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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—The regular meeting of this rapidly progressing lodge took place at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, the 23th ult., Bro. J. Willing, I.P.M. and Treas., in the chair, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. John Douglass, owing to his professional engagements. There were also present Bros. Jones, J.W., as S.W.; Sillis, Org., as J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; Cook, J.D., as S.D.; J. C. Smith, as J.D.; R. Lloyd, as I.G.; Redstone, Hoare, Ellis, Hare, Dickey, Hone, Jagels, Cole, Woods, Gray, H. Ellis, Ramsden, Wheeler, W. Bryant, Perugia, Michell, and others. Bro. Edmonds visitor. The business consisted in raising Bros. H. Dickey, H. Hoare, and W. Redstone; passing Bros. J. N. Hare, T. H. Ellis, J. Gray, and J. Hone; the balloting for and initiating of Messrs. G. C. R. Perugia, Walter Bryant, and George Ellis. Bro. Richard Michell was elected as a joining member. Several names of gentlemen were given in for initiation, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshments. During the course of the evening, which was devoted to Masonic toasts, interspersed with some excellent singing, the acting W.M. alluded to the fact of nearly forty brethren being present, in spite of the inclement weather, and the notice on the summons "no banquet," proving the members of the Royal Savoy Lodge were not merely brethren of the so-called Fourth Degree. The initiates responding to their health being given, announced their determined intention to qualify themselves at their quickest for the Master's chair. Bro. Michell (the proprietor of Ashley's Hotel), in acknowledging the proposal of his health, remarked that during his illness he might have caused some want of attention—(no, no)—but his heartiest good wishes were with the lodge, and having had many opportunities of witnessing the working and harmony of the lodge he felt proud to join it, and he further trusted, by his future endeavours to please the members, to prove his gratitude for unanimously electing him. A very pleasant evening was spent, the worthy Secretary, Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M. of the King's Cross Lodge, being indefatigable in his exertions to make the brethren comfortable. The lodge was then adjourned.

GATESHEAD.—Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd ult., at 34, Denmark-street; Bros. R. Whitfield, W.M.; John Wood, S.W.; Jos. Cook, as J.W.; Edwd. Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemast, S.D.; J. W. A. Boyatt, as J.D.; Jas. Boyatt, I.G.; Jas. McIntyre, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; Robt. Ferry, Org.; Michael Corbett, I.P.M.; John E. Robson, and James McCulloch, M. J. Wheatley, Jacob Matthews, Wm. M. Pybus, Edwd. Shewbrooks, Thos. Law, T. E. Brigham, Wm. Dalrymple, W. Richardson, Wm. Dalglish, Wm. Leach. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Cooper, W.M. 1342; Geo. Hardy, W.M. 1645; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; Wm. Eckford, J.W. 1643; and others. The lodge was opened shortly after seven p.m., by the W.M., Bro. Robt. Whitfield, assisted by the officers and brethren as mentioned above. The ballot was taken for Bros. George Frederick Westmacott, of Hengist Lodge, No. 195, and William Henry Dunn, of St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, proposed at the last regular meeting, when both brethren were duly elected as subscribing members. Bros. Wm. Dalrymple and Wm. Leach were examined as to their proficiency in the First Degree; they received the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Wm. M. Pybus and Edwd. Shewbrooks were duly examined and received the test of merit. Bros. Dalrymple and Leach were re-admitted, and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. The S.W. explained the working tools. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Wm. M. Pybus and Edwd. Shewbrooks were re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M., who also explained the Tracing Board. The working tools were given by the S.W. The lodge was closed in the respective Degrees, and remained open in the First, and after some routine business was

finished, was duly closed after the W.M. had received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren. An adjournment was made for refreshment, and a pleasant evening was closed with harmony.

WOODBRIDGE.—Doric Lodge (No. 81).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated their Installation Festival and the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist on the 27th ult., when there was a most successful and pleasant meeting. The lodge opened about 3.30. The presence book was signed by Bros. W. P. T. Phillips, P.M., as W.M.; F. Whigstock, S.W., the W.M. elect; E. St. G. Cobbold, J.W.; B. D. Gall, Treas.; R. Allen, S.D.; J. Stidolph, Sec.; Past Masters A. Barnes, B. Gall, T. Grimwood, W. Roe, J. Cana Fisk, F. A. Kent, G. Freeman, E. R. Wood, and W. A. Hessey. The visitors were Bros. W. Clarke, P.G.D.C., P.M., British Union, 114 (Installation Master); T. J. Wentworth, P.G.S.D., I.P.M., St. Lukes, 225; W. G. Cunnold, W.M. 225; G. Abbott, P.P.G.S.B., S.D., 225; C. Kent, J.D., Prince of Wales, 959; D. D. Steele, 959; J. R. Senton, 225. The lodge having been regularly opened in the Three Degrees by Bro. Phillips, the Installing Master assumed the chair. Bro. Whigstock was then presented, and having given assent to the ancient charges, all brethren below the chair left. The installation ceremony was then performed by Bro. Clarke in a most efficient and impressive style. The brethren having been re-admitted, the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in regular form. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. E. St. G. Cobbold, S.W.; W. P. Phillips, J.W. (Bro. W. P. T. Phillips being invested for him in his unavoidable absence); B. D. Gall, Treas.; Wilmshurst, Sec. (Bro. J. Stidolph, being invested in Bro. Wilmshurst's absence through illness); E. R. Wood, S.D.; F. A. Kent, J.D.; B. Gall, D.C.; J. Cana Fisk, I.G.; G. Hall, Tyler; B. D. Gall, G. Freeman, and R. Allen, Stewards. The Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. A. Tighe Gregory, and the Organist, Bro. J. Stidolph, were re-appointed at the last meeting of the lodge. On the motion of Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, seconded by Bro. B. Gall, a resolution was passed that the usual subscription of the lodge to the Masonic Girls' School should be placed on Bro. Clarke's list, and the lodge closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where a splendid banquet was prepared by Bro. J. Gront. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, heartily thanked the brethren for the high honour which had been conferred upon him. He alluded to the responsibilities thrown upon him, and said he would do all he could for the welfare of the lodge. He reminded his officers of the importance of the punctual performance of their duties, and said he relied with confidence upon their co-operation and support at all times. Bro. W. Clarke proposed "The Masonic Charities," earnestly urging upon his hearers the claims of all the three great Charities upon the entire Masonic brotherhood. The musical portion of the programme was efficiently carried out by Bros. Abbott, Grayston, and Steele, Bro. J. Stidolph accompanying on the pianoforte.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The installation meeting of this old and highly-esteemed lodge took place on Wednesday, the 10th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. A regrettable circumstance in connection with this meeting was the absence through illness of the W.M., Bro. John Roberts. Bro. Roberts had, like many others, fallen a victim to the murky humid atmosphere of this city, and was compelled to keep his bed. There is no question that his absence was much lamented by a large majority of the members present, and we should think no one regretted it more than himself, and we are quite certain that nothing short of the most stringent orders from his medical adviser would have prevented his putting in an appearance, and we believe we are correct in stating that this was the second time only that Bro. Roberts had been absent from his lodge, and as no one could possibly have the interest of the lodge at heart more than he has, it must have been painful indeed to him to be absent on such an auspicious occasion. A pleasurable surprise to all was the presence of Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.G. Org., after his long and painful illness. Every one seemed delighted to see him again, and he received congratulations on all sides. The lodge was opened in ancient form at 5.15. There were present Bros. R. A. Eldershaw, acting W.M.; G. T. Mullock, S.W.; W. Bagnall, J.W.; Rev. Phillip Hains, Chaplain; John L. Hind, Treasurer; R. L. Spencer, Secretary; J. Sutcliffe, J.D.; Alfred Humphreys, P.M.; J. Batty, P.M.; R. Timperley, P.M.; John Roger Lever, W.M. 317; M. Thomas, jun., W.M. 350; Henry Paulden, Benjamin Taylor, John W. Harrop, P. D. Apostolo, John Cliff, Wm. A. Ashworth, J. Hurry, Thos. Fairrie, Edmund Orrell, and W. Dearden, Visitors: Bros. G. F. East, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D. of C. E. Lanc.; J. D. Hooper, P.M. 1633, P.P.G.D. E. Lanc.; H. Walley, W.M. 163; John W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D. of Cer.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.; John Ogden, 1357; R. Hartley, P.M. late 204; R. Randall, 853, Cape of Good Hope; A. B. Whittaker, 1633; Thos. Schofield, P.M. 1187; F. W. Thompson, 1213; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was next read and adopted. Bro. G. F. East then assumed the chair of K.S., and I.P.M. Eldershaw presented the W.M. elect, Bro. G. T. Mullock. Bro. East, in his well-known able manner, duly installed Bro. Mullock as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months. It would be invidious to praise Bro. East for the manner in which he performed this ceremony, as his abilities as Installing Master are so well-known throughout the province that there is no need to recapitulate or dwell upon them here. The newly-installed

W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Bagnall, S.W.; Thos. Fairrey, J.W.; Rev. Phillip Hains, Chap. (re-invested); J. L. Hind, Treas. (re-invested); R. L. Spencer, Sec. (re-invested); Jno. Sutcliffe, S.D.; Edmund Arrell, J.D.; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Sawyer, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; H. Paulden, J. Lawton, and W. Dearden, Stewards. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.40. The brethren afterwards assembled to supper, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In response to the toast of "The Dep. P.G.M., Bro. George Mellor, and the rest of the Provincial Present and Past Grand Officers." Bro. J. L. Hine said no doubt the Provincial Grand Officers had a great many pleasant as well as unpleasant duties to perform, but he was sure they took an equal delight in doing the one as the other. He thought the present Prov. Grand Officers were no exception to the rule, and he was sorry they were not present to reply for themselves, but, on their behalf, he would thank the brethren for the hearty reception they had given to the toast. Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., in proposing the toast of the evening, viz., "The W.M.," said he did so with marked feelings of pain and pleasure, inasmuch as it would much better have been done justice to by their I.P.M., Bro. John Roberts, who, unfortunately, was prevented from being present through illness, a circumstance, he felt sure, that was much regretted by them all, and he trusted sincerely, and he was certain he was expressing the sentiments of the brethren also, that Bro. Roberts would soon be restored to health and be with them again. With respect to Bro. Mullock, he was sure he would prove himself a most efficient W.M., and well deserved the position he now occupied, and he would, therefore, conclude his remarks by asking the brethren to rise and drink Bro. Mullock's health. It is needless to say that the invitation was heartily responded to. The W.M., in reply, said it was with feelings of heartfelt gratitude that he returned Bro. Eldershaw thanks for proposing his health, and to the brethren for responding to it so warmly. He did not think he deserved such kindness, because he had not up to the present time done anything particularly great, but he would promise while in office to make them all as happy as possible. He had aspired to attain his present position, and, having attained it, he would endeavour to do his duty without fear of favour, and he trusted the Caledonian Lodge would not lose any of its lustre through him. He felt that in taking such a responsible position he should have important duties to perform, but he had very little fear of the ordeal, provided the members of the lodge gave him their cordial support, and it was probable that in following in the footsteps of so many experienced Past Masters the brethren might expect more from him than he was competent to perform, but he would do his best for them, and since they had reposed such confidence in him as to elect him their W.M. he would do all that laid in his power to justify it. Bro. J. L. Hind in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. G. F. East," said that in his opinion Bro. East had certainly surpassed himself that day, and he knew of no brother in the province who could equal him in performing this ceremony. He assured Bro. East that they all appreciated his valuable services and kindness in coming forward, as he was ever ready to do, and had done on many occasions, and he did not hesitate to say that as an Installing Master Bro. East was second to none, and he was sure the brethren were all very much obliged to him, and he asked them to drink his health in a bumper. The toast was drunk, and Masonic fire given in honour of Bro. East. The Installing Master, in reply, thanked them for their kind expressions of feeling, and Bro. Hind for the flattering manner in which he had proposed his health. He was well paid if he had given satisfaction to them, and it was a great pleasure indeed to do what he could at all times for the Caledonian Lodge, and in fact for any lodge where Masonry was concerned. The Caledonian Lodge had changed in many ways since he first knew it, when the number of brethren was something like 150, and Bro. Hind he recognised as one of its oldest members. There was no doubt in his opinion that the influence of the Caledonian Lodge had spread all over the province, and many branches had sprung from it, and were flourishing at the present time. He trusted the present W.M. would work in harmony and concert with his officers, and that he would have a most successful year of office. The toast of "The Past Masters," "The Newly-invested Officers," and others were afterwards given, and a most successful meeting terminated at eleven o'clock. Since the meeting was held we have had the pleasure of meeting the I.P.M., Bro. Roberts, and are happy to state that his health has much improved, and that he is able to attend to his business.

BRIXHAM.—True Love and Unity Lodge (No. 248).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. William Chas. Gregory, W.M.; H. Colvill, S.W.; G. C. Searle, J.W.; T. W. Baddelley, Chap; S. Wooley, Treas.; James Crauford, Sec.; George Cole, S.D.; R. Stephens, J.D.; Chas. James, I.G.; Samuel Clarke, Tyler; J. W. Howard, P.M.; R. McLean, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M.; S. B. Colston, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. Hammuck, P.M., George Barry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Cole, T. Pelve, W. Elliott, R. Gregory, H. J. Halswell, J. Lavis, J. Steer, W. Salisbury, and J. S. James. Visitors: Bros. S. T. Dugdall, 710, and H. Winsor, 797. Bro. S. Wooley, the W.M. elect, was installed by W. Bro. S. B. Colston, P.P. G.S. Wks., assisted by the then W.M., Bro. W. C. Gregory, and W. Bro. J. Hammuck, P.M.; after which the following officers were appointed: Bros. Thos. Williams, S.W.; Chris. James, J.W.; James Crauford, Treasurer; G. C. Searle, W.M. 710, Sec.; H. Gillard, S.D.; R.

Stephens, J.D.; Atherton, I.G.; and S. Clarke, Tyler. W. Bro. J. Hammur, P.M., was elected representative of the lodge at the Committee of Petition. In the evening the brethren banqueted at Bro. Atherton's, London Inn, and spent an enjoyable evening.

CHELMSFORD.—Good Fellowship Lodge (No. 276).—On Thursday, the 18th ult., the festival in connection with this lodge took place at the Corn Exchange, when there was a large muster of the brethren of the lodge, besides numerous visitors, to assist in the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. James S. Brown. The Installing Master, the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, had kindly consented to undertake the office, and it is scarcely necessary to add that he performed the interesting ceremony with general satisfaction. The newly-installed Master appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. A. F. Ginn, I.P.M.; Bros. J. P. Lewin, S.W.; E. Shedd, J.W.; W. Bros. F. Whitmore, Treasurer; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, Chaplain; J. Nicholls, M.D., Secretary; Bro. W. J. Upton, S.D.; A. Mead, J.D.; W. Bro. A. Durrant, D.C.; Bros. H. Bowles, Organist; F. Woodard, I.G.; F. P. Sutherly, Steward; and Thomas Sams Sarel, Tyler. The usual vote of thanks having been accorded the Installing Master, and other business disposed of, the brethren, to the number of about forty-five, adjourned to the banquet at the White Hart Hotel, which was placed on the table by Bro. Sheldrake in his usual style. Grace having been said, the loyal and Masonic toasts followed, interspersed by a specially arranged programme of songs, under the direction of Bro. Ashton, assisted by Bros. J. Thompson, A. Kift, and A. Hubbard, all of the English Glee Union, and who were engaged by the new W.M., Bro. J. S. Brown, to add éclat to the occasion. The music was of a high order, and gave the utmost satisfaction. The following is a list of the brethren who were present at the banquet:—The V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; W. Bros. Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary R.M.I.B.; J. Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Andrew Durrant, Prov. G. Tras.; Thos. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec., and others. Among the other brethren present during the day, either at the lodge or banquet, were W. Bros. F. J. Westwood, I.P.M. 225, P.G.S.D. Suffolk; Vero W. Taylor, P.M. 1312, P.P. S.J.W.; F. G. Green, W.M. 1024; H. J. Sanson, I.P.M. 1024, P.J.G.D.; G. P. Jay, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.J.W.; W. W. Brown, P.M. 214, P.P.G.O.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. 433, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Bros. Chas. Taylor, 1765; M. Mildred, 1326; J. A. Reed, 1228; J. Baker, 567; A. W. Ralling, 51; and the following members of 276 (in addition to those mentioned above): W. Bros. D. M. B. Wheeler, P.M.; J. P. Sarel, P.M.; Rev. B. S. Barnes, P.M.; W. Pullen, P.M.; Bros. A. G. Maskell, J. W. Hair, A. C. Durrant, and W. Wood. Much regret was expressed at the absence of the D.P.G.M. of the province, V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, who was prevented from attending by indisposition. A pleasing feature at the after dinner proceedings was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Ginn, the I.P.M., in recognition of the admirable way in which the lodge had been worked during his year of office, and of the great trouble he took as Chairman of the various Committees charged with the arrangements for the installation of Lord Tenterden as Provincial Grand Master for Essex.

WIGTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 327).—The Feast of St. John the Evangelist in connection with this time-honoured lodge was celebrated on Friday, the 26th ult. The well-worn and curious old rag of a banner, which on many a previous festival has done duty, fluttered gaily in the breeze from the windows of the Lion and Lamb Inn, where St. John's Lodge has met since its constitution, upwards of seventy years since; as also the chapter, opened in 1825. "High Twelve" was the hour announced for opening the lodge; but, keeping up its charter, the door was not tyled till nearly an hour and a half later. The members present, principally P.M.'s, were Bros. J. Gate, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Jos. Pearson, P.M.; W. Bowman, P.M.; H. Bewes, P.M. and W.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; T. M'Mechan, P.M.; W. H. Hoodless, P.M., P.G. Purst.; J. Robinson, P.M.; J. Johnston, S.W.; W. J. Carrick, Sec., W.M. elect; C. I. Clapperton, Org.; and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Court, P.M. 310, P.G.D.C.; A. Walter, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Org.; J. Haswell, W.M. 1532; and W. F. Lamsonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason.) The only business before the lodge was the installation of the W.M. elect, and it may be explained that Bro. Carrick was elected to the chair the year previous, but on account of serious illness, which prevented his attendance on the day of installation, another W.M. had to be elected, this being Bro. Bewes, P.M., by which the legal term was preserved for Bro. Carrick, on his election a second time. The ceremonies of installation, it is interesting to record, were performed in the most able and impressive manner by the brother of the W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Carrick, P.M. United Good Fellowship Lodge, No. 809, Wistech, and P.P.G.S.W. Cambridgeshire, whose mother lodge is also St. John's, No. 327, and who is still a member of it. At the conclusion of the ceremony the officers were invested as follows: Bros. H. Bewes, I.P.M.; J. Johnstone, S.W.; J. Harris, J.W.; H. Bewes, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Hoodless, P.M., Sec.; W. M'Adam, S.D.; J. Laing, J.D.; C. I. Clapperton, Org.; R. Twentyman, I.G.; and F. Richardson, P.M., Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered by the Installing Master Bro. Carrick presented a valuable case of working tools to St. John's Lodge. This act of generosity was met by a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, moved by Bro. M'Mechan, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Gate, P.M. "Hearty good wishes" having been given from Lodges 310, 371, 809, 1002, and 1073, with a proposition for an

affiliating member, the lodge was closed in form. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a sumptuous dinner, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some capital songs were given, especially by the W.M., who, in this capacity, has been long known as "a gem of the first water." As a whole this was one of the most enjoyable and successful St. John's festival ever held in connection with the Wigton Lodge.

STOWMARKET.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 516).—At the usual monthly meeting of this old-established lodge, held at the lodge room at the Fox Hotel on Friday evening, the 19th December, 1879, Bro. E. M. Beveridge, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. N. Tracy, P.M. 376, and P.P.G.J.W. of Suffolk. The ceremony was rendered in a most admirable manner by the worthy brother. There were present at the lodge, besides the above mentioned brethren, W. Bros. J. W. Sheridan, I.P.M. and P.P.G.R.; S. H. Wright, P.M. and Sec. 516, and P.P.G.J.W.; Fred. Long, P.M. 516 and P.P.G.D.C.; Charles Woods, P.M. 516 and P.P.G.S.; William Matthew, P. Sec. 516; Bros. Harry Dove, James Gudgeon, Geo. Tydeman, S.W.; Edward Bridges, Samuel Page and others. After the installation of W.M. the I.P.M., Bro. Sheridan, presented to Bro. S. H. Wright, P.M. and Sec. 516, &c., on behalf of the lodge a handsome silver salver of the value of thirty guineas as an acknowledgment of his long service as Secretary to the lodge. The salver bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Samuel Henry Wright, P.M. 516, by past and present members of the Phoenix Lodge of Freemasons (No. 516), in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary during a period of sixteen years. Stowmarket, December 19th, 1879." Bro. Wright feelingly responded, and thanked the brethren for their handsome present. He should prize it highly as long as he lived. The brethren then adjourned from labour to refreshment, and spent the evening in peace and harmony.

OPENSHAW.—Lodge of Faith (No. 581).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, December 17th, at the Drovers' Inn. Present: Bros. Henry Darbyshire, W.M.; John Greenup, S.W.; F. Hickson, J.W.; Thomas Walker, S.D.; Lee Speakman, Hon. Sec.; John Parker, Treas.; Charles Beswick, Tyler; Thomas Tyers, P.M.; F. R. Hollins, W.M. 1009; Edward Bradburn, W. Swift, J. C. Brown, John Aldred, J. T. Entwistle, W. B. Pritchard, P.M. Visitors: R. W. Whittaker, 1213; Wm. Parker, W.M. 993; G. F. Brownridge, P.M. 1459; James Pickford, 678; Robert Whittaker, 350, 678, P.P.G.D. of C.; G. F. Mullock, W.M. 204; R. F. Slatter, 1219; R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason). The brethren assembled at 3.20, and the lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Greenup, was presented to the Installing Master (Bro. H. Darbyshire) by P.M. Tyers. The usual preliminaries were gone through, and the Installing Master (whose maiden effort it was) duly installed Bro. Greenup into the chair of K.S.; and, considering this was Bro. Darbyshire's first attempt, and that he did the whole of it unassisted, great praise is due to him. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Hickson, S.W.; T. Walker, J.W.; J. C. Brown, Treas.; Lee Speakman (re-invested), Hon. Sec.; F. Hollins, P.M., Org.; Henry Darbyshire, D. of C. (invested by Bro. Parker); Charles Beswick, Tyler (re-invested). At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the annual balance-sheet was handed round to each brother, and the Auditor's report on the same having been given, was adopted. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, it was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45. The brethren afterwards celebrated the St. John's festival at a banquet, which was all that could be desired, both as regards quality and attendance. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been responded to, Bro. Whittaker, P.P.G.D.C., rose to reply on behalf of "The Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers." He said it gave him great pleasure to do so, and to be present there that day and witness the beautiful ceremony of installation performed by one of their own members in so able a manner. He thought this example should certainly be followed by all lodges, when, in the event of there being any hesitation over working the whole of the ceremony by one member, let others assist and give the addresses, investiture, &c., and so unite, and be dependent on themselves; and he assured them he was much gratified at seeing Bro. Darbyshire perform the ceremony so satisfactorily. With regard to the Prov. Grand Officers, he might say he regretted there were none present, as they might respond to this toast better than he could. He believed the Prov. Grand Officers of East Lancashire did their duty, and worked hard in visiting various lodges and noting their doings. For himself, while in office, he had visited sixty out of eighty lodges in the province, and had always been cordially received and welcomed. That day was no exception to the rule, and he felt now sorry he had not visited the Faith Lodge before, but, with their permission, would feel great pleasure in coming one night when they had some "work" to do, as he was sure from what he had seen that it would be done well. Bro. Tyers, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Darbyshire," said he was sure the brethren would heartily respond to this toast, as they all esteemed and valued their Bro. Darbyshire, who had been a zealous worker, and had that day done one of the finest ceremonies in the Craft, and so long as they had him amongst them there would never be any occasion to go outside their lodge for assistance. The toast was received with enthusiasm and with Masonic "honours." Bro. Darbyshire, in reply, said he was very

much obliged to Bro. Tyers for proposing his health in such kind terms, and to the brethren for receiving it so heartily. With respect to his knowledge of Masonic working, he felt he was greatly indebted to the Past Masters of the lodge for the valuable assistance they had at all times been ready and willing to impart. He considered he owed a debt of gratitude to Bro. Tyers, P.M., from a circumstance that occurred in his (Bro. Darbyshire's) place of business, when not being so well acquainted with the working as at present, and having to perform, or assisted to perform, a ceremony in his then capacity of S.W. he was told by Bro. Tyers that he had never witnessed such an incompetent S.W. in his life. He assured the brethren that his ears tingled at this piece of intelligence, and he mentally resolved that he would persevere in Masonic learning until he made himself a credit to the Faith Lodge. How far he had kept his resolution was manifested that day from Bro. Tyers' remarks, and he assured the brethren he was amply recompensed for all his efforts by the kind expressions of feeling that had fallen from Bro. Tyers, and he was sure that if their present W.M. received the same amount of support from the Past Masters as he had done, he would sit in the chair of K.S. with the same confidence as he (Bro. Darbyshire) had done. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was his privilege and pleasure to propose this toast, and he did it with right good will. The present W.M. had been a most zealous worker in the lodge ever since his connection with it. As the brethren were aware, Bro. Greenup became a joining member in 1874, having been previously initiated in the Lodge of Truth in 1872. Circumstances having occurred, through which Bro. Greenup changed his abode, he became, as before stated, a joining member of this Lodge of Faith, and the predilection made at the time of his joining that he would make a good worker has been verified to the letter. All through the different offices he has most ably acquitted himself, and to show the appreciation in which he was held by the brethren, he was unanimously elected W.M. This must be a very pleasant fact to him to know he was so elected, and also to the brethren in the knowledge that Bro. Greenup would be a credit to their lodge. Bro. Darbyshire proceeded to express his sincere wish that the W.M. might have a large amount of work during his Mastership, as he himself had, and concluded by remarking that the brethren need be under no apprehension as to Bro. Greenup's capabilities, and asked them to rise and drink his health. The toast was drunk most heartily. The W.M. suitably replied, and after the toasts of "The P.M.'s," "The Masonic Charities," "Visiting Brethren," &c., the brethren separated at 10.30.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Duke-street, where there was a good muster of Past Masters, including Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, Sun, Square, and Compasses, P.P.G.S.W., and P.G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W., and P.G. Treas.; John Milligan, W.M. 119; Thos. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; Edwin Rose, I.P.M. 872; Thos. Bell, P.M. 872; W. B. Coroman, P.M. 872; James Salisbury, P.M. 872; John Hartley, W.M. 1400, Curwen Lodge, Harrington; Joseph Ray, S.W. 872; Chas. Dalton, J.W. 872; Robt. Twentyman, Sec.; Geo. Smith, J.D.; John Angus, I.G.; James Salisbury, Tyler; James Cooper, Org.; George Dalrymple, Thos. Glessall, James McGowan, S. Blenkhorn, Geo. Nicholson, Jonah Sewell, John Hoggarth, Thomas Ellwood, W. Spowart, Jas. Winter, William Hartley, 1400; John Lewthwaite, 962; T. B. Roxby, 962; R. Thomas, 962; William Jackson, S.D. 119; John Casson, J.D. 119; and Wm. Rayson, 119. Bro. Fletcher Hodgson, P.S.W. of the lodge, was then duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months; the ceremonies were performed by Bros. Gibson and Kenworthy. It is fruitless to dilate upon the very excellent way these two brothers of the mystic knot execute the work so frequently entrusted to their care in this province, being that of Installing Master, and certainly on this occasion nothing could be said that would detract or dim that bright lustre which commands the greatest reflection. The W.M. having been installed, proclaimed, and greeted according to ancient custom, he then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Edwin Rose, I.P.M.; J. S. Braythwaite, S.W.; George Dalrymple, J.W.; Robt. Twentyman, Sec.; John Spittall, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Smith, S.D.; J. MacGill, J.D.; John Angus, I.G.; James Cooper, Org.; James Salisbury, Tyler; James McGowan and S. Blenkhorn, Stewards. There being nothing further but "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30. The brethren then adjourned for a short time to do honour to the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were responded to in a manner worthy of 872. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Pump Room, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., when there were present a goodly gathering of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. A. D. M. Williams, W.M.; W. Hodgkin, S.W.; John Burton, J.W.; W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; W. S. Elers, Treas.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; Rev. L. S. Tugwell, Chap.; J. Dunkley, S.D.; C. Graham, acting J.D.; Bournan, Org.; Cheale, I.G.; J. Strange, Tyler; P.M.'s. J. Read, Beckley, Stone, and B. S. Wilmot, P.G.R. Kent; Bros. Everest, Richardson, Farrer, Oakley, Elliott, Willicombe, W. Pawley, Marsack, and W. Wrighton. The visitors were Bros. F. Spencer, P.M. 1063, P.P.G.D. Kent; R. N. Field, P.M. 902; T. G. Wilkinson, 1449; T. R. Power, 413; J. Biggs, 1472; E. Monckton, J.W. 1678; J. S. Charlton, 1678; and J. Abrey, 1678. The lodge was opened in due form; the minutes read, con-

firmed, and signed by the W.M. The ballot was then taken for Bro. H. Clifford, Lodge 1070, and Ernest Copland as joining members; also for Messrs. Thomas Kilham and W. J. Biggs, as candidates for initiation, and they were duly elected. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Richardson having gone through the necessary prelude, was passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of P.M. Field, who then initiated Messrs. Thomas Buss, J. E. Westbrook, P. Jackson, Thomas Kilham, and W. J. Biggs, the ancient charge being delivered by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Mount Ephraim Hotel, where our venerable Bro. Wrighton provided an excellent repast. The usual loyal and other toasts, alternated with some very enjoyable singing by the brethren, were heartily responded to, and the brethren, after spending a very happy and perfectly harmonious evening, acknowledged that it was another red-letter day to be recorded in the diary of the Holmesdale Lodge, and separated at eleven o'clock.

BRIGG.—Ancholme Lodge (No. 1282).—On Monday, the 29th ult., there was a large gathering of the brethren of the lodge, with visitors from Hull, Great Grimby, Barton-on-Humber, &c., on the occasion of Bro. T. Cleugh's installation as W.M. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Coupland, P.P.G.S.W. of Pelham Pillar Lodge, in his usual able manner, assisted by the P.M. of the Ancholme Lodge. The newly-appointed W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. F. R. Sutton, I.P.M.; Rev. S. E. Hodgson, Chap.; H. W. Dalton, Sec.; W. O. Nicholson, S.W.; Dr. R. H. Paterson, J.W.; Wm. Hall, jun., S.D.; J. H. Skevington, J.D.; C. L. Hett, I.G.; J. Spring, jun., Org.; W. A. Field, P.M., D.C.; John Cawkwell, Tyler. After thanking the brethren for the honour conferred on him by their unanimous vote in placing him in the chair, he presented, on behalf of the brethren, a handsome gold Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. F. R. Sutton, as a token of their appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was given to the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Cleugh presiding. When the cloth was removed the usual loyal and other toasts were given, and responded to with great enthusiasm. The whole of the proceedings were of a highly enjoyable character.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The members of this lodge were summoned to attend the Masonic duties on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The chair was occupied by Bro. T. Foulkes, W.M., and he was supported by Bros. J. H. Bradshaw, I.P.M.; R. B. Burgess, S.W.; N. Robertson, J.W.; John Hodgson, Hon. Org.; J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Bell, Sec.; J. Holme, S.D.; P. M. Campbell, J.D.; F. Knight, P.M., D.C.; P. S. Johnson, S.; M. Williamson, Tyler; and C. Leighton, P.M. The members present were Bros. John Carlett, J. Davies, S. Gordon, J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. J. Curwen, G. Lewis, P. Bottrell, W. Johnson, J. H. Erving, T. Gray, A. Samuels, John Cook, and T. F. Powell. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Evans, 594, and A. Wright, 594. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Lewis, Curwen, and Bottrell were passed to the Second Degree by Bro. T. Foulkes, W.M.; and Bros. T. F. Powell and John Cook were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, I.P.M. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, when it was proposed by Bro. F. Knight, P.M., D.C., seconded by Bro. N. Robertson, J.W., and carried, "That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to endow the W.M.'s chair with a Life Governorship." The brethren subsequently separated.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel on the 17th December, called by the W.M., Bro. W. Shury Marshall to enrol three initiates into the noble Craft. One, however, being unable to attend, the duty was ably performed on Messrs. T. J. Villiers and A. W. Goldsmid, in which the W.M. was ably supported by his officers, most of whom were present. The lodge was opened for such purpose in the First Degree at 4.15, and the ballot proved unanimous in favour of all the candidates. Prior to opening in the Second Degree Bro. W. Marshall was examined and found equal to being passed to such Degree, and the W.M. then opened his lodge and enlightened the worthy brother to the duties and secrets of a Craftsman. These ceremonies having been completed the usual enquiries from the chair brought forward, through Bro. Secretary, a very interesting ceremony, that of presenting to the lodge a handsomely-executed, coloured, and framed photograph of the respected I.P.M., Bro. S. Tidcombe which was accepted with satisfaction and ordered to be hung amongst others in the lodge room, under the banner of the Abercorn Lodge. This was the result of a suggestion made some time ago that every P.M. should leave his portrait "in memoriam" on leaving the chair of K.S., and if not able to present such from the hand of a Royal Academician a photograph worthy of the lodge should be presented. It is expected others will shortly follow, for such is the fraternity of this band of brothers, whether derivable from the pure air of the neighbourhood or the higher aims of Masonry, that it is invariably acknowledged the Tyler's toast comes too soon. The lodge was closed with fraternal greetings at 6.15, and the banquet passed off favourably as usual, both initiates proving themselves worthy additions to the Craft.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This distinguished chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 9th ult. Among those present were Comps. P. Robinson, M.E.Z.; J. Mander, P.Z., H.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., J.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; F. B. Davage, P.Z., S.E.; P. Wagner, I.P.Z., acting S.N.; Lowenstark, P.Z.; Davis, acting P.S.; Gispert, J. Smith, Whitley, Parkinson, Jan., and others. The visitors were Comps. Watts, J. 1201, and Thompson, 55. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served, and gave the most unqualified satisfaction. Upon the removal of the cloth, the long array of toasts were done full justice to. In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," the I.P.Z. spoke very highly of the social and Masonic qualities of Comp. Robinson. He moreover said that their M.E.Z. had discharged the duties of the various offices in the Chapter most efficiently, and he believed that no companion in the Jerusalem Lodge had the interests of the Royal Arch Order more at heart than their worthy First Principal. The toast having been warmly received, the M.E.Z. made a brief, pertinent, and most modest reply. "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by the visiting companions. They each said that they had been delighted with the excellent manner in which the difficult and beautiful ceremony of exaltation had been rehearsed, the addresses of the Principals in particular being well delivered. "The Health of the Past Principals" came next, and was exhaustively replied to by Comps. Wagner and Lowenstark. "The Treasurer and S.E." was most eulogistically proposed by the M.E.Z., and this pledge having been received with that heartiness which so important a toast demanded, Comps. Harfeld and Davage acknowledged the compliment. "The Second and Third Principals," "The Officers," and the Janitor's toast terminated the proceedings, which were agreeably enlivened by the contributions of Comps. Mander, Robinson, Watts, Davis, and others.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 16th ult. At six p.m. the Board of Installed Principals was opened by Ex. Comps. Hill, Z.; Hearn, H.; and Williamson, J., in the presence of Ex. Past Principals Rubie, Moutrie, Keene, and Mitchell, of No. 41; J. J. Dutton, 379; and Rolfe, 53. On the subsequent admission of the companions the chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. At this stage of the proceedings, Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins entered, and apologised for his delay, owing to illness, which would have prevented his attendance if he had not undertaken to perform the chief duty of the evening. The companions were then dismissed, and in their absence Comp. Dr. Hopkins installed Ex. Comps. Hearn, as Z.; Williamson, as H.; and Howes, as J. On the readmission of the companions, the new Principals were duly proclaimed and saluted, after which each of them gave an address, acknowledging the honour conferred. A vote of thanks to the Installing Principal was passed, who briefly replied before he left the chapter. The M.E.Z. installed the following as his officers:—Comps. Hill, I.P.Z.; Stuckey, E.; Hayward, N.; Moutrie, P.Z., Treas.; Radway, Pr. Soj.; Mercer, S.S.; Peach, J.S.; and Bigwood, Janitor. No other business offering, the chapter was closed at eight o'clock, when an adjournment took place to the Castle Hotel for the annual supper.

HALIFAX.—Chapter of Sincerity (No. 61).—At the last meeting of this chapter, on Friday, the 19th ult., the proceedings were diversified with a somewhat new feature in Masonic arrangements, the delivery of a scientific lecture, illustrated by dissolving views. Comp. John Marshall, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.P., the M.E.Z. of the chapter, prepared a short time since a series of lectures on the expedition of H.M.S. "Challenger," which he has since delivered before several educational institutions in the neighbourhood, the proceeds being applied to benevolent or philanthropic purposes. These lectures having been received with favour, he was asked in November to deliver one on the occasion of the next convocation of the chapter under his rule, and the proceedings of the evening in question were the result. After the Masonic business of the chapter, held in the instruction room, the companions adjourned to the lodge room, where their numbers were augmented by brethren of the Lodges of Probity, 61, and St. James, 448, and ladies introduced by them. The chair was taken by Bro. John Fisher, J.P., P.M., Prov. G. Tyler, &c., and the lecture, which abounded with interesting details as to the curious and beautiful forms of animal life found at vast depths in the ocean, was then listened to with marked attention. On the motion of Bro. the Rev. J. Hope, M.A., seconded by Bro. J. M. Barbour, a vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, and a similar compliment was paid to the Chairman, on the motion of Bro. H. R. Waghorn, W.M. 61, seconded by Bro. Franklin. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—None except the uncommonly hardy can hope to escape continued, unsettled, and unusually wet weather without some bodily discomfort or actual disease. Holloway's remedies have won a name and fame previously unknown in medical science for their ability of successfully contesting with colds, coughs, quinsies, rheumatism, and neuralgia. This formidable list of dangerous and painful affections is completely under the control of these inestimable specifics; which, used according to their accompanying directions, will soon mitigate the tortures, suppress all inflammatory tendencies, and secure the soundest health. The very moderate price charged for these never-failing remedies, places them within the reach of the most humble sufferer, whose ill-health by producing poverty exaggerates his personal pangs.—[Advrt.]

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—William de la More Preceptory (No. 49).—For the convenience of those resident in and around Liverpool, the head-quarters of this very ancient and very honourable preceptory were removed on the last meeting day (the 18th ult.) from the Assembly Rooms, Bootle, to the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, and the change is likely to be in time a most beneficent one in the interests of the well-worked preceptory. There have been several changes in its locale, but now, like Noah's dove, it seems to have found a permanent and convenient resting place, and there is every likelihood it will greatly flourish in a quarter where Craft Masonry has long had a secure foundation. The members were summoned for six o'clock in the evening, and amongst those present (the majority putting in a prompt appearance) were Sir Knights William John Thomson, E.C.; Reginald Young, P.E.C.; J. W. Ballard, First C.; A. C. Wylie, Reg.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (Freemason); Dr. Kellett Smith, P.E.C.; and R. G. Brook. The visitors were Sir Knights J. Harrison, Prelate of the St. George's Preceptory, Oldham; J. Compton Lees, P.P.G. P.L., St. George's; J. N. Tweedale, D.G. Commander Lancashire; and Captain Thomas Berry, P.E.C. Jacques de Molay, P.G.S.B. of England. In compliance with a requisition from the Sir Knights of the William de la More Encampment, it was announced that Sir Knight Clement R. N. Beswick-Royds, G.C. of Lancashire, had granted a dispensation authorising the removal of the encampment to the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, the meetings to be held on the fourth Thursdays in the months of March, June, and September, and on the third Thursday in December in each year. Sir Knight A. C. Wylie, on the motion of Sir Knight J. W. Ballard, seconded by Sir Knight Reginald Young, was elected a joining member of the encampment. Cordial thanks were given to Sir Knight Lees, D.E.C., and the other visitors, who had come so far that day, for their attendance to assist at the working of the encampment. Sir Knight J. W. Ballard was enthroned the E.C. by Sir Knight Tweedale, D.E.C., and the following were the officers appointed and invested:—Sir Knights Reginald Young, P.E.C., Prelate; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.E.C., First C.; R. G. Brook, Second C.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (re-elected for the sixth time); and A. C. Wylie, Reg. The appointment of the other officers was left over till next meeting. The Sir Knights after business sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Casey, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Obituary.

BRO. T. J. SABINE.

It is with the deepest regret we announce the death, somewhat suddenly, of Bro. T. J. Sabine, of Brighton. He had been ailing since the early part of November, but his death will come as a surprise to his Masonic friends. The rupture of a blood vessel during a severe fit of coughing was the immediate cause of death. Bro. Sabine occupied a prominent position in Brighton as a member of the Town Council, and in many other public and private capacities, but it was as a Freemason, perhaps, that he was most widely known, and in the Craft he gained a singularly proud position. He was P.M. of Lodges Nos. 73, 1423, and 1540, and Prov. S.G.W. of Middlesex. He was a P.Z. in the Royal Arch, and P.M. of Lodge 75, of Mark Master Masons, P. Prov. Secretary of the Mark Masons of Sussex, and he held office in the Grand Lodge of the Mark Masons of England. Several times Bro. Sabine filled the post of Steward in connection with the Charities. The *Freemason* for July 26th last contained a long and interesting account of the consecration of a new lodge, the Atlingworth, No. 1821, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, which was established by Bro. Sabine, and of which he was elected W.M. In his inaugural remarks, Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M., observed that the lodge was called after the Atlingworth Manor. He was pleased to see the honoured Lord of the Manor of Atlingworth, Bro. Somers Clarke, among the petitioners, and heartily wished the lodge every success. It was under the guidance of an energetic and expert Mason, who knew well how to rule and direct his lodge. To Bro. Sabine he knew it must be a source of pride and gratification to find that, after many difficulties, obstinacy, and opposition, he had at length succeeded in establishing a new lodge at Brighton, and the gratification was, doubtless, enhanced by the fact that the day of the accomplishment of his long-cherished wishes was his birthday. He was sure all would join him in wishing Bro. Sabine many happy returns of the day, and a long and prosperous career to his bantling—the Atlingworth Lodge. In the course of his subsequent reply to the toast of his health, Bro. Sabine, who was received with prolonged and long-continued applause, said he was well aware he had undertaken an arduous task, though not for the first time, he having previously been W.M. of the Chaucer Lodge. He acknowledged the kindness of his reception from the distinguished band of brothers he was proud to see around him.

Bro. Sabine had no family, but leaves a widow to mourn his untimely loss. At the funeral obsequies no doubt a large number of the Brotherhood will embrace the opportunity of paying the last tribute of respect to one who was thoroughly worthy of their esteem.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and Isle of Wight, on the motion of the D.P.G.M., Bro. W. Hickman, has voted ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund.

OPENING OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT KIDDERMINSTER.

The new Masonic Hall and Club was opened on Friday, the 26th ult., under very favourable auspices, by Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Provincial Grand Master of the Order.

The extensive premises in Mill-street, lately in the occupation of Dr. Jotham, recently purchased by the Masonic Hall and Club Company (Limited), have been undergoing considerable alterations to adapt them in the best possible manner to the requirements of a Masonic Hall and Club. The alterations to that portion of the premises which is to be used for Masonic purposes consist of the removal of the top floor of a three-storey warehouse, and the formation of a handsome lodge room, 53ft by 21ft., and 20ft. high, with adjoining robing room (15ft. by 15ft.), and ante-room (16ft. by 11ft.), store-room, lavatory, &c. The lodge room is approached by a spacious staircase, is thoroughly warmed by hot water, and effectively ventilated. The alterations to the club portion of the premises consist of the removal of the division walls of the rooms of the top storey of the house, the raising of the ceilings, and the insertion of a roof and lantern light, the result being a well-lighted and commodious billiard room (34ft. by 17ft.), especial care being bestowed upon the ventilation. The club has a general room (18ft. by 17ft.), dining room, reading room, and card room (each 17ft. by 15ft.), committee, secretary's, and book rooms, care-taker's apartments, and two large kitchens with serving rooms, pantries, and extensive cellaring. The dining and billiard rooms will be served by a lift, rising from the kitchen to the top storey. The whole of the alterations have been carried out from the plans and under the superintendence of Mr. J. T. Meredith, architect, in the most satisfactory manner by Mr. E. T. Price, builder, of Kidderminster.

The rooms have been elegantly and luxuriously furnished throughout; carpets of the newest design and most expensive fabric having been laid down, and the whole of the fittings being of the most complete and convenient description. This part of the work has been carried out by Mr. E. Stringer in the best possible manner. Beautiful oil paintings and engravings adorn the walls, most of which are the gift of members of the club. Few persons could have imagined that when the matter was taken in hand but a short time since it would have been possible not only for the company to have been started, but for the whole of the shares to have been taken up and applications for membership to have been made in excess of the number which it was originally contemplated to admit, in so short a time. The transformation in the building has been so rapid and brilliant as almost to equal the sudden changes that one reads of in fairy tales, and Mr. Taylor, the energetic Secretary, must be regarded as a second Aladdin for the celerity and completeness with which, under his directions, the whole of the work has been carried out. It must have been a proud moment for him, on Friday, as he stood in the noble banquet hall and saw the distinguished company that was gathered around him to inaugurate the opening of the club, of which he has been the chief promoter, and we have no doubt that an affair so ably commenced and successfully carried out will continue to be as prosperous in the future as it has been hitherto, and that there is a great career of usefulness before the Masonic Hall and Club Company.

The following was the order of the proceedings:—The Provincial Grand Master and visitors were received by the Directors and Committee at three o'clock, and were conducted over the club, and the various departments explained. They then returned to the general news room.

Mr. George Taylor, Hon. Sec., then moved that the Mayor, Mr. J. Naylor, take the chair.

Mr. Wood seconded this, and it was carried.

The Mayor then took the chair, and called upon Mr. Taylor to address those present.

Mr. Taylor said: Sir E. Lechmere and gentlemen, we are met together to-day to celebrate the accomplishment of a purpose which has for several years past animated the minds of many of the principal inhabitants of Kidderminster. The formation of a club where those of all shades of thought and opinion may unite for social intercourse and one common object has long been felt desirable. In theory it has assumed many shapes; but it most appropriately falls to the lot of the Masonic brotherhood to bring these desires to the practical issue of to-day. I say "most appropriately," because that design and all its features correspond minutely with the principles and teachings of that Craft to which so many belong, and which perhaps is the only body that could by its cohesive tendencies successfully weld together all sections and interests. That the elements of this success are not wanting is proved by the fact that we open with a list of 115 members, and a month ago more than the whole of the share capital was applied for. With upwards of four-fifths of that share capital taken by Freemasons, and the greater portion of the members belonging to the Craft, and, above all, the whole scheme emanating from and through Freemasons, there cannot be the slightest exception taken to the course of retaining the management of the company in their hands, and giving this society the distinctive, and, I may say, distinguished, title of the Masonic Club. More than these, there are no restrictions beyond those of an ordinary club. All who have visited the building must have been struck with the extreme suitability of the premises for the somewhat peculiar purposes required, viz., a home for Masonry and a general club, happily, yet distinctively, combined. The hall and ante-rooms adjoining at the back of the premises are let to Freemasons for their sole use, at what the directors consider a fair and equitable rental, and there the distinction ceases, and the whole of the remainder of the premises are for club purposes, with equal rights and privileges for all club members. There is a movement on foot to make

some use of the large warehouse under the Masonic Hall as an additional hall for public and private use. The directors will endeavour to make the best and most profitable use of this portion of the premises. It is, perhaps, to be regretted that more time was not taken to complete arrangements before opening the building, but several weighty reasons prevailed in deciding that this should take place before Christmas, and as so much had to be done in a short time, all concerned will no doubt excuse for a little while anything that may be found rough or imperfect. As we have just finished a tour of the building, I will not detain you by particularising again all the arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the members, and such additions as we hope hereafter to make, but will at once call upon Sir Edmund Lechmere to declare the club opened, trusting that our efforts will be attended by all the good results the management will endeavour to deserve.

Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere said the statement made by Mr. Taylor must have given great satisfaction to all who had listened to it, and he heartily congratulated him, and those gentlemen who acted with him as his colleagues in that undertaking, on the success that had been achieved. Looking at the future of that club, he believed that it would be found to be a great convenience and a means for promoting that social intercourse in the town—which was a most desirable feature—as well as a financial success. They were very much indebted to Mr. Taylor and the gentlemen who had helped him in carrying out that undertaking to such a successful issue. He could not help looking with special feelings of interest at the great improvements that had been effected of late years in Kidderminster, accompanied, as he believed they were, by the material prosperity of its inhabitants, and their advancement both morally and intellectually. This was evidenced by such beautiful buildings as their Music Hall and School of Art. It was a very happy thought that those who had the object of starting the club in view should seize the opportunity of a general movement amongst the Masons for the adoption of homes for Masonry apart from the influence and associations of taverns, although there had been no cause of complaint against the house used hitherto for the lodge on any ground whatever. Still it seemed to be fitting that Masons should have a home of their own, where they could meet to conduct their business, with that absence of political and religious differences and that harmonious good feeling which were the principal foundations of Masonry. He believed that the association of the lodge with the club would be beneficial to all of them, and that the more general knowledge of the principles of the Order which will be likely to be diffused from the union he had mentioned would tend to the advantage of Masonry itself. At the same time it must be thoroughly understood that the club would be opened to all, whether Masons or not, and he laid stress upon this because an impression to the contrary appeared to have gone abroad. He should have great satisfaction in declaring that club opened; but, before doing so, he thought they owed their acknowledgments to Mr. Meredith, and to Mr. E. Price, builder, for the way in which the work had been carried out. On behalf of the latter, he had to make Mr. Taylor, as hon. sec. of the club, a present of a handsome key. (Applause.) He then formally declared the club to be opened.

The Mayor said it would be now his very pleasing duty to move a resolution which he was quite sure would require no argument or appeal from him to induce them to give a very enthusiastic acceptance. It was "That the thanks of all assembled be given to Sir Edmund Lechmere for his kindness in being present that day and opening the club." (Cheers.) They were very much indebted to Sir Edmund for services rendered to the town on many occasions. It was only a very few weeks ago that he assisted at the opening of the new School of Art, and on many other occasions he had visited Kidderminster with the object of performing some useful duty. They were very pleased to see him—(hear, hear)—at any time, and he was sure they were all pleased to see him on that occasion. He hoped that in the management of that club a high tone would be preserved, and that any attempt to lower it would be quietly but firmly nipped in the bud. He had great pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to Sir Edmund Lechmere for being present that evening.

Mr. S. Tovey, J.P., said he had very great pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to Sir Edmund Lechmere. As Mr. Naylor had well said, when his presence was wanted on similar occasions he was always ready to come, and by his presence show the interest he felt in all that appertained to the social, moral, and intellectual well-being of the inhabitants of Kidderminster. The affairs of that club had been so ably and so fully stated by Mr. Taylor that it would not be necessary for him to enter upon them. The establishment of such a club as that had been a want long felt in the town, and he quite agreed with Mr. Taylor that no other body but the Masons could have supplied it. (Hear, hear.) He hoped it would prosper and be a credit to the town as well as a source of very great comfort and convenience to its members. (Applause.)

Sir E. Lechmere acknowledged the compliment.

Mr. McCandless then proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding.

This was seconded by Mr. J. Dixon, and carried. The Provincial Grand Master and visitors were then conducted to the board room, which was used as their robing room. The brethren retired to the Masonic Hall (lodge room), and the lodge was opened, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M.; Wm. Masfield, P.M. 564, D.P.G.M.; W. H. Westwood, P.M. 252, P.S.G.W.; C. F. Piddock, P.M. 280, P.J.G.W.; W. Bristow, P.M. 252, P.G. Secretary; W. H. Jones, P.M. 564, P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Troman, P.M. 573, Prov. G. Org.; John Blundell, P.M. 560, P.P.G. Reg.; J. R. Buck, P.M. 280, P.G.S. Wks.;

H. R. Pigot, P.M. 1; W. G. Turney, 564; E. Stringer, 564; R. Blundell, S.W. 560; Thos. Vale, I.G. 580; Wm. Mills, 560; T. W. Danks, S.D. 560; Thomas McCandless, W.M. 377; E. Hammond, SW. 377; A. Comber, J.W. 377; P. Bellitay, P.M. 377, P.G.S.B.; G. W. Grosvenor, P.M. 377, P.P.G.R.; J. N. Wood, P.M. 377, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Fitzgerald, P.M. 377, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Taylor, P.M. 377, P.S.G.D.; Thos. D. Baker, P.M. 377; G. Southall, P.M. 377; W. C. Green, S.D. 377; E. H. Preen, Std. 377; D. Mackay, St. S. 377; J. Chadwick, I.G. 377; G. Holdworth, Org. 377; W. M. Roden, 377; Jas. Chambers, 377; John Dixon, 377; J. T. Meredith, P.M. 560, P.G.A.D.C.; R. J. Thompson, 377; W. Uttley, 377; F. Schuppel, 377; S. Taylor, Asst. Sec. 377; Chas. Philips, 377; C. H. Fryer, 377; G. W. Naylor, W.M. 560, P.G.S.; Jas. Morton, P.M. 560; F. Burcher, 377; J. Harper, 377; J. H. Stringer, P. Morrison, H. Gibson, 377; W. Harvey, 377; J. Elgood, 377; A. Watkins, A. Dow, G. Lees, 377; J. J. Harvey, 377; G. Hopkins, 377; J. Mark, 730; and H. Hill, P.M. 258.

The members of the lodge who are Provincial Grand Officers, with the Senior and Junior Deacons of the lodge, retired for the purpose of conducting the Provincial Grand Master and other visitors to the lodge, the usual forms being observed; on their entrance the Provincial Grand Organist played a grand march. The Provincial Grand Master was then invited to take the chair. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called on the brethren to salute the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, who then called on the Secretary to read the summons convening the lodge and the minutes of the last lodge, which were confirmed and signed by the Provincial Grand Master; the Worshipful Master was then invited to resume his duties, the lodge was then opened to the Third Degree, and closed as usual; when in the First Degree the Provincial Grand Master was asked to address the brethren.

Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., said: Brethren, I find that I am expected to deliver a short address, and I have written down a few thoughts which have occurred to me, and which I venture to offer for your consideration. Had time and my numerous engagements permitted, I should have been glad to have made them more complete, but, imperfect as they are, I submit them to you. I must congratulate you most sincerely on the event of this day, and I desire to offer on my own behalf, and I feel sure I may add in behalf of the whole Masonic body, not only in Kidderminster but in this province, to Bro. George Taylor, to Bro. Fitzgerald, and to those who have worked with them and shared the labour and responsibility of this great undertaking, the expression of our sincere acknowledgment of the value of the work achieved by them for the good of Freemasonry. Doubtless there were many interesting associations with the old place of meeting and the former lodge room, and there appear to be no grounds of complaint as to the accommodation provided, but there is and has been for some time past a growing feeling that in the present position of Freemasonry as a great public and national institution, it should (where means and opportunities can be provided) be emancipated as it were from the associations with the tavern, which, however harmless in themselves, and convenient for and conducive to social enjoyment, do not offer the same resources and facilities for the due performance and illustration of our beautiful and solemn ceremonies as can be provided in a room specially adapted and entirely reserved for the express purpose of lending a dignity to our Masonic ritual. I am sure that our feelings upon entering this room to-day must be those of gratification and surprise that in so short a time the necessary changes and alterations should have been so skilfully and punctually completed, so as to allow the brethren of the Lodge Hope and Charity to receive myself and the Grand Lodge of the province in this well-proportioned and handsome room. Let me, on behalf of the P.G.L., express our gratification at being present on this occasion, and the sincere pleasure with which I and my Deputy give our official sanction to all that has been done here. Brethren, it must be a subject of great satisfaction to us that Kidderminster, with all its increase and material prosperity, should have also made great progress in intellectual and artistic development, and that contemporaneously with this there has been a corresponding growth in Masonic life and vigour, which is not unlikely, I am informed, to assume a practical shape in the formation, at no distant period, of a new lodge. It would, perhaps, be premature on my part to say more upon the subject, which has not as yet come officially before my notice, but I can only hope that it may be in every respect an embodiment of that social and intellectual development in this old town of Kidderminster to which I have alluded, and worthy of the commodious and beautiful lodge room in which its meetings in common with those of Lodge 377 would be held. I am most desirous that in this province we should try to show Masonry in its true light, as a great neutral ground on which men of all ranks and classes (provided they have that intellectual and moral status which it demands) may be associated together in one great bond of union; but at the same time we should aim, as far as possible, in the admission of those who may desire to join us, not so much at great increase in numbers, as at an acquirement of that weight and influence, which is not so much due to our numerical force as to having a preponderance in our ranks of worthy, good men, and zealous Masons. Brethren, I believe that in this province there has of late been, owing in a great measure to the active efforts of some of our most active and distinguished brethren, a development of Masonic life and vigour—evinced by a greater desire to promote the cause of our great Masonic charities, to make better provision for securing the proper representation of this province in the elections of candidates for those charities, and to secure for Masonry every advantage which can raise it in the estimation of the Craft in the province, as well as in the

eyes of the external world of our county. It will be my privilege, my pleasure, my earnest desire, to encourage this spirit, to stimulate and foster its growth, and to aid and support those who are using their best endeavours to make Masonry more real, more practical, more thorough in every detail, and thereby more worthy of this age of progress and enlightenment. Let us all, of whatever rank in the Craft, from the P.G.M. to the most recently obligated Entered Apprentice, remember that we may each and every one of us aid in this great object, and that there is no Masonic office, however apparently humble and insignificant, in which by a due performance of the duties which we may be called upon to perform we may not conduce to our own improvement, to the credit of our lodge, and to the welfare of the Craft at large. And now, brethren, let me once more revert to the interesting occasion which has brought us together to-day. Let us hope that a blessing may descend upon this good work, and upon those who have laboured for its accomplishment. May it please the G.A. of the Universe that you and I may be spared to meet here hereafter, and to realise as years pass on the benefits which I believe, if this undertaking be well and prudently conducted, it will confer upon the Masonic body in this town and neighbourhood. May it be that all who first see the light within its walls inspired by the more impressive associations which this comely room and its surroundings are calculated to evoke, by their zeal in the cause of Masonry, and by their jealousy for the honour and dignity of the Craft, fulfil the aims and objects of those who have laboured so perseveringly, and hitherto so successfully, to provide for Masonry in this province another shrine which shall be, I trust, for ever dedicated to the holy cause of brotherly love, relief, and truth. So mote it be. (Applause.)

Before the lodge closed several presentations were made. A tablet of the recent Past Masters, to correspond with the former one, Bro. T. McCandless; large portrait of the Prince of Wales, and two wands, Mr. J. W. Chadwick; pedestals, Mr. A. Comber; and carpets, Mr. Harvey Preen and Mr. E. Hammond.

A Masonic banquet followed, at which the usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs and glees.

The banquet was held in the new Masonic Hall. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Thomas McCandless, who was supported on his right by the R.W.P.G.M., Sir Edmund Lechmere, and other distinguished visitors, Grand Lodge being very strongly represented. The cloth having been removed the W.M. rose to propose the first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft." He said that loyalty and obedience to the Sovereign of our native land was not only a duty taught, but practised by the Craft. As Masons they were proud of their Queen, because she was the daughter of a distinguished Mason, and the mother of a family of distinguished Masons.

The National Anthem having been rendered with great effect, by Bro. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.D., in giving the next toast, that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said that the Masonic body had for their head the most popular G.M. that ever presided over the Craft. They all felt the stimulus and life infused into Masonry when and since H.R.H. accepted the office of M.W.G.M. of England, and the truth taught in their ritual has been fulfilled in the case of H.R.H., "That monarchs themselves have not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, and have patronised our mysteries, and even joined in our ceremonies."

The toast having been drunk, a glee, "Prosper the Art," was sung by Bros. Fitzgerald, Mackay, and S. Taylor. At this stage the R.W.P.G.M. and some other officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge were, unfortunately, obliged to leave, having to catch the last trains to their several destinations. Before doing so, the R.W.P.G.M. expressed himself highly pleased with the whole of the ceremonies and the banquet too, and much regretted that he had not made arrangements to remain in Kidderminster all night.

"The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.P.G.M. of England, and of Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Dep. G.M. of England, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was next given by the W.M., and duly responded to. Following this Bro. Mackay delighted the brethren with a most efficient rendering of "Simon the Cellarer."

"The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Worcestershire, Sir Edmund Lechmere," was proposed by the W.M., who said that the brethren were well aware that Bro. Sir E. Lechmere had done good work in Masonry since his appointment as P.G.M. of Worcestershire, and he trusted that under his auspices Masonry in the province would flourish, and, although his numerous public engagements occupied a great portion of his time, he always showed the greatest interest in Masonry. The W.M. added that he would not here dilate on the many noble qualities of their distinguished brother, and he would, therefore, content himself with a quotation from that excellent sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, on the occasion of the installation of the present P.G.M., "He is indeed a worthy successor of a worthy man and a worthy Mason."

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and after it Bro. Naylor sang an appropriate song.

"The Health of Bro. W. Masfield, D.P.G.M. of Worcestershire, and the other Officers of P.G.L., Past and Present," having been proposed and drunk, Bro. Masfield said that it had given him much pleasure to meet the brethren that day, and to attend at the opening of their new Masonic Club and Hall. He begged to thank them sincerely for the cordial manner in which they had received that toast.

Bro. Grosvenor, P.P.G.R., having asked for the loan of the W.M.'s gavel, said that he had a toast to propose, which he was sure would commend itself to the heart of every brother present, and it was that of their W.M., Bro. McCandless. He most heartily congratulated Bro. McCandless on the completion and opening of this beautiful

hall during his year of office, and he was surprised to see the transformation that had been made in so short a time. He did not think the Province of Worcestershire boasted such another building, and, as an old P.M. of 377, he could not too freely express his pleasure and satisfaction.

The W.M. having given "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Blundell, 560, P.P.G.R., responded.

The toast of "The P.M.'s of 377" was proposed by the W.M., and coupled with the name of Bro. Fitzgerald, an old P.M., P.P.G.D., and the worthy Secretary of 377, Bro. Fitzgerald, in replying, gave a short resumé of the history of the lodge, in which he stated that it was twenty-six years since he was proposed. During the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. Micklewright he had seen the lodge pass through many vicissitudes, and he was very proud to see the large assembly in that noble room that day.

"Success to the Masonic Hall and Club Company" was responded to by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Geo. Taylor, P.G.D.P.M., and Treasurer 377, &c., who said he need not ask them to spare him from a long speech when they considered the labours of the last few weeks. However proud he may feel to have his name associated with that toast, and of their cordial response, that was as nothing when compared with the satisfaction he felt at the accomplishment of a long cherished hope, and the first fruits of that success which he hoped to see the Masonic Hall and Club reap to the full.

Those present would easily remember the preliminary meetings some twelve months ago, when, without any idea where suitable premises could be found, the desirability of a club and hall was recognised, and upwards of forty brethren pledged themselves to support a well-considered scheme for providing the same. It said much for their earnest good faith when two only of that number were without shares in the company, and one of those two by reason of having left the neighbourhood. He, Bro. Taylor, had earlier in the day, and in another part of the building, given them illustrations to prove with what elements of success the scheme was now launched. That evening the company had shown the lodge how well it could cater for its wants in the recherché banquet just served; and as to the club and its non-Masonic elements, he looked upon it as promising a great impetus to Masonry in Kidderminster, acting as it would as a feeder to the lodge—a kind of probationary stage—which could not fail to promote the best interests of the Craft in general and that lodge in particular. In conclusion, Bro. Taylor expressed his hearty appreciation of the assistance he had received from the Directors and Committee in the promotion of the work just completed. Their confidence, sympathy, and attentive solicitude had been unbounded, and, on their behalf and his own, he sincerely thanked the brethren for the toast they had just honoured.

"The Architect, Bro. J. T. Meredith, P.G.A.D.C.," and "Solicitor, Bro. Burcher," were proposed by the W.M., who said that their several departments had been a labour of love with them, for they had given not only their own time and talents gratuitously, but the time of their assistants also. Bro. Meredith and Bro. Burcher responded, and said it gave them much pleasure to do anything they could for Freemasonry in general and this lodge in particular.

"The Working Officers of 377" was responded to by Bro. Hammond, S.W. and W.M. elect.

"The Masonic Charities" were given by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Chadwick.

"The Health of the Lodge Stewards, Bros. Preen and Mackay," was proposed by the W.M., who said the success of the banquet arrangements that evening should be mainly attributed to them. They had worked most assiduously to promote the comfort, not only of the brethren at large, but also of every individual brother. Bro. Preen responded, and thanked the brethren cordially for the unexpected honour paid to himself and to his brother Steward, who had, indeed, with him, been most anxious to see that everything went off well, and to make the banquet pleasant to all partaking of it.

The Tyler's toast having been given the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met for the last time in 1879 on Wednesday last. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, presided. The other two Vice-Presidents, Bros. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, and James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. The other brethren present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; W. Mann, P.M. 186; J. Constable, P.M. 185; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; E. F. Storr, P.M. 1679; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; J. W. Collier, P.M. 1366; J. J. Gavin, W.M. 781; James L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., W.M. 1415; J. H. Weston, P.M. 1536; A. Lamarque, W.M. 917; G. H. Hewett, I.P.M. 1385; C. Godtschalk, P.M. 70, and 1255; A. Timothy, W.M. 87; T. Edmonston, W.M. 1669; H. Harben, P.M. 92; J. H. Matthews, W.M. 143; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 1541; J. T. Rowe, W.M. 198; T. C. Walls, W.M. 1381; A. H. Watkins, P.M. 4175; J. Bingemann, P.M. 1599; T. F. K. Smith, W.M. 1411; W. Ashwell, W.M. 22; Henry Birdseye, P.M. 715; A. Middlemass, W.M. 957; John E. Winkfield, W.M. 8; W. Groome, P.M. 1642; W. E. White, W.M. 177; Charles Arkell, W.M. 192; H. Faija, W.M. 1540; Wm. Stiles, W.M. 1732; H. G. Neald, W.M. 11; W. L. Alexander, P.M. 188; C. W. Gray, P.M. 1044; John H. Leggott, W.M. 145; H. Potter, P.M. 1281; James Wilking, I.P.M. 1744; J. W. Klenck, W.M. 1339; W. R. Marsh, W.M. 1805; W. Shury Marshall, W.M. 1549; W. Gamble, P.M. 706; J. J. Cattle, W.M. 1257; H. G.

Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and H. Massey (Freemason).

The brethren first confirmed the grants and recommendations to the Grand Master, made at last November meeting, amounting in the whole to £425. Afterwards they confirmed the recommendation to grant a brother £100, which was remitted back to them by Grand Lodge for the consideration of a letter which had been received opposing the recommendation. Beyond this there were thirty-seven cases on the list, which were relieved by the brethren, in the course of four hours-and-a-half sitting, with £930. Two grants were made of £100 each (£200); three of £50 each (£150); five of £40 each (£200); two of £30 each (£60); one of £25 (£25); ten of £20 each (£200); two of £15 each (£30); six of £10 each (£60); and one of £5 (£5). Three cases were deferred, and two were refused.

The evening's labours were not completed till half-past ten o'clock.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on the 24th ult. in the library, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, P.G.D., &c., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, Frank Richardson, Col. James Peters, R. B. Webster, Edward Cox, S. Rawson, George Bolton, Griffiths Smith, Joshua Nunn, A. H. Tattershall, H. A. Dubois, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. Bailey, J. M. Clabon, W. F. Cutler, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the minutes of the House Committee were read for information, a portion of which was that the House Committee had appointed Thursday, the 8th inst., for the Twelfth Night entertainment to the children who remain in the Institution for the Christmas holidays.

Col. Creaton said that, as regarded the Building Committee's report as to the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds, and also as regarded the late Special General Court held upon that subject, a question had arisen as to the mode in which that Court was convened. It was, however, convened in the usual way, but in the new laws of the Institution Law 34 stated that all propositions to spend above £500 must first be reported to a General Committee or a General Court. That was not done, and he thought—in fact, he was positive—that the framers of these rules never intended it should be done, for this reason—a Special Court was convened as a Court of Emergency, to save time. If the brethren were fettered with that question, which did really exist, the object was not attained. However, for the purpose of putting matters straight, he would give notice now, in accordance with the recommendation of the Building Committee, that the sum of £6500 be expended in this house (he called it a mansion) and grounds, and he should also convene a Special Court, to travel over the same ground as they had already travelled over, for the 3rd of January.

Bro. Edward Cox said he had a very simple question to ask—had the opinion of any surveyor been taken as to the value of this property?

Col. Creaton said, not at present; but he was now in communication with a man of high standing, who was not a Mason, who was going to look over the house and grounds.

Bro. Edward Cox said he thought this was rather late, as the contract for purchase had been entered into.

Col. Creaton thought he told the Court that the ground was so valuable, as, in the first place, extending the Institution's own grounds, and, secondly, in preventing any building, that it was worth almost any money; but he meant to take steps for obtaining information on the subject before the Special Court was held.

Bro. Joshua Nunn brought forward his motion, of which he had given notice, for raising the salaries of the head and other governesses, and of the assistant to the matron, and explained that the increased duties which were entailed on these officials by the large addition to the number of children in the School were the cause of this step. There were no other Institutions of the same calibre where the governesses, &c., were paid such small salaries. Col. James Peters seconded the motion.

Bro. Edward Cox proposed an amendment that the whole question be adjourned and taken into consideration by a Special Committee, on the ground that there was an inconsistency in the amounts proposed to be given consequent upon the relative positions the ladies occupied.

Bro. Robert B. Webster seconded the amendment.

Bro. Joshua Nunn refused to adjourn the consideration of the subject, and his motion was then carried.

Bro. Edward Cox then handed in his notice of motion for next Quarterly Court.

Bro. Hedges afterwards read a letter from Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, as Treasurer of the Robert Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, enclosing a cheque for £100 to be handed over to the trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Joshua Nunn gave notice of a motion for next meeting "That, to commemorate the memory of the late esteemed Secretary, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, an annual prize be given by the Institution of the value of £3 3s., to be called 'The Wentworth Little Prize.'"

Ten petitions of candidates for election to the School were considered, one of which was deferred for completion.

The number of candidates declared for next election was forty-five, and the number of vacancies twenty-eight.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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To Correspondents.

The following was received too late for publication, and is held over until next week:—
Consecration of the New Masonic Hall, Southampton.
Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Broad Arrow," "Keystone," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Southland Times," "Alliance News," "Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper," "Der Triangel," "The Masonic Review," "The Blackburn Standard," "Croydon Guardian," "Boletin Masonico," "Woman, dear Woman," "Hebrew Leader," "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse," "The Liberal Freemason," "Paper and Print," "Funny Folks," "The Union Jack."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

HUMPHREYS.—On the 26th ult., at Cavendish-park, Barrow-in-Furness, the wife of Mr. James Humphreys, of a son.

MOORE.—On the 29th ult., at S. Edmund Hall, Oxford, the wife of the Rev. E. Moore, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HALL—MORDAUNT.—On the 23rd ult., at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Liddell, Bro. the Rev. Humphrey Farran Hall, eldest son of our Bro. the Rev. Ambrose William Hall, M.A., of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain, and P.P.S.G. Warden of Surrey, to Mary Augusta, daughter of the late Sir John Mordaunt, Baronet, of Walton Hall, Warwickshire, and great granddaughter of the late Duke of Athole.

DEATHS.

BUSHER.—On the 31st of October, at Sydney, Edward Busher, late of Kendal.

SABINE.—On the 28th ult., suddenly, at Brighton, Bro. Thomas J. Sabine, P.M., P.S.G.W. Middlesex, aged 46.

FARTHING.—On the 24th ult., at 16, Beacon-hill, N., Rebecca Martha, wife of Bro. Edmund Farthing, late of 119, Cheapside, aged 54.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1880.

THE NEW YEAR.

We greet all our many readers with this our first issue for 1880 with hearty good wishes for the New Year. Another twelve months of our Masonic and civil life have sped away, and we stand, as it were, in the shadow of the great undiscovered future, the waves of time bubbling and surging up at our feet, utterly ignorant, happily, of what the next twelve months have in store for us and ours. It is this merciful want of knowledge of the future which constitutes for us the great peculiarity of the mysterious law of our probation here. We none of us, we repeat, happily, can forecast or forereckon what lies in the hidden depths of a new year, and whether we shall be prosperous or unfortunate, well or ill, joyous or grieving, contented or disappointed as 1880 rolls on its course, we are unable with all our science or skill now to anticipate or forereckon. There have been those in old days, indeed, and the practice was rife when alchemy and astrology flourished amongst men who affected to unfold the "science of the stars," and open out for us the "arcana" and mysterious pathway of human life. There are those even at this hour, we believe, who claim a power of foretelling future events. As educated Freemasons we must reject the conclusions and claims of all such would-be seers. Suffice it for us that the future, unknown and untried, is yet before us, practically an undiscovered country, and in the truest spirit of reverent trust and religious wisdom let us learn to be submissive to all the appointments of T.G.A.O.T.U., be they what they may for us and ours in 1880, without anxious forecasting or peevish forereckoning, without hasty complaints or perverse doubts, let us calmly await what the New Year has in store for us all. Such seems to be the personal teaching useful to us all at the commencement of the New Year. As Freemasons a New Year also brings to us Masonic teaching of value and importance. We who survive still, whose "place on earth" still knows us, have witnessed another twelve months roll away for Masonry, twelve months of avowed hostility or injudicious praise, amid the attacks

of avowed enemies, and the treachery of secret foes. Freemasonry stands before the world as 1880 opens out again its passing annals erect, undaunted, admired by its friends, feared by its enemies, of undoubted good and utility and need to the age in which our lot is cast. And, humanly speaking, judging from cause to effect, from theory to practice, from what is apparent to what is true, we may fairly say to-day that so long as Freemasonry stands by its own principles, acts up to its own professions, so long as, recognizing its proper mission, it keeps on the pathway of pure Freemasonry and avoids the dangerous and destructive pitfalls of sectarian animosity or political discussion, so long, (but only so long), will its position be safe and healthy, good and true, because it will be not only believed in by its own members but will be honoured and admired by the world at large. If in the year that is past some portions of the great and wide Masonic family have sadly strayed from the path of Masonic rectitude and teaching, let us hope that in the New Year they will retrace their steps and rebound in fraternal union sympathy and concord, those happier links of Cosmopolitan Masonry which their unsound teachings have gravely weakened, or their perverse proceedings have even for the moment rent in twain. With these our New Year good wishes for our friends and patrons is mingled necessarily some little solicitude for the onward progress of our good and great Order. At home in Great Britain, and in the United States and Canada, we have little fear as to the real status and actual development of Freemasonry, but we cannot well predicate the same of all jurisdictions. We therefore look on to the work and struggles of Freemasonry in 1880 if with good hope and firm trust, with pardonable anxiety, that moreover the tolerant and stately banner of Freemasonry is hoisted we may find that the theories it enunciates and the practice it works out will be such as will commend them to the approval of the loyal, the sensible, the peaceful, and the educated, and may tend when perfectly known and realized to the happy spread of our peaceful fraternity, and the sowing broadcast of those goodly seeds of religious tolerance and civilizing enlightenment which are for the "healing of the nations" and the lasting welfare of the whole human race.

1879 AND 1880.

The unquiet year of 1879 has now drawn to a close and we are looking forward with somewhat of anxiety for the more peaceful progress of 1880. It may perhaps be permitted to the *Freemason*, without any reference to the mere passing politics of party or country to advert to the general aspect of affairs at the close of 1879 and at the opening of 1880. 1879 will long be associated in our memories with "wars and rumours of wars," more or less necessary, more or less unavoidable, which have given excitement to each morning's news, and have swayed and affected the words and feelings of men. We cannot, however, but as Freemasons, lovers of peace and unity, national harmony and international amity, express our earnest trust now that 1880 is stepping forth on the scene and 1879 is but a shadow of the past, as it passes into the misty cloud of bygone years, that we may all of us witness in the next twelve months a period of peacefulness and calm, a subsidence of those storms which have raged, those unwelcome features which have marred the happier outcome of national and cosmopolitan life in the world. It is undoubtedly true as a fact, and a fact, moreover, which all should never forget, we who write for others and pen our remarks after the event, especially that many things are unavoidable in this curious world of ours, as directed by able and loyal statesmanship, which if condemned in the sterner principles of abstract justice, or right, or propriety, may yet be defended, and successfully defended too, on the absolute necessity of national existence on the one hand, or the peace, progress, liberty, and civilization of the whole wide world on the other. It is not because we think subjectively that certain acts are wrong that, therefore they are so objectively, neither is it the case, though it might seem at first sight a paradox to say so, that because things are objectively wrong therefore subjectively they are not capable of defence or support. Owing to the strain of circum-

stances or the unwisdom of men such things are often actually necessary for the preservation of our nearest and dearest interests. If we were to judge of all the transactions of the world of polity or statesmanship by one unerring standard of truth and justice, right and wrong, we fear that the verdict of us all would be, to a great extent at any rate, an unfavourable one, but then we must allow a law of common sense, of actual necessity, to modify our judgment and control our sentiments, otherwise we shall forget what is the abiding rule of national government, of cosmopolitan observance, "salus populi suprema lex." It is not for us then to pass any judgment, to offer any opinions on public proceedings, or political complications, further than to say that as on all occasions we rejoice to behold authority upheld, and the laws respected, and civil order, and internal peace, and security maintained, so, on the other hand, we always raise up our voice against the fomenters of civil discords, the "factors" of international disputes. We cannot quit the subject without protesting against those horrors of anarchical violence and cruelty which seem to have fallen as a "dark mantle" on the doings of the "Commune," "Socialism," "Internationalism," and "Nihilism" in 1879. The "Red Spectre" may fairly be said to be still before us, both in the cowardice it evokes, and the intense horror it excites. We are glad to be permitted once more to say with what detestation the acts of an insane and vindictive secret society in Russia are looked upon by us as Freemasons and as citizens of the world, and to express our fervent hope that in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. all such wicked and detestable proceedings may be controlled, overruled, properly punished, and finally suppressed. Our "hearty good wishes" then at this beginning of 1880 are for the peace of nations and the tranquillity of the world. As these lines fall from our pen we hear of a most wicked attempt on the life of the King of Spain, which has happily again been productive of no evil consequences. Such acts deserve the deep indignation of all loyal citizens.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

A very able brother of our Order has called our attention to a "point" which certainly requires careful attention by all who remember the history of the Craft and value the peace and prosperity of the Order. Assuming for one moment that Grand Lodge passes the resolution to appoint a Committee, (which may be doubtful), how is it to be appointed, and on what principle of representation or construction? Our brother points out to us that our 1666 effective English lodges, up to the date of 1879 Calendar, are thus made up: London lodges 288, country lodges 946, Colonial, &c., 432. It thus appears that the Colonial lodges alone are more than one-fourth of the entire number, and, as a matter of fact, these are now increasing in the ratio of one-third. How are these lodges to be represented in this enquiry, and, if unrepresented, how shall Grand Lodge enforce uniformity, and, perhaps, a new ritual, on them? Any action re uniformity may give us a Colonial question of some magnitude. It is also well to remember, as our able brother puts it, that the "meddling with ritual caused our great schism in the last century." We are of opinion that here is a point which requires to be thought over, not merely "talked at," by those to whom the success of English Freemasonry is a matter of heartfelt anxiety and loyal interest.

A MINGLED YARN.

How true it is, that with each day, as it were, of life both joy and sorrow come to this fleeting world. The end of the year closes with an account of British triumphs in Afghanistan, gratifying to us all alike, and at the same time we hear of the loss of the Borussia, with all its silent horrors, and of the accident at Tay Bridge, most awful in its reality. These are, indeed, topics which may well make us serious, and teach us to realize how life is at the best but a mingled "yarn" of joy and grief, happiness and sorrow, prosperity and adversity.

THE GRAND SECRETARYSHIP.

No appointment, we understand, has, so far, been definitively made. The names of many well-known brethren are before H.R.H. the Grand Master, either submitted by their own action or the recommendation of friends. We confess that we think all these proceedings are somewhat premature and irregular.

LYNDCOMBE HOUSE.

A Special Court of the Girls' School will be held on Saturday next, at twelve o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, to pass the resolution for the purchase of this desirable property over again, in consequence of a slight informality in the previous proceedings. We need hardly press on all who have the welfare of the Girls' School at heart the duty of being present, in the face of recent senseless opposition, to support a motion so reasonable, so seasonable, and so important for the very safety of the Girls' School itself.

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 RITUAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have, with extreme regret, read Bro. James Stevens' letter in the *Freemason* of 27th ult., in which he pledges "his Masonic honour, and gives his undertaking to name, in proper place, where he has witnessed some of them (scenes), and before which Provincial Grand Master, that, without any exaggeration whatever, pardonable or otherwise, I have represented facts within my own experience."

Does our Bro. Stevens mean by this to allege that any Provincial Grand Master permitted, in his presence "the farce and mumery" mentioned by Bro. Perceval in his letter in the *Freemason* of 13th ult. to have taken place? or does he mean that he (Bro. Stevens) lodged a complaint under page 46, article 4, with a Provincial Grand Master who neglected or refused to do his duty?

If either of these be the case the charge is a most serious one against some Provincial Grand Master, and only makes Bro. Stevens' course of proceeding more strange. Assuredly he should, the very next day, have done his duty, as directed by page 81, article 6, which directs that "all complaints of members that cannot be accommodated privately or in regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary." And then follow directions to the Grand Secretary as to what he is to do and the course of proceedings.

I am glad Bro. Stevens states he does not intend to cross St. George's Channel, and I hope he won't "the Border," as I am strongly inclined to think the true reason for Bro. Stevens not doing as directed by page 81, article 6, was, that he was a visitor at the lodge where he alleges these scenes took place, but as he "has pledged his Masonic honour and undertaking" so freely, and as I have the honour of being a member of two lodges in the Province of Cornwall, and two lodges of instruction in London, I now as an English brother call on Bro. Stevens within one fortnight from this day "to reduce into writing his complaints, and deliver the same to the Grand Secretary," pursuant to page 81, article 6, and he will in due time be informed by the Grand Secretary of the proper time and place to appear" and maintain them.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Lower Leeson-street, Dublin.
1st January, 1880.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As Bro. Stevens has thought well to mention my name in connection with Bro. Perceval's letter, though I venture to think he might have left Bro. Perceval and myself to carry on the amiable little controversy between us, I feel myself compelled, rather unwillingly, to obtrude myself on your space and readers again to-day. I pass over at once all "personal remarks," with which his long letter is profusely sprinkled, as utterly unworthy of the "Freemason," and, above all, of an educated member of our charitable and tolerant Order. Nothing to my mind is so hopeless in our Masonic literature as that personality which is a discredit on us all alike, and must affect the non-Masonic mind with the gravest doubts of the reality and worth of our Masonic professions. I am very sorry to find that Bro. Stevens is still, "ex confesso," unable to understand the drift of my opposition. I should not have thought so perusing his vehement animadversions on my few and unpretending remarks, but, as he says, so "cedit quæstio."

My position, summed up in a few words, was this: "Neither the history of the ritual, before the Union or subsequently, justifies an attempt to enforce uniformity; and the wise toleration of Grand Lodge since 1813, though it has an established mode of working, is a proof both of the inherent difficulty of the question and of its unwillingness to pull the reins of discipline too tightly. Since the Union, as I pointed out, we have had Hem-

ming's working, Williams's (Hemming's improved), the Prestonian, the Antient working, all lingering in our midst; and, remembering what Masonry was and what Masonry is, I can only say that, however Bro. Stevens may attack our present system, English Freemasonry has thriven wonderfully under it. I began working in England in a distinguished lodge in the North, in 1842 and I obtained my Masonic lore from a brother who had attended the meetings of the "Lodge of Reconciliation" itself. Thus I can safely say, just as between Williams and Hemmings, the whole is a "logomachy," a mere difference of verbiage; and not all this "diarrhoea of words" which we are favoured with now about this mighty question will ever make me think but what we are wasting time and temper about one of the "vainest" and least practical questions which ever was submitted to Grand Lodge. Such is my honest opinion, formed after a Masonic apprenticeship of forty years, and careful Masonic studies for many years, and I certainly am not to be deterred from expressing that opinion, in Grand Lodge and out of Grand Lodge, either by personal remarks or unfraternal suggestions. There is one point in which I undoubtedly failed in my short address in Grand Lodge. It was not in pointing out, as I meant to do, that Grand Lodge itself practically, in 1870, reviewed and reversed the decision of Grand Lodge in 1869, and whereas it was industriously circulated and openly stated, in Grand Lodge, that the "Dais" by paying no heed to the resolution of Grand Lodge in 1869 had insulted Grand Lodge. I had intended to point out, and I am sorry now I did not, that Grand Lodge itself had practically shelved the question in 1870. But as Grand Lodge extended to me the great courtesy of listening to my remarks, and shewed the greatest forbearance, I was naturally unwilling at a late hour to seem to trespass on its kind consideration. I, perhaps, may be permitted on another occasion to dwell on that point.

I don't see that I need occupy more of your space, the more so as I may have to say a few words on Bro. Perceval's letter next week, and am, dear Bro. Kenning, fraternally yours,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My letter of the 13th ult. has, as I wished and expected, brought forth several answers, to which, with your permission, I will reply seriatim, and as briefly as possible. First of all, Bro. Woodford, P.G.C. The style of his different paragraphs are many and varied. First, he commences with a "Tu quoque," for which he excuses himself and apologises in his fifth paragraph; number two, he doubts my capability of understanding what he says; now I deny that soft impeachment, my education not having been neglected, but if a man does not say what he means, or does not mean what he says, I am ready to confess myself nonplussed. His argument was briefly this (Paragraph three), that Grand Lodge in its wise toleration, for though an established mode of working was alluded to in the Book of Constitutions, yet the Grand Lodge was perfectly powerless to enforce its commands as (Paragraph four) was the case with regard to the Star in the East, for the use or disuse of that which has been distinctly and often circulated throughout the kingdom, yet the feelings and traditions of some of the Craft lodges were far more worthy of consideration than the mandate of Grand Lodge, to which we are taught to submit; then again, the quiet way Bro. Woodford puts down Bro. Bodinham, when "I open my mouth let no other dog dare to bark," is very amusing, and is continued in Paragraph five, in which the printer's capital "I's" must have been nearly exhausted, winding up first, with a doubting sentence "as they say," and then the dogmatic assertion that the whole argument rests on a fallacy. Of course, after such a courteous summing up, I can only bow to his superior judgment. Paragraph six, again, "If their statement be verified? They have proved the need of authoritative interference," and yet he objects to having a constituted authority, the word made use of by me in my letter, and, again, because he has been the Worshipful Master of three distinguished (of course) lodges. If Bro. Woodford would only interrogate a little more closely he would find some who had been subject to these, what he properly calls grotesque absurdities. Paragraph seven: "there are little ceremonies," which certainly tend to make the ordeal more impressive, but they have to be performed very carefully or they take from, instead of adding to, the beauty of our ritual, the Star in the East for instance, I prefer it, but as in duty bound I, as W.M., obey that power to which my allegiance is due. Paragraph eight is a hotch-potch of denial of facts (for I do not know why Bro. Woodford's fiat should be taken as to what is, or is not, a respectable lodge), and putting a blind eye to decidedly irregular practices, and then the ninth and last paragraph, Oh, what would a telegraphist say if he had to send that message? "that the gentleman meant to have his penn'oth out of the instrument," it would be a good spelling exercise at an examination, though the moral would be bad, "I am King Solomon, the king of wisdom, and if you don't do as I do, say as I say, you cannot be educated; you are false, talk twaddle, and are endangering the state," "quod dixi dixi." So far Bro. Woodford.

"One who was in Grand Lodge." What does this brother call an accidental majority? Why, if ever there was a crushing majority, that was one. I was there, and to the best of my belief if the house had been counted, the numbers tallied would have been as three if not four to one. My argument was for a constituted authority founded on the investigation by the best skilled and most competent brethren from oral testimony, to whom, after they had given their decision, application might be made by or

through any Master of a lodge who might desire it, and to whom references could be made, and a reliable answer received.

Now for Bro. Neilson. Concerning our strange and unjustifiable conduct in not reporting any irregularities that might have been witnessed, in the first place there is no constituted authority to whom to report; secondly, I hope we are men, and not boys, to go running to all the officers in Grand Lodge to know where to lodge a complaint, but would rather quietly tell the friend who invited us, or the W.M. if sufficiently acquainted, that this was not according to the usual manner of working, or "that was worked differently elsewhere," and that if he applied to so and so he would get the required information. In his leading paragraph he refers to my remarks about the scantiness of the same in your paper upon the Grand Lodge meeting. I was referring to the article on it of about a dozen lines, and not to the report of the meeting, which was wonderfully correct and full, perhaps, as he says, rather too much so. I know of a lodge where the bye-laws have not been read for years, and there they are taken as read, though never issued to the members, and they have never seen or heard of them, but being an invited guest I told my friend that I thought it very reprehensible, and left him to move in the matter; I was not going to return the courtesy and kindness with which I had been received by so uncharitable and ungrateful an act as that of while eating their salt turning a spy upon their actions, while still maintaining the necessity for a properly constituted authority.

I remain dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally.

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL, V.P.

8, Thurlow Place.
20th December.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am heartily amused at Bro. Stevens' long letter, the more so as he completely ignores the main point of my letter. I am aware that it is a neat little "Crux," and should really like to see some answer to it, leaving out personalities. Bro. Stevens cannot complain that you do not give him plenty of space and type. I confess when I read his letter through, I said at the end—What is it all about? I suppose that there is some meaning in it, though I fail to discover it. Perhaps I am incapable of understanding an argument; but be this as it may, I think I can, as a rule, master what a "plain man says," and "what any fellow ought to understand." For once, however, I am nonplussed, and shall look forward with interest to Bro. Perceval's explanatory letter. But at present I am in a complete haze.

We were told, first of all, that "in pursuance of a resolution of Grand Lodge," &c. But why were we not also told that, in its wisdom, Grand Lodge itself, by two majorities, refused, in 1870, to carry out practically the resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1869. Had we been told this clearly in Grand Lodge, I am quite sure Bro. Stevens' resolution would have been rejected, and the amendment or negative carried. Though Bro. Perceval says the majority was three to one, I venture to dissent from this by saying that the majority was not a large one by any means. So much so, that regret was expressed by many that a distinct division was not taken.

I hope we are not going to have any more "personalities" or references to Carlyle and the like. They are all, in my humble opinion, utterly unworthy of us all, as Masons, as men, and as gentlemen.

As Bro. Woodford is said to be "illogical," Bro. While is said not to have "understood" the amendment which he seconded; and so on, &c.

And this is Masonry, "my masters."

ONE WHO WAS IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your action, and that of others, in pointing out the imprudence of Bro. James Stevens' late motion in Grand Lodge has been amply justified by the later development of Bro. James Stevens' imprudent zeal. In defiance, or at least in entire disregard, of the Book of Constitutions, Bro. James Stevens announces that he will publish, for "private circulation," the speech which he made in Grand Lodge—a speech, too, which sets forth the ritual, the working, and the variations. Certainly Bro. James Stevens cannot be considered one of the "Prudent Brethren," when he proposes even to adopt such such a course. Let Bro. Stevens, before it is too late, be guided by the Book of Constitutions.

"No brother shall presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any lodge, or any part thereof. . . without the consent of the Grand Master, or Provincial Grand Master, under pain of being suspended or expelled from the Order."

An instance of Bro. James Stevens' blind imprudence is seen in the fact that he publishes with pride the "opinions" of the general press upon what he is pleased to call his "book." Those who supported Bro. James Stevens, in Grand Lodge on the last occasion should be warned by this remarkable piece of zealous mischief against being led further.

The Craft has its tiled lodges of instruction, and here is Bro. James Stevens calling from the house top for the public to judge between him and his brethren on points of "Masonic Ritual." The impropriety of such action requires no comment.

Elsewhere Bro. James Stevens speaks of Bro. While as having in the late meeting forgotten his "ordinary propriety." The forgetfulness in question was in exposing some of the results brought about by Bro. James Stevens in exposing to public discussion, in print, these questions, to which the door should never be opened, if everybody had regard to obligations. Bro. James Stevens has no

word of apology for his practice of his "ordinary propriety" on that occasion. He interrupted a speech of five minutes by interpolating three supplementary speeches (*vide* the faithful report in the *Freemason*), and when he could no longer do so he sat shouting "Sit down!" making more noise than any fifty in the hall. Bro. Stevens, though he wishes to rule everybody else, showed himself careless of the rules of "ordinary propriety," and of Grand Lodge rules, for the fifth regulation says, "Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him." It will be better for Bro. James Stevens, before he again shall come before Grand Lodge, to learn the rules of "ordinary propriety," to study those rules concerning the government of business in Grand Lodge, and to learn, above all, to rule himself.

Bro. James Stevens is a zealous Mason, but a little calm and careful study ought to show him the imprudence of his action. He has cast a slur upon all the provincial lodges and upon some London ones, and upon the Provincial Grand Masters and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodges. He snatched a hasty vote, without full consideration being given to the subject, by a statement which was not sufficiently weighed, and it is to be hoped that some influential brethren will give notice to the Board of Masters before the next meeting of Grand Lodge that the non-confirmation of the minutes, so far as relates to Brother James Stevens's ill-considered motion, will be moved. Such a slur as this upon common sense, to say the very least, should be wiped out at once, and this action will present the means.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN WHILE, P.M. 228.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL AND BRO. S. B. WILSON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read with astonishment in your paper of this date the letter addressed by Mr. Stanley to the chairman of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys with reference to my account against the Institution; and as his letter is full of inaccuracies and liable greatly to mislead opinion on the matter I hope you will not think me out of place in asking you to give me a small portion of your valuable space in reply.

I will commence with the last paragraph but one of Mr. Stanley's letter, which is the gist of the whole document, and in which he states that he is informed I had provided for myself a payment of 5 per cent. for the preparation of quantities. In answer to this preposterous assertion I have to say that I never, during the whole course of my practice, have made such a charge, and there is not the slightest foundation for the reckless and unwarrantable statement that I have done so in any quantities that I have prepared in connection with this Institution. Had I made such a charge in the account in question the amount of the account would have been upwards of £2000 in excess of the moderate amount that it is.

With respect to the question of a referee, I cannot understand on what ground Mr. Stanley can make the assertion that the gentleman I had nominated, viz., Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B., "is not strictly an architect." He not only has practised largely as an architect, but he is also a building surveyor of the very highest standing, and being also arbitrator to the Office of Works, I think he must be considered as pre-eminently fitted for the position of arbitrator in this matter, as no person can be a better judge of the charges which ought to be made for the varied business contained in my account. I had no other idea than this in nominating him, for I have not seen him for several years, and am not even aware that he knows I have been surveyor to the Institution. The excuse that Sir H. A. Hunt "is not strictly an architect" would appear to emanate from Mr. Stanley himself, for I understand the reason of the House Committee for refusing him as referee was that he was a *Freemason*. Is that the reason, also, that they transferred this matter from Messrs. Hopwood and Sons to Mr. Stanley's hands?

With respect to that part of Mr. Stanley's letter in which he leaves it to be inferred that he can get no detailed statement of my account, I can only say that I delivered an account to the Secretary, covering about nine pages of foolscap paper, in which every item is so amply detailed that no man in my own profession would have the slightest difficulty in giving an opinion as to its fairness without any further explanation than it contains; of course nobody can expect a solicitor to be able to do so, and, therefore, I gave the friend, in whose hands I placed myself, after stopping the legal proceedings, full instructions to give Mr. Stanley any explanations and show him any papers he wished to see in connection with the account, and I know he has more than once pressed Mr. Stanley to make an appointment, which Mr. Stanley has never done up to the present time, although my friend has told him he had full powers to act for me; indeed, Mr. Stanley has not even condescended to answer the last letter my friend wrote him on the subject. If Mr. Stanley means acting fairly by me, I cannot understand why he should want to gain his information through my solicitors, who know nothing about the matter, when I offer him every facility to gain any information he can require from a person who can give it to him.

If I am forced to fall back on my solicitors I shall instruct them not to discuss the matter with Mr. Stanley, but to take such steps as will enable me to recover their costs from the moment I replace the matter in their hands, but I shall wait patiently until after the meeting of the General Committee next Saturday, as I feel sure they will put a stop to the litigiousness with which I am being treated without the slightest reason.

There are other inaccuracies in Mr. Stanley's letter, but I shall not touch on them as they do not affect the question at issue, and are dealt with in my letter to the General Committee, which you were good enough to publish on the 13th ult.

Apologising for the length of this letter, which was unavoidable on account of the extreme speciousness of Mr. Stanley's document,

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

27, Walbrook, E.C.,

27th December, 1879.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The very influential and numerous list of names which has appeared of patrons of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund must be very gratifying to the promoters of the scheme, and evidences a very praiseworthy and Masonic feeling on the part of those who have lent the weight of their names to help in its formation. But I cannot help thinking that a large number have done so in response to a generous impulse without giving that thought to the matter that its importance demands.

That it would help a number of deserving youths in their start in life I will not attempt to deny; but I very much question whether the knowledge that their future is to be looked after will not, on the whole, do more harm than good in lessening that feeling of self-reliance with which it is best that every lad should start with in the battle of life; and I imagine little real hardship is felt by the pupils after leaving the institution. Their chances of obtaining employment after the training we know they get, to say nothing of the interest naturally taken in them by the supporters of the Charities, are at least equal to that of many of our own sons; and unless the promoters of the scheme are prepared with evidence that pupils who have left the schools have been materially injured and retarded in their career for want of such special and substantial help as is now proposed, I for one, although yielding to no one in my desire for their welfare, cannot admit the *raison d'être* of the fund. I appeal to the great body of the Craft to say whether, with such facts as the last election to the boys' and girls' schools present to them, where it was only possible in the one case to elect sixteen out of seventy-one, and in the other eighteen out of forty-eight deserving candidates, it is not better to make an earnest and united effort to provide the existing Institutions with increased funds, to enable them to admit a larger number of pupils, than to still further assist those who, in comparison to their less-favoured fellows, have been so fortunate as to obtain that necessary start in life—a good education.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read the letter of Bro. A. Tucker in your issue of the 20th ult., referring to the Book of Constitutions in the case of the removal of a lodge.

I must admit that, being young in the Craft, I am not so conversant with the laws as I ought to be, but the first W.M. of the lodge referred to is an old Mason, and has been W.M. of several lodges, and in fact myself and other young Masons have, as a rule, looked up to him to expound the law as to the Book of Constitutions itself. The fact cannot be disputed that the lodge was removed without the knowledge of the lodge, or even some of the officers themselves. Through Bro. A. Tucker's letter a lodge of emergency has now been called to consider the matter. Had it been done in the first instance, a great deal of ill-feeling would have been avoided.

Yours fraternally,

A MASON.

P.S.—Several young brother Masons interested in the matter have since read the paragraph referred to in the Book of Constitutions, and thank Bro. A. Tucker for his information.

Reviews.

THE EBORACUM MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1880.

This handy little calendar, compiled for the use of the Craft in the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, has made its fifth annual appearance. It contains a complete list of lodges and chapters, besides the High Grades. Our indefatigable Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. Eboracum, 1611, has evidently taken great pains to obtain correct particulars, but he, like ourselves, is retarded in his praiseworthy efforts by the indifference of Secretaries of several lodges, who, he says, "have not chosen to reply to my circulars requesting details of numbers of members, &c." His work being a labour of love, we trust he will not have again to make a similar complaint.

FREEMASON. Sydney.

A new and very ably edited paper, though we do not profess to endorse the views it expresses, nor can we recognize the legality, Masonically, of the movement which has led to the creation of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We hope a very able paper on the "History of the Craft," though not quite free from errors, may soon appear, if not in our pages, in those of our contemporary, the "Masonic Magazine."

THE ROUGH ASHLAR. Adelaide.

No. 4, of Vol. 1, is a very good paper and well edited. We wish all success to our contemporary.

THE KEYSTONE. Philadelphia.
As fresh, as animated, and as interesting as ever.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE for December.
Very interesting to French Masons, and ought to be read by us in England.

LA CHAINE D'UNION for December.
Maintains its high character, and is marked by able and thoughtful editing.

BOYS AND THEIR DOINGS. John Hogg.
A very interesting book indeed for boys. We predicate for it much approval and success. We feel that they, like ourselves, old as we are, will turn over its pages with interest and pleasure, with satisfaction and with profit. It is a book to be commended clearly.

SUTTON'S AMATEUR GUIDE ON HORTICULTURE.
Sutton and Sons, Reading.

This most useful manual deserves to be studied by all who like and love their garden. We commend it entirely, and can testify personally, from old experience, to the sound advice it contains and the pleasurable interest of gardening as the most healthy and fascinating of all pursuits.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

There has fallen into my possession a very curious German work of hieroglyphic Rosicrucian plates, entitled, "Geheime Figuren der Rosenkreutzern, aus dem 16 & 17 Jahrhundert," that is to say, secret figures of the Rosicrucians out of the 16th and 17th century. It is published at Altona, by J. D. A. Eckhardt, but without a date on title page. In the preface it is said to be made public by Henricus Madathaus Theosophus, Medicus et tandem Dei Gratia Rosæ Crucis Frater. There is a date to the preface, March 25th, 1621. In looking over the illustrations I find one curious emblematic picture, of date 1604, probably taken from another work. I may add that the symbolism is purely Christian, and very mystical indeed—almost incomprehensible to ordinary understandings. Is anything known of the book? If any student would like to see it I will have it left at 198, Fleet-street.

A. F. A. W.

ATHOLL LODGES.

On p. 511 of last week's *Freemason* a John Mark Goldsworthy is referred to as having been initiated in No. 194, "Ancients," on 30th January, 1806. This brother can hardly, I think, be identical with the John Heath Goldsworthy mentioned by me in a note to No. 2, "Ancients," on the 2nd page of "Atholl Lodges," though these are coincidences which are slightly puzzling. According to my notes, J. Heath Goldsworthy was initiated in No. 94 (not 194), on the 6th February, 1806, whilst according to the minute book cited by Bro. Woodford, J. Mark Goldsworthy was initiated in No. 194, on the 30th January, 1806. Many interesting particulars relating to J. H. Goldsworthy will be found in the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review," for 1846, 1847, and 1849, and in the "Freemasons' Magazine" for 1856 (pp. 42 and 513). This veteran brother was held in high esteem by the lodge of his adoption—now "Fidelity," No. 3—being presented by the members with a silver vase on the 11th July, 1849. He first came prominently before the Craft in 1811, on the occasion of his seconding a motion in the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, "for the appointment of a Committee vested with full powers to carry into effect the measure of a Masonic union of the two Societies," and the last note I have of his career records his presence as "Father of the Lodge" at a meeting of the Lodge of Fidelity, on the 18th June, 1856. Prior to the union of the "Ancients" and "Moderns" in 1813, Goldsworthy had been one of the London brethren selected for what has been frequently termed "The Atholl Honour of the Nine Worthies." An extract from the minutes of (the "Ancient") Grand Lodge will illustrate their duties:—

"7th March, 1792.—Resolved and ordered, that a general uniformity of the practice and ceremonies of the Ancient Craft may be preserved and handed down unchanged to posterity. The lodges in London and Westminster shall be required to recommend a brother from each lodge, who must be a Master or Past Master and otherwise well skilled in the Craft, to be put in nomination at the Grand Chapter, in October of each year, to be elected one of the nine Excellent Masters who are allowed to visit the lodges, and, should occasion require, they are to report thereon to the Grand Chapter, or the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, who will act as he shall deem necessary."

Bro. Goldsworthy entertained a very poor opinion of Masonic literature, as will be evidenced by the following:—

Quarterly Communication, 4th March, 1846.—Bro. Scarborough rose and addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject of his motion for granting twenty pounds annually in support of the Masonic library.

After speeches from Bros. Crucifix, McMullen, Elliot, and Dobie, Bro. Scarborough, in reply, observed: "He did not advocate so much Masonic as general literature; the Masonic works, even those by Preston, Oliver, and others, were, in his opinion, all trash, and he called on the veteran Bro. Goldsworthy to say what books on Masonry he had read."

Bro. Goldsworthy: "I have never read any Masonic works but the 'Abiman Rezon' and the Book of Constitutions."

Bro. Scarborough then concluded his address. On a division the motion was lost.

In justice, however, to Bro. Goldsworthy's memory, it

may be observed that his disparagement of the literature of the Craft (expressed, it should be recollected, before the labours of our Bros. Findel, Lyon, and Hughan had demonstrated that Masonic research was not incompatible with critical inquiry) was amply justified by the specimens of learned credulity which then passed current for Masonic history. The "Bro. Scarborough" above alluded to often pressed upon Grand Lodge the expediency of setting aside an annual sum for the purchase of books, &c., to form a library and museum, and in 1847 urged (*inter alia*) "the desirability of possessing the means of cultivating intellectuality more than gastronomy; that the other bottle did not do half as much good as the other volume (Masonic authors will concur in this sentiment); that it was laughable to tell a poor, but inquiring brother, to make a daily advance in Masonic knowledge, and the arts and sciences his particular study, if we withheld from him the means of doing so, and did not even give him a hint where Masonic knowledge could be gathered."

Some day, perhaps, in the distant future, the English Craft will wake up to the conviction that both a library and museum are indispensably necessary, in order to worthily sustain the credit and reputation of the "Premier Grand Lodge of the world."

R. F. GOULD.

INAUGURATION OF THE PORT NATAL ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NO. 738.

Notwithstanding the advent of the Zulu war and the consequent disorganisation of affairs generally, the brethren at Durban, the scaport of the colony of Natal, have persistently held their lodge meetings and kept a careful watch upon Craft matters, anticipating that the arrival of so many military and naval men would necessitate calls on their resources from brethren among them.

The establishment of a chapter in connection with the oldest lodge in the colony, the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738, had been in contemplation for some time, but owing to the war cloud the colonists long saw hanging over them, it was deferred until the military occupation of the Zulu country settled all doubts as to the ultimate safety of the colony.

Application was made to Grand Chapter and a charter granted; this reached the colony in October last, and arrangements were at once made for the inauguration of the new chapter on the 14th November, on which day a general muster of companions from all parts of the colony was held at the Masonic Hall, Durban. The inaugural ceremony took place at two p.m., and was conducted by the M.E.P.P.Z., J. H. Hunt, 582, 1174, and P.P.G.S. Punjab (Surgeon General); the Principals of the Natalia Chapter, No. 1665, from Pietermaritzburg, the capital of the colony; Comps. W. Francis, Z.; T. Joyce, H.; and W. Sink, J.; assisted by Comps. J. R. Harrison, Z., and E. Owens, J. of the Caledonian Chapter, No. 175, S.C., holding in Durban, who, on inspection of the warrant, duly and formally invested and installed the Principals designate, all Past Masters of the Port Natal Lodge, and companions of the Natalia Chapter, in their respective chairs—Comps. Geo. Russell, as Z.; W. R. Parker, as H.; and T. J. Hill, as J. The companions were thereupon admitted, and the newly-installed M.E.Z. appointed and invested the following officers: Comp. S. Marriott, P.M. Port Natal Lodge, as Scribe E.; M. W. Fry, as Scribe N.; and A. F. Evans, as P. Soj., who nominated Comps. R. Willis and F. L. Pousson as his assistants, and they were thereupon invested.

The draft bye-laws were then read and adopted, and ballot taken for twenty-one brethren of the Port Natal Lodge, as candidates and foundation members, the whole of whom were declared duly admitted.

The chapter was then adjourned until seven p.m., when a large company gathered to do honour to the occasion, and in addition to the Principals already named Prin. J. Hulston, P.Z., and Hastings, H., of the Caledonian Chapter, were present.

After the newly-installed Principals had declared the chapter open, business at once commenced, and eight of the candidates previously admitted were duly exalted during the evening. P. Soj. Evans being kindly assisted by visiting Comp. Stantial, of the Natalia Chapter, while Comp. Downard, Caledonian Chapter, officiated as Organist.

The visiting companions present expressed their surprise and appreciation of the impressive and dignified manner in which the ceremonies of the occasion were performed without any appreciable divergence from the customary ritual, reflecting, as it did, great credit upon the Principals and officers, and auguring well from their powers of memory and observation for the future well-being of the chapter. Under the circumstances, and with the thermometer about 80°, the lectures were abridged, and the chapter neatly and decorously closed about ten p.m., after a most enjoyable evening.

The promoters of the chapter had most hospitably provided a banquet in a convenient room adjoining, to which the companions gladly repaired to restore themselves after the labours of the day. A sumptuous repast awaited them, ably presided over by the M.E. Prin. Russell, Parker, and Hill, who dispensed the hospitality for which the Port Natal Lodge has ever been famous. About thirty-eight sat down; the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were duly honoured, and after a brilliant and enjoyable evening, enlivened by much musical talent, the companions separated among the small hours with universal good wishes for the prosperity and welfare of the Port Natal Royal Arch Chapter.

We understand Bro. T. Brassey, M.P., intends making another trip around the world for the benefit of Mrs. Brassey's health.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1879.

During the year which closed on Wednesday the income of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions derived from all sources amounted to the sum of £44,583 11s. 9d. For the year 1877 it amounted to over £42,000, but in 1878, in consequence of the depression of trade, and public charity being largely diverted to other channels, it fell to £40,312 4s. 3d. Notwithstanding the continued depression of 1879 the amount has not only risen, but has far exceeded that of any former year. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for the third year in succession, heads the list with £17,781 12s. 10d., or £3100 more than it obtained in 1878. The second place on the list, which in 1878 was taken by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was in 1879 taken by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with £13,923 4s. 4d., or over £1200 more than in the previous year. The Girls' School takes the third place with £13,025 12s. 1d., or about £160 in excess of its income of 1878. Included in the Benevolent Institutions, £17,781 12s. 10d., is the amount of £2686 4s. 4d. for dividends on stock for a year and a half, and £1207 10s. represents the same source of income for the Girls' School for one year, included in the amount of £13,025 12s. 1d. Out of the £13,923 4s. 4d. income of the Boys' School, only £146 17s. 6d. is attributable to dividends, the sum invested being only £5000. The items of the income of the Benevolent Institution for the year are:—

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions and Donations	14,123	10	6
Grand Lodge	800	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Dividends (1½ year)... ..	2686	4	4
Sundries	21	18	0
	£17,781	12	10

The items of the income of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are—

	£	s.	d.
Donations and Subscriptions	11,340	8	0
Dividends	1207	10	0
Purchase Case	178	10	0
Legacies	123	9	1
Miscellaneous	175	15	0
	£13,025	12	1

The receipts of the Boys' School are as approximate a total as can be ascertained until comparison with the banker's book. The amount above given is therefore subject to alteration.

The Benevolent Institution has between 300 and 400 male and female annuitants on its books; the Boys' School houses, clothes, maintains, and educates 215 boys; and the Girls' School, 205 girls. These Institutions depend entirely on the voluntary bounty of the Craft. In addition to these large amounts contributed to the Institutions, the Lodge of Benevolence, which meets at Freemasons' Hall on the last Wednesday but one in every month, dispensed, in the year 1879, to distressed Freemasons, and the widows and orphans of deceased Freemasons, the sum of £8238, exceeding the amount dispensed in 1878 by £3254. The largest sum voted at any one meeting was £1035, and the smallest £390.

The following is a complete list of the amounts given month by month:—

	£	s.	d.
January	970	0	0
February	542	0	0
March	667	0	0
April	639	0	0
May	530	0	0
June	635	0	0
July	700	0	0
August	425	0	0
September	390	0	0
October	775	0	0
November	1035	0	0
December	930	0	0
Contributed in 1879	£8238	0	0
Contributed in 1878	4984	0	0
Excess of 1879 over 1878	£3254	0	0

CONSECRATION OF THE TENTERDEN MARK LODGE, NO. 251.

This new lodge was consecrated on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, by Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Sec. G.L.M.M., assisted by Bros. Dewar, Asst. G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Stephen Barton Wilson, G.S. of W.; and F. H. Couzens, P.G. Organist; after which Bro. Turquand was duly installed in the chair and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Tanner, S.W.; Gimmingham, J.W.; Christian, A.P.M. and Sec.; Sylvestre, M.O.; Blackman, S.O.; Holloway, J.O.; Nicholson, Reg. M.; Pargater, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Walker, I.G.

The fourth annual ball of the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges, No. 1572 and 1671, will be held at Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 27th of February, when the Stewards will be pleased to have the company of brethren from other lodges and their friends. Full particulars may be obtained of the Hon. Sec., Bro. Nelson Reed, St. Helen's Lodge, Lee, S.E.

The *Sporting Gazette* has discarded that title, and will henceforward be known as the *Country Gentleman*.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The first meeting of the brethren who have accepted the office of Steward for the Anniversary Festival of this Institution will be held on Tuesday afternoon next, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. The business to be transacted is that of constituting a Board of Stewards by electing the President, Treasurer, and other officers, and to determine the amount to be deposited by each Steward, also to consider musical arrangements, and other business. The meeting will be held at four o'clock.

The Kidderminster New Masonic Hall and Club was opened under very favourable auspices on Friday, the 19th ult., by Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire. A full report will be found on another page.

It is stated that by the death of the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Liberton, the Rev. Walter Home, of Polwarth, Berwickshire, has attained to the position of father of the Church of Scotland. Mr. Home was ordained as assistant and successor to his father at Polwarth on April 17th, 1823, just six days later than Mr. Stewart.

A Masonic ball in aid of the Masonic Charities is announced to take place at the Great Hall, Tunbridge Wells, on January 22nd, 1880, under the distinguished patronage of the Right Worshipful Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Pro. G.M. Kent, and which we have every reason to believe from the long list of Stewards will prove a great success.

Our readers will notice elsewhere the announcement of the marriage of the eldest son of our well-known and worthy Bro. Ambrose Hall, P.G.C. for Surrey, with the daughter of the late Mr. John Mordaunt.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have been pleased to present their portraits to the Aged Pilgrims' Asylum, Hornsey Rise, in recognition of the loyal attachment of the aged inmates on the occasion of their Royal Highnesses' visit to Hornsey Rise in the month of June last.

A new threepenny weekly journal, called *To-day*, is announced for Saturday.

The *City Press* states that Bro. J. L. Toole is still in a weak state of health, and may be seen daily taking an airing in his Bath-chair at Brighton.

Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, Lord Mayor of London, on Thursday week gave the usual Christmas dinner to the prisoners in Newgate and Holloway Gaols. In celebration of his accession to office a bountiful repast was provided at the expense of his lordship for the inmates of the City of London Workhouses, and accordingly 526 people in Bow Union, 423 in Holloway, and the inmates of Homerton, were each supplied with a substantial dinner.

The "Architect" of Saturday week contains a memorial sketch of the life of the late Bro. Frederick Pepsy Cockerell, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. Sheriff Woolloton, J.P., will preside at the annual dinner of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution, which will be held at the Criterion on Monday next.

In our report of the installation of the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold as Knights of Malta we designated Bro. C. Findelow as Prov. Prior of *Staffordshire and Worcestershire*. It should have been *Staffordshire and Warwickshire*.

The meetings of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, are now held at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, every Monday evening at eight o'clock, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M.

We understand that it is intended shortly to open, near Loughborough Junction, the London and Suburban Masonic Club. There will be a well-appointed room, capable of holding forty or fifty persons, which is being fitted up under the superintendence of Bro. W. S. Daniel, S.W. 1541. The Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction will be held every Saturday evening under the able Preceptor, Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. of Lodge 180. Many brethren have intimated their intention of giving the club every support. Brethren desiring to join the club should send their names to Bro. W. S. Daniel, 84, Fleet-street, London.

A SUITABLE NEW YEAR'S GIFT.—A copy of the Second Edition of the Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book, price 2s. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—(ADVT.)

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 9, 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, JANUARY 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4. Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. " 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq. Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd. Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5.
 Lodge 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.
 " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1310, Asaph, F.M.H.
 Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tav.
 Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

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, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-st., Dalston.
 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., Amberst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc.
 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.
 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, JANUARY 6.
 Colonial Board, at 4.
 Stewards' R.M.B.I., Festival, F.M.H., at 4.
 Lodge 9, Albion, F.M.H.
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
 " 765, St. James's, White Hart Hotel, High-st., Boro.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-st., N.
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval.
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
 " 1688, Samson, F.M.H.
 Mark 1, St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 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 Edgumbe, 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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.
 Lodge 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 1707, Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tavern.
 Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

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 8.
 Lodge 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav.
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., S.E.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
 " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H., Notting Hill.
 Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
 " 140, St. George's, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 619, Beaman, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
 Rose Croix, 39, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.
 Lodge 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot.
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
 Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tav.
 K.T., D., Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tav.

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

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MONDAY, JANUARY 5.
 Lodge 113, U. Amity, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
 Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.
 Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.
 Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1086, Watton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
 Mark 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.
 Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.T., Liverpool.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.
 Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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