holmes, Ellis Jones, Ludwig Oppenheimer, J. E. Middlehurst, James Eckersley, J. Smith, Francis Hilton, H. Forshaw, E. H. Bates, H. Walmsley, and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*). Visitors: Thos. A. Ryder, W.M. 1357; James Cummins, 1633; J. A. Jowett, 1633; and W. J. Watson, I.P.M. 1496. The lodge was opened at 5.30 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. At six o'clock the brethren were called from labour, and sat down to tea. At 6.45 they resumed labour, and Bro. David Wenham, who had been balloted for and elected at a previous meeting, was interrogated, and afterwards initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. At the conclusion of this ceremony, and the retirement of the initiate, Bro. Gooden, who had been balloted for previously, was also initiated, the ceremony being also performed by the W.M. in the most creditable manner. Bro. Church gave the charge to both candidates collectively. This being the night for election of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, the usual proceedings were gone through, when it was found that the choice of the brethren had fallen upon their S.W., Bro. Mark Vickers, the announcement of this fact being greeted with warm applause. Bro. Vickers, in a most eloquent speech, thanked the brethren for the trust reposed in him. Bro. John Smethurst was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Sly Tyler. This latter brother, whose extreme usefulness and knowledge in all the Degrees of Freemasonry is well known in Manchester and the suburbs, was, unfortunately, prevented by illness from attending his duties. The W.M., however, deputed the acting Tyler, Bro. Kirk, to acquaint Bro. Sly of his election as Tyler to the lodge, and also to express the "Hearty good wishes" of himself and the brethren for his speedy return amongst them. Some discussion ensued as to the day for celebrating the St. John's festival, but eventually a Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the same, and Bros. Walmsley, Wilson, Nicholl, and Lisenden were appointed Stewards. After the Auditors had been appointed, the visiting brethren expressed "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.45.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—On Friday, the 12th inst., this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, Bro. J. Milne Bramwell being installed Worshipful Master of the lodge for the next year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Slack, P.M. of St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract, and amongst the visitors present were Bros. Mathers, P.M., and Clark, P.M., from the same lodge. At the banquet subsequently held at the Sydney Hotel (when Bro. Brown placed a repast of no ordinary character on the table), Bro. Bramwell, the new Worshipful Master, presided, and was supported by several visiting brethren, the Past Masters of the lodge, and others. Bro. Gardiner, S.W., occupied the

vice-chair. After the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed the usual Masonic and loyal toasts, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. John Thos. Watts, I.P.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed; after which Bros. J. Blackwell, Allen, Avison, and Jas. H. Bowden, who were present, having been examined as to their proficiency in the First Degree, were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the Second Degree, by Bros. T. Heathcote, P.M., G. A. Packwood, P.M., and R. Holland, W.M., assisted by the officers most efficiently. Bro. Joseph Hardy, S.W., was then unanimously elected W.M.; Bros. James Gibson Edge, re-elected Treasurer (for the fifteenth year); William Riddell, P.M., Tyler. Bros. Watts, Packwood, and Walker were appointed Auditors. All Masonic business being over, the lodge was closed in the usual form by Bro. R. Holland, W.M. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, supplied by Host Coburn in his usual efficient manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in excellent style; the proceedings being enlivened with songs, recitations, &c., in which Bros. J. Corney, S.D., S. Balantyne, and others took part. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

THIRSK.—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—The installation meeting took place on Thursday the 11th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, North Yorkshire. There was a good muster of Past Masters, including Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M. 837, P.P.G.C. West York; J. Richardson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G.P. West York; G. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; A. C. Knowles, P.M. 940, P.P.G.D. Durham; J. Hunton, P.M. 940, P.P.G.D. Durham; P. Donaldson, P.M. 837; J. Walton, P.M. 1416, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Ayre, P.M. 1416, P.G.J.D.; C. Palliser, P.M. 1337; J. Fairburn, P.M. 1337; Rev. C. E. Camidge, P.M. 1416, P.P.G.C.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1416; W. H. Gainforth, W.M. elect 236; G. Kirby, 236; L. Payne Galloway, 1416; R. Bell, 1416; and others. The installation ceremonies were performed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.D.C., and the following is the list of the officers:—Bros. W. Coltman, W.M.; T. J. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; W. Hall, S.W.; C. Greensides, J.W.; Rev. C. E. Camidge, Chap.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Lecture Master; Jas. Walton, Sec.; H. Smith, S.D.; J. Johnson, J.D.; R. Atkinson, M. of C.; Z. Wright, Org.; H. Longford, I.G.; J. S. Farmery, Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet at the Three Tuns Hotel, when the W.M. presided.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Albany, for the purpose of initiating a member, passing four, and raising one; unfortunately only two turned up, and the ceremony of passing was performed by the W.M. in his usual masterly manner. There were present Bros. E. W. Devereux, W.M.; John Thos. Moss, P.M., P.G.R. Middx.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.G.D.C. Middx.; Treasurer; A. Loos, S.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.G.P.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; Benj. Wright, Secretary; J. H. Pearson, J.D.; G. S. Elliott, I.G.; W. Hammond; W. A. Sims, and A. A. Sims. The correspondence was read by the Secretary, including a letter from J. T. Sabine, regretting his absence in consequence of illness, and requesting to be placed on the list of country members, also from Col. Burdett, P.G.M., in consequence of a prior engagement; and from the initiate, Mr. J. S. Fowler; also from Bros. Squire, Jenkins, Chipperfield, and Dr. Ryley for their absence. Bro. Sims was then interrogated by the W.M., and afterwards passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. This being the whole of the business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Moss, in his usual happy vein, responding for "The Grand Officers." Bro. Sims delighted the brethren with Othello's address to the Senators, and after a little harmony the brethren returned to town by an early train.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This provincial lodge met at its headquarters, the Albany Hotel, on the 10th inst., when there were present among others Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; Ashley, S.W.; T. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middx., &c., acting I.P.M.; the Rev. M. D'Orsey, Chaplain; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., acting Sec.; Rogers, acting S.D.; and Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws was read, and, after some discussion, it was unanimously adopted. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was passed, *nem. con.* to Bro. C. Horsley, P.M., for the services rendered by him to the Committee in the revision of the bye-laws. The brethren having partaken of a collation, the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Horsley and Saunders responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." "The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by Bro. Horsley, and, having been heartily received, Bro. Taylor modestly replied, and then gave "The Officers," which toast was acknowledged by Bros. Ashley, D'Orsey, and Walls. The remainder of the time at the disposal of the brethren having been agreeably spent, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the brethren separated.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince Arthur Lodge (No. 1570).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd inst., at the

To Correspondents.

The following correspondence was received too late for publication, and is held over until next week:—

Bro. Perceval's letter. Proof will be sent.

The following also stand over:—

Laying the Foundation Stone of the New Law Courts at Invercargill, New Zealand.

An Extinct Lodge.

Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells.

Royal Arch—Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185; Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Western Daily Mercury," "South London Chronicle and Southwark and Lambeth Ensign," "Banbury Guardian," "Hull Packet," "Christmas Number of Brief," "The Girl's Own Paper," "The Masonic Herald," "Die Bahnhutte," "Citizen," "Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "Croydon Guardian," "The North China Herald," "The Bridgewater Mercury," "La Chaine d' Union," "The Freemason," N.S.W., "Voice of Masonry," "Boletin Official," "The Rough Ashlar," "Sutton's Amateur's Guide to Horticulture," "Masonic Advocate," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Newspaper,"

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

NICHOLS.—On the 19th inst., at 36, Hetherington-road, Clapham, the wife of Mr. T. Nicholls, of a son.

THYNNE.—On the 19th inst., at Teddington, Mrs. F. G. Thynne, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

KENNEDY—WETTON.—On the 18th inst., at the parish church, Westbury, Wilts, by the Rev. H. Duke, Major-General J. W. A. Kennedy, to Marion, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Wetton of Kew.

DEATH.

COOPER.—On the 18th inst., at Farningham, Kent, Isabella, daughter of the late Mr. T. Cooper.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1879.

THE OLD YEAR.

The Old Year is on its "last legs," and a New Year is rapidly drawing near. Thus, as ever in the great reality of human life, age makes way for youth and youth presses upon age. Before we again greet our readers the old year will have gone to its many forefathers, and a new year will have dawned upon this struggling world of ours. With an old year passing away and a new one supervening there necessarily arise many thoughts, seasonable for us all. We have ourselves seen, though still here to-day in the good Providence of God, in the last twelve months, friends and comrades pass away, we have witnessed how sickness breaks down, and how weakness succeeds strength, how many are the disappointments, the grievances, the heartaches of life, how ephemeral its best possessions, how transitory its purest joys. Twelve months hence how many of us will still survive, nay, rather, how many of us may not have passed away amid the shadows of the past. It is useless to disguise from ourselves that as we march on year by year we, ourselves, grow weaker and older as each succeeding twelve months fleet over our heads, and that for us all the flight of time means too often the weakening of powers, the decay of intellect, the submergence of all those things on which we most count here often, on which we most set our hearts, which are bound with our sincerest and tenderest sympathies, in the dark and turbid waters of the great rolling river of time. Just now we are all of us rather indulging, (for extremes ever meet here), in an epicurean or a stoical philosophy, and to some of us all such thoughts as we have ventured to sketch out are alike unwelcome and out of place, unseasonable and uncalled for. Not that as a rule we care very much either for the criticisms of the critical or the objections of the antagonistic. But we would ask which is the best and truest teacher, he who points out things as they really are, proclaims that truth which is objective to us all, or he who "daubs the work with untempered mortar," and seeking only to please or to commend himself to the frivolous and the parasite, skims over what is real

and of moment, and places before his readers what only, "subjective" at the best, is fraught by its perverted or sentimental use with the most evil consequences to our intellects and our hearts. And so we think it well always to remind ourselves that as Masons we profess to teach morality, and, therefore, we should never forget that after all our "seria mista jocis," mirth and sobriety combined, are the best mental food for us all. If any of our readers dislike our more serious tones, let them remember we cannot hope to please all, and that our best consciousness and reward will be that we have sought at the same time to improve and to amuse, to interest and gratify our many readers. May the old year now passing away leave us with grateful memories and reverent hearts, and may Masonry everywhere in the new year as in the old not be ashamed to proclaim its beneficent and religious and tolerating principles for the welfare of our brethren here below, and the material progress and the social peace, and fraternal concord, of a great and listening world.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

Another point in connexion with this subject it is necessary to consider now is—"how will it affect lodges of instruction?" We have every reason to believe that its effect will be most disastrous upon them one and all, and that the probability is that it will simply introduce a system of "cramming" most objectionable per se, and most injurious to an educated rendering of the ritual. It is one thing, (as we all perfectly well know), to deliver our ritual carefully and culturedly, and another to repeat it with parrot-like monotony, until its repetition palls on and pains the ears of the educated. Up to the present in London the Emulation Lodge of Improvement has maintained its high character, has done much good to Masonic ritual, and has sent from its bosom, many,—as we can testify,—most competent Preceptors and "bright Masons." What will be its position with a so-called Board of Preceptors? First of all, what is to be the ritual? Is it to be the ritual of 1813—now recognized by Grand Lodge—or is it to be one settled after full, and patient, and long revision, which will end the conflicting views and theories, not of 1813, but of 1880? Under the circumstances of an official Board such valuable centres of Masonic Instruction as the Lodge of Emulation must of necessity cease to exist—their use is ended, their value is gone. And then let us see what must and will follow. At present the gains of the unworthy brother who, despising the injunctions of his Order, trades in the unhallowed merchandize of an unlicensed and illegal "crib," will be increased, because he will profess, "mine is a copy of the one authorized ritual." At present, owing to a wise liberty of verbiage and ceremony, the great landmarks being rigidly observed, all such illicit works are comparatively useless, all such nefarious gains are comparatively limited. But the truth is—let us look at it fully—we are landing ourselves by this movement upon an undiscovered shore of doubt, vexation, trouble, and dispute. The only one point in favour of the motion is that in December, 1869, Grand Lodge passed a resolution in favour of the motion. But the fact that no action has been taken since shows the inherent difficulty of the question, in a much greater measure than those who have not studied the question can realize. It is a fact that Grand Lodge did pass the resolution, but under what circumstances? Clearly, as was well pointed out in our correspondence last week, hastily, and without sufficient discussion. In the report of the proceedings, besides Bro. Stevens, only Bros. Stebbing, Browse, and Cooke spoke, and the reporter especially adds,—they "made a few remarks," and the motion was carried. The Grand Lodge that night, owing to the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was too excited to listen to anything, as is often the case under similar circumstances and in similar meetings. In the Grand Lodge of March, 1880, it seems that the motion to appoint a Committee was lost on an amendment by Bro. Havers, to defer the appointment to next Grand Lodge, and at the Grand Lodge in June Bro. Horace Lloyd, then Grand

Registrar, moved an amendment on Bro. Stevens' motion which was carried. We refer Bro. Stevens to the pages of the *Freemason*, which he has so often quoted, and which he claims as once friendly to his contention, for these very facts. What then becomes of the boasted sanction of Grand Lodge ten years ago?

THE APPOINTMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

No appointment has yet been made and may not be for some little time. We have heard several names mentioned, some of which we think must be "canards." It is no easy matter to find a suitable successor to Bro. John Hervey, on the one hand, or one who will uphold the prestige, position, independence, and cosmopolitan influence of the Grand Lodge of England on the other.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSEVANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The result of Grand Lodge vote on my motion on the 3rd December last was so completely satisfactory to me that for a while I have taken breathing time, and, *mirabile dictu*, have not rushed into print on the subject for nearly a month. I should probably have still further proved my sanity in this respect but for the attacks made on the members of Grand Lodge who supported me and on myself personally.

But that I know the general impartiality and fairness of the press, I should not venture upon this letter, which, I know at the outset, must be a long one. To the editorial comment (*Freemason*, Nov. 29th), I take exception. It implies that I am "forgetful of Masonic duty, and insensible to the benefits of Masonic toleration," and it calls upon Grand Lodge to "affix its mark of reprobation thereon," and put a stop to a "senseless agitation," which the same writer had previously stigmatised as the outcome of "nonsensical bombast" and "childish ignorance." I dispose of this by referring to the Grand Lodge vote of 1869, the confirmation thereof in 1870, and the renewed vote of December 3rd, 1879, as a satisfactory and very sufficient token of approval instead of reprobation.

I pass from the proceedings of Grand Lodge, after the vote had been recorded, to the subsequent comments and correspondence on the subject.

There seems to be a great desire on the part of the writer of the editorial remarks in the *Freemason* (Dec. 13th), and of Bro. Woodford in his letter (*Freemason*, Dec. 20th), to lessen the force of Grand Lodge vote by contending that it was carried "after a very partial debate;" that the motion itself was "rash and ill-digested;" that the mover indulged in "vehement incriminations," is a "professional agitator," and an "emitter of 'bottled moonshine.'" What awful words! And yet I live and bear it! My stubborn conscience quite alarms me; whither am I drifting? And yet I find it said: "If such abuses exist (here comes another five-syllable expletive) they constitute a grave reflection," &c., and "if proved to be prevalent we fancy the action of the Board of General Purposes would be summary and decisive." Why, there's my case! I say these abuses do exist, and I can prove them, and neither Board of General Purposes nor any other authority interferes with their continuance. Again it is said, "Admit it that all be true as Bro. Stevens puts it, what does it prove but the want of surveillance and control?" Exactly so; what does it prove but that, and is that not quite sufficient to demand a remedy? As to the references made to the publishing of spurious rituals, and the unworthy imputation as to the enrichment of those who would prepare them (the article reads as though I contemplated such an outrage on my Masonic obligations), they are not worth my discussing. I learnt my Craft Masonry without a MS. or printed ritual, and others can do the same if they will. None need be published, but, if it be a necessity, let Grand Lodge alone give it to the brethren, and so circumvent the "un-Masonic ventures and unhallowed gains."

To Bro. Charles John Perceval (*Freemason*, Dec. 13th) I feel indebted for a plain and understandable explanation of my own argument on this subject, and his remark as to the apparent importance of "keeping an eye that the dues of Grand Lodge are paid," &c., over "keeping check on the several manners of working," exposes the blot in our present arrangement, whereby the Board of General Purposes does not control, as it should, the ceremonial and observance of a "standard ritual" throughout the several lodges under the English Constitution. I may have again to make casual reference to Bro. Perceval's letter. For the present I thank him, and hail his support most cordially.

It is of course a matter of regret to me that I have not the benefit of the *Freemason's* concurrence with my efforts. I know its power and influence are great, and such an ally would have been invaluable to me. Still, as I freely act according to my conscience, I cannot condemn the exercise of a similar faculty in another, and that other an exponent of public opinion; and, therefore, whilst I may

contend against its arguments, I shall ever continue to respect its fair opposition. We shall, I hope, notwithstanding difference of opinion and journalistic warfare, retain our mutual personal esteem, and think of each other as only "our friend the enemy."

I do sincerely hope that the Provincial Grand Lodges will each find some earnest Past Master, imbued with the same sentiments on this subject as myself, to be their representatives on my Committee. The work I have undertaken so far has not only occupied my fullest leisure for a long period, but has occasioned me some expense, and I should prefer not to be obliged of necessity to be at more labour and cost in bringing the matter before the Provincial Grand Lodges by circulars and other means, if that object could be attained by the voluntary action of Provincial Grand Officers, or other Provincial Past Masters. *Verbum sal sapienti!* I shall be glad to hear from any such.

Bro. Bodenham, who thought fit to rise in his place and object to Bro. Woodford's statement that the lodges in the provinces would not conform to the directions of Grand Lodge as to working, &c., gets his epithet *hasty*, "hasty remarks!" as if there was always in Grand Lodge ample time allowed for the utterance of our thoughts in a deliberate and "don't hurry yourself" manner. Is there anything done in Grand Lodge which, if it takes more than a very limited amount of time to discuss, is not obstructed by cries of "Question" and "Vote" or "Divide"? How then can the necessary immediate denial of an assertion made in course of debate be properly designated as *hasty*? But, *hasty* or not, Bro. Bodenham is right. The provincial lodges are every whit as loyal as those of the metropolis, and Bro. Woodford does not do justice when he speaks in such general terms in regard to them. Even those who adopt the practices that others condemn err, I believe, more from the want of a reference to standard authority than from any intention to depart from what is recognised as fit and proper. And this remark brings me to a direct denial of the suggested inferences of both Bro. Woodford and Bro. John Neilson (*Freemason*, Dec. 20th) that I know nothing of the practices I have exposed in Grand Lodge. I repeat, and I cannot do more than again and again emphatically repeat, pledging my Masonic honour, and undertaking to name in proper place where I have witnessed some of them, and before which Provincial Grand Master, that, without any exaggeration whatever, pardonable or otherwise, I have represented facts within my own experience. Does Bro. Neilson think no man travels but himself? I have nothing to say about lodges under other Constitutions than that of England, and the English provinces have been enough for me without the trouble of crossing St. George's Channel to observe what I know would further raise my indignation. It is sufficient that malpractices are to be found here, and whatever may be Bro. Woodford's opinion as to the present agitation "landing us in a region of 'cribs and crams'" or helping to make the fortune of "accommodating brethren." (what are they?), I believe that those who took care to carry my motion will, despite all his beseeching and prayerful appeals, his denouncement of the enquiry to be made, and his hard words against all who do not agree with him, remain staunch, and see that the Committee is appointed in due course. "Nothing is done whilst aught remains to do!"

I fear I have greatly intruded on your space, and this letter has extended beyond even the anticipated length; therefore, I hasten to conclude. If no better arguments than those which have been hitherto advanced can be found to support the opposition to the measure I advocate, I have no fear for the result. When it becomes necessary to depart from logical deductions, to misrepresent facts, even to the extent of mendacity, and to suggest interested motives, in order to discredit a movement having for its object the reformation of acknowledged evils, the opponents thereof must be driven into a sad strait indeed. Such, I maintain, is the position of those against whose endeavours I now appeal to the general body of earnest Freemasons for continued assistance in making the resolution of Grand Lodge on the 3rd inst. complete, and aiding me in the formation of a satisfactory Committee to carry out the enquiry and present its report.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Clapham, Dec. 23rd.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS AND MR. WILSON.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Sir,—

You having inserted in your paper a letter addressed by Mr. Wilson to the General Committee reflecting on the House Committee, I must ask you in fairness to insert in your next issue the enclosed copy of my reply.

Yours obediently,

FREDK. STANLEY.

"22A, Austin Friars, London, E.C.,
Dec. 18th, 1879.

"To the Chairman of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Sir,—

"My attention having been called to a letter of Mr. Wilson, dated the 27th ult., addressed to the General Committee, and published in the *Freemason* of the 13th inst., in which he purports to give a brief statement of the facts, and complains that he is not being treated fairly, I think it right to record my view of the facts.

"Mr. Wilson sent in a large claim of a lump sum for professional services, enumerated in his account under upwards of twenty different headings or descriptions. The account was referred to your Committee for investigation. For this purpose you requested Mr. Wilson to state how the amount was arrived at, but instead of complying with this reasonable request, and although he had been paid

upwards of £300 on account of a claim of a little over £400, he placed the matter in the hands of his solicitor, who threatened proceedings to recover the balance. Your Committee were, therefore, driven also to consult a solicitor, and I was instructed in the matter—this was in July last. I at once called upon Mr. Wilson's solicitors, and explained to them that a detailed account was required, showing what was charged for the different items, and that Mr. Wilson would be required to produce the plans and documents relating to the matter, and for which he had charged, with the view to the account being properly examined, and I stated that what (if anything) should be found due to Mr. Wilson would be paid without delay, but if we could not agree as to the amount the account should be referred to an architect of standing, but not, of course, to Mr. Wilson's nominee, or to the gentleman he suggests, who is not strictly an architect. Although I have repeatedly during the past five months applied for a detailed account Mr. Wilson has not attempted to furnish it—now he complains of delay. I may mention that I have only asked for that which Mr. Wilson will be compelled to give if he takes proceedings.

"With regard to Mr. Wilson's statement that he had requested a professional friend to give me explanations, and that that gentleman was unable to obtain an appointment from me, I may mention that I am at my office every day (except Sundays and during a portion of the vacation), and can be seen there. I have, however, informed this gentleman, both personally and by letter, that a detailed statement of account is required, and production of the plans and documents, and until this request is complied with explanations are useless. In reply to this Mr. Wilson's friend wrote me that Mr. Wilson had not the materials at command whereupon to frame a detailed statement, yet in Mr. Wilson's letter to the General Committee he states he can prove that the usual professional rates are higher than the charges on which he has based his account. You will observe this is precisely the information I have required, in order to ascertain how he arrived at the lump sum.

"I explained to Mr. Wilson's friend that the matter having been placed in the hands of solicitors I could only discuss the matter with them. Mr. Wilson states he has instructed his solicitors to stop further legal proceedings. Of this I am not aware, but I may mention that his friend in his letters to me threatens a continuance of proceedings unless, as I presume, Mr. Wilson's account is paid without proper investigation.

"You are, of course, aware that to enable contractors to tender for work they are supplied by the architect with a bill of quantities; for the work in question one per cent. on the contract price would be ample for the preparation of these quantities, but I am informed Mr. Wilson provided for a payment to him of five per cent., which was, of course, added to the contract price, and the contractor in due course would hand the amount at that rate to Mr. Wilson. If this be so, I have no hesitation in saying that it is an overcharge, and, being made without your knowledge, Mr. Wilson will be liable to account for the excess, and thus there will be nothing whatever payable to him; probably this explains Mr. Wilson's difficulty in rendering a proper account, and producing the papers—hence his desire to obtain payment without further trouble.

"Under the circumstances I am of opinion that the Committee, dispensing as they are the monies of other persons, will be failing in their duty unless they have a full investigation of the matter.

"I am, Sir, yours obediently,

"FREDK. STANLEY."

THE MASONIC AND MILITARY ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF ROME AND OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you inform me if there is at this time in existence a Grand Imperial Council of this body? I have written to the published address, and the letter was returned—answer: *not known*. I have written many letters during the past four years to this Council and have not received any reply. The letter returned through the post-office has since been forwarded through Bro. Kenning, and, I have no doubt, reached the proper party, who has not replied.

HENRY G. WADE,

Delta Crucis Conclave, No. 126 on Roll.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

Bro. Gould's interesting book, on the Atholl Lodge, reminds me that I have in my possession an old minute book of Lodge 194, of the Antients, now 143. It is marked No. 3, and begins in 1797, and ends in 1806. The Michael Corcoran mentioned by Bro. Gould was initiated on the 6th of January, 1803, and John Mark Goldworthy was initiated January 30th, 1806. I shall be very happy to return to Lodge 143 this old minute book of the lodge.

A. F. A. W.

INIGO JONES' MS.

I note all that my worthy confrère, W. J. Hughan, says, but the point he mentions had not escaped me. Inigo Jones' MS. is clearly not the same as Stones' MS. Indeed, the more I study the more I feel convinced how independent a MS. it is. I give a quotation in parallel columns.

INIGO JONES' MS.

First, that they should be true to the king and to the Lord that they serve, and to the fellowship whercof they are admitted.

GRAND LODGE MS. F.

The first is that they should be true to the king and to the lords that they serve, and that they should live well together, and be true every one to others.

As I have said before, there are many variations in the MS., which may be the variations of a scribe, but, I confess, they appear to me to be evidence of a distinct form. I hope in an early number of the *Freemason* in 1880, (D.V.), to compare the MS. with the Dowland and Lansdowne MS. I may have something to say more in our next issue.

A. F. A. W.

CONSECRATION OF THE EWELL LODGE, No. 1851.

The Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, was consecrated on Saturday afternoon, at the Glynn Arms, Ewell, by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, in the unavoidable absence through illness of the Provincial Grand Master, General Brownrigg, C.B.

The brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Arthur E. Taylor, E. A. Baber, George Moss, W. D. Paddle, G. W. Saul, J. Rush, George Joseph Dunkley, Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Surrey; George B. Brodie, P.G.S.W. Surrey; John Castle Gant, P.G.J.W. Surrey; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec. Surrey; Rev. James Amos, P.G.C. Surrey; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; Arthur Rule, P.M. 263 (I.C.); J. W. Maidwell, P.M. 1201; W. H. Barber, Sec. 1777; Alfred Lamb, P.M. 410 and 256; George Hall, 49; Henry Sibley, 201; E. A. W. Taylor, Sec. 302; R. G. Taylor, J.W. 144; W. Clegg, J.D. 1259; George W. Evans, Org. 1602; Arthur Millwood, 179; W. J. Dunkley, I.G. 1777; James Louth, 1338; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. Brodie, Prov. G.S.W. Surrey, and the J.W. chair by Bro. John Castle Gant, Prov. G.J.W. Surrey. Bro. Chas. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec. Surrey, acted as D.C. for the Rev. J. Amos, Prov. G. Chaplain Surrey, as Chaplain. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, and were executed by Bros. A. Millward, R. J. Taylor, M. Clegg, W. S. Dunkley; Bro. G. Evans acting as Organist. Much of the lodge furniture was presented by founders. The W.M. presented the working tools; Bro. Baber, Treas., the tracing boards; Bro. Paddle the gavels; Bro. Moss the collars; Bro. Rush, S.D., the volume of the Sacred Law and cushion; Bro. Dunkley the Deacons' wands; and Bros. Bisset and Parker the candlesticks.

After the lodge had been formally opened, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold said the brethren had met for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge in the Province of Surrey, and he was exceedingly sorry that the Prov. G.M., General Brownrigg, was not present to do the work he could perform so well. His intention was to have been present, and it was a great disappointment to that brother that he could not come. The state of his health, however, made it quite improper that he should go out. He (the Rev. C. W. Arnold) had but few observations to make. Masonry in the Province of Surrey was advancing with very rapid strides. It was but six years ago, or, at the outside, seven, that the present Prov. Grand Master was appointed, and in the same year the Weyside Lodge, at Woking, of which he (the Rev. C. W. Arnold) was still a member, was consecrated. That made, he believed, the twelfth lodge in the province. To-day they were met to consecrate the twentieth lodge, and all the brethren present must have the same opinion with regard to Freemasonry—that as it was increasing so rapidly it was necessary they should take the greatest care to admit only fit and proper persons among them. It was a very easy thing to get members to join a new lodge; but it was very difficult to get rid of a member if in any way he became obnoxious to the brethren. Therefore, in opening this new lodge he thought he could not do better than impress strongly on the minds of the brethren that it was far better not to seek to increase their numbers too rapidly, but to insure that good men and true were enrolled under the banner of Masonry—those who would honour the Masonic flag. To give another reason, in some of the large lodges members were hardly known to each other at all. It was a great advantage to a lodge that every brother should know every other brother, and be able to shake hands with him if he met him in the street. In some large lodges of the present day some members scarcely ever met each other. The Ewell Lodge was formed of brethren living outside the province; but he trusted, as they were coming into the province (to which he heartily bade them welcome), they would set the province the example of a good working lodge. The brethren of the province had been endeavouring during the last few years very earnestly to get the lodges into thorough working order, and to institute a system of uniformity by getting rid of some of that old-fashioned work which was occasionally met with here and there in the country. He hoped that by coming down from London the brethren who were mostly working Masons, and had had great experience in the Craft, they would make this lodge a great success, and one of the best working lodges in the province. (Hear, hear.)

After the usual formalities, the Rev. J. Amos, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. Surrey, and W.M. elect No. 256, delivered the following oration:—

Brethren, it falls to my lot to address to you a few observations. We have here a fresh temple about to be erected, where the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry will be celebrated; where, to worthy men, and we trust to worthy men alone, will be entrusted the secrets and mysteries of our Order. Many are the topics to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed, but foremost amongst these I incline to the consideration of "the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry." I. In these days we are not all Operative, but rather Free and Accepted, or Speculative, Masons. There is an operative side still to Masonry, for you are to study such of the liberal arts and sciences as may be within the compass of your attain-

ment, especially the science of geometry, which has been established as the basis of our art, but our leading principles are "brotherly love, relief, and truth"—and Freemasonry may be broadly defined as "a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbol." It is her noble mission, therefore, "to guide our reflections into that most interesting and important of all human studies, the knowledge and the improvement of ourselves." It is hers to teach us what as good and upright men we ought to do, how we ought to feel—in a word, what we ought to be. II. And in the pursuit of this truly honourable design, how attractive is Freemasonry. The goodness to which she calls us has lofty summits, but she takes us to them by no rugged and all-repulsive paths. On the contrary, the attention is "particularly arrested," the imagination excited, the fancy pleased; and so the heart is warmed; and the will is won. Under her guidance our vessel is made to glide on as it were between sunny shores, amid fascinating scenery, while it is being steadily steered to the fair havens of moral worth. Her hand beckons to agreeable recreation, while it is indelibly imprinting on our hearts the sacred dictates of truth, of honour, and of virtue. III. I shall content myself with observing how far-reaching and all-embracing are the influences of Freemasonry. As you enter the lodge your eye cannot rest upon "a character, an emblem, or a figure but what has a moral tendency, and is calculated to inculcate the practice of virtue." As you leave the lodge, carrying with you, however, a mind purged from every baneful and malignant passion, and fit ed alone for the reception of truth and wisdom, you cannot pass a stately and superb edifice without finding it from its very foundation to its highest pinnacle furnished with emblems moving to patience, piety, and perseverance, and even perfection, emblems suggestive of better life, of closer union, and of warmer love. You cannot glance upward to the canopy of heaven, surveying more especially that glorious luminary of nature which, rising in the East, regularly diffuses light and lustre to all within its circle, with out there falling upon your opened ear stirring music of the spheres; a trumpet call to duty and devotion. I take it that the true Mason is the man who comes up to the poet's dream, finding, as he does, "Sermons in stones and good in everything." And, finally, R.W.M. and brethren, in these, the palmy days of our Order, and on this most auspicious occasion, may I be pardoned for giving expression to the sentiment that the erection of a new lodge, and the enrolment of a new member, do not necessarily constitute an extension of Freemasonry, an extension of Freemasonry being rather measured by the amount of conscientiousness, of candour, and of charity which it invokes, disengages, and sets free to permeate amongst the brethren, to circulate through our whole body, and, finally, to find its way out into the world at large. I cannot express—I shall not attempt to express—the feeling of joyful expectation (in which we all share) that the brethren of this proposed lodge will be signally true to the genuine principles of our ancient Institution, sensitively true to their obligations—in short, true to themselves; and so be seen, or rather felt, to form a true, vigorous, and beneficial offshoot from the grand old parent stem. And thus, after many, many years, having performed their allotted task here below, may they be enabled to give convincing proofs that they are not unqualified to pass up the mysterious ascent which leads to the utmost recesses of the celestial temple, there to receive their rest and their reward; being summoned to that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Bro. Arnold installed Bro. Arthur E. Taylor, W.M. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. George Moss, S.W.; W. H. Paddle, J.W.; E. A. Baber, D.P.J.D. Surrey, Treas.; G. W. Saul, Sec.; Joseph Rush, S.D.; George Bisset, J.D.; G. J. Dunkley, I.G.; and W. Parker, D.C. Bros. Arnold, Amos, Brodie, Gant, and Greenwood were afterwards voted honorary members of the lodge, and a vote of thanks was passed to them for consecrating the lodge. Proposals for joining and initiation followed, and the lodge was thereupon closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and honoured the usual toasts.

The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," said the brethren of the Ewell Lodge, and the general body of visitors, highly appreciated the manner in which the ceremonies of the day had been carried out; and all felt a debt of gratitude was owed by them to the brethren who, at a great inconvenience to themselves, had assisted in bringing this new lodge into life. They had been elected honorary members of it, but he trusted that membership would be practical, and that they would frequently come and witness the style of work which was to be conducted there.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, in reply, said he must first allude to the absence of the Prov. G.M., which he greatly regretted. From personal knowledge of that distinguished brother he could assure the brethren that the letter which the W.M. had received hardly expressed the full truth as to his health. When Bro. Greenwood and himself met him at a meeting in London, lately, they went away with the impression that he ought not to have been out of his house, and during the present inclement weather he should not expose himself to the severity of the climate. With respect to the ceremony of the day, it had given him and his coadjutors the greatest pleasure to be with the brethren. It was always a great blessing and privilege to be allowed to consecrate a new lodge. He believed in Freemasonry more and more every year he lived. When he was a young Mason he knew very little about it; but as he went on he became more and more impressed with

its advantages, and he felt he had still much to learn. He read only the other day a very beautiful expression with regard to Masonry—that Freemasonry sought to bring together men of every political profession and every religious creed, weaning them from their isolation, their selfishness, and their sin, and uniting them together for their common good. He did not think they could have a more beautiful definition of Freemasonry than that, and if they were only to look upon it in that light they would make much more a reality of it. It always struck his mind very strongly when he uttered those beautiful words of the installation ceremony—"forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry." Returning by train from London, it was said to him by a gentleman, to whom he had sent a Masonic sermon he had delivered: "What's the good of you Freemasons? You get all these things from Christianity; you cannot get any further good." I said: "Yes, I can; I can have things constantly brought before my mind by every object on which I turn my eye; and when every object on which I turn my eye is associated with some emblem in Freemasonry, it reminds me of some virtue I ought to pursue, and in that sense it helps me on the path of life." If, as Freemasons, they put these principles into ordinary practice, and carried out the duties they were taught in lodge in daily life, they would be making daily progress in Freemasonry, becoming better Christians, better men, better brothers, united more closely hand to hand and heart to heart.

The Rev. J. Amos, P.G.C. Surrey, said that Masonry being of a symbolical character he was much pleased to see the number of the lodge was 1851. It struck him at once that 1851 was the year of the Great Exhibition, and he thought if he had to make a speech he should say something about it. They had had a great exhibition that evening of good working and good feeling, which, he hoped, would be kept up along with a great display of Masonic virtues. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, which was proposed by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, said he would do all he could to carry out the duties of his office to the satisfaction not only of the brethren of the lodge, but of the Deputy Prov. G.M. He fully appreciated the remarks of that brother as to uniformity of working. He knew that the different ceremonies could not be followed word by word, but with regard to the general principle of uniformity of working, he appreciated its value. He did not know what description of working was carried on in the Province of Surrey, but his own mother lodge, of which he was a P.M., had been, he might say without any egotism, celebrated for its work under the lines of the Lodge of Emulation, which they looked upon as the chief school of Masonry. The officers would support him in his endeavour to carry out his work properly. He must express his great gratitude to Bro. Greenwood, Prov. G. Secretary, for his kindness to the founders of the lodge, and for the hard work he had undertaken in the matter. He went as a perfect stranger to Bro. Greenwood, but they were brothers, and he immediately fell into his (the W.M.'s) views, and assisted the founders in a way which they little expected. He knew he was expressing the feelings of all the brethren of the Ewell Lodge when he said they were all deeply grateful to Bro. Greenwood for what he had done.

Bro. Lamb returned thanks for "The Grove Lodge—the recommending lodge," and Bro. A. Rule, 500, P.M. 262, Irish Constitution, held in 2nd Battalion, 20th Regiment, for "The Visitors;" and the other toasts having been proposed, honoured, and responded to, the brethren concluded the evening with the Tyler's toast, and then returned to town.

ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

The members of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, who have on several occasions shown that they have a ready hand and willing heart to work in the sacred cause of charity, gave fresh proof of their unabated anxiety in this direction on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., when they gave a performance at the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool, on behalf of the Masonic Charities. While inaugurating and carrying out the scheme on their own account, the officers and brethren must acknowledge the exceedingly hearty support which they received from the brethren of nearly all the sister lodges in Liverpool, without which they could not have hoped to secure the success which attended their efforts on this occasion, even in the face of bad times, the dull season, and numerous opponents in the benefit field. The performance was under the distinguished patronage of His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool, Bernard Hall, Esq.; Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., and Prov. G.M. W.L.; the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, D. Prov. G.M. W.L.; the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. E.L.; the Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire, Present and Past; Bro. W. Robinson, Mayor of Salford; Bro. J. P. McArthur, Mayor of Bootle; and others. The lodge last year gave a performance at the Amphitheatre, which realised £100 in aid of the Decoration Fund of the Masonic Hall, Hope-street; and as there was a numerous attendance on this second occasion, it is hoped that a substantial sum will be realized towards the benefit of Charities which are the "glory and the beauty of the Craft." A grand Masonic overture, conducted by Bro. Round, No. 1609, played by a very full orchestra, and the National Anthem, inaugurated the programme, after which Buckstone's always welcome comedy "Married Life" was played by a strong cast, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Lynx being played by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M. 1609, and Miss E. Rainbow; Mr. and Mrs. Coddle, by Bro.

W. J. Constantine, P.M. 1609, and Miss E. Rudd; Mr. and Mrs. Dismal, by Bro. F. J. Stimson, 1609, and Miss M. Weiss; Mr. and Mrs. Youngusband, by Bro. H. C. Sidney and Miss F. Courtenay; and Mr. and Mrs. Dove, by Bro. W. J. Hammond and Mrs. Lindo Courtenay. The comedy, which was most admirably played, was followed by a grand vocal and dramatic entertainment, in connection with which choice items were given by Bros. Webster Williams, 1609; John Hill, 1609; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; G. Martin, 1609; Dixon and Petrie, 1609; Profeseor Woodhead, J. P. Bryan, C. Waterson, Muir, H. Ashmore, Messrs. Keeling, Austin, Lewis, and Calder. Apologies were made for Bros. E. Saker and Harry Jackson, the latter, who was detained by business, giving two guineas for the Charities. The whole entertainment was greatly enjoyed, and frequent applause and numerous encores were given during the evening. Bro. J. Atkinson, J.W. 1609, the honorary Secretary of the performance, deserves special praise for his exertions in carrying out the arrangements, and he was enthusiastically aided by a staff of Stewards who are brethren connected with the Dramatic Lodge, amongst whom may be named Bros. W. Savage, I.G.; W. Sandbrook, J.W.; J. M. Boyd, J. Shrapnell, J. Renney, J. Pyer, J.D.; W. Sanderson, W. Avann, and others.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 2, 1880.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Lodge 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepany.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.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 31.

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

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, JANUARY 1.

Lodge 45, Strong Man, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 231, St. Andrews, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.

- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- " 1360, Royal Arthur, Village Club, Wimbledon.
- " 1445, Prince Leopold, Prince George Tav., Park-holme-rd., Kingsland.
- " 1672, Mornington, Eagle Tav., Snarebrook.]
- " 1681, Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall.
- " 1708, Plucknett, Railway Hot., Finchley.
- Chap. 1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Havlock Hot., Dalston.

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, Ponsoby-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, JANUARY 2.

- Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
- " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tav.
- " 1489, Ezra, 90, Ball's Pond-rd. N.
- Mark 223, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., W. Smithfield.

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. Marybone, 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, January 3, 1880.
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.
- Lodge 148, Light, M.R., Warrington.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.
- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
- Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.
- Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
- " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
- " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.
- Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
- Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.
- Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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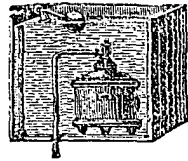
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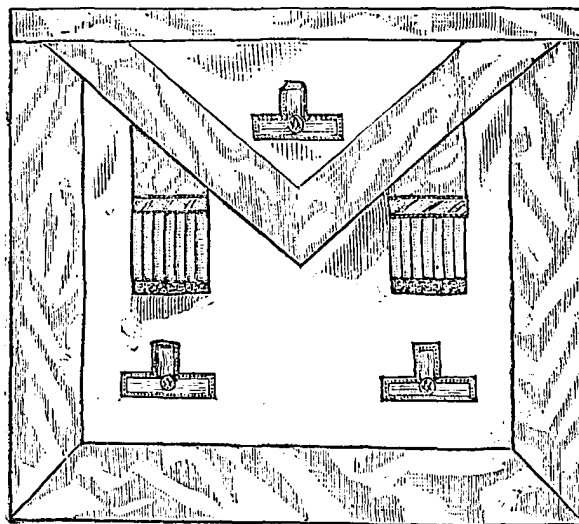
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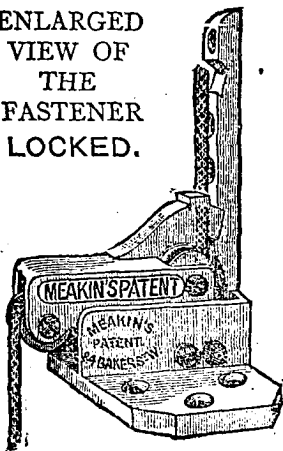
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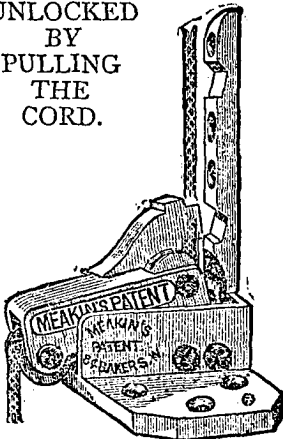
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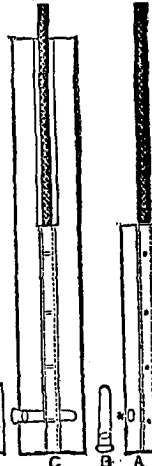
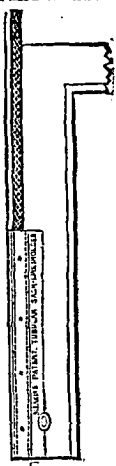


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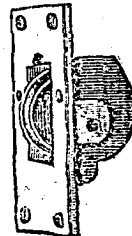
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