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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—The installation of this lodge, numbering upwards of one hundred working members, was held on Monday last, at the Tavern, Aldersgate-street, and was well attended. The lodge was opened at five o'clock punctually. In the face of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M., supported by Bros. Henry Hymans, W.M. elect; Rd. Baker, J.W.; A. G. Dodson, L. Lazarus, P.M.; H. M. Levy, P.M.; Maurice Alexander, P.M.; H. Berkowitz, P.M.; S. L. Hickman, (Installing Master); O. Roberts, P.M.; Israel Hymans, P.M.; James S. Lyons, Treas.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; L. M. Myers, J.D.; I. Benjamin, I.G.; T. Blanks, D. of C.; Joseph Davis and M. Boams, Secs.; P. E. Van Noorden, Org.; John Woodstock, 733; Tyler; Charles Lavey, G. Van Volen, J. W. Map, A. Montanjes, A. Botibol, A. Wagstaff, George S. Botibol, A. Souhami, J. Solomon, J. Abrahams, J. Homans, M. Hart, Benj. Hart, F. Brown, W. B. E. S. B. Alexander, Moss Davis, A. Verdon, J. C. Haine, J. Hyman, M. Silver, O. A. James, S. J. A. Britton, George T. Wagstaff, A. Pearce, Burrows, Alfred Davis, and the following Secs.: Bros. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. Grand Master of Suffolk; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, D.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; G. E. Swanborough, A. J. Myers, J. B. Edwards, J. P. H. J. Lewis, I. Myers, L. J. Salomons, W. Wilson, Lazarus, A. Bassington, B. Kauffman, D. Posener, L. Berger, L. Jacobs, C. Merriam, F. Murley, W. F. J. S. M. Lazarus, H. J. Ashley, G. A. Fletcher, J. J. Botibol, S. Abrahams, W. Medcalf, S. Jewell, Harris, F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*); and others. The lodge was opened in solemn form, when the reports of the Committee and Committee of General Purposes were read and adopted. The report of the Joppa Benevolent, which was, doubtless, most satisfactory to all the members of the lodge, was also received and adopted. Bro. Alexander then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hickman, the Installing Master, the Senior Warden's chair being occupied by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., the Junior Warden's chair by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D. The W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Hymans, satisfactorily answered the various questions put to the Past Masters formed into a procession, and, preceded by the Chaplain, left the lodge for the purpose of installing him into the chair of K.S., which ceremony was creditably performed before a Board consisting of twenty-seven Installed Masters. On the return of the newly-installed W.M., he was regularly proclaimed Master in the various Degrees. Bro. Hyman then delivered the following brethren as his officers, accompanying appointment with a few complimentary remarks, were loudly applauded, especially at the re-investment of Bros. Lyons (Treas.) and Albert (Sec.):—Bros. Ker, S.W.; L. M. Myers, J.W.; J. S. Lyons, Treas.; Albert, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; I. Benjamin, S.D.; W. J. D.; N. M. Baum, I.G.; A. G. Dodson, P.M., C.; Josh. Davis, A.D. of C.; George Bean and Botibol, Secs.; P. Van Noorden, Org.; and Jno. Woodstock, Tyler. After the addresses, which were most impressively delivered by Bro. Hickman, and elicited loud applause from the numerous brethren present, Bro. Levy proposed, and was seconded by Bro. Maurice Alexander, "That a cordial thanks should be given to the Installing Master, who came to be entered upon the minutes, for the very able manner in which he had performed his duties;" the ability he had shown had never been surpassed in the lodge. We need hardly mention that the motion was carried unanimously. Bro. Hickman, in reply, said that it was a most pleasing duty to him—indeed, he deemed it an honour—to install Bro. Hymans into the chair, he was a very old and dear friend. He felt, and would like to express, his thanks to Bro. Maurice Alexander for having allowed him (Bro. Hickman) to perform the installation ceremony, and he was very proud it had given him satisfaction. The lodge was then closed, and the

brethren adjourned to the large room, where a splendid banquet was served most admirably, under the superintendence of Bro. W. G. Jennings. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. In response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., said it was a pleasing responsibility to have to respond on behalf of so large a toast that embraced the whole of the Grand Officers. All must have been struck with the way in which Lord Carnarvon carries out his duties, as also Lord Skelmersdale, who was worshipped wherever he went, not only in Masonry but out of it. With regard to the other Grand Officers, he was sure they all did their best. The way the heads did their work proved an incentive to the juniors. Bro. J. Mason, P.G.S.B., also replied. In proposing "Success to the Joppa Benevolent Fund," the W.M. said it was a fund most ably administered under the superintendence of Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. He regretted to say that, owing to the commercial depression, the fund was lower than it had been for twelve years. In fact it was so low that the Committee had come to the conclusion that the brethren should be specially appealed to. The W.M. then made a forcible appeal on behalf of the fund, and concluded by calling upon Bro. Lewis Alexander, the energetic President, to respond. Bro. Alexander thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. After what the W.M. had said, it might be thought fulsome for him to say many words, but he thought the following particulars would prove of sufficient interest as to merit the attention of the brethren. The fund was established in 1849 by Dr. Canstett, who for many years acted as President. Since that time the fund had steadily increased year by year, until, as their W.M. had said, in consequence of the general depression, the Committee had heavy demands upon their resources. The sum of £292 had been awarded during the last twelve months, and £160 during the preceding half year, which in round figures made the large sum of £450 awarded in eighteen months. This was he thought a very large amount for a private lodge to dispense. He (Bro. Alexander) was very pleased to find that the earnest appeal of the W.M. had not been made in vain, as, through the perseverance of Bro. L. Lazarus, P.M., the sum of upwards of £17 had been collected in a very short time. Bro. Alexander, in conclusion, said that he thought it was due to the Committee to say, that they fully appreciated the confidence reposed in them, and while they were prepared to award any sum or sums which the circumstance of the case rendered necessary, they, as custodians of the fund, carefully guarded against anything approaching imposition. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Alexander said that all present would agree that no one individual would regret electing Bro. Hymans as their W.M. He did not wish to eulogise him for his past conduct, or compliment him in anticipation of what might be expected of him, but he would say that in their W.M. they possessed a gentleman, a scholar, and a thorough business man. With those attributes he ventured to think that he would not fail to prove worthy of the position he had to fill. The W.M. said, in reply, that it was difficult to find words to express his thanks. Anything he may have done was sufficiently repaid by the brethren unanimously electing him W.M. He would always do his best for the lodge, and hoped he would perform his duties in such a manner as to gain the respect of all around him. The W.M., in giving the next toast, that of "The Visitors," tendered them a hearty welcome, and expressed very great pleasure at seeing so large a number present. They were honoured that evening with the presence of several distinguished brethren, conspicuous among them being Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Past Grand Deacon, whom he would call upon to reply. Col. Clerke, in reply, thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast, and the brethren for the warm reception accorded it. Hospitality he thought was a prominent feature of the Joppa Lodge by the large number of visitors present that evening. The admirable manner in which the working had been so thoroughly performed by the W.M. was certainly a great credit to the lodge. The lodge was also to be congratulated on having so large a sum in their private benevolent fund, though they had had so many demands on it recently. He trusted that the calls upon the fund would become "smaller by degrees and beautifully less." Several other toasts followed, and were duly responded to. During the evening some capital singing, &c., was given by Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Rose Barnby, Madame Brouil, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Mr. Theodore Liebe.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The January meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Bros. Charles Arkell, W.M.; W. T. Rickwood, S.W.; Lucas, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; Lorkin, J.D.; H. A. Carter, Std.; Harwood, Cobb, Guy, Fisher, Barclay Perkins, and other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then closed in due form.

FALMOUTH.—Love and Honour Lodge (No. 75).—The annual meeting of this lodge (the mother lodge of Cornwall) was held at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Hotel, on 30th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Wallace, was impressively installed by W. Bro. W. F. Newman, P.P.S.G.D., in the presence of the following Board of Installed Masters:—W. Bros. H. Tilly, P.G.R.; T. C. Polglase, P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Vivian, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Dunstan, P.P.G.S. Wks.; and W. L. Fox, all of No. 75; W. H. Christie, 331; J. H. Mitchell, 589; E. D. Anderton, 331, P.P.J.G.W.; John H. Ferris, W.M. 331; J. H. Sampson, W.M. 131; A. T. Grant, 318, P.P.G. Purs.; R. S. James, W.M. 318; E. Edwards, 131, P.G. Std.; J. Jeffery, jun., 318, P.A.G.D.C.; and T. Oliver, 331. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the fol-

lowing brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. W. L. Fox, I.P.M.; Bros. W. D. Rogers, S.W.; and E. May, J.W.; W. Bro. W. F. Newman, Treas.; Bros. J. P. Polglase, Sec.; the Rev. J. Bartlett, Chap.; Henry James, S.D.; R. N. Rogers, J.D.; R. C. Richards, I.G.; J. C. Benny, D.C.; S. Collins, A.D.C.; Geo. P. Carter, Org.; G. A. Foss, S.S.; G. Scott, J.S.; and W. Rusden, Tyler. W. Bro. T. C. Polglase was elected with acclamation Steward of the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund." Subsequently the brethren and visiting brethren dined together. In addition to those mentioned there were also present W. Bro. M. Little, P.M. 75; Bros. J. H. C. Leuty, J. J. Hawken, S.W. 331; T. W. Willcocks, S.W. 131; Josiah Rowe, J.W. 318; and a large number of brethren of the lodge.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The following is extracted from "Memoirs of the Life of Elias Ashmole, drawn by himself":—"October 16th, 1646. I was made a Freemason at Warrington, in Lancashire, with Colonel Mainwaring, of Karincham, in Cheshire; the names of those who were then at the lodge, Mr. Richard Penketh, Warden; Mr. James Collier, Mr. Richard Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam, and Hugh Brewer." We need scarcely add that Elias Ashmole was the author of the well-known "History of the Order of the Garter," and founder of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. It is a matter for great regret that the ancient records of this lodge are lost, and that the history of Freemasonry in Warrington cannot now be connectively traced further back than November 8th, 1765. From time immemorial the installation and festival of this old and flourishing lodge have been held on the last Monday in each year, and no deviation to this rule was made on the last occasion. The lodge was summoned for three o'clock in the afternoon, and punctually at that hour the W.M., Bro. J. Rymer Young, took the chair, and was supported by Bros. Charles E. Hindley, S.W., W.M. elect; Alf. H. Young, J.W.; James Paterson, S.D.; Thomas Grime, J.D.; John Armstrong, P.M., Treasurer; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J. Warden Cumberland and Westmorland; T. Mee Pattison, Org.; Arthur Peake, I.G.; Thomas Domville, Tyler; John Pierpoint, P.M.; Thos. H. Sutton, W.M. 1250; Thos. Tunstall, P.M.; W. Sharp, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; John Harding, P.M.; Jos. Pickthall, P.M.; Charles Skinner, W. Burn, C. Ekkert, John Laithwaite, W. Dooley, W. Kinsey, John Dimmelow, A. Crawford, Dr. Walter, S. E. Johnson, Thomas Jones, Thomas Morris, Dr. Mackie, F. E. Rawlinson, Thomas Gartside, F. Curzon, James Bayley, R. W. Francomb, and S. Wallhead. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Dr. Duncan, P.M. 1354; Dr. Gorrall, D. W. Finney, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; E. C. Cooper, P.M. 484, P.P.G.S.B.; Schonstadt, P.M. 1502; Robert Brierley, P.M. 1250; E. Roberts Flegle; J. Paul Rylands, 1354; W. H. Rylands, 417; Wm. Simpson, 1159; and J. H. Galloway, S.W. 1250. The lodge was opened in form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. Bowes to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M., assisted by Past Master Tunstall, then presented Bro. Hindley, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. This being attended to, and the W.M. elect having pledged himself to submit and obey, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. All brethren below the Degree of W.M.'s now retired, except the W.M. elect, who was entrusted before retirement. A Board of Installed Masters was now opened in ample form; the W. and S. being presided over by Bros. Armstrong and Finney. The W.M. elect now applied for admission, which being granted, he was installed in due form, according to ancient custom, and received the congratulations usual in this high Degree. As a proof of his desire to maintain the ancient landmarks of the Order, the W.M. then invited the worshipful brethren to apply the usual "cement." Labour resumed, the Board was closed in the "name and fear," and the brethren in the several Degrees re-admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed, greeted, and saluted. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Rymer Young, I.P.M.; Alf. H. Young, S.W.; James Paterson, J.W.; Thomas Tunstall, P.M., Treas.; John Bowes, P.M., &c., Sec.; Thomas Grime, S.D.; Arthur Peake, J.D.; Charles Skinner, I.G.; T. M. Pattison, Org.; and Thomas Domville, Tyler. The Installing Master addressed each officer on the nature and importance of his duties, and meaning and teachings of their emblems of office, and concluded the ceremony by delivering the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel. Bro. J. Rymer Young, in acknowledging the gift, said: Let me first thank you, Worshipful Sir, for the very kind words you have deemed fit to utter concerning myself. It is not my present purpose, nor would it be to my interest, perhaps, to ascertain how far those remarks are appropriate or deserved, since they are so complimentary, but I can say in all sincerity that whatever may have been my measure of success in this direction, it has always been my desire to endeavour to merit your approbation. And now, brethren, I have to thank you most heartily for the handsome jewel which adorns my not too handsome figure, and I am anxious to tell you at the same time how the assistance and forbearance of the members of this lodge have made my year of office as W.M. both easy and pleasurable—so pleasurable, indeed, that if the same consideration is extended to your present Master (which I doubt not) he will vacate his chair next Christmas, as I do now, with much reluctance. The jewel itself is very beautiful, and very valuable too, but it pleases me better to regard it as a token by which to know that I still retain the confidence you reposed in me when you elected me to the chair from which I have just retired; and, finally, brethren, it will serve well to remind me so long as I shall

live of the happy time I spent when occupying the honourable and enviable position of Master of the ancient Lodge of Lights, No. 148. The Auditors having presented their report, which was most satisfactory, it was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. James Hephherd, P.M., after which the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors were tendered and gratefully accepted. A congratulatory telegram was received from Bro. Thos. W. Ockenden, of Friday-street, London. After some routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel. The banquet was of a recherché character, and excellently served in the handsome assembly room connected with the hotel. After the cloths were withdrawn the W.M. briefly introduced the more formal toasts, and this treatment of them was highly appreciated by those present. Bro. Finney acknowledged the toast of "The Prov. G. Master, Lord Skelmersdale," and, in doing so, spoke highly of his lordship's Masonic worth and great anxiety for the success of the Craft in his large province. Bro. Finney's remarks were well received, not only on account of his personal character, but also in appreciation of the well-merited honour which the Prov. G. Master had conferred upon him in appointing him Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Bowes proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Charles E. Hindley," and said that he had for years noticed his Masonic zeal. Some time ago, when he occupied the chair for the second time, he appointed Bro. Hindley Inner Guard, and from that time he had risen by regular gradations to the chair of K.S., and he was sure that in that position he would discharge his duties with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge. The W.M. responded at some length, and assured the brethren that he very highly appreciated the honour they had conferred upon him—the highest in their power to bestow. He would do his best to merit their approbation, and to enable him to do this he looked for the counsel and advice of his predecessors in office. Bro. Sharp had a pleasing duty to perform in proposing "The Health of the W.M. and Brethren of No. 1250." That lodge was an offshoot of the old lodge, and he believed it exceeded its "mother" in numbers. They wished the Gilbert Greenall every success. Bro. Thomas H. Sutton, W.M. 1250, responded, and, in doing so, said that they were grateful to their mother lodge for the good example she set them in every respect. Bro. J. Rymer Young, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master," remarked that Bro. Bowes was by no means a stranger amongst them, he was no pulling infant in Masonic matters either, but a well-seasoned and experienced veteran of "The Square and Compasses," who had performed the beautiful ceremony of installation perhaps some dozens of times, and in such a manner that though they in No. 148 had heard him on several occasions, the ceremony in his hands never tired on their ears or their memories. Bro. Young had especial pleasure in proposing this toast (which doubtless would be received as it deserved), feeling much indebted to Bro. Bowes for having relieved him of the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Bowes briefly acknowledged the compliment, assuring the brethren that it always afforded him great gratification to take part in Masonic ceremonials, and never more than in his mother lodge. Before he sat down he was commanded by the W.M. to propose the next toast, "The P.M.'s and Officers of No. 148." They were a noble band, and well-sustained the reputation of the lodge. No lodge could prosper unless the P.M.'s and officers were able and willing to undertake and do the work. He begged to couple with the toast the name of the I.P.M. Bro. J. Rymer Young said: Up to this evening I have found it somewhat difficult to realise that I am no longer your W.M., but am, however, at length beginning to recognise the fact, and not only recognise it, but I hope to thoroughly appreciate it, for it is a distinction of no mean order, well worthy of appreciation to be permitted to join the noble army of Past Masters of which this lodge can boast. When I see around me so many "just and upright men" who have filled the office of W.M. with such credit to themselves and advantage to others, and when I remember that some of these have gained the coveted and well-deserved dignity of Prov. Grand Lodge distinction, I feel proud to take even the lowest place among brethren who have worked so well and so hard in the Masonic cause. Brethren, I thank you very sincerely on behalf of the Past Masters and officers of this good old lodge for the hearty manner in which you have been pleased to respond to this toast. The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and, in so doing, said it was always a source of pleasure to see visiting brethren either at labour or refreshment, or both. They were honoured that day by the presence of several distinguished brethren not of their own lodge, and he bid them welcome. He then coupled the names of the visitors with the toast. Responses were made by Bros. Gornall, Cooper, Flegle, J. Paul Rylands, W. H. Rylands, Schonstadt, W. Simpson, and others. Bro. J. Paul Rylands said he had been a Mason for some years, but he was only just now beginning to fathom its beautiful mysteries. It only needed brethren to attend a well-worked lodge like No. 148, and they would soon begin to realise the beauties of the Craft. Bro. W. Simpson gave some interesting particulars of religious ceremonies which he had witnessed abroad, and showed how nearly they were allied to the Masonic ritual. Dr. Gornall said he had renewed friendships that night which had for some time been dislocated. Bro. Schonstadt said he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit both in lodge and at the festive board. He had often heard the ceremony of installation performed, and had worked it himself, but he must confess that the manner in which Bro. Bowes rendered the beautiful ceremony proved his own weakness. He only wished he had Bro. Bowes for his Preceptor, and then he might have hoped to discover to the full the deep meaning of much they had heard that day. Bro. Jos. Pick-

thall proposed "The Musical Brethren." He dilated at some length on the influence that good music possessed, and then referred in particular to the tasteful performances they had listened to that night. They were greatly indebted to Bros. Barton, Gaskin, Lockhart, and Taylor for coming amongst them. He, Bro. Pickthall, was very fond of music, and often had opportunities of listening to that of a high character; but it was a long time since he had such a treat as the musical brethren had afforded them that evening. He concluded by proposing the toast, which was responded to by Bro. Barton. Bro. Finney, in an interesting and instructive speech, proposed "The Charities." He said that the President at the next Boys' School festival would be their own Prov. Grand Master, and he was greatly in hopes that at least two Stewards would be sent from Warrington to support Lord Skelmersdale. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and it was conceded on all hands that the St. John's festival of 1879 was one of the most successful the lodge had experienced for some years.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The installation meeting and celebration of the festival of St. John took place on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer at 3.20 o'clock, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The following brethren were present:—Bros. H. Walley, W.M.; J. E. Williams, S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; Joseph Senior, S.D.; Geo. F. Smith, I.G.; Geo. F. East, P.M.; W. Robinson, P.M.; J. Mackie, P.M.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M.; P. P. G. D. C. E. L.; B. Williams, P.M.; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; R. Neild, P.M.; Wm. Rome, P.M.; W. D. Holbrook, N. Hilton, W. Livesey, R. McMillan, Thos. Mather, Jno. B. Sumner, J. H. Greenwood, T. Gagg, P. Casper, J. Studd, J. W. Wolfensberger, Robt. Cryer, and Thos. Sutcliffe. Visitors: Bros. H. J. Pitt, Peter Lorondes, 1609; W. Hollins, W.M. 152; Geo. Flanagan, 925, 1031; Benj. Taylor, P.M. 935; P. G. Treas.; G. H. Bland, 1161; W. Bostock, P.M. 1213; 1633; M. Nicholson, W.M. 1723; A. Love, W. G. Watson, 633; Wm. Heap, 1609; D. Asgwith, 325, 1773; Jno. Chadwick, P.M. 44; Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Heap, W.M. 1077; H. Lister, P.M. 1011; N. Dumville, 152, 322; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason). The lodge having been raised to the Second Degree, Bro. J. E. Williams was presented to the W.M. as the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. The W.M. then addressed Bro. Williams, and the Secretary afterwards put the usual questions from the Book of Constitutions. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, and all below the rank of W.M. retired. A Board of Installed Past Masters was formed, and Bro. Geo. F. East installed Bro. Williams into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s, the usual proclamation was made to them by the Installing Master, who called upon them to salute their new W.M., which was done. Bro. East then invested the following brethren as officers for the year: Bros. A. Heald, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, J.W. (by deputy); Joseph Senior, S.D.; G. F. Smith, J.D.; B. Williams, jun., I.G.; W. D. Waddell, Secretary; H. Walley, Treas.; J. H. Greenwood, Org. J. Mackie, P.M.; W. Livesey, J. Studd, and Murray Thomson were appointed Stewards, but were not invested. After the lodge had been gradually lowered to the First Degree, Bro. East addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and concluded the ceremony with solemn prayer. We cannot refrain from again praising Bro. East for the earnest and able manner in which he performed the ceremony, and the brethren may well be proud in having such a gifted brother amongst them. Four gentlemen were proposed to become members of the lodge, and two brethren as joining members, and should these gentlemen be elected, their numbers will materially help to swell that of the already large concourse of members, and verify the old saw of "there's nothing succeeds like success." "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.15. A most recherché banquet was served in the large dining hall, and undisputed praise is due to Bro. Phillips for the manner in which the same was put on the table, and for his able superintendence. The menu card was most tastefully designed in the Egyptian style, and we have not seen such an exquisite card, or anything approaching it, in the provinces. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to, and Bros. Lister, Turner, and Dumville (two) added greatly to the brethren's enjoyment by the singing of a carefully selected programme of glees, part songs, and choruses, while Bro. J. H. Greenwood proved himself an accompanist par excellence. The brethren separated about 10.30.

TORQUAY.—Lodge of St. John (No. 328).—The ceremony of installing the new Worshipful Master for the coming year, in the old and flourishing Lodge of St. John's, was conducted as usual on St. John's Day, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The eldest son of Sir Lawrence Palk, Bart., M.P., Bro. Lawrence Hesketh Palk, had been unanimously elected to the honour of presiding over the lodge as W.M. for the ensuing year, and a large number of Past Masters and brethren from neighbouring lodges were in attendance to honour the installation, the number of whom would have been considerably augmented had not an important Masonic meeting at Barnstaple, the same evening, necessitated the attendance of the Provincial Grand Master and officers. The brethren present who had passed the chair were Bros. Rev. R. Bowden, P.M. 328, P.P.G.C.; Harland, P.M. 328, P.P.G.D.; Watson, P.M. 328, P.P.G.D.; Greenfield, P.M. 328 and 1258, P.P.G.D.; Webber, P.M. 328; Goss, P.M. 328; Oliver, P.M. 328; Piggott, P.M. 328; Burton, P.M. 328; Lambert, P.M. 142; Searle, W.M. 710; Crook, P.M. 1614; Warren, P.M. 1358; Oliver, P.M. 1138; Stevens, P.M. 1138; W. A. Goss, W.M. 1402; Pratt, P.P.G.S. Wks.; Colston, P.M. 248,

P.P.G.S. Wks.; and Hammick, P.M. 248. The elect, Bro. L. H. Palk, and fourteen members of lodges were also in attendance. The ceremony stallion was worked by Bro. Watson, assisted by Harland. The annual banquet was served at the Hotel, which reflected great credit on the capabilities of the manageress, Mrs. Simpson. The choir, under the able direction of Bro. Brooks, was plimmented upon its able rendering of some old glee lodge music, and the newly-installed W.M. gave the and Masonic toasts with considerable ability and feeling; he also spoke of the interest he felt in the and for the lodge over which he had the honour to side, and promised the brethren that the interests and fare of St. John's Lodge would have his anxious and solicitude. The W.M. having returned from a tinental tour, said he had visited many beautiful cities places, but the farther he went, and the more he saw, served to convince him more thoroughly that there was place in the wide world possessing the beautiful attractions, the charms, and the comforts of Torquay.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The festival of St. John the Evangelist, in connection with this lodge, was held on Tuesday evening the 30th ult. The brethren met at the Masonic Station-street, at five o'clock, there being present the following members, a number of others, resident in the country, not daring to face the stormy night: Bros. Capt. S. W.M.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. Dodgson, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; Pearson, P.P.G.S.D.; R. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; Org.; W. F. Lamsonby, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason); T. Bird, S.W.; W.M. elect; T. C. Robinson, Sec. Peacock, S.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; W. Paisley, St. J. Hewson, Tyler; H. Carruthers, L. F. B. Dykes, Mason, J. Fearon, J. C. Nicholson, J. Borrowes, Evening, E. L. Waugh, F. Rapley, and S. Thwaites. Visitors were: Bros. A. Taylor, P.M. 1532, P.P.G.J. W. Irving, W.M. 962; J. A. Salkeld, P.M. 962; Dixon, P.M. 1400; A. Osbaldestone, Steward, 962; Wigham, 1400; J. Batt, 1400; D. B. Winston, 962; A. Holliday, 962; J. Lewthwaite, 962; and Wagg, Tyler 962. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree; the chair was taken by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., to Bro. Bird, W.M. elect, was presented for installation. Working up the Third Degree, all below the rank of Master retired, when the chair was resumed by W.M., Capt. Sewell, and a Board of Installed Masters opened in complete form, the following being the officers: Bros. R. Robinson, S.W.; W. F. Lamsonby, J.W.; A. Taylor, I.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org. W. Shilton, Tyler. On the W.M. elect being admitted was regularly installed into the chair of K.S., and claimed and greeted. After "calling off" and the Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the bulk of brethren re-admitted. The remainder of the ceremony, including the investiture of the officers, presentation of pillars, and addresses, was performed by Bro. Lamsonby, P.M. The following were the new officers: Bros. Sewell, I.P.M.; L. F. B. Dykes, S.W.; H. Peacock, Rev. Canon Hoskins, Chap.; R. Robinson, P.M. (eighth time); R. W. Robinson, Sec. (re-appointed); Paisley, S.D.; T. Mason, J.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org. (sixth time); J. C. Nicholson, I.G.; J. Borrowes, and H. Carruthers, Stewards; J. Hewson, Tyler. He added that Bro. Dykes, the S.W., is son of the late F. L. B. Dykes, of Dovenly Hall, a former Grand of the province, and there is no doubt that, with yet Masonic energy, we may hope one day to see Bro. occupy the honoured position occupied by his father in the Craft. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Capt. Sewell, for the able manner in which he presided over Skiddaw Lodge during the past year; and resolutions of sympathy were ordered to be conveyed to the widow of a brother who recently came by his death to a terrible accident, and to a brother of the lodge, death by drowning of his eldest son whilst skating. The lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes" to the visiting brethren present. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Old Hall Inn, a part of the mansion known as Cockermouth Hall, and where the late Mary Queen of Scots was entertained by Sir Fletcher, when a prisoner in charge of Sir John. A capital supper was provided by the host, Bro. Thwaites; and under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Dykes, a jovial evening was spent in the harmony, Bro. Lewthwaite, P.M., as usual having of the musical arrangements. The festivities were till close upon midnight, when the Tyler was summoned to the East to give the parting toast, "To all distressed Masons."

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1002).—A meeting of this chapter took place at Anderson's Fleet-street, on New Year's Day. In the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. J. R. Stacey, E. C. Willing, I.P.Z. and Treasurer, occupied the chair; were also present E. Comps. W. J. Ferguson, H. Stiles, J.; C. Hudson, S.E.; Edmonds, as S.N.; P.S.; Sillis, as 1st Asst. S.; F. Johnson, as 2nd Deller, and Van Camp. Visitor: Comp. Ward, Chapter, No. 22, county: Antrim, Ireland. The being read and confirmed, apologies were received from the M.E.Z., Comp. Stacey, Comps. Douglass, two of the intending Exalted. Bro. Field was intimated to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch, several names having been announced for the ensuing meeting, the convocation was closed in due

the solemn prayer. The companions afterwards partook of a very pleasant evening was spent. W. W. Little, J. Scales, W.M. of the parent lodge, was to have been exalted, but weighty reasons prevented his being present at this meeting, to his regret.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Chapter (No. 903).—A special meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals for the ensuing year. The following companions were installed and invested: Con p. S. Main, P.Z. 342. as Z.; C. B. Whitcomb, H.; Valentine Brown, J.; F. Powell, Scribe E.; R. W. Mitchell, Scribe N.; R. W. Downing, P.S.; Count Des' Geneys, S.; A. L. Emanuel, A.S.; J. W. Stroud, Treas.; L. E. Manvin, Janitor. After the business of the chapter had been transacted the First Principal presented E. Comp. George Felton Lancaster, I.P.Z., with a P.Z.'s jewel, suitably engraved, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the chapter.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

AN EXTINCT LODGE.

Bro. Hughan in his "Sketches and Reprints" alludes to the lodge formerly held at the Punch Bowl Inn, in Stonegate, York, and numbered 259, observing that "its career was very short, yet noteworthy." Perhaps an examination of the minute book of this extinct body, which exists in the collection of the York Lodge, No. 236, may repay the trouble. This book is a small quarto, containing about sixty leaves, and on the parchment cover is inscribed "J. Granger, Secretary, 1761." On the first page is "The manner of drawing out certificates," which was as follows:—

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"We, the underwritten Master, Wardens, and brethren of the lodge held at the Punch Bowl in Stone Gate, York, do certify that Mr. _____ was this day by us made and initiated a Free and Accepted Mason, having received him into the 2 first Degrees of the Craft. And by these do recommend him to all brethren to accept the said brother as being duly such, as witness our hands on the above mention'd day and date.

Master.
Wardens.
Past Master.
Treasurer.
Secretary."

The first minute is that of the opening night, 2nd February, 1761, when Bros. Frodsham was in the chair; Oram, S.W.; Leng, J.W.; Granger, Secretary, and four other brethren, presumably the founders. There were also eight visitors, one of whom was elected a member then and there. The lodge was held fortnightly on Mondays, and seems at first to have been well attended, and have had a good supply of candidates, the fees for the two first Degrees being about a guinea-and-a-half. On the 16th March a candidate was made in consideration of his furnishing the lodge with three candlesticks. On the 20th April a brother, who had received the two first Degrees on the 16th February, "was raised a Master," and paid 11s. 6d. for the privilege, and at the same meeting the S.W. was fined 6d. for not attending at the hour appointed. Fines were not infrequent, and at the very next meeting a brother was fined 6d. "for sitting down in the lodge not properly clothed." The two first Degrees were given in one night, but the third always occupied a night to itself. On the 12th May the following entry occurs, "This night it was unanimously agreed that the Deputies in the Old Officers' Room should be as follows"—and then come the names of five brethren as W.M., S.W., J.W., P.M., and Secretary. This set of officers, I gather from succeeding minutes, was merely intended to act in case of the absence of the regular ones, for on the 7th December of the same year Bro. Beckwith, who was the Deputy W.M., is entered as having occupied the chair, and has D.R.W. after his name. The Treasurer's current account appears in the minutes, and there seems never to have been very much in hand, the tavern bill (which, however, it must be noted to Mrs. Chaddock's, the landlady's, credit, was always very reasonable) swallowing a good share. On the 15th June, 1761, I find an entry of 9s. 4d. expended on lodge candles sent to Hull; and from similar entries through the book I gather that Hull was not in those days famous for its chandlery. On the 17th August two brethren, who had been fined 6d. each for non-attendance, made "proper excuses and were pardoned their fines." The next minute of consequence was passed on the 23rd August, 1761, thus: "At this lodge, consisting only of Masters, after a debate whether these officers who shall come after the time mentioned in the summonses shall forfeit sixpence and lose the chair for that night, it was and is hereby ordered by the majority present that any officer who shall come after the time above shall take his proper jewel from the brother then in possession of it, and assume his own seat and pay sixpence for his neglect of duty. And this for the future to be a standing rule of this lodge;" and further, "At this lodge it is further ordered that no brother shall be raised to the Third Degree, if 3 or more are against him." The first election of Master and officers took place on the 21st December, 1761, when the Deputy, Bro. M. Beckwith, was chosen; the Wardens, Past Master, Treasurer, and Secretary also being elected by the members. On the 4th January, 1762, an Entered Apprentice petitioned to be made a Fellow Craft, and was accepted and made. A dinner was held also on that day "in commemoration of St. John's Day." At this lodge it was also arranged that the Secretary should be excused the payment of quarterages in view of his services, and that

an annual balance-sheet and list of members be made out and sent to "the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, as shall be thought most requisite." The installation of Bro. Beckwith took place on January 18th, and is thus recorded: "At this lodge, after a learned and earnest exhortation to the new elected Master and other officers from the late Worshipful Master, Bro. Frodsham, to support the dignity and maintain the harmony of the lodge; Bro. Malby Beckwith as Master; Bro. Moore as Senior Warden; and Bro. Barker as Junior Warden, were, by our said late Worshipful Master, sworn and installed accordingly. After which he, our said late Right Worshipful Master, condescended to become the Pass-Master of this worshipful lodge for the year ensuing, pursuant to the resolutions and votes of the lodge held the 21st of December last, and took the seat and jewel of our late worthy Pass-Master, Bro. Crisp, accordingly. At this lodge, after the late Master Frodsham had delivered his before-mentioned charge, it was unanimously requested that he would be pleased to permit the same to be published, which he agreed to." This charge was published, and went through more than one edition. I possess the late Dr. Oliver's copy of an edition, published at Newcastle, in 1772, with a tail-piece by Bewick, and which is entitled "A Charge delivered to the most antient and honorable society of Free and Accepted Masons in a lodge held at the Punch-Boll, in Stonegate, York, upon Friday, the 18th day of January, 1762, by Bro. Frodsham, at his dismission of the chair." Bro. Oram, who was the first Senior Warden, but who does not appear to have ever passed the chair, was connected with the York Theatre, and in the collection of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, is an old play-bill of that theatre, announcing that on the 5th February, 1791 (just about the date when the Grand Lodge of All England was at its last gasp), would be performed ("by desire of the ancient and honourable society of Free and Accepted Masons, for the benefit of Mr. Oram") the "Merchant of Venice," the "Irish Widow," and "A Trip to Scarborough." About this time I notice several French names amongst the lists of visitors, as Villefort, L'Ainé, La Villaine, Du Fresne, Le Pelcier, Terneau, De-la-Rur, and others. On the 1st February it is recorded: "At this lodge, it being judged proper to have Stewards to take care that the brethren be well served, the motion was made, and Bros. John Palmes and Dalton were nominated to act as Stewards, who were accordingly approved of, and, in accepting the office, were thanked by the lodge, and drank to in due order." At a meeting in March it was agreed that every brother should provide his own apron, and that every new member should pay a shilling for one. The lodge appears to have had a Masonic library, for, on the 15th March, it is recorded that "Bro. J. Palmes borrowed the Duodecimo Book of Architecture." Fines for non-attendance now became very frequent, and the meetings began to get smaller; very few candidates seem to have come forward, and the funds in hand were so small that visitors were charged their share of the reckoning. In December Bro. Seth Agar was elected W.M., and on the 3rd January, 1763, was installed in the chair. After this matters were a little more brisk and attendances better. In May the lodge sent a guinea to the Grand Treasurer "for the benefit of the General Charity." There was irregular Masonry at work in these days, for on September 26th, 1763, "a Fellow Craft's lodge being opened, Bro. John Bodens, having been made an E.P. and M.M. at Scarborough in an irregular manner, petitioned to be made a F.C., who, being proposed and balloted for, was unanimously approved of and made accordingly." At the next meeting this brother was raised, and in consideration of his having previously paid for two Degrees was let off with 11s. 6d. At the November meeting Bro. Agar, R.W.M., "generously offered to stand and execute the office of M. for the year ensuing," but whether the lodge continued to exist during the whole of that year is doubtful, for the book closes with the minute of the January meeting in 1764. Other minutes may, of course, have been kept in another book, or on loose papers, as in the case of the Grand Lodge at York, but as Bro. Seth Agar, the W.M., soon afterwards became G.M. of All England, it seems probable that the superior assumption of the Grand Lodge had eclipsed the humbler Punch Bowl Lodge, and that the latter was deserted by its members. In my copy of "Calcott's Candid Disquisition," published in 1769, I find several of these York brethren in the list of subscribers. Agar is mentioned, also J. Tasker, the Deputy Grand Master of the lodge, and a member of the Punch Bowl Lodge, who would appear to have been a tailor, as in the Punch Bowl minutes he is paid so much for "a pair of drawers for the candidates." "The lodge at York" is also booked for ten copies, and Bro. George Palmes, R.W.M. of that year, appears on the list. Like most old minutes these are miserably meagre, and consist of very little more than names and cash accounts.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

York.

By a printer's error "John Mark Goldsworthy" should be "John Heath Goldsworthy," (and I call Bro. Gould's attention to the fact), who was initiated in Lodge No. 194, (Antients), on February 6th, 1806. How the little error arose I know not. Lodge 194 met at the Cooper's Arms, Smithfield. I shall be very happy, I repeat, to hand over to the lodge which now represents 194 the minute book marked No. 3.

A. F. A. W.

A MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

I quite agree with Bro. Gould on the point that a Masonic library and museum should one day be established. I have often expressed the hope before, and if now such a library is established I have many Masonic works and MSS. which I shall gladly hand over to that library.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Reviews.

BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHEONS AT HOME. By Short. Kerby and Endean, 190, Oxford-street.

We have looked over this little useful publication with much interest. For what is more important than a good breakfast? and for the ladies (nav, the men too, for that, our young men especially), a befitting luncheon? One's mouth waters still, even in one's old age, at this mention of "light trifles" and "savory plates," and we remember with a sigh how greatly the crude attempts at customary English cookery have imprinted deeply on our retentive minds, as well as stomachs, the sense of passing indigestion. Mr. Perker warned Mr. Pickwick, in the ever famous case of "Bardell versus Pickwick," how important a good breakfast is to a jurymen on such vital occasions of domestic embroilment, and we can only say that we have known the most important results from a good or a bad breakfast, and vice versa. We think then that the thanks of all are due to those who seek to render such necessary meals light, wholesome, and appetizing, as there can be no greater mistake than to go on day by day, and year by year, indulging in food whose normal consequences are indigestion, biliousness, or sending for that cheerful and amiable ami de famille, the medical attendant, to indulge in blue pill, or the more modern "Euonymine." So we welcome "Short's" little book as coming from an "Amicus Curiae" in every sense, and we trust that its easy and sensible pages may be carefully read by many, and especially impressed on that most important section of the community—our cooks. We will not say that we might not, we think, suggest one or two little improvements in the "Recipes," but on the whole we have never read a clearer, more sensible, or more reasonable little work. Above all it is most admirably printed. We commend it earnestly to all those good housewives who wish to preserve health and to make their home and their husbands comfortable.

THE TRUE AND ROMANTIC HISTORY OF WILLIAM PIGG, ESQ., M.P. FOR HAMPSHIRE. By the Hon. CHARLOTTE ELLIS. Kerby and Endean, 190, Oxford-street.

This amusing "Jeu d'Esprit" comes from Messrs. Kerby and Endean, very favourably known as effective publishers, illustrated by the skilful pencil of the Hon. Charlotte Ellis, the poetical accompaniment being by the Rev. H. A. Martin, M.A. It is one of the best printed works of the season, so prolific in Christmas books and New Year reminiscences, and we have laughed heartily at it, both in its pen and pencil performances, and can safely recommend it to the notice of many who are looking out for a book for the young or for the drawing room table. There is much originality in the idea, and it is most skilfully developed and concluded, until you put down the book with a sense of reality mingled with pleased appreciation, which many more serious writings fail to excite. We have no doubt that it will travel far and wide, and be appreciated by young and old.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL, SOUTHAMPTON.

The suite of buildings which has been erected in Albion-place, Southampton, by the Southampton Masonic Hall Company, for the accommodation of the Freemasons of Southampton and the neighbourhood, was formally opened on Monday, the 29th ult., by the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, in the presence of a large attendance. A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge had been convened for the consecration, and the attendance, if we except the centennial celebration of the Royal Gloucester Lodge some seven years ago, when the Grand Master of England and his officers came to the town, was probably as large as has ever been seen at any Masonic ceremony in Southampton. The principal elevation of the hall, the corner stone of which was laid by the P.G.M. on the 24th of March last, is in the Italian style of architecture, freely treated, faces Albion-terrace, and is fifty feet in length; the side elevations, facing the Forest-view roadway, extending about 73ft. The passage, five feet wide, is approached by an arched porch, paved with encaustic tiles, with a passage and a corridor or lobby, nine feet long, leading to a cloak room, with bay windows overlooking the Western Shore. There is an ante-room or chapter-room, 26ft. 4in. by 18ft. 9in., with a height of eleven feet, its bay windows also overlooking the Western Shore, the apartment being a very pleasant one. The lodge room, 45ft. long by 30ft. wide, and 18ft. high, is lighted by two lanterns from the roof, and "sunlight" and gas pendants. There is a banqueting room, facing Albion-terrace, 38ft. 6in. by 25ft., and 18ft. high, together with a kitchen, wash-house, pantry, and serving passage, and back entrance from Forest-view. On the one pair floor, over the ante-room, are four rooms and other accommodation for the resident Tyler. The material is of white brick in all the exposed parts, with dressings partly in moulded brick, and of stone to the architraves and pediments. The roofs are slated and tile-capped. The plan altogether is adapted to a very irregular frontage in Forest-view. The architect was Bro. J. G. Poole, of Portland-street, and the builder, Bro. S. Stevens, who have both carried out the work in a manner that has commanded the highest approval of the shareholders and the brethren generally, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman, P.M.) being the Chairman of the Company, with Bro. J. R. Weston, P.M., Vice-Chairman; Bro. R. Sharpe, Secretary; and several other brethren selected by the shareholders as co-directors.

The P.G.M. arrived shortly after two o'clock, and was received by the D.P.G.M. and P.G. Lodge Officers. The

following brethren, in addition to the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M., signed the book:—Bros. F. Newman, 175-698, P.M., P.S.G.W.; W. Parsons, P.M. 694, J.G.W.; C. B. Whitcomb, I.P.M. 1705, P.G. Steward; M. E. Frost, P.M. 257, 487, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M. 130, P.G. Sec.; J. Blount Thomas, P.M. 130, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Harris, P.M. 76, P.S.G.W.; R. Harfield, 130, 1112, S.D., J.W., P.P.G.S.W.; J. R. Weston, P.M. 130, 359, P.P.G.R.; T. P. Payne, P.M.; A. Platt Willis, P.M. 698, P.P. J.G.W.; J. Adams, P.M. 359, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Willmott, 342, P.G.S.; G. W. Smales, 312, P.P.G. Supt. of Works N.E. Riding of Yorkshire; H. P. Aslatt, P.M. 394, P.P.G.S.D.; Barfield, W.M. 35; C. W. A. Jellicoe, W.M. 130; A. W. Ward, W.M. 132; Thomas Lashmore, W.M. 359; W. Bone, W.M. 394; R. R. L. Rosoman, W.M. 1461; T. H. M. Martin, P.M. 1461; W. A. Lomer, R. Sharpe, P.M. 130; J. Cole, S.W. 130; C. A. Dyer, P.M. 359, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Martin, I.P.M. 359; J. Lowe, W.M. 175; E. Low, P.M. 152, P.P.G.D.C.; S. S. Pearce, P.M. 319, 1780, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Coles, P.M. 359, P.G.D.C.; J. Clark, P.M. 359; P. Keane, P.M. 130, P.G.J.W.; J. Walker, P.M. 394; J. N. Palmer, P.M. 698, P.P.S.G.W.; Morris Miles, P.M. 130, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Pinco, P.M. 257, P.P. G.J.W.; C. J. Phillips, I.P.M. 130, P.G.S.D.; J. D. Barford, P.M. 359, P.P.G.S.; S. Scott, Chap. 394, P.P.G.C.; H. Dusauroy, P.M. 359, P.P.D.C.; W. Waters, P.M. 359, P.G.S.D.; A. J. Miller, P.M. 152, 359, P.P.G.S.D.; W. J. Hickman, P.M. 130; E. Goble, W.M. 309; W. Kinsey, A. Ede, J. C. Halliday, P.M. 132; A. A. Headley, S.D. 309; J. K. Linstead, B. Tanner, D.C. 1780; G. H. Liddell, W.M. 804; A. M. Bailey, C. Callanan, A. C. Hervey, C. Marshall, S. 130; W. S. Ffrench, Chap. 1461; S. R. Everett, P.M. 76; G. J. Tilling, P.M. 1461; C. Cox, P.M. 394; Sydney Myer, J.W. 130; C. Crew, Treas. 1112; J. Robertson, J.D. 130; J. Parkinson, S.W. 1112; W. H. Chapman, J.W. 1461; J. F. Obree, I.G. 130; W. Bowyer, P.M. and Sec. 1461; Henry Lashmore, J.D. 394; J. Methven, S.D. 1461; K. G. Westley, I.G. 359; A. A. Dupont, Chap. 130; W. Grinyer, 139, 1780, J.D. and Sec.; J. Patstone, J.D. 359; W. Baird, S. 130; S. Stevens, J.W. 195; D. Hobbs, I.G. 146; R. Talmy Turner, J.W. 1726; Mark Linfield, P.M. 551; J. Johns, W.M. 342; P.P.S.B.; C. V. Helsdon, P.M. 1373, P.G.D.C.; T. Morgan Stiles, R. Purefoy-Fitzgerald, J. Stevens, W. J. O. Neill, F. T. Rodwell, J. Wilson, C. B. Nash, J. Diaper, E. Williamson, J. T. Horton, J. G. Poole, Samuel Stevens, J. C. Munday, J. Bailey, J. T. Doswell, W. G. Thompson, J. Cateley, F. Carter, J.W. 175; B. J. Marvin, I.G. 175; W. Danells, I. Harle, S.W. 1780; J. S. Pearce, J.W. 1780; W. Williams, P.M. 345; J. C. Stroud, J.W. 359; Gregory, P.M. 359; M. Emanuel, P.M. 205; G. Grant, I.G. 1780; R. Barnes, J. Beer, A. Wilkins, C. W. Swanson, C. H. Perress, J. W. Pratt, Greenslade, J. R. R. Sharp, J. Lonney, J. H. Martin, J. Hart, R. Rood, E. G. Baker, W. Smith, J.D. 903; E. C. Kemp, Longland, E. Harvey, J. Lamb, W. Jurd, Algar, J. McDougall, J. J. Johns, R. James, A. F. Venables, J. Lintott, F. Ekless, John White (Bursledon), J. E. Aldis, T. Walton, E. Gayton, D. W. Danaford, W. Short, J. E. Wilson, H. Barber, E. T. Wise, G. Wareham, Butler, T. E. H. Rodwell, J. Robson, R. Thornback, J. F. Lovick, Reeves, Dr. Osborn, John Bright, C. Turner, T. Butcher, T. Nichols; and Biggs, Vare, Norris, Exell, and Harrington, Tylers.

The proceedings were commenced by the formation of a procession, which accompanied the Provincial Grand Master into the new hall, solemn music being meanwhile performed by Bro. R. Sharpe, Past Prov. Grand Organist. The lodge having been opened in due form,

Bro. J. R. Weston, addressing the P.G.M., said that in the early part of the present year the Southampton Masonic Hall Company embarked in the undertaking of raising that building for the purposes of Freemasonry, and were encouraged by the presence of the P.G.M., who kindly assisted them in laying the corner stone. On that occasion it was briefly explained that from the rapid increase of Freemasonry in Southampton, the hall in Bugle-street, in which they had so many years assembled, was unsuited for carrying out the work. They would have been pleased if by a moderate and judicious expenditure they could have enlarged and modernised it, but the tenure of the property would not justify them in adopting such a course. He assured the P.G.M., however, it was with considerable regret that they felt compelled to leave a place endeared to them by many pleasing and happy reminiscences; for it was there that the majority of those by whom he was surrounded first became Masons. Many pleasurable and, he hoped, profitable hours had been spent within its portals, and many friendships there formed which would terminate only when, with those who enjoyed them, time should be no more. When the corner stone was laid the P.G.M. expressed a hope that a superstructure would be raised creditable to the Craft and suited to Masonic requirements. In this he trusted they had succeeded, and he had the pleasure of expressing the entire satisfaction of the shareholders with the manner in which both the architect and builder had performed their respective duties. They had not attempted to rear a gorgeous palace, but had contented themselves by building a solemn temple in which the great principles of the Order might be acquired and practised. Bro. Weston then, on behalf of the company, and by request of his co-directors, asked the P.G.M. to dedicate the hall to the use of Free and Accepted Masonry.

The P.G.M., in reply, said he acceded to the request with very great pleasure, for, as had been properly pointed out, the old hall, endeared as it was to them by association with the past, had become too small, and though they had quitted it with sorrow, they yet congratulated themselves that Masonry was so far spreading that they required a larger hall for the increasing numbers and the increase

which might be anticipated yet to take place. Having dwelt at length on the theories put forward as to the origin of Masonry, and referred to the high principles which governed its practice, he expressed a hope that in the hall about to be dedicated those principles would long be cultivated and long flourish, and that every Mason who attended within its walls would be ever imbued with a sincere and firm desire to do something, as far as his own conduct in life might go and as his devotion to the Masonic art might permit, in propagating and encouraging the principles of the Order to which he belonged. (Applause.)

The hall was then consecrated in solemn form, Masonic music being sung, and solos taken by Bros. J. G. Poole and C. J. Phillips, and a vote of thanks was then proposed to the P.G.M. by the D.P.G.M., who bore testimony to the laudable zeal which had actuated those who had been engaged in carrying out the work completed so auspiciously that day. The P.G.M. having replied, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Victoria Rooms, where a banquet was served by Bro. T. Dartnall, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. The chairman was supported by the D.P.G.M., the P.G.L. Officers, and about a hundred others, Bros. W. Waters, J. R. Weston, and R. Sharpe occupying the vice-chairs. The post-prandial proceedings commenced with "The Healths of the Queen and the Prince of Wales," the latter drank most heartily as being that of the Grand Master of England.

One or two other Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the D.P.G.M. then said that having done honour to the chiefs of the Grand Lodge, he would ask them now to drink "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P." (Cheers.) The brethren all knew of the readiness with which he came forward to fulfil any duty in Masonry necessary to the proper carrying out of those ceremonials which he was so well able to perform. Bro. Beach was well known in the Grand Lodge and other parts of England as an enthusiastic Mason and for his devotion to the principles of the Order. (Cheers.)

The Provincial Grand Master, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to attend on that occasion, because he believed it was one that would be of great advantage to Freemasonry. (Hear.) If they wished to properly carry out the principles of the Order they must give free scope to the various ceremonials that were involved, and to do that it was necessary to have a building of good size, reflecting honour on those who were connected with it. (Hear.) It was, therefore, very creditable to the Masons of Southampton, and it afforded a good opportunity of judging of their Masonic zeal, that they should have thought that the building in which they had hitherto so well carried out their work was too small. (Hear.) In other countries they saw that the largest and noblest buildings were devoted to the purposes of Freemasonry, and it was gratifying therefore to see that in England Masons were anxious to follow this good example, and to have buildings befitting the beautiful ceremonials that were to be carried on therein. (Hear, hear.) Changes in the Grand Lodge of England were made some years ago that were probably in the recollection of many present, but, notwithstanding this, there was a feeling now existing that the present building was hardly large enough, and who could say what magnificent anticipations might be carried out in this respect? (Hear.) There was no limit to the desire and capacity of those who were anxious to carry out great designs, and they could not tell what limit would be assigned to the work they might be called upon to carry out in future days. (Applause.) He had no doubt from the skill, zeal, and ability which had characterised the Freemasons of Southampton, that Masonry in the new hall would be carried on in a proper and efficient manner; were that not so he was sure they would not regard the proceedings with the satisfaction that had been so apparent at the opening of the building that day. He had alluded in lodge that day to events that had happened in former days. He need not, therefore, further refer to them, and he would only say, let them regard the past as an encouragement for the future; let them be animated by the example of those who had gone before to carry out in the future those excellent principles which had been so well set before them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Mark Frost, P.G.T., proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M.," who, in reply, joined in the regret which had been expressed at leaving the old hall, but circumstances had rendered it imperative. The building was not large enough, and it had become necessary either to enlarge it at a great expense, which they would not have been justified in incurring with such an holding (hear), or to go elsewhere, and they had, he thought, exercised a reasonable discretion in migrating to a new building. (Hear, hear.) The D.P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," which was acknowledged by Bro. Parsons, P.G.J.W., who said Bro. Godwin, the P.G. Reg., and P.M. of the Lodge of Economy, was absent through indisposition.

Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.S., proposed "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province." He said the lodges were increasing very rapidly, for whereas a few years ago they numbered only twenty-seven, the last new one, the Duke of Connaught, 1834, was the thirty-fourth on the roll of the province. (Hear, hear.) In the course of some further remarks, the speaker said he hoped the lodge would aim not so much at increasing the number of members as of improving the quality of those who belonged to them. (Hear, hear, and applause.) In conclusion he expressed regret at the absence of Bro. P. M. Booth, who might, he said, be considered to be, to a great extent, one of the Masonic fathers in Southampton. Bro. Booth was unfortunately laid aside on a bed of sickness, and he was sure that had it not been for this illness nothing would have delighted him more than to have been present. (Hear, hear.) He could not forget Bro. Booth's name in mentioning this toast, coupled with the hope that

a kind Providence might within a short time enable him to rejoin his Masonic brethren. (Applause.)

Bro. Naish, P.M. Economy Lodge; Bro. Jellicoe, W.—who joined in the regrets at the absence of Bro. Booth Gloucester Lodge; and Bro. Barfield, W.M. Medina Lodge responded.

The P.G.M., proposing "The Directors of the Southampton Masonic Hall Company," spoke of the energy and business-like spirit necessary to carry out such an undertaking to a successful issue, and said it was gratifying to see their labours culminate in the ceremony of that day. He expressed the belief that the hall would give a financial return to the shareholders, and coupling toast with the name of the D.P.G.M., Chairman of Board of Directors, congratulated the Company on the fact that Bro. Hickman had given them the benefit of knowledge and business-like habits (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Hickman, D.P.G.M., in reply, said the Company's main object had been to erect a building suitable to Masonic purposes, and he believed they might fairly congratulate themselves on the success which had been attained. (Hear.) He took no credit to himself for that; he believed the matter was first started by Bro. Le Feuvre, the P.G. who took a large number of shares in the undertaking and who had since, though not a director, evinced the greatest interest in the work. He also expressed the obligations of the Company to Bros. Weston, Waters, Treasurer; R. Sharpe, the Secretary; J. B. Thomas, Dy and others. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Weston, the Deputy Chairman, also replied, and said that all the shares in the hall were held by Masons. At the last meeting of the Board they received applications for many more, and they had to consider whether they wanted any more money or not. (Hear.)

Several toasts of a personal and complimentary character were then proposed and acknowledged, including "The Architect," "The Builder," and "The Secretary," the latter given in appropriate terms by the D.P.G.M., who warmly commended the valuable services of Bro. Sharpe and others, the company separating about eight o'clock.

On the motion of the D.P.G.M., the patronage of P.G. Lodge was given to the Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and ten guineas voted to the Fund.

The D.P.G.M. has presented to the Company a large engraving, handsomely framed, representing the installation of the Prince of Wales as G.M. of England, in the Albert Hall.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The first of the season's entertainments at the Masonic Institution was given on Monday evening at the Boys' School, Wood Green, when a very enjoyable and instructive two hours were spent in company of Bro. G. R. Green, a member of the Middle Temple, who, under the public name of A. Romer, gave an illustrated reading of Tennyson's "Enoch Arden," and also an illustrated sketch of "A Visit to Rome." The reading and sketch were interspersed with pianoforte accompaniments by Miss Agnes Binckes, whose ability as a pianist has frequently been displayed at entertainments at the Boys' School and at the annual festival of the Benevolent Fund in connection with Grand Mark Lodge. Bro. Green has on frequent occasions given his entertainments in different quarters of the Metropolis, in all of which he has been eminently successful, and this success was very marked on Monday evening. The reading alone was sufficient to attract great attention, as it exhibited the utmost care in study, and a thorough appreciation of the author. Aided, however, by the beautiful paintings of the different scenes in "Enoch Arden" and "Rome," which Bro. Green has had executed on purpose for his reading, the entertainment acquired a reality which appealed to the eye as well as to the ear. In "Enoch Arden," the scenes to which the spectators were introduced were the Sea-side Village; the Children, Enoch, Philip, and Annie on the Shore; a Bank at the edge of the Wood; Philip in the Wood; a Cottage Scene (Interior of Bedroom) Enoch's Boat on the Beach; Enoch bids farewell; Annie watching by the bedside of her little boy; Annie and Philip in the Wood; the Cottage Bedroom—the Dream Enoch's Ship in Canton Harbour; the Shipwreck; the Uninhabited Island; Enoch watching for a sail; Enoch on board ship on his way home; Enoch returns to the Village; Interior of Philip's House; Enoch Praying in the Wood; Enoch in the Village Churchyard; the Storm; and the Old Churchyard (Enoch's Grave). One of the prettiest of these was, perhaps, the interior of Philip's house, where everything has the air of comfort and happiness, in signal contrast with the state of the unfortunate lawful husband of Annie; although the pictures of the uninhabited island and of Enoch on board ship on his way home were fine specimens of coloured scenery. The scenery from Rome represented the Porta and Piazza del Popolo (two views); Rome from top of St. Peter's; Rome from Steps of St. Peter's (by night); Bridge and Castle of St. Angelo (two views); Rome from the Capitol; Statue of Marcus Aurelius (Capitol); Tower and Palace of the Capitol (by night); Church and Scala of Ara Caeli; the Bambino; Funeral Procession; the Lido of Tiber; View of Tiber and Temple of Vesta; Roman Peasantry; Basilica of St. Marie Maggiore; Column of Phocas; Forum of Trajan; Ruins of Baths of Caracalla; Roman Forum the Via Sacra; Roman Forum Ruins of Temple of Saturn, &c.; Roman Forum Ruins of Temple of Saturn, &c. (moonlight); Arch of Titus; Arch of Constantine; the Colosseum, Exterior; the Colosseum, Interior (two views); Capuchin Monk; Cemetery of the Capuchins (three views); Columbaria; Basilica of St. Paul's, Inter-

rior (two views); Porta de San Lorenzo; Piazza of St. Peter's, Obelisk and Vatican Palace; Braccio Nuovo; the Vatican Library (two views); the Transfiguration, by Raphael; Pope Pius IX.; the Vatican Gardens; St. Peter's—Bird's eye view; St. Peter's, Exterior; St. Peter's, Interior (two views); St. Peter's, the Benediction (Easter Sunday); Tivoli—Temple of the Sybil; and Tivoli, the Cascades; every one of which was graphically explained by the lecturer in a clear and pleasant voice that could be distinctly heard in all parts of the room.

At the conclusion of the reading, which was most attentively listened to, Bro. Green was loudly cheered, and Bro. Binckes expressed the thanks of the hearers to Bro. Green for the gratuitous entertainment he had given.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Governors and subscribers of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of considering the following recommendation of the House Committee:—

"That the sum of six thousand five hundred pounds (£6500) be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and Grounds (freehold), the property of Wm. Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W."

Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present Bros. W. Somers, Griffiths Smith, Col. Peters, C. F. Matier, E. Cox, W. W. Barker, John A. Rucker, F. Adlard, G. Brooks, W. T. Thompson, C. Hame, H. Speedy, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Murray, H. S. Somerville Burney, A. J. Duff Filer, Nathaniel G. Phillips, Herbert Dicketts, John Sampson Peirce, Col. Burdett, W. Roebuck, E. C. Woodward, W. F. C. Moutrie, S. Rawson, Fred. Binckes, A. Durrant, A. T. Lowenstark, G. W. Hewett, T. Foxall, H. G. Buss, C. Fred. Hogard, H. A. Dubois, J. E. Middleton, Samuel Kelly, W. H. Gulliford, George Kenning, E. Letchworth, James Stevens, Robert Berridge, Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, Thos. Cubitt, Thos. Meggy, John M. Clabon, Peter de L. Long, T. F. Peacock, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Charles John Perceval, R. Warner Wheeler, W. S. Gover, Pendlebury, McIntyre, Venn, Freeman, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

Col. Creaton, in moving the recommendation, said he believed all the brethren were conversant with the advantages the proposed purchase would give to the Institution at Battersea Rise. In addition to the extra land it would give, the house would supply space for the accommodation of twenty-five additional children, who could be placed in it as a probationary school. When the matter was before considered he was asked whether he had taken a professional opinion as to the value of the ground and house. At that time he had not, but since then he had procured the opinion of a gentleman of high standing, Mr. Knowles, of 17, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, which was conveyed in the following letter:—

"17, Albert Mansions, Victoria-st., S.W.,

"Dear Col. Creaton, Dec. 31st, 1879.

"In reply to your request for my opinion as to whether or not the sum of £6500 would be a fair and prudent price for the Freemasons' School to pay for the freehold house and grounds called Lyncombe House, adjoining their premises on Wandsworth Common, I do not hesitate to say, after my personal visit to the place yesterday, that I think the School would do wisely to secure it at the above-named price.

"I am not now pretending to estimate with accuracy the market value of the property, but it seems to me that even were £6500 above this (which I by no means imply that it is or is not), the many advantages which the School would gain with it should decide in favour of the purchase.

"One consideration alone would weigh with me enough to settle the matter, namely, that in other hands the place might grow to be the most serious injury and drawback to the School. Were I one of the authorities, I should be very sorry to take the responsibility of not guarding against such a risk when the opportunity was offered of doing so. If nothing else were done but to obtain possession and consequent control of it, even if part of it were let again by the School as landlord, I should suppose it might be a prudent thing to do as a safe investment for some of the School funds, and an invaluable safeguard to the rest of their property.

"But I imagine that it could be converted at very small cost into additional accommodation for children, which would in no other way be procured so economically, and that this would be the best ultimate destination for it.

"At any rate I should advise you, as Treasurer, to make it perfectly clear that you are free from all responsibility in the future which might and probably would arise if the property were allowed by the School authorities to pass into other hands.

"Yours very truly,

(Signed) "JAMES KNOWLES."

Col. Creaton concluded by moving the adoption of the recommendation of the House Committee.

Bro. Griffiths Smith seconded the motion.

Bro. R. Warner Wheeler thought some information with regard to the purchase of the land ought to be given. It seemed to him that £6500 was a large sum of money.

Col. Creaton said the land was a little more than three-quarters of an acre, and the house was a very large one. It would accommodate twenty-five children, and could be converted to the Institution's purposes at a very small cost. But the great object of the purchase was to prevent other buildings being erected.

Bro. R. Warner Wheeler enquired whether the house would be pulled down and an entirely new one built?

Col. Creaton said the house was a very fine house, but

the report had gone abroad that it was a tumble-down house. Nothing of the kind. It was a first-rate house, well built, and if he on the last occasion had said that £750 had been laid out on it in repairs that was a mistake; he ought to have said "decorations and additions."

Bro. H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742, asked the Chairman whether he had received any notice that this was an illegal meeting, and that no motion could be put.

Col. Creaton said he had not received any notice, but he had been told so before he came into the room.

Bro. H. T. Thompson: Do you still intend to put the motion?

Col. Creaton: Yes.

Bro. Thompson: Then I advise the brethren not to vote at all, and I must take the ground—

Bro. Woodford rose to order. If Bro. Thompson had an amendment he could move it, but he must not use language like this until the matter was brought before the brethren as an amendment. He must not without an amendment use language to influence the brethren's votes.

Bro. Thompson said he had listened to the suggestion made, but the fact that this was not a legal meeting overrode it. If the motion could not be put because the meeting was illegal, an amendment could not. He thought Bro. McIntyre would say that if it was an illegal meeting the motion could not be put. He had said all he wished to say. He simply asked his friends not to vote on the question.

Bro. W. S. Gover thought it an extraordinary step. Exception had been before this taken to the validity of meetings, but the persons taking it had always stated their grounds of objection. Bro. Thompson said that this was an invalid meeting, and yet stated no grounds.

Bro. Thompson said the Chairman admitted he had had notice.

Col. Creaton: No. I said I had heard of it.

Col. Burdett would support the motion, because land was a very good security. He would, however, like to know if any legal opinion had been taken whether the trustees had power to invest the Institution's money in this way.

Col. Creaton replied that he had not; but no doubt Bro. McIntyre would give an answer to the question.

Bro. Edward Cox, in moving as an amendment "That it is not expedient at present to make any addition to the grounds and premises of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," said the question he put on the last occasion had not been answered in the way in which he fully understood the Chairman promised it should be, viz., that the brethren should be provided at this meeting with something like a statement of the actual value of this property. Mr. Knowles had really given the go-by to the question, and had given reasons why the property should be purchased. Mr. Knowles had forgotten that Lyncombe House and grounds were not the sole boundary of the School. If they bought Lyncombe House they would have to buy up the whole of the side on Wandsworth-road which abutted on the grounds of the Institution if they once recognised the principle that it was necessary for the Institution's seclusion. As to the value of the property, no idea of it had been placed before the brethren. Bro. Dicketts at the last meeting, taking the rental of the house at £200 a year, could only make the value of the property £5000, but he (Bro. Cox), on indisputable authority, could say that the house would never fetch £4000 if put in the market, and he had Mr. Evill's own permission to state that the gross annual value of the house was £120 only, and that the rateable value was £100. So that, take it what way they liked, and even supposing when the next assessment was made that the value was increased to £3800, which was its ultimatum value, they would be paying a much larger sum than they ought. It had been stated that £700 had been laid out on the house, which would raise its value at next assessment to £140 a year. Mr. Evill thought the land would be valuable to him as building ground, and hence his increased demand. As the house and ground abutted on the railway no one would give a large sum for it, owing to the annoyance which was caused by the screaming of the engines and the vibration resulting from the passing of the trains. Taking all these circumstances into consideration it would be for the Court to consider whether it was right to expend so large a sum on the property as £6500, merely because an entrance to the Institution in the high road would be obtained. He thought that persons visiting the School would not hesitate to go over the bridge, which was less than a quarter of a mile from the railway station. But suppose there was anything in the argument that it would be an excellent mode of getting the space by the side of the premises they would have no difficulty, for they would not get more than a slip. The Chairman eulogised it as a means of obtaining access to the premises.

Col. Creaton said there was already an entrance there, and it was not proposed to make an alteration.

Bro. Edward Cox observed that that was part of Col. Creaton's own argument, and he thought that a point was made of it.

Col. Creaton said the only difference would be that it would be their own instead of not being their own, as now.

Bro. Edward Cox replied that whether it was the property of A B or C D if he had the undisputed right to it it answered all purposes.

Bro. Griffiths Smith said the School had no right there now.

Bro. Edward Cox did not want any by-play when he was answering the Chairman's remark that it was an excellent reason for the purchase being completed, that it would give that which did not exist.

Col. Creaton said it did not exist as an entrance to the School now, but it would if they bought it.

Bro. Edward Cox said that was his point—that if they purchased it, it would be very little gain, and that, therefore, it was not necessary to give Mr. Evill £6500 for it. They must either keep the house intact to make it an infant school and be contented with a side entrance, or pull the

house down to make the entrance to the ground on the other side. There was nothing in this to render it worth while to lay out £3000, because the distance was so small from the railway to the present entrance. What was intended to be done with the house if purchased? It was said they could take in twenty-five additional children. But at present they had as much burden as they could bear.

The Rev. A. Woodford, P.G.C., interposed the observation that the present was not a resolution to increase the School by twenty-five children, but there had only been a suggestion made that the house would make a good probationary school.

Bro. Edward Cox remarked that Bro. Woodford was not present on the last occasion when the Chairman made the observation, and it was very unjust that he should call him (Bro. Cox) to order when he attempted to reply to Col. Creaton, who had said that it was the intention to divide the School. An increased expenditure would be entailed on posterity which posterity would not thank them for. They had as many girls in the School now as the subscribers justified them in having. It ought to be allowed to lie fallow for a little time. They did not know what was in store for them. There might be such an increase in their funds as to enable them to give £6500, but at present he thought they would want all their reserve fund. If at any time it might be thought necessary to increase the grounds his resolution would not prevent it.

Bro. Freeman seconded the amendment.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, after eulogising the School buildings, with which he was well acquainted, said he was extremely pleased when he heard of the proposed purchase. He thought it was a wise step. As to the intrinsic value of the property, and the value to the School, it was on two separate footings. As a house and ground for building purposes, and being near the railway, £4500 was a cheap rate to buy it at. But its value to the Institution was a different question. The Institution was one of the finest in the country. Its access to St. John's Hill was now very meagre and bare for carriages, and it was deficient also for foot passengers. For a good access, therefore, he should put £2000 as a fair figure; but he should not stop there. They would not think of moving their Schools, and, therefore, they must look round and see if they could not get hold of any property. He heard now for the first time of an intended division of the School, which he thought another advantage. Bro. Cox was wrong when he said they would not be precluded at a future time from purchasing the property. In two years the opportunity would be gone. As to the means of the brotherhood he could not believe that the grand Society of Freemasons could not raise £6500 if wanted. If they did not make the purchase now, in two years' time they would regret it.

Bro. W. Sutton Gover admitted the price was high, but the property would give a greatly increased value to the Institution. He understood that the house had been much improved of late, and if so this was a material element in the matter. The Committee were actuated by no other feelings than a desire to do the best for the interests of the Institution. He would like to ask the Chairman if £6500 was the lowest price that would be taken.

Col. Creaton wished the Court to understand that the offer to buy the land had not been made to Mr. Evill until they heard he was about to build on the ground. He (Col. Creaton) immediately saw him, when he (Mr. Evill) produced the plans. On making the offer to purchase Mr. Evill said he would think about it, and he did. Afterwards he asked 8000 guineas, when he (Col. Creaton) said he could not think of laying such an offer before the Committee. After one or two interviews and some correspondence, Mr. Evill asked the Committee to make an offer. They offered £6000, but Mr. Evill would take no less than £6500.

Bro. C. J. Perceval reminded the Court that the Benevolent Institution wanted some land some years ago which they could have bought for £1500, but they let the opportunity slip, and had been sorry for it ever since.

Bro. Cox's amendment was then put and lost, and the original motion was afterwards put and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. F. C. Moutrie, S. Rosenthal, Wm. Paas, George J. Row, Henry W. Hunt, J. G. Chancellor, Thomas Cubitt, Don. M. Dewar, Wm. Mann, C. F. Matier, John Constable, W. H. Perryman, Charles Birch, A. Durrant, R. Warner Wheeler, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frederick Adlard, Charles F. Hogard, H. G. Buss, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

Eleven candidates were placed on the list for the April election, and three ex-pupils had the outfit granted to them. The list for the April election was then settled as follows: seventy-eight already on the list, and three conditional on further particulars being supplied, making altogether eighty-one. Out of these twenty only can be elected.

The Committee then adjourned.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the natural exhalations of the skin, an alternative is required to expel them entirely from the body through some other channel. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommuting the most feeble. When from frequent chills or impure air the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated, these pills present a ready and efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding disease is arrested at its outset, its pains and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by an illness.—[ADVT.]

To Correspondents.

The following correspondence on the subject of Uniformity of Ritual is in type, but is held until next week for want of space:—

X., T. C. W., R.P.S.B. Middx., &c., C. J. Perceval, V.P. Reports from the following lodges stand over:— Nos. 41, 317, 422, 654, 1112, 1675, 1780, and Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Stepping Stones, an Allegory," "The Marvellous Little Housekeeper," "Wm. Pigg, Esq., M.P.," "Breakfasts and Luncheons at Home," "Brief," "The Sun," "Hull Packet," "Citizen," "The Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "Evidence of J. E. Shund, House of Commons Committee re Co-operative Stores," "Sunderland Daily Post," "Masonic Newspaper," "The Lancet," "Croydon Guardian," "The Masonic Age," "Modern Thought," "Orient," "Freemasons' Repository," "The Porcupine," "Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette," "Masonic Eclectic," "Canadian Craftsman," "Masonic Record of Western India," "Dick Radclyffe's Catalogue of Seeds," "Report of Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Ohio," "Keystone."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

BAKER.—On the 2nd inst., at Stockbridge, Chichester, Sussex, the wife of W. W. Baker, Esq., of a son.

POWELL.—On the 2nd inst., at Lathbury Rectory, Newport Pagnal, the wife of Capt. F. Powell, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

ATHILL-TERRY.—On the 3rd inst., at the parish church, Hove, Brighton, Herbert Athill, of St. John's College, Oxford, to Mary Anne Abbot, daughter of H. I. Terry, Esq., of Park-village West, Regent's Park.

DEATHS.

COLLIER.—On the 23rd ult., at his residence, 18, Harcourt-road, Brockley, Kent, James Collier, in his 86th year, and over 50 years connected with the firm of Henry Compton and Co., Fenchurch-street.

HANCOCK.—At Standen Chute, near Andover, Bro. Henry Hancock, F.R.C.S., P.G.D. of England.

TAYLOR.—On the 4th inst., at Rye, Sussex, Charles Taylor, in the 87th year of his age. Friends will kindly accept this the only intimation.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1880.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We have heard that some subscribers have taken counsel's opinion as to the power of the Special Court to purchase a "house and land" for the special purposes of the Girls' School. We also understand that such opinion is—"that it is ultra vires" for the Court to do so out of the general funds, and that a special Land and Building Purchase Fund ought to be raised. We have little doubt that such opinion will turn out to be utterly erroneous, and that the action of the Special Court is perfectly legal and proper. It is quite clear that the "statute of Mortmain" does not apply to the Girls' School; it is equally clear that the action of the Special Court is not "ultra vires." For though the General Fund is intended for the "maintenance, education, and clothing" of the orphans, it is also intended for their "housing," and no court of law is likely to endorse any such technical "hair splitting." If this ridiculous and apparently personal opposition is continued, we know enough of our Craft to feel persuaded that they will rally round the Trustees and the Grand Treasurer. If any motion is made in court, it will be promptly met, and as easily "moved out." Since we wrote the above we have seen the counsel's opinion, which will appear "in extenso" in our next. It is not improbable that, under the special circumstances of the case, it may be considered better to adjourn the confirmation of the minutes relative to the purchase of Lyncombe House for a specific term.

MASONIC CHARITY.

What a goodly "outcome" does 1879 exhibit of this Masonic virtue. Without boasting we may, we think, not improperly ask, what other society is really doing so much in simple "beneficence" to its members? For this peculiarity in Freemasonry ought to be observed, that it is

right to anything. All is a free grant out of the large-heartedness of the brethren. And the figures do sum up well. In the first place we note £44,583 11s. 9d. have been raised for our three great Metropolitan Charities in 1879. And when as in 1877 the amount was over £42,000, in 1878 it fell to £40,312 4s. 3d., (no mean sum be it observed), in 1879, despite the badness of trade and the sufferings of agriculture, it rose, as we have just pointed out, to £44,583 11s. 9d. Let us fix these figures on our memories. Of this large sum, (the contributions of our warm-hearted Craft), the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows received the largest amount, in that it is credited with £17,781 12s. 10d., or £3110 more than it received in 1878. The Boys' School ranks second, having received £13,923 4s. 4d., or over £1200 more than in 1878. The Girls' School is third in order with £13,025 12s. 1d., or £160 in excess of 1878. We do not go into the wants or prospects of the three Charities for 1880, but we have every reason to hope and believe that 1880 will not fall short or behind that of 1879, but will demonstrate that Masonic charity is alike perennial and progressive. The Board of Benevolence has granted in 1879 the goodly amount of £8238, being, let us remark, £4984 in excess of 1878. This amount added to £44,583 11s. 9d. makes a gross sum of £52,821 11s. 9d., as a manifestation of Masonic charity in 1879. But when to these figures we add the amounts voted by Provincial Grand Lodges, and private lodges, and local Masonic charitable associations, we shall not be wrong in assuming that Freemasonry in England makes annual grants of not less than £70,000 at the very least to the needy and suffering of our great Fraternity. Without to-day dwelling on other topics, or alluding to other considerations in this respect, which may strike the thoughtful and the observant, surely we may dwell on the fact with pride as Freemasons, that charity with Freemasonry is no unmeaning word, costing nothing, but that it is real and efficacious, developing our sympathies and opening our purses. If our good old Order has some enemies and not a few backbiters, if it is misrepresented here, vilified there, if its teaching is parodied and its aims vituperated, let us rejoice in the fact, for it is a great and unanswerable fact in itself, that it gives largely, freely, gladly, generously in the ever sacred cause of true and living charity.

MASONIC LOSSES.

Hardly a day passes over our heads, and certainly we seldom read our weekly *Freemason*, without noting how Death has claimed another victim from amongst our long roll of worthy and distinguished Masons. Many of course pass away unknown and unnoticed, of whom we say nothing, because we hear nothing, and they often constitute, we freely admit, the very "salt" of our great fraternity. It is not a necessary consequence, nor a logical "sequitur," be it ever carefully borne in mind, because a Mason is talked about, or speaks about himself, or is apparently always "to the fore," that therefore he should be a really distinguished Mason. The modest violet likes the retired bank, and many a most excellent Mason never emerges from the comparative silence of privacy or the mere routine work of the lodge. Yet, on the other hand, how true it is that you know after all men best "by their fruits." The Mason who dilates upon charity and does not beg for the Charities seems to have written "Nehushtan" on his phylactery. The Mason who takes no part in lodge work and duty, and is only just in time for the "Knife and Fork" Degree, is a "rusty," and not a "bright" Mason, a "drone," and not a "bee" in the Masonic hive; a useless adjunct to the lodge, a merely nominal professor of Freemasonry, or, to use the language of the world, a "wet Mason." How goodly is the "contrast" which the zeal and energy of some of our many excellent brethren manifest, who, amid business avocations and home duties, the serious claims of an office, or the arduous responsibility of a "calling," are not ashamed to or averse from finding time for the necessary claims of the lodge,

Bro. John Sabine, whose loss we all deplore to hear of to-day, was emphatically a working Mason, yes, and a hard-working Mason. No one devoted, despite the difficulties inseparable from a busy life, professionally, more time, more zeal, more energy, more ungrudging liberality to Masonic duties or Masonic charity. He was emphatically a zealous, kindly, large-hearted man and Mason, who valued Masonry and loved Masonry for what it is and what it may be, and, above all, what it can do, and who was always cheerful and considerate, urbane and unaffected. Rejoicing in Masonic friendship, and proud of Masonic fraternity, he belonged to a good old school of Freemasonry; alas! sadly thinned and thinning to-day, and all we can hope as our roll call lessens and good comrades fall out by the way, that our younger brethren may emulate their zeal and energy, and exceed, yes, exceed, if it be possible, their sympathy and love for Freemasonry. Bro. Sabine will be a missed man, so let us recall his sterling merits and honour his distinguished memory.

THE PURCHASE OF LYN-COMBE HOUSE.

The Special Court called to obviate an informality, passed by an overwhelming majority the resolution to purchase this property, so needful for the safety of the School. We have never seen before, nor have we really heard, either such an unmeaning opposition, or such unsound arguments. As Bro. Clabon well put it, the question was not what was the market price of the property, but what was and what would be its value to the School. There can be no doubt in any impartial mind, that the action of the House Committee was perfectly proper and discreet, and that the purchase is most advantageous and necessary to the School. If the School is endangered by other bits of land, they also will have to be bought; as we have got a School second to none in existence, in an excellent position, and our duty as well as our interest are to make it as perfect and independent of all external influences as well can be. The best thanks of all the subscribers are due to Bro. Col. Creaton, who has been subjected to some most un-Masonic if anonymous abuse, for a most prudent and far-seeing act of duty on his part. We hope we have heard the last of the nonsense and the trash which has been promulgated by some perverse and unknown brethren (?) on the subject.

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.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I have read over Bro. Perceval's letter with care, and I confess with no little pain. Its tone, strangely concordant with that of Bro. Stevens, renders it, I think, much better for me that I should leave it as it stands, in all its glory of type, to the careful consideration of the thoughtful and the Masonic. I might say a good deal, but I cannot consent to turn an amicable discussion into wordy personalities, nor condescend even to notice a childish burlesque of my remarks, and the unfair and un-Masonic paraphrase of words, as the "context" must convince every impartial reader. I was told originally, with great emphasis, that a "more illogical speech" never was read by Bro. Perceval. —I ask, how? I point out what are the premises and the conclusion of my argument—And the only reply is that my opinion is practically good for nothing, that I assert "I am King Solomon," &c. I need hardly say that all this only exists in the fertile and excited imagination of the writer. All I have done, (no doubt a very great offence), is to point out, as clearly as my words will allow, that Bro. Stevens' majority was obtained on a misleading issue, that the wise toleration of Grand Lodge has a meaning, that such attempted uniformity is impossible from the nature of things; and that no committee now could be got together to which the whole Craft would listen, and that, therefore, the motion is unseasonable and unreasonable. If the working of 1813 is to be revised, there are matters behind, so large, so deep, so serious, and so complicated, that they would "swamp" any Committee which would seek to "tackle" with such "burning questions." I, therefore, am not without hopes that Grand Lodge will yet retrace its steps, and whether I am right or whether I am wrong matters very little, but I rejoice to think that my opinion is not "singular," but that it is shared by an overwhelming majority of present and past Grand Officers, and I have also every conviction, by an equally large majority of our provincial brethren.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to answer your correspondents of last week on the above subject.

I repeat all I have written, and which Bro. Neilson has read with extreme regret, and reply in the affirmative to the first question contained in his letter, and in the negative to the second. I do not agree with him that I should have pursued the line of conduct he suggests in his third paragraph, for the very true reason he imputes in the succeeding sentence, namely, that I was a visitor to and not a member of the lodge referred to. As I enjoy the honour of membership in numerous Craft lodges, metropolitan and provincial, and in I know not how many lodges of instruction, I require a more advanced brother than your correspondent to "call on me within one fortnight from this (or any other) day" to do what I should condemn as "meddlesome interference;" and when, if ever, so called upon, I should, as I do now, distinctly refuse. I am attacking generalities, not specialities. If Bro. Neilson will favour me with his personal acquaintance I will give another "undertaking," namely, to win him over, as I have done other sensible brethren.

Bro. Woodford must permit me to refer him to his former letter, wherein he coupled my name with that of Bro. Perceval, so that I was unable to disassociate the parties to what he terms an "amiable little controversy." I disclaim personal remarks other than those absolutely necessary to identify one's opponent, and make one's meaning plain; but I cannot patiently submit to misrepresentation without resenting personality towards myself. I don't seek this controversy. If others will refrain from writing on the subject I will. If there is no evil to be remedied the committee which Grand Lodge has decided to appoint for the purpose of preliminary enquiry and report will soon set me down without all this misrepresentation of what is actual fact. They will soon let the Craft know whether or not my assertions are false or overstrained, my action to be condemned or encouraged, my earnest endeavours those of a sane and reasonable man or of a perverse fool. I am quite willing to accept this test; why cannot others submit to the same reference? The committee can do no harm to them, and if I am what my opponents represent it must affect my Masonic credit and justify them in their opposition. Will Bro. Woodford honour me by acting on that committee? Will a representative offer to serve for each of the following Associations, viz., "The Board of General Purposes," "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and "The Stability Lodge of Instruction?" Will the provinces take care that they are represented? Will each section of my opponents appoint a representative to advocate the continuance of non-interference if I cannot show sufficient reason for amendment? I shall welcome the names of such on my list, now in course of formation, and not hesitate to nominate even my bitterest antagonist. From them I will, if it is just, accept sentence, and submit to it, if adverse, with cheerful resignation, for it will be that of those best able to form a collective judgment, and not the mere objectiveness of individuals. Once for all, I demand (respectfully, of course) that committee which I have been promised, and pending their report am willing, if not provoked by personal remarks, to give my pen a long rest.

You must please notice that if you had inserted my last letter as I wrote it, and as it has been published elsewhere, "One who was in Grand Lodge" could not have twitted me with ignoring his letter on the subject. If he will drop his anonymity and stand as boldly forward as Bros. Woodford, Neilson, and While, who creditably back their opinions by their true names, I will give "One who was in Grand Lodge" my special attention, and undertake to convict him of anything but plain dealing in a manner in which "he or any other fellow ought to understand," according to his own quotation. It is an old habit of mine to treat anonymous communications with disregard.

If ever I want a clever advertisement drawn out for me I shall certainly patronise my old Masonic friend Bro. While! A man who can so ably introduce a name fifteen times in half-a-dozen paragraphs should not be lost sight of. He would be positively invaluable as a composer of advertisements. It matters little indeed that his inspiration may be dull and his statements incorrect; such defects are lost in the ingenuity of reiteration, whereby the all-important name is made of prominent importance. On the score of of publishing may I ask, with all humility, if our brother has extracted the "beam" from his own eye before he sought to discover the "mote" in mine?

But a truce to all these side issues and animadversions which our Bro. Woodford so emphatically and characteristically condemns. I have half a mind to paraphrase Iago and say, "From this time forth I never will write a word," but that I feel how incapable I should be of keeping such a promise in the event of other "personal remarks" following those to which I have given this reply.

I desire to endorse the hopes expressed in the preface to your new volume, and wish you increased repute and prosperity during the newly-commenced year. Though we may not agree on one point, we do on very many, and even if we did not, conflict of opinion may co-exist with friendship and regard as it does in our case.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Clapham, January 5th, 1880.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I had looked forward to Bro. Perceval's communication for some explanation of the extraordinary proceedings, and the still more startling letters, on "Uniformity of Ritual," and lo and behold I am in a greater, denser maze than ever. I am something like one of the good denizens of our "little

village" who have recently luxuriated in a thick fog. In my whole experience I have never perused so wonderful a (I wish to use a right word), well—rigmarole. I, therefore, leave the matter here, as we positively are in a "slough of despond," into which, if we are not careful, we shall all be precipitated, and from which we shall not be able to emerge. I hope that a majority of our good brethren will have their "wits" about them, and combine to put a stop to the most childish and ridiculous proceedings which have ever sought to agitate English Freemasonry.

I feel strongly that, after such an exhibition of hopeless fatuity, "silence is golden" indeed.

Yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was very sorry to notice in your issue of the 13th ult. a somewhat hasty and sweeping condemnation of the action of Grand Lodge in agreeing to Bro. Stevens's motion for the appointment of a committee to inquire into, and report upon, the vexed question of Masonic uniformity. My regrets are chiefly owing to the fact that I consider the great influence of the *Freemason* to be wasted in opposing so strongly such a very harmless proposal. We have only one Masonic journal worthy of the name, and it may well be that we shall need its earnest and unflinching support should the agitation for Masonic uniformity ever reach dangerous proportions. But the influence of your paper will weigh lightly in future, and, perhaps, more serious, discussions, if it is cast thus early into the scale as the uncompromising opponent of inquiry, as well as of what our friends are pleased to call "reform."

I was one of the many brethren present at last Quarterly Communication who voted with Bro. Stevens, but who would oppose as strenuously as yourself any attempt to impose a dull and leaden uniformity upon the ritual of our Order. I am not afraid of the committee; for, if it be so constituted as to command the confidence of the Craft, I am convinced that its report will recommend no interference with our present system. An inquiry, if properly conducted, as there is no reason to doubt that it will be, will probably dispose for ever of a large number of maggots at present troubling the brains of several distinguished, able, and worthy brethren, by demonstrating the absurdity of their wishes and of their fears.

I wish to speak with all fraternal, and, indeed, filial respect of Bro. Stevens, for whom I entertain feelings of high regard and esteem. It is only right and fitting that such relations should exist between us, for Bro. Stevens it was who, many years ago, initiated, passed, and raised me in the then established Degrees of Freemasonry. I fully recognise his great zeal and earnestness in everything relating to the well-being of our Order, and also the ability with which he supports his views and opinions. But, as the prime agitator in this present movement, he is heavily handicapped, and can hardly expect his efforts to be successful. For, unless I greatly err, Bro. Stevens is in this position: that he is labouring to effect his present purpose with another and a different object in view. His aim ten years ago was to establish, or to get established, a College of Preceptors, which should be the court of ultimate appeal in all matters relating to Masonic ritual, and the members of which should receive some Grand Lodge rank as the reward of their labours. Uniformity of ritual was one of the many advantages which would follow upon the establishment of such a college, but it was not the first or most important object sought. The great thing was to create some Degree of honour to be conferred upon worthy and distinguished brothers who might aspire to the dignity of Preceptors, and it was apparently thought that such worthy and distinguished brothers might profitably occupy their abundant leisure by tinkering with and altering our existing ritual. Put plainly, we were invited to act upon the good old plan of creating an office, and thereafter inventing some work for the officers.

If this be not an exact statement of Bro. Stevens's views and intentions, I can only say that he has done himself grave injustice in a little book which he has recently published, and which I recognise as a valuable contribution to contemporary Masonic literature. For, in the opening pages of the work in question, Bro. Stevens adopts as his "text" some remarks made in a morning paper, on the occasion of our Royal Grand Master's initiation in Freemasonry, wherein it is suggested as a thing greatly to be desired that some method could be hit upon of "keeping alive in the great body of Masonic Past Masters the zeal which has given them their rank."

Upon this text Bro. Stevens enlarges, *sub more*, as follows: "It has struck me that a very wide field for the exercise of the unused-up energies of well-informed Masons might be opened by the establishment of a lodge having for its members those only who are skilled in the working of Craft Masonry, who should be recognised throughout the Order as duly qualified authorities, and form in their collective capacity a Court or Lodge of Appeal, to which all questions of working and ritual should be referred."

Now I am perfectly willing that such a lodge or college should be established, and I should at once prefer my humble claim to membership of it, but I do greatly object to applying my own "unused-up energies," or those of other, more or less, "well-informed Masons," to such a task as the revision and reformation of our ritual would be. I acquired my knowledge of the Craft ceremonies in the same school, and indeed partly from the same Master, that Bro. Stevens did his, and it is not unnatural that we should both regard our own system as the best. But is that any reason why thousands of English Masons, who have been differently taught, should be compelled to adopt our style of working? And would we not feel justly indignant if we were forced to unlearn a great deal of what we

have carefully acquired, and zealously taught, in order to assimilate our knowledge and our teaching to those of rival professors? Away would go at once whatever chance we might possess of preceptorial distinction, and our "unused-up energies" would be vengefully employed in denouncing the "ungrammatical twaddlers" (the term is Pickwickian in a two-fold sense) who might be unfortunate enough to differ from us.

If a rigid uniformity of Masonic ritual were possible, which it is not, it would be an evil and not a benefit to Freemasonry. We would only stereotype our divergence from the working of other Masonic bodies; since even Bro. Stevens cannot hope to force the English system upon our brethren in Ireland, Scotland, the United States, and elsewhere throughout English-speaking communities. Far from endeavouring to prescribe one parrot-like form of words, with the rule *ne varietur*, upon our lodge Masters, we ought to encourage as far as possible, and within certain limits, a wholesome variety of working, so as to suit the tastes and abilities of all sorts and conditions of men. The analogy of a truly National Church worship holds good when applied to Masonic ritual. Within its pale there should be ample and sufficient room for High Church and Low Church, for Ritualist and Evangelical, for those who hold "broad" views, and for others whose habits of thought are of more sectarian nature. Surely Freemasonry ought not to wish itself to be "cribbed, cabined, and confined" within the narrow bounds of any artificial form which might recommend itself to a section of its members. It will be an evil day for Freemasonry when any such limitation obtains.

There can be no manner of doubt that the charges and exhortations commonly used in Craft ceremonies are no more a prescribed portion of Masonic ritual than the homilies of the Church are in the Church service. A Master may, and many do, deliver charges which are wholly original, precisely as a priest of the English Church gives a sermon of his own composition. Why should we seek to interfere with this salutary freedom? We want at least some better reason than merely that of finding employment for zealous Past Masters.

It will be seen that although I voted with Bro. Stevens in Grand Lodge, yet I am, in common with the vast majority of his supporters on that occasion, strongly opposed to him on the question of Masonic uniformity. But I am as earnestly in accord with him in all that he says regarding the lamentable absence of proficiency in too many brethren who aspire to and receive "the highest honour which the Craft can bestow upon any of its members." I have known some, and heard of many more, Masters who could not without prompting open or close their lodges in the First Degree. Others there are who attempt one or two of the ceremonies, and stumble through them in such style as to excite no feelings but those of contempt in the minds of the neophytes before them. I hardly know which is the greater pain, to see a Master quit his place and allow some Past Master to do his work, or to hear him stammering and blundering through the ceremonies, dragged painfully along by means of constant dictation from the lips of those whom it is his province to enlighten and instruct. With what kind of conscience such men can undertake the Mastership of a lodge, with the specified qualifications, I do not presume to say; but no one will deny that the evil exists or that it is one for which no cure can be devised. I trust that the attention of Bro. Stevens's committee will be especially devoted to this subject, and then some real and lasting benefit may result from its labours.

I think that the time has come when lodges of instruction should be less loosely organised and more carefully constituted than they are at present, and this should be done under the direct authority of Grand Lodge. Charters which may have fallen into disuse should be cancelled or withdrawn, and the mother lodges should be required to report at headquarters, at least once in every year, the position of, and the work done by, instruction lodges holding under their warrants. This would form a bond between the parent lodge and its off-shoot, which could not fail to further the cause of Masonic instruction, by creating much new interest in the well-being and prosperity of instruction lodges. Then the election (or more properly the selection) of every Master should be of non-effect until ratified by the approval of Grand Lodge through its Grand Secretary, and such ratification should only be granted upon the receipt from a recognised Preceptor in the Craft of a certificate given "upon his Masonic honour" that the brother elected to the office of Master is fully competent to confer the three established Degrees of Craft Masonry, and that he is acquainted with the regulations and Constitutions of the Order. Were such simple and necessary rules as these adopted by Grand Lodge it would matter exceedingly little whether lodges were worked according to "Emulation" or "Stability" rules; since the occupants of the Master's chair would in all cases be men possessed of knowledge enough to perform their duties satisfactorily, and such abuses as those of which we have heard so much would, if they really exist, very speedily disappear. It is surely little indeed to ask of a Master that he should be able to do a Master's work, and if he be unwilling or unable to acquire the necessary knowledge—no such terrible task—he is evidently unfit for the office to which he aspires, and ought to give place to better men than himself.

If Bro. Stevens can, with the help of his committee, bring about such a measure of reform as that which I have indicated here, he will deserve better of Freemasonry than if he were the author or compiler of fifty brand new rituals which no one wants, and he will inscribe his name in bold characters upon the noble roll of those who have been benefactors of our Craft in their day and generation.

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

THOS EDMONDSTON, Master 1669.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. C. J. Perceval's letter in last week's *Freemason*, and it fully bears out what I expected, and needs no comment from me save to advise Bro. Perceval—

1st. To buy a copy of Grand Lodge Constitutions, as he seems not only quite ignorant of what it contains, but actually innocent of even its existence.

2ndly. To learn he is not infallible, and should not venture to correct others or venture into print until he makes up the subject much better.

3rdly. Not to make wild charges against lodges, but to read the Constitutions and see that page 63, article 5, is obeyed.

I hope enough has now been said and written on this subject to show every member of Grand Lodge the folly of this movement, and that it is not from the want of laws or properly constituted authority, but from the neglect and wild assertions of such brethren as Bros. Stevens and Perceval, that the disturbance of the peace and harmony of our Order and of the last Grand Lodge has taken place.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Lower Leeson-street, Dublin.
5th January, 1880.

"To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If Bro. Stevens should manage to get his motion carried and confirmed, I would suggest as a means for carrying it out that each lodge should purchase a phonograph, and get Bro. Stevens, or some other Preceptor with stentorian lungs, to speak the ceremony into the machine; then it could be ground out, without any danger of deviating from the lines laid down. This will be far more effective than printing a ritual, and will save W.M.'s a great deal of trouble.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly answer the following question in your next issue?

A newly-initiated brother, shewing good cause why he cannot wait until the next monthly meeting to take a superior Degree, a dispensation is procured from the District Grand Master to enable the W.M. to confer the Degree at an interval of one week instead of four. The W.M. issues summonses on the 16th, informing the brethren that a lodge of emergency will be held on the 17th to pass this brother to a superior Degree. Is this sufficient notice to the members of the lodge, or are they entitled to seven days' notice as in the case of an emergency to ballot for and initiate a candidate? In the Constitutions, under the heading Private Lodges, sec. 9, par. 1 begins, "A lodge of emergency may at any time be called, &c." Is this supposed to mean that a day, or even an hour (as some think), is sufficient notice to the members?

Yours, fraternally, M. M. 711.
Lodge of Good Will, No. 711,
Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR MILITARY BRETHREN.

"To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Companion,—

Eleven duly registered Royal Arch Masons being anxious to form themselves into a chapter at this station, to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, a petition was duly prepared, recommended by that lodge, and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Superintendent Hants and Isle of Wight, who likewise recommended and submitted it to the Committee of General Purposes for consideration.

The petition being found regular in every respect, was favourably reported upon by the Committee, and placed upon the agenda paper for consideration at the last Quarterly Communication (November 1879), when in consequence of a communication received by the Grand Scribe E., on the morning of the meeting from the Provincial Grand Superintendent, based upon objections received by him from one or two civilian companions of the Panmure Chapter, 723, the warrant was not granted by Grand Chapter on that occasion, but its consideration deferred until the next communication (February, 1880).

About ten days since the P.G. Supt., his Deputy, and the P.G. Scribe E., attended at Aldershot to investigate the circumstances under which the military brethren had applied for a charter from the Grand Chapter, and the decision now given by the P.G.S. is that he will cancel his former recommendation for a new chapter, but that the bye-laws of the Panmure Chapter be altered as regards the yearly subscription, and the number of its meetings annually, to suit the military element. Under these circumstances I presume, unless Grand Chapter comes to our assistance, the prayer of the petitioners will not be granted.

This I and others here will regret very much, as the recommendation of an important lodge like the Aldershot Camp Lodge, wherein no less than 123 brethren, consisting of officers and N.C. officers of the army, have received the established Craft Degrees since November, 1870, is well worthy of the greatest consideration before its unanimous recommendation is ignored.

It is to be observed with regret that similar opposition was exhibited by members of the Panmure Lodge, 723, when the founders of the Aldershot Camp Lodge applied for their warrant in 1870, but, nevertheless, the success of the latter has been beyond expectation.

I would now beg to ask, in the event of the Grand

Chapter of England denying what is actually conceded to us at page 22 of the R.A. Constitutions, if there would be much difficulty experienced by the same R.A. Masons who signed the petition, now at Freemasons' Hall, in obtaining a charter for a Royal Arch Chapter from either the Scotch or Irish Constitutions, to be worked at Aldershot; and I shall feel much obliged to any companions of those Constitutions if they will inform me what is requisite to render a petition to either regular, and, with that view, I shall feel thankful if you will insert this letter in your next issue.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

1331.

Aldershot, Jan. 1st.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The New Year's entertainment to the annuitants resident in the buildings of this Institution at Croydon was given on Wednesday. The proceedings of the day commenced, as is usual, with a dinner, which all the annuitants, both male and female, whose state of health would admit of their leaving their homes, attended. The handsome Committee room as well as the entrance hall and adjoining rooms were elegantly decorated with seasonable mementoes and devices, and the visitors on their arrival, shortly before two o'clock in the afternoon, were received with a hearty welcome by Bro. Terry, the energetic Secretary of the Institution (to whose consideration these periodical entertainments owe their origin), Bro. Norris, the Warden, and Miss Norris, the Matron. The visitors included the ladies and brethren who take a special interest in the Benevolent Institution, and who are always to be found taking an active part in assisting to give the old people a few hours' enjoyment by contributions of many articles, both for consumption and entertainment, and by their efforts to afford amusement by music, singing, and dramatic performances.

Among these were Bro. E. Bowyer, Mrs. Bowyer, C. J. Perceval, Mrs. Perceval, Henry Perceval, C. G. Dille, Mrs. Dille, Mrs. Terry, J. W. Simmonds, John R. King, Chas. Daniel, J. Newton, Jno. G. Stevens, Mrs. Stevens, R. H. Giddy, District G.M. Griqualand; Thos. J. Barnes, W. H. Wallington, Henry Watts, Charles Lorkins, Thos. Cubitt, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Dr. H. J. Strong, Mrs. Strong, George F. Cook, W. H. Wain, C. Digby, J. J. Berry, Mrs. Berry, Miss Annie Massey, W. Robinson, Terry, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon to the Institution, presided, having Bro. Norris on his right, and Mrs. Terry on his left. Bro. James Terry took the vice chair, and the other brethren were fully occupied during the repast by seeing that the annuitants were constantly supplied. The table was loaded with all the good things of the season, and their excellence was attested to by the thorough enjoyment of them by the annuitants. When the dinner was finished two or three toasts were proposed, which gave some information to the brethren which will be highly interesting to the Craft in general.

Dr. Strong in proposing "The Health of Bro. Norris, the Warden," said that nothing gave all the visitors greater pleasure than to have the opportunity of again meeting one who had long been proclaimed as the oldest Mason in England, although some had tried to wrest the sceptre from him. Bro. Norris was now only fourteen days short of ninety years of age, and he entered Masonry at twenty-one. As Warden of the Institution his services were invaluable. The same might be said of Miss Norris, his daughter, who as Matron exercised the most motherly care over all the inmates when they were ill.

Bro. Norris replied, thanking the brethren on behalf of himself and fellow residents for contributing to their enjoyment. He also specially thanked the Committee and Bro. Terry for the attention, anxiety, and care which they evinced in favour of the Institution. Of the latter brother he did not think he should be overstating the case if he said he seemed hardly ever to sleep, but kept both his eyes always open to see what he could do for the Institution and not only provided for the creature comforts of its beneficiaries but for their mental enjoyment. He could not conclude without mentioning that the Supreme Council, Thirty-Third Degree, had made a princely gift of books to the Institution, which he thought was entirely owing to Bro. Terry's representations. But to the Supreme Council he begged to offer his best thanks for their munificent gift, which was only one of many that had from time to time come from the same quarter. Dr. Strong afterwards proposed "The Health of those Brethren and Ladies who made so many voluntary Gifts for the enjoyment of the Residents," and coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Edgar Bowyer and Mrs. Bowyer, to which Bro. Bowyer replied.

Bro. Terry informed the company that the brethren of Manchester, Blackburn, and Oldham had contributed £10 to the entertainment, and he had sent a telegram to Manchester thanking the brethren, and telling them that the old people were now enjoying themselves. At the present moment, however, an answer had not been received.

[Later in the evening the following telegram arrived from Bro. J. L. Hine, of Manchester:—"My kindest regards to the old folks at Croydon, wishing them a pleasant day, and a happy New Year."]

Dr. Strong called the brethren's attention to the fact that Col. Shadwell Clarke, who was present, was one of the Supreme Council, to which body the Institution was indebted for the gift of books.

Col. Shadwell Clarke, who was called on for a few words, said that when with much pleasure he visited the Institution six weeks ago, he saw that the bodily wants of the residents were well provided for, but he did not see such a library of books as he thought would be most acceptable to them. On returning to town he mentioned

the subject to the Supreme Council, and they deputed him to make a selection of works and present them. It was only a small gift, but the Council hoped it would be the means of inducing other brethren to make the library of this Institution worthy of the attention of the Craft. The selection he had made he thought would be considered a suitable one. It comprised the works of Dickens, Lever, Marryatt, Ainsworth, Lord Lytton, Jules Verne, &c., altogether 130 volumes, which he hoped would suffice to while away many a long hour.

Bro. Terry said that in addition to the thanks already expressed, a formal vote of the thanks of the Institution would be passed, which subject would be brought before the Committee next Wednesday. He begged to say, however, that the gift by the Supreme Council was spontaneous, and was not brought about by any exertions of his own. He hoped that similar gifts would be made by other brethren.

The annuitants then retired to their homes to tea, where they were visited by the ladies and brethren.

Presents were handed to them of tobacco, tea, and other material comforts, according to annual custom, to serve as a memento of the brethren's visit. At seven o'clock in the evening the whole party again assembled in the hall, which had in the meantime been fitted with a stage, and the clever popular entertainer, Mr. Basil Young, gave his "Garden Party in the Nineteenth Century," in which he introduced a long list of individuals, whose personal peculiarities he represented with a faithfulness that immediately recalled to memory originals which every one had seen. For two hours he kept the audience in a roar of laughter, with no other assistance than a pianoforte accompaniment by Mr. Alfred Pusey. The entertainment was divided into two parts, and in the interval between the two the residents and visitors were regaled with a liberal supply of refreshments.

Thanks were afterwards voted to Mr. Basil Young, and when Bro. Terry's health was drunk, he thanked all the brethren, including the Lancashire brethren, who had sent £10, for their voluntary gifts to provide the entertainment. He wished the Craft to be informed that these entertainments entailed no cost on the Institution. The subscriptions of the brethren were not encroached upon, as the expenses were defrayed by the voluntary donations of a few brethren who desired to lighten the declining days of the old people who were the annuitants of the Institution. He added that another entertainment would be given in a month's time by a member of the Middle Temple, under the title of "A Roman among the Romans."

The company shortly afterwards separated, the visitors greeting each of the annuitants individually and wishing them a "Happy New Year." On the journey to town Bro. Terry, for the information of those brethren who had not visited the Institution before, said that in these entertainments lay the great secret of the immense success the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had achieved of late years. The brethren by their visits took a personal interest in the welfare of the residents with whom they become acquainted, and looked upon them as part of a large family under their care.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The first meeting of brethren who have accepted the office of Steward was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Brethren present: Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Farnfield, Edgar Bowyer, H. A. Dubois, Poynter, Frank Green, Louis Hirsch, George Kenning, and other brethren. Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., was elected President, and Bro. Farnfield, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and the amount to be deposited by each Steward to Festival Fund was fixed at £2 2s.

The Musical Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Poynter, Dubois, Kenning, Green, and Louis Hirsch. The meeting was adjourned to Friday, February, 23rd, at 4 o'clock.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Twelfth Night entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took place at the School, St. John's-hill, on Thursday evening, but as the *Freemason* is published on Friday morning at eight o'clock, an account of the entertainment must be deferred till next week.

The Consecration of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday next, the 17th inst. The consecration and installation ceremonies will be performed by Bro. James Terry, assisted by Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Cottebrune, P.G.P. The officers designate are Bros. T. H. Meredith, W.M.; G. J. Dawson, S.W.; and A. Woods, J.W.

Bro. T. Brassey, M.P., and Mrs. Brassey leave England this day (Saturday) in the "Sunbeam" for their cruise in the Mediterranean.

Not only has the Prince of Wales promised to go down to Cornwall to lay the foundation stone of the new Cathedral at Truro, but the Lord Mayor of London will attend the ceremony in state—a graceful compliment on the part of Sir Francis Truscott towards his native city.—*Truth*.

The installation meeting of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, was held on Friday evening, when Bro. H. N. Bowman Spink was installed W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A ball in connection with the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, will be given at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Friday next, the 16th inst. Dancing to commence at nine o'clock.

Bro. James Willing, jun., P.M., P.Z., &c., the well-known newspaper and advertising contractor, has removed from 301, Strand, to more extensive premises, 353, Strand, close to the Lyceum Theatre.

The Supreme Council have, through Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary General, presented to the library of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, 130 volumes of works, by Dickens, Lever, Marryatt, Ainsworth, Lord Lytton, Jules Verne, and others.

Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) will, it is understood, shortly leave England on her return to Canada. Prior to her departure her Royal Highness will probably visit Prince and Princess Christian.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh have consented to become patrons of the French Hospital (open to all nations) in Leicester-square.

The annual installation meetings of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool; the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool; the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, at the Masonic Rooms, Birkenhead; and of the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, at Derby Hall, Tuebrook, near Liverpool, were held during the past week.

The consecration of the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848, will take place at Middlesborough on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire has kindly consented to preside at the Eighty-second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

A Testimonial is, we understand, being organized to Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, in recognition of the honourable services that they have done to the English stage during the 14 years that have elapsed since Miss Marie Wilton opened the Prince of Wales's Theatre in Tottenham-court-road.

Bro. Alderman Hadley, who has been some little time past in Germany was present in the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday last.

Bro. Alderman Hadley will preside at the anniversary dinner of the Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Provident Fund at the Criterion on Wednesday, the 28th inst.

Daily telegrams and weekly letters from London have in three separate instances just been arranged for by Vienna journals, in which city English correspondence has heretofore not been made use of by the newspapers.

The Rowland Hill Memorial subscription in Manchester having only reached about £500, a meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, at which it was resolved to close the subscription at the end of the month.

It is announced that *Sketch* will appear weekly under the editorship of Mr. Reginald Shirley Brooks, son of the late editor of *Punch*.

The Bishop of Manchester's marriage to Miss Duncan, of Bath, is to take place in London on the 15th inst. The ceremony will, it is said, be performed by Dean Stanley.

The Albert Institute, which has just been erected at Windsor as a memorial of the late Prince Consort, will be opened this (Saturday) afternoon by the Prince of Wales, who will probably be assisted by other members of the Royal Family. A new cantata, composed by Sir J. G. Elvey for the occasion, will be sung.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 16, 1880.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.

Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12.

Quar. Gen. Court Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
Red Cross Con. 2, Plantaganet, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Neptune, Warrior Hot., Brixton, at 7.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-st., Dalston, 7.30.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.

Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd., Deptford, 7.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tav.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq. W.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant, at 7.30.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Three Bucks, 66, Gresham-st., 7 to 9.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
St. Marylebone, British Stories Tav., St. John's Wd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, S.L. M.H., Belvedere-rd., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., Wapping.
" 1677, Crusaders, New Market. Hot., West Smfld.
" 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-st.
" 1718, Centurian, The Imperial, Holborn Viaduct.
" 1805, Bromley St. Leonard's, 148, Bow-rd. E.
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot.
K.T. Precep. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

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Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
Urban,
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Ho., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, Kings' Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.

Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
" 1139, South Norwood, Singapore Public Hall.
" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-pk.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1623, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., Smithfield.
" 1718, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot.
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot.
" 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.
" 1216, Macdonald, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
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.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart, Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms.
" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
" 1704, Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
Mark 176, Era, Bridge House Hot.
K.T. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
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., at 6.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. Georges Globe, Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Wandsworth Star and Garter, Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 12.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, M.H., Liverpool.
" 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bldgs, Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
Walton Conclave Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.

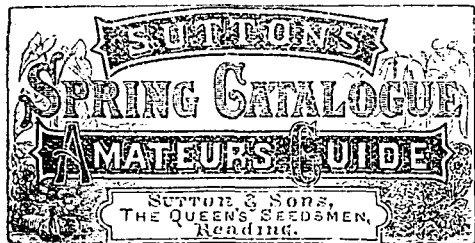
Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1229, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
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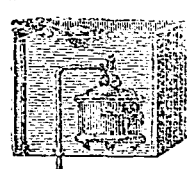
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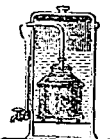
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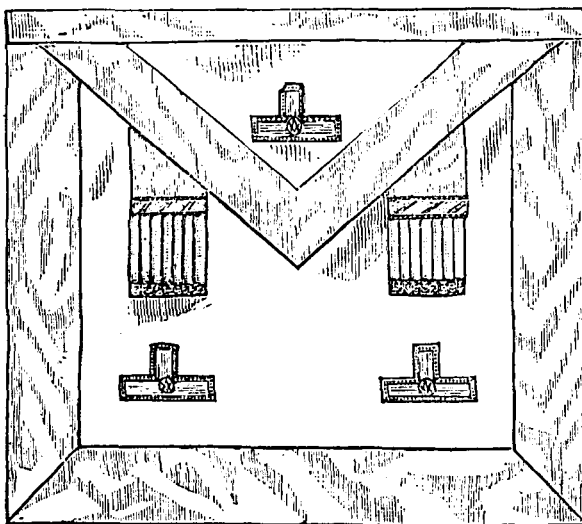
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