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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—This lodge mustered in strength at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 6th inst. There were present among others Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; Reeves, I.P.M.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Webb, S.D.; Marsden, J.D.; Stokes, D.C., acting I.G.; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; W. Mann, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Parsons, P.M., P.Z., &c. "Belgrave;" Hardy, "Oak;" Eaton, "Skelmersdale." The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a Mr. Munn was balloted for as an initiate, and being in attendance was duly inducted into the Order. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. Kohler, W. Mann, P.M., and Longstaffe. The members appointed to audit the accounts on the 20th inst. were Bros. Hamland, Bolton, and Town. The resignation of Bro. Robinson, I.G., was received with regret. Bro. W. Mann, P.M., having kindly consented to act as Steward to the forthcoming festival of the R.M.B.I., the sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to head his list. Previously to the lodge being closed, a proposition for initiation at the next meeting was handed in, and a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by the caterer, Bro. Robertson, and assistants. The customary preliminary toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the W.M." was flatteringly proposed by the I.P.M., and duly acknowledged. "The Initiate" was toasted, and Bro. Munn, in response, made a brief reply. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and, in reply, Bros. Parsons, Hardy, and Eaton expressed the great gratification their visit to the Kennington Lodge had afforded them. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. took the opportunity of thanking all the members of that important body for the kindness and support they had rendered him during his year of office, and which consideration he hoped they would also be pleased to extend to his successor. All the Past Masters present having replied, the toast of "The W.M. Elect" was warmly proposed, and having been heartily received, Bro. Kohler made a modest reply. The remaining toasts, viz., "The Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's, brought the proceedings to a conclusion. The toasts were interspersed by some good vocalisation, in which Bros. Everett, Hardy, Town, Webb, Stokes, Cockburn and others particularly distinguished themselves.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 10th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was very numerously attended. Bro. George W. Blackie, W.M., presided, and he was supported by the following officers: Bros. Catchpole, S.W.; Hamer, J.W.; Simpson, Chaplain; Headon, Treasurer; C. Taylor, S.D.; Kibble, J.D.; Baber, D.C.; Keeble, I.G.; Freeman, I.P.M.; and Jenkins, Organist. There were also present the following visitors: Bros. Chas. Fountain, W.M. 1216; R. A. Wright, P.M. 504, P.P.G.S.D. Hertford; E. W. Davis, P.M. and Treas. 95; G. W. Saul, P.M. 120; Chas. Benson, P.M. and W.M. 1613; Jos. R. Green, 228; F. A. Warner, 657; H. Tiddeman, 813; A. Leon, 780; P. W. Harris, 177; Thos. Lee, 862; Medwin, J.D. 1613; Bissett, J.D. 1851; Paddle, 1201; Harper, S.D. 1216; Jas. T. Jago, 1259; Arthur Triggs, Sec. 1385; Ion Eastgate, 1563; W. H. Kirby, 1641; J. Bergmann, S.W. 1671; W. T. Buck, S.D. 1702; Albert Alford, P.J.G.W., 14; R. Barham, S.D. 144; Henry Burgess, 943; Sintly, 943; G. M. Felton, W.M. 1056; and W. E. Pearce, 1670. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, it was afterwards opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Postans was questioned as to his progress in Freemasonry, and his answers proving

satisfactory, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and he was in due form raised to the superior Degree of M.M. The next business was to pass Bro. Wood to the Second Degree, and this ceremony the W.M. performed with his usual ability. The summons contained the nomination of three gentlemen for initiation in this lodge, but, in consequence of illness, one only came forward, who was Mr. William Murdoch, and a ballot for his admission being unanimous, he was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Some communications having been received, Bro. N. B. Headon, the Treasurer, gave notice that at the next lodge he should move that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who had intimated his intention of serving as Steward at the next festival of the Girls' School. The lodge was then closed, and the members and visitors retired for refreshment, and, on the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M., in proposing the first toast of "The Queen and the Craft," remarked that no great calamity ever happened but her Majesty was always ready to come forward to help those who were unable to help themselves, and many of their Charities had her patronage and support. The toast was heartily responded to, followed by the National Anthem. The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour to propose was "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," a toast which was always well received by Freemasons. His Royal Highness at all times took a great interest in matters connected with Freemasonry, and he thought that they were highly honoured in having his Royal Highness to preside over them, and as long as he retained that position he (the W.M.) was sure that their Order would continue to prosper. The toast, as usual, was very cordially received. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." As to the Pro Grand Master, the brethren were aware how kindly he carried on the business of the Grand Lodge in the absence of the Grand Master—it was really a pleasure to all to find how well it was carried on, and no one could have failed to notice the nice way in which it was conducted. As to the other Grand Officers, he considered that they were the right men in the right place, for they were men who had given their time and attention to the interests of Freemasonry. They had one of them present that night, Bro. Simpson, their Chaplain, and he should associate his name with the toast. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, in responding to the toast, said that it was well known that Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale were not only good Masons, but were as good working Masons as the most humble member of the Grand Lodge, and he was quite sure that those two noble lords would feel it to be no small honour to them could they see in that assembly how their healths had been drunk, with such Masonic zeal. He must say that in that lodge he (Bro. Simpson) felt quite at home, although he was called upon to return thanks for a body which stood much higher, at the same time he knew that the honour fell upon him for no merit of his own; it reminded him of the answer given by a school boy to his mother when she inquired of him how it was that he had obtained a prize at school. The answer the boy gave was that he was the only boy in the class, and that he was at the head of it, and that was how he got the prize. (Laughter.) He, however, thanked them for giving him the honour of returning thanks for this toast, and if there had been any other member of the Grand Lodge present at the working of the lodge, which had been from a quarter to three until past six o'clock, he felt sure he would have been highly gratified in seeing how the work had been done. The lodge had now been in existence for seven years, and had just served its apprenticeship, and he asserted that in that lodge the true principles of Freemasonry and all its details were fully carried out. As an old Freemason he might say the work was done well, but a great deal depended upon the manner in which the officers assisted the W. Master in filling up the corners and crevices of the working; they afforded a forcible illustration of the old saying that "if a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well." He wished particularly to refer to the Deacons, whose good working reflected great credit upon the lodge. As the Great City Lodge had completed its apprenticeship, he hoped that something would be done that should mark that event and would be worthy of it, and that they would find that to be the case on no very distant occasion. He wished the W. Master, as he wished the brethren, a happy New Year, and that the reign of the W. Master, like that of his predecessors in the chair, might be prosperous and happy. Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., said the brethren would all know why he had risen, and he could assure them that he did so with great pleasure, on the first meeting night of the New Year, to propose "The Health of their W. Master." He was sure that every one had observed the working in the chair that evening with very great pleasure. They had seen the working in the lodge from time to time by members of the Craft in good style, but from what they had seen of it that evening he felt sure that it would not depreciate in the hands of the W. Master in the chair, or on the part of the officers by whom he was supported. That was something to be proud of, and also something was due to the brethren, for he had heard that night from some of the visitors that they had never seen the members of a lodge so orderly as they had witnessed in the Great City Lodge. He had himself been in other lodges where such had not been the case, and he thought their visitors would be impressed with the fact that if such order could be maintained in this lodge there was no reason why other lodges could not do the same. He proposed "The Health of the W. Master," and gave him a hearty greeting on his entrance into the new year. The W. Master said he thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received

the toast, and he could but repeat what he had said before, that he was proud to see the high estimation in which he was held by them. Since he had been installed into the chair he had discharged the duties of it to the best of his ability. His aim was to arrive at the acme of perfection, and he felt that he was far short of that, but, at any rate, he had done his best, and from the way in which they had associated his name with this toast he felt that he had been well repaid for anything he had done by the honour that had been conferred upon him. When the time should come for him to instal his successor, which he hoped to do in the future, he trusted he should be able to deliver up the lodge to him with all the prestige with which he received it. There were claims upon their Charities, and when it was intimated that they wished to send him up as Steward, he expressed his happiness to go as the Steward of that lodge, and he hoped the brethren would rally round him upon that occasion. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was considered to be the toast of the evening, as it was "The Health of their Brother Initiate." He had been proposed by a very worthy member of the lodge, which was a sufficient guarantee of his quality. It was necessary that they should have fresh blood infused into their Order from time to time, for without it their privileges would soon become extinct. He had that night laid the first stone in their symbolic building, and he hoped that the ceremony he had passed through had been impressed upon his mind, as he (the W.M.) had done his best to render it so. He hoped that he would never regret the step he had taken, and ever remember his birthday in Freemasonry. He advised him to practise secrecy and fidelity, so that he might guard against cowans who might seek to approach him. Bro. Murdoch briefly returned thanks, expressing a hope that he might become a good and faithful Mason. The W.M. called for bumpers for the next toast, and said it was one that he had the greatest amount of pleasure in proposing, as it was "The Health of their Brother Visitors." From the time of the consecration of the lodge they had always been favoured with a numerous array of visitors, and he was proud to see those that were present on that occasion, and gave them a hearty welcome. They were somewhat erratic as to their banquets, but they did what they could afford, and they must be content to take it as they found it. Several of the visitors returned thanks, the W.M. of the Cripple-gate Lodge stating that he preferred to do his work in the presence of visitors, for to go through the ceremonies without their presence was like actors playing in a theatre without an audience, and the presence of visitors kept Masters up to their work, and the officers did their duty in the most efficient manner. The next toast was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," for which they severally returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of Bro. Simpson, the Chaplain of the Lodge," trusting that as he was present at the consecration of the lodge he might long remain amongst them, and that the services he had rendered in the past would be continued in the future. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson said: Worshipful Master and brethren, I shall not detain you long, as I shall thereby best show my gratitude for the high and exceptional honour which has been conferred upon me. I said a short time ago that I felt at home in this lodge, but then I did not expect the especial honour that has now been conferred upon me. Worshipful Master, I wish you a happy New Year, and I think that the best way in which we can carry out that wish, after my experience of thirty years, is, that you will be blessed with health, and be enabled to carry out the noble and Godlike principles of our Order. In carrying those principles into practice we shall be able to spend truly a happy New Year, and when it shall please the Great Architect of the Universe to call us from this sublunary sphere to the Grand Lodge above, may we meet our Maker as really true and good Masons, with a clear conscience that bright light which is ever burning, where the faithful will be received, and should we not be spared to see the dawn of 1881, at any rate we shall be better prepared by the practice of Masonic virtues during the ensuing year for the Great Lodge above from whence all goodness emanates. The W.M. next gave in very flattering terms, "The Health of Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Moody, P.M. and Secretary." Bro. Headon, in replying, said: Worshipful Master, brother Wardens, and brethren—Allow me first to thank you on behalf of the Secretary, who, as you have heard, is too indisposed to be with us this evening, but who will I am sure be very gratified to know he has been so kindly thought of in his absence. And now for the Treasurer. I can assure you it is very difficult for me to find fresh words to express my thanks for the very kind way in which this toast is always mentioned and received. However, there are a few lines in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," which will well express my sentiments, and which I think I cannot do better than quote on this occasion:—

"I can no other answer make but thanks,  
And thanks! and ever oft good turns  
Are shuffled off with such uncurrent pay;  
But, were my worth, as is my conscience, firm,  
You should find better dealing."

Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in the true spirit of Freemasonry.

**WEST COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).**—The annual meeting and installation of W.M. took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., when the retiring Master, Bro. Barfield, installed his successor, Bro. A. Penton, S.W. of the lodge during the past year. Bro. Barfield was afterwards voted a Past Master's jewel for his services during the year. The new officers were appointed as follows: Bros. Mursell, S.W.; H. H. Wheeler, J.W.; Dr. Patch, S.D.; Benzie, J.D.; Robertson, I.G.; Poland, D.C.; Giles, Sec.; J. G. Wheeler, Treas.; Rev. W. Barker, Chap.; and P. G. Munt, Tyler.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 1st inst., when the following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. P. Braham, W.M.; F. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; J. Rubic, acting S.W.; W. Hunt, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; C. W. Radway, Sec.; J. W. Murlis, acting S.D.; E. J. B. Mercer, J.D.; T. Wilton, D.C.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; T. Ames, acting I.G.; W. Peach, Steward; Capt. Peel Floyd, P.M.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M.; F. J. Brown, P.M.; J. Clark, P.M.; J. Chivers, F. Willis, H. Leaker, and T. E. Wilton. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Dutton, P.M. 53; W. H. Dill, P.M. 906; Warner, 1348; and Clements, 605. The lodge was opened at 7.45 in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, S.W., and R. R. Cater, S.D. The ballot was taken for Mr. John Gauler Wilton, which was successful, and the candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Investiture of apron by the S.W. Bro. Mercer gave the working tools, and Bro. Moutrie the charge. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and, on the ballot being taken, Bro. Dr. Hopkins, S.W., was unanimously elected, and the brethren regretted his unavoidable absence. Bro. Ashley was again re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bigwood, Tyler. Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M., gave notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be granted to Bro. Dr. Hopkins for services rendered to the lodge. The lodge was closed at ten o'clock p.m., in perfect harmony and solemn prayer.

**YORK.**—York Lodge (No. 236).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist by dining together at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Gainforth, presided, and was supported by Bros. J. P. Bell, P.G.D. Eng., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; A. Buckle, I.P.M. 236; I. Hanly, I.P.M. 295 (I.C.); T. J. Wilkinson, I.P.M. 1416; T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R.; M. Rooke, S.W.; J. S. Bymer, J.W.; G. Kirby, Sec.; and about twenty other officers and brethren. An excellent dinner was served up by Bro. J. Toes, to which ample justice was done. In replying to the toast of "The Grand Lodge of England," the D.P.G.M. took a retrospect of Masonry as it existed in York a century ago, when three lodges were in existence, the Apollo, the Grand Lodge of All England, and the Union Lodge (now the York Lodge), and related many interesting particulars respecting their working. He then touched upon the motion of Bro. Stevens in Grand Lodge, and expressed an opinion that it was calculated to do good, and that a revision of the ritual in many quarters was desirable. In replying to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge of N. and E. Yorkshire," Bro. Bell spoke of the progress of Masonry in the district, and hoped that he should meet many of the brethren at Middlesborough on the 21st inst., when the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848, would be consecrated. Bro. J. Hanly (4th Dragoon Guards) responded in a neat speech to "The Army and Navy," alluding to the hospitality which he had experienced from the Masons of York. "The Masonic Charities" were proposed by the Treasurer, Bro. J. Todd, P.M., who alluded to the coming Benevolent festival, when the Earl of Zetland would preside, and expressed a hope that the province would be well represented. Bro. T. B. Whythead proposed "The Visitors," and spoke of the hospitality of the lodges in York a century ago, as proved by the numbers of visitors recorded in their minute books. He also said that he was thoroughly with Bro. Stevens in wishing to see a suppression of certain foolish excrescences which had grown upon the orthodox ritual in certain lodges, and he thought Bro. Stevens had adopted the most straightforward and common-sense plan of going to the fountain head in the first instance, and claiming the aid of the Grand Lodge in the matter. The toast list was soon afterwards concluded, when the brethren were regaled with songs, &c., by Bros. G. Kirby, J. Todd, T. G. Hodgson, and others. During the progress of the banquet the silver loving cup of the lodge was handed round, and "Prosperity to the York Lodge, 236," was drunk by the assembled brethren.

**BLACKBURN.**—Lodge of Fidelity (No. 269).—A special meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the White Bull Hotel, Church-street. There were present Bros. Edward Brooks, W.M.; Samuel Lawton Buckley, S.W., and W.M. elect; James Heap, J.W.; John Troop, Treas.; Thomas Parkinson, Sec.; Wm. Fletcher, S.D.; Joseph Pollard, J.D.; W. H. Cunliffe, D.C.; Nathaniel Jones, I.G.; John Tomlinson, Steward; John Shaw, Org.; Wm. Croft, Tyler; James Bertwistle, John W. Walsh, Allen Blenkhorn, Samuel Haworth, 345; William Pinder, 345; Thos. Ainsworth, 346; James Pye, 345; Franklin Thomas, 345; William F. Townley, Jas. Aspinall, 345; and R. W. Catterall, Past Masters; J. D. Readett, Thos. Preston, William Blenkhorn, T. B. Parker, W. Livesey, Arthur Longworth, William Woodhouse, J. N. Withers, Thos. Bradshaw, H. Croasdale, Richard Bradshaw, Thomas Walley, Nicholas Gillett, Miles Aspinall, and David Schofield. Visitors: Bros. Peter Bradburn, 221; J. T. Hall, J.W. 1519; G. C. Hargreaves, S.W. 369; A. Briggs, J.W. 369; F. H. Vernon, 375; P. H. Walsh, 78; S. Goldstone, S.W. 345; R. C. Pilling, H. Platts, S.D. 345; John Leaver, S.W. 346; W. Lamb, J.W. 346; and R. H. Catterall. The W.M. was then installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. T. Mercer, P.M. Bro. John Troop, P.M., invested the following officers with their jewels, and Bro. W. H. Cunliffe, P.M., D.C., &c., gave the closing address in a very able manner:—Bros. James Heap, S.W.; W. Fletcher, J.W.; W. Woodhouse, Treas.; Thos. Parkinson, Sec.; John Troop, P.M., Almoner; Joseph Pollard, S.D.; Nath. Jones, J.D.; Thos. Preston, S.S.; H. Croasdale, J.S.; J. Tomlinson, I.G.; W. Croft, Tyler; and Nicholas Gillett, Asst. Tyler. An Orpheus

glee party, consisting of Bros. Thompson, Tomlinson, Cunliffe, Mercer, and Parkinson, enhanced very much the pleasantness of the evening by rendering some well selected glees.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 1st inst. There were present Bros. J. R. Lever, W.M.; D. Donbavand, I.P.M.; M. Vickers, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; J. Church, Sec.; J. Smethurst, P.M. Treas.; J. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; Cunliffe, Org.; J. Wilson, acting I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. E.L.; J. W. Edwards, G. D. Wenham, Gooden, Higginbottom, P. Holmes, and R. R. Lisenden, (Freemason). The lodge was opened with prayer and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. G. D. Wenham, and Gooden being willing to take the Second Degree, were interrogated and afterwards withdrew. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bros. Wenham and Gooden were severally passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft by the W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was lowered to the First Degree. Bro. J. Dawson proposed and Bro. Mark Vickers seconded, that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. R. Lever, for his untiring efforts in promoting the welfare of the lodge during the past year. The motion was carried unanimously. The balance sheet was put into the hands of each brother and gave universal satisfaction, showing a great improvement in the state of the lodge funds as compared with the one issued twelve months since, and the merit for the improvement undoubtedly is due to the W.M., Bro. Lever, who has been untiring in his efforts to produce the present satisfactory result. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 12.15.

**GAINSBOROUGH.**—Yarborough Lodge (No. 422).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. J. Laughton, W.M.; D. Swanston, S.W.; J. R. Elliott, J.W.; Kirk, P.M., Treas.; Liversidge, Sec.; Wheelton, S.D.; Nutt (pro tem.), J.D.; Purvis, I.G.; Baines and Wright, Stwds.; Box, Tyler; Moxon, P.M.; Burwell, P.M.; Howlett, P.M.; Housham, P.M.; Goodman, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Farmer, I.P.M.; Forrest, Beaumont, Wright, Willows, Travis, Dixon, Hewitt, and Lindley. Visitors: Robbs, P.M. 1282; and Wray, 1482. The lodge was opened at 3.45 in the First Degree. The minutes of the last regular lodge and lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. elect, Bro. Swanston, was duly presented by Bro. Moxon, P.M.; the ancient charges being read by the Secretary. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the Board of Installed Masters declared open, and Bro. Swanston duly placed in the chair of K.S., by Bros. Goodman, P.M., and Moxon, P.M. The brethren being admitted, the W.M. was saluted in the east, west, and south. He then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Rev. J. R. Elliott, S.W.; Liversidge, J.W.; Kirk, P.M., Treas.; Wheelton, Sec.; Johnson, S.D.; Hewitt, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; Robinson, Org.; Moxon, P.M., D.C.; Baines and Beaumont, Stewards; and Box, Tyler. After some business of minor importance, and the usual proclamations, the lodge was closed generally. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Oldham's, White Hart Hotel, who had provided a splendid banquet, served in first-rate style. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, that of "The W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge" being very highly honoured, the proceedings of the evening being enlivened by some good singing by Bros. Wright, Greer, Howlett, and Laughton, the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**NEWBURY.**—Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (No. 574).—The installation of Bro. Stephen Knight as W.M. of the above lodge took place on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., at the Temperance Hotel. After the ceremony, which was performed by Bro. G. M. Knight, P.M., the newly-installed W.M. appointed and installed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Dr. F. H. Lyon, S.W.; Walter Wilson, J.W.; W. J. Westrope, Treas.; F. H. Marychurch, Sec.; W. T. Toms, S.D.; E. P. Plenty, jun., J.D.; G. J. Cosborn, D.C.; P. Glover, Org.; Coldicutt, I.G.; W. Balding, S.S.; E. Jones, J.S.; and H. Dodd, Tyler. The Immediate Past Master (Bro. S. G. Hunt) was then addressed by Bro. W. Knight, who, in the name of the brethren, presented Bro. Hunt with a handsome gold and enamelled Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. S. G. Hunt, P.M., by the officers and brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, in recognition of his services to the lodge, and for his hearty support of the Masonic Charities." Bro. Hunt suitably acknowledged the presentation, and the lodge was closed in due form. In the evening the installation banquet was served by Bro. Hamlen in first-class style at the Queen's Hotel. The room had been suitably decorated by Bro. Boyer with a number of Masonic designs. The tables were adorned with choice plants and flowers. The W.M. (Bro. Stephen Knight) presided, and the company included Bros. James B. Stone (Mayor), T. J. Pulley, P.M. (Prov. Grand Secretary of the Berks and Oxon Province of Mark Masons); Barron Fielder, P.M., P.G.S.W.; Hopwood, P.M.; Handel, P.M.; Brindley, Burns, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Bance, P.P.G.J.D.; Ravenor, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Knight, P.M.; Hunt, I.P.M.; W. Wilson, W. J. Westrope, F. H. Marychurch, W. T. Toms, E. P. Plenty, G. J. Cosburn, W. Coldicutt, W. Balding, E. Jones, W. H. Belcher, W. Knight, Tegg, O'Farrell, W. Graham, Mees, Hamlen, Dodd, and others. The W.M. announced that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from several distinguished Masons, including Lord Carnarvon, Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., and Archdeacon Cust. The toasts which usually

take precedence at Masonic festivals were suitably proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured, Bro. B. Fielder, P.M., P.G.S.W., responding on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." The I.P.M., Bro. S. G. Hunt, proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed Worshipful Master," as a real good, true, and trusted Mason. Bro. S. Knight was, he said, a Mason who knew his duties thoroughly, and would perform them with efficiency. The W.M. returned thanks in an able speech, assuring the brethren that during the coming year, as in the past, he would do his utmost to promote the interests of the Lodge of Hope, and of Masonry generally. "The Health of the I.P.M." was then drunk, and Bro. Hunt responded. Bro. Bance, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," for whom the Mayor, and Bros. Pulley, Hopwood, Handel, and Brindley returned thanks. Bro. W. Knight gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and the W.M. replied. To the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. Burns responded. The remaining toasts included "The Installing Master, Bro. G. M. Knight," "The Officers of the Lodge," the Tyler's toast, &c.

**NEW MILLS.**—Peveril of the Peak Lodge (No. 654).—The festival of St. John the Evangelist and installation meeting took place on the 18th ult., at the Crown Hotel. There were present Bros. J. H. Jackson, P.G.S.B., W.M.; Jas. Whitehead, S.W. (W.M. elect); John W. Wyatt, J.W.; Jos. Johnson, Sec.; Geo. Walker, S.D.; John Hawthorn, J.D.; John Taylor, Org.; John Pollitt, I.G.; Thomas Hibbert, Tyler; C. Slack, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. Barber, P.M.; S. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S. Whitehead, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Barrowby, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.P.; P. Bramwell, P.M.; Saml. Hall, John Fielding, Joseph Wyatt, S. Fairall, G. Middleton, Jos. Lingard, Jos. Walton, Wm. Broadhurst, Joseph Platt, Wm. Pott, John E. Bennett, W. Chatterton, John T. Wyatt, Jas. Turner, Jos. Barber, Jas. Downs, B. Arnfield, Thos. O. Arnfield, T. E. Jones, and John Blower. Visitors: Bros. E. C. Milligan, P.M. 1235, P.P.J.G.D.; P. L. Gros, W.M. 1235; Wm. Boughe, S.W. 1235; J. Bettle, P.M. 884; D. A. Davis, W.M. 625, J.W. 1798; T. Wyatt, 336; Jos. Walker, J. B. Boycott, 1235; Rev. R. Ricketts, Cunningham, and J. Hallam, 625. The lodge was opened at six o'clock p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which the W.M. elect was presented, and the usual preliminaries having been gone through, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. J. H. Jackson, who also invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Wm. Wyatt, S.W.; Geo. Walker, J.W.; John Fielding, Treas.; John Pollitt, Sec.; John Hawthorn, S.D.; T. E. Jones, J.D.; John Taylor, Org.; Jos. Johnson, I.G.; and Jos. Hibbert, Tyler. The Installing Master then addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and concluded the ceremony with solemn prayer. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Saxton, and the style in which it was served, the quality of the viands, and general completeness, reflected the greatest credit upon him, and would fairly have vied with the accommodation offered at any large town. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, and will long be looked back upon with delight by those who were fortunate enough to be present. The brethren separated about eleven o'clock.

**FOWEY.**—Fowey Lodge (No. 977).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms on Monday, the 5th inst. The only business was the installation of Bro. Christopher Slade, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, consisting of Bros. Rev. Dr. Treffry, P.P.G.C.; W. Tonkin, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; F. B. Williams, P.G.S.B.; A. P. Davis, W.M.; W. N. Abbott, P.M.; J. Stevens, N. H. Lamb, P.M.; and Rundle, W.M. 1151, Bro. Slade was duly obligated, and inducted into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Tonkin with his customary ability. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. P. Davis, I.P.M.; A. Luke, S.W.; T. Walton, J.W.; Rev. R. Harper, Chap.; H. W. Durant, Treas.; W. Tonkin, Sec.; T. Richards, S.D.; G. Varco, J.D.; W. Phillips, I.G.; T. Beale, Tyler; Mark Terrill and J. W. Davies, Stewards; and C. K. Stevens, D.C. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Treffry, P.P.G.C., in feeling terms, thanked the brethren for their kind letter of condolence and sympathy sent to him on the occasion of the late fatal accident at Par, which deprived him of his grandson, the heir presumptive to the Treffry estates. On the motion of the reverend brother, a grant of £5 was made to a brother in distress. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, held at the Commercial Hotel, at which about forty sat down, including Bros. C. Slade, W.M.; the Rev. Dr. Treffry, Rev. R. Harper, Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R., and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; J. Rundle, W.M. 1151; Col. Bake, Mayor of Bodmin, and others. A good old English repast was provided by mine host, T. Richards, and ample justice was done to the viands. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. resigned the gavel into the hands of Bro. Emra Holmes, who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Dr. Treffry proposed "The Newly-Installed W.M.," and complained that Bro. Emra Holmes had proposed the toasts so briefly, and had not given them a dissertation on Masonry, as he had expected. He said that brother had presented him with a copy of Bro. Kenning's "Cyclopaedia of Masonry," and he had been greatly interested with what he had read therein. The doctor then proceeded at length to expatiate on the old mysteries and their connection with Freemasonry, the Temple Legend and Dionysian architects, and concluded, an eloquent speech by hoping

that the W.M. would treat them during the year with some information respecting the Craft. Bro. Holmes, in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master," Bro. Tonkin, whose excellent working he was glad to bear witness to, said he so far accepted the doctor's challenge as to urge the brethren to read and study for themselves if they wished to know anything of Freemasonry. He dwelt upon the interesting character of Masonic traditions, and mentioned an interesting article in this month's "Masonic Magazine," by his learned friend W. J. Hughan, giving an account of the Melrose MS. of the year 1581, containing references to the same traditions which we were taught to believe in to-day. Many of these traditions had been impugned of late years, and it was interesting to find that 300 years ago the Masons believed in St. Alban, and his connection with Masonry. The speaker alluded to the noble effort now being made to restore the west front of St. Alban's Abbey by the Freemasons, and stated that the Royal Princes were all interested he believed in the undertaking. He remarked on the pleasant news that their Grand Master the Prince of Wales had promised to come to Truro to lay the foundation stone of their new cathedral, and he trusted he (the speaker) might be pardoned if he expressed a hope that the Masons of Cornwall as a body would interest themselves by erecting some portion of the new edifice. Bro. Holmes urged the brethren, in conclusion, if they wished to know anything of the progress of Masonry, and the history and traditions of the Craft, to read such papers as the *Freemason* and "Masonic Magazine," so that they might learn something of the science. Bro. Tonkin modestly replied to the toast of "The Installing Master." Colonel Bake responded for "The Visitors," and the other toasts having been suitably acknowledged, the Tyler's toast closed the official list, and the company separated. The room was too small for the banquet, and was much crowded, and it is hoped that on the occasion of the next annual meeting better accommodation may be found.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1050).**—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting for the installation of Worshipful Master, and celebration of St. John the Evangelist, on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Rooms in the Athenæum, St. Leonardgate, in this town. The brethren assembled at five o'clock, and the lodge was opened with the usual formalities by Bro. Helme, W.M., who subsequently vacated the chair, and it was occupied by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., the Installing Officer, and by whom Bro. George Taylor, the W.M. elect, was duly installed, the ceremony being gone through most efficiently and impressively. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then chose and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. N. W. Helme, I.P.M.; James Aldous, S.W.; James Vince, J.W.; J. E. Hannah, Treas.; H. Longman, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, Sec.; Rev. W. T. Newbold, Chap.; H. P. Robinson, S.D.; J. Cutts, J.D.; H. W. Kershaw, I.G.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. The officers were installed in their several chairs by Bro. Moore, the charge to the Wardens being delivered by Bro. Longman, and that to the brethren by Bro. John Hatch, P.M. 281. The remaining business having been transacted, the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft, and the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where the installation banquet had been prepared. The provision made for the brethren was excellent and well served. The newly-installed Master—Bro. Taylor—presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. N. W. Helme, I.P.M.; Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E.; E. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Longman, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; John Hatch, P.M.; A. Sheriff, P.M.; T. Atkinson, P.M.; J. Fenton, P.M.; W. T. Newbold, Chap.; and others. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. "The Health of the Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," were given from the chair, and received with the customary honours. The Chairman also gave "The Health of the Pro. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and Officers of the Grand Lodge," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Dr. Moore, who responded. Bro. Sheriff gave the toast of "Lord Stanley, D.G.M. of the Province, and other Provincial Grand Officers," which was acknowledged by Bros. Simpson and Longman. The toast of the evening "The Health of the Newly-Installed Worshipful Master," was entrusted into the hands of Bro. Dr. Moore, who, in an appropriate speech, ably acquitted himself of the duty, the toast being received with the honours of the Craft. Bro. Taylor acknowledged the compliment in a few pithy remarks, expressive of the honour conferred upon him that day by the brethren, and of his endeavour to promote the interests of the lodge. Bro. Helme proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer," to which Dr. Moore replied in fitting terms. Bro. Fenton proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," to which Bro. Helme responded, and he was followed by Bro. Dr. Moore, who gave "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary." The first-named officer was absent, and Bro. Longman acknowledged the toast in its dual comprehension. "The Health of the Wardens" came next in the order of sequence, and was acknowledged by Bros. Aldous and Vince. "The Junior Officers" was proposed by Bro. John Hatch, and responded to by those officers. Bro. Helme gave the toast of "The Visitors," the compliment being acknowledged by Bros. Balmforth, P.M. (Ashby de la Zouch), John Hatch, T. Atkinson, and E. Simpson. The Tyler's toast, which was proposed by Dr. Moore, brought the list to a close, and concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

**SHIRLEY.—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., when Bro. John Parkinson, the S.W., was duly installed in the chair by the Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight,

Bro. W. Hickman, a Past Master of the lodge. The new W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. Crew, S.W. and Treas. (re-elected); Capt. Brooks, J.W.; J. T. Fletcher, Sec.; Mayoss, S.D.; J. D. Sharp, J.D.; Rolfe, Org.; Mortimer, I.G.; Walker, P.M., Dir. of Cir.; and Vare, Tyler. Thanks were tendered to the retiring Master for his services during the year, and to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his efficient rendering of the installation ceremony; and the lodge separated after a series of propositions which gave excellent promise of the year proving a successful one.

**LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).**—The members of this lodge celebrated the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist on the evening of the 7th inst. by dining together at the Bear and Staff Hotel. Bro. E. Huntington provided most liberally for the brethren, and his efforts were thoroughly appreciated. The W.M. (Bro. J. Ellershaw) presided, and was ably supported by his Wardens, Bros. W. Parker and H. Hartley. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and heartily received. Bro. W. King proposed "The Health of the W.M.;" in doing so spoke highly of the uniform courtesy and the kindly disposition of Bro. Ellershaw, and of his zeal in, and attention to, the obligations he had undertaken as W.M. of the lodge. Bro. Ellershaw, in responding, thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they received the toast, and said no effort should be wanting on his part to give satisfaction to the lodge. Bro. W. Stork proposed "The Health of the Senior and Junior Wardens." Bro. W. Parker responded in a humorous speech, and was followed by Bro. Hartley. Other toasts followed.

**DIDSBURY.—Architect Lodge (No. 1375).**—The installation meeting and festival of St. John was held at the Didsbury Hotel, on Friday, the 2nd inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. Samuel Ward, W.M.; P. McLachlan, S.W.; J. Bromley, J.W.; W. H. Buckley, S.D.; A. Collins, J.D.; J. Mackie, Treas.; R. Jeffrey, I.G.; Henry Heap, Tyler; Jas. Laidlaw, P.M.; G. D. Pochin, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. West Lanc.; Geo. Whitehead, W. D. Holbrook, Alex. Harvey, A. P. Graves, Jas. Jackson, and John Bradshaw. Visitors: J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G. D. of C. East Lanc.; W. Harris Pike, 663; J. R. Kidd, 1459; Wm. Dodge, 1011; John Oswald, P.M. 1140; A. Wylie, Thos. Fallows, J.W. 1052; William Dumville, P.M. 1011; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 3.40 with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Phillip McLachlan, the W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. G. D. Pochin. The usual routine having been gone through, Bro. Pochin, in a most creditable manner, installed Bro. McLachlan in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Master then invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. J. G. Bromley, S.W.; W. H. Buckley, J.W.; H. Collins, S.D.; J. R. Jeffrey, J.D.; W. D. Holbrook, Secretary; A. P. Graves, I.G.; J. Mackie, Treasurer (re-invested); and Henry Heap, Tyler (re-invested). Bro. Pochin then addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and concluded the ceremony in the usual manner. Votes of thanks were proposed by Bro. Harvey to Bro. Woodruff for his valuable services as Secretary, and by Bro. Laidlaw to Bro. Mackie for his services as Treasurer, and were carried unanimously. Both brethren returned their thanks. We may add that the popularity and high esteem in which Bro. Mackie is held by the members universally was made apparent when he came up to be invested with the collar and jewel of his office, by the hearty and spontaneous applause with which he was greeted. The balance-sheet was handed to each brother, and the Auditors' report of same taken and adopted. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45. The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John by a banquet, in the course of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close about 10.30.

**RHYL.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall. Present: Bros. W. H. Foulkes, W.M.; K. McKewen, J.W.; H. A. Steer, Sec.; T. Coxhead, S.D.; E. W. Keatinge, J.D.; Wrigley, Organist; E. Grocutt, D.C.; W. Hackforth, I.G.; G. D. Burdett, Steward; J. Bayliss, Tyler; James Salmon, I.P.M., P.M. 425, 1477, P.P.J.G.W. North Wales and Shropshire, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; A. E. Lloyd, Pratt, Clews, and E. L. Williams. Visitors: Bros. R. D. Roberts, 721; and H. Ellis, 721. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Bramley, 279, who was unanimously elected as a joining member. The lodge was opened on the square, and Bros. Clews and Pratt being present, were tested as to their proficiency in the Second Degree, were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the centre, and Bros. Clews and Pratt were readmitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in a very impressive manner by the W.M. The lodge was then worked back to the First Degree, and, nothing further offering, was closed in due form and perfect harmony. The brethren then adjourned to the Belvoir Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was served by Bro. Lawrance in his usual liberal style of catering.

**SOUTHAMPTON.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).**—The first regular lodge meeting held in the new Masonic Hall at Southampton was by the newly formed Albert Edward Lodge, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., on the occasion of the installation of its W.M. for the current year. Advantage was taken of the occasion to

mark the labours of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master of the province in promoting the establishment of the lodge, and presiding over it for its year, by a portrait in oil, which has been hung on the walls of the lodge, and forms a most suitable addition to a number of other portraits similar in form and style, some of which have now become Masonically historical, including Lord Montagu, W.M. of the defunct Lodge of Concord, three Provincial Grand Masters of Hampshire, and two Deputy Provincial Grand Masters. The presentation of Bro. Hickman's portrait, a three-quarter length in oil, was made by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, the Provincial Grand Master, in the name of the lodge, in a speech most appropriate to the occasion, full of fraternal spirit and of marked regard for the presence, to whose Masonic career and industry Bro. Beach bore kindly testimony, the portrait at the close of his address being unveiled amidst the general and hearty plaudits of a very full lodge, embracing nearly twenty Past Masters in the Craft; many of them wearing Provincial Grand Lodge clothing. Bro. Hickman having replied, Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, M.P., whose life-size oil portrait also hangs in the hall, in the name of the brethren, presented Bro. Hickman with the jewel of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Joseph Stevens followed on behalf of the members initiated in the lodge during its first year's existence by presenting the retiring W.M. with a gold Past Master's jewel, the unexpected receipt of which he feelingly acknowledged. He subsequently asked the acceptance by the lodge of a set of gavel for the use of the principal officers, which was received with thanks, it being next resolved that a vote of thanks tendered to him for his past year's services should be engrossed on vellum and presented to him, bearing special reference to the day's proceedings, to be retained by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The new Master, Bro. Irvine Harle, having been duly installed according to ancient custom by his predecessor in the chair, appointed and invested the following as the officers of the lodge for the year: Bros. James S. Pearce, S.W.; W. Berry, J.W.; S. S. Pearce, Treas.; W. Grinyer, Sec.; George Grant, S.D.; Algar, J.D.; Goodwin, Org.; Turner, I.G.; Scorey and J. Stevens, Stewards; Biggs and Harrington, Tylers.

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**MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).**—The regular convocation of this well established chapter was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Comps. J. C. Mason, M.E.Z.; M. D. Lowenstark, H.; F. Walters, P.Z., as J.; and others opened the chapter. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, October the 9th, were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Comp. J. B. Shackleton as a joining member. Comp. F. Walters, P.Z., S.E., in his usual painstaking manner, installed Comp. A. J. Treton, J. The bye-laws were read. The elections were unanimous in favour of these companions being the officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. M. D. Lowenstark, as Z.; A. J. Treton, H.; J. B. Shackleton, J.; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., Treas. (re-elected); F. Walters, P.Z., S.E. (re-elected for the sixteenth time); B. Isaacs, S.N.; W. H. Goodall, P.Z.; C. T. Speight, Janitor (re-elected). The usual P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. J. C. Mason, M.E.Z., for his services rendered to the chapter during his year of office. The bye-laws were revised. Some candidates were proposed for exaltation. The chapter was closed. Banquet followed. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. There were present besides those named Comps. J. T. Moss, P.Z.; W. Pennefather, and others. Visitors: Comps. Bourne, P.Z.; W. A. Simmons, 1275; C. G. Rushworth, 1503; T. W. Adams, 1623; and others.

**HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Chapter (No. 1293).**—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday, the 10th inst. There were present Comps. Levander, M.E.Z.; D. W. Pearce, H.; T. Massa, J.; Maple, N.; H. Phythian, E.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec., Treas.; and other companions. Visitors: Comps. W. Dodd, P.Z., Rushworth, and John Green, H. 975. Comp. Levander installed Comp. Pearce into the chair of M.E.Z., who then installed Comp. Massa as H. Comp. Wm. Dodd afterwards installed Comp. Maple as J. The M.E.Z. then invested Comps. H. C. Levander as S.E., and H. G. Buss as Treas. A handsome P.Z. jewel was then presented to Bro. H. C. Levander by Bro. Pearce. The companions then adjourned to the banquet table, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them, and which was well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Sadler.

Order of St. Lawrence.

**YORK.—Ebor Lodge (T.I.).**—A meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, on Thursday evening, the 8th inst. The W.M., Bro. G. Simpson, occupied the chair, and the following brethren amongst others were present:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., as J.W.; M. Millington, Conductor; A. T. B. Turner, Sec.; T. Humphries, I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; T. S. Bousfield, E. J. D.; Salis, and others. Bro. W. B. Dyson, of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611, was balloted for, accepted, and admitted. Bro. Whythead then presented to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. J. Morgan, 1611, who has left York, a very valuable and rare old line engraving of the Martyrdom of St. Lawrence, for which the hearty thanks of the lodge were voted. Bro. Whythead then proposed, and Bro. Cumberland seconded, as honorary members of the lodge, Bros. the Rev. G. M. Portal, P.G.M.M.M. Eng., and President of the Council of Side Degrees, and Bro. A. M. Broadley,



D.D.G.M. Malta, and both those brethren were accordingly elected. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. G. Simpson was elected Treasurer; and Bro. Pearson was re-elected Tyler. Two auditors were appointed, and the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards met at a grill supper, and passed a most social evening.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The January Quarterly General Court of the Governors and subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, J.P., Grand Treasurer, presided. Amongst other brethren present were Bros. Col. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Alfred W. Stanfield, G. Bolton, Arthur E. Gladwell, Col. James Peters, John A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, Thos. F. Peacock, A. J. Duff Filer, Louis Hirsch, A. H. Tattershall, John Sampson Peirce, William Stephens, G. R. Shervill, S. Rawson, William Roebuck, Wm. W. Baxter, H. A. Dubois, E. Letchworth, George Weeks, Herbert Dickets, Henry Venn, E. Cox, H. T. Thompson, Frank Richardson, John Davis, John M. Clabon, Fredk. Binckes, John Williams, Henry James Johnson, W. Partridge, Peter de L. Long, Fredk. Adlard, Wm. Pass, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, Thos. Meggy, Charles John Perceval, C. F. Matier, Henry J. Betts, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

When the minutes of the last Quarterly Court in October had been read, Bro. A. E. Gladwell, before they were put for confirmation, moved that the portion of them be not confirmed which related to the election of Secretary. Bro. Birch, who then moved an alteration in the laws by which provincial brethren would be allowed to vote by proxy, and so avoid the necessity of personal attendance in London, had said on that occasion that the election was practically vested in the London brethren. He (Bro. Gladwell) admitted now that there was an appearance of inequality, and that the provincial brethren virtually were debarred from a voice in the matter, but he ventured to submit that this objection was more sentimental than real. For his own part he would willingly surrender his right of voting as a member of the General Committee, and allow the election to be by the House Committee. When they considered the labours undertaken by the House Committee and the Building Committee, they must surely come to the conclusion that they were more capable of judging of the abilities and qualifications of a Secretary than brethren at a distance, who did not come across the Secretary. He could not avoid the reflection that supposing they succeeded in electing a man whom they did not know they practically excluded him from becoming known to them afterwards, unless he neglected his official duties and went about the country. He thought the Secretary should be appointed by those who had the most intercourse with him. At the half-yearly elections the provincial brethren put in an appearance in large numbers. Although Bro. Birch's motion was supported by several London brethren, he had mentioned this point to many of them, and they had replied that they had never seen it in that light. He, therefore, thought the motion was carried without being properly considered previously. It was on this account he now moved the non-confirmation of this portion of the minutes.

Col. Burdett, for the sake of formality, seconded the motion.

Bro. Edward Cox said that although he had no interest in this amendment, because as a London brother he was entitled to a vote, he could not agree with Bro. Gladwell. There were at the last Quarterly Court several provincial brethren present, and after a calm and serious discussion the resolution was come to that the method of voting for Secretary should be different. It would be a manifest injustice to all the provincial brethren if that resolution were now rejected when they were not present. They had not had notice that such a motion would be made and had not attended. If Bro. Gladwell's course were taken it would lead to the secession of the provincial brethren, and it was highly desirable that the London brethren should keep on good terms with them.

Bro. Gladwell's proposition was then put and lost, and the minutes of the October Quarterly Court were confirmed.

Bro. Hedges read the minutes of the Special Court on 3rd January.

Col. Creaton said that since that meeting he had received a letter from Bro. J. T. Moss, and attached to that letter the opinion of Bro. Locock Webb, Q.C., which letter and opinion the Secretary would read to the meeting.

Bro. Hedges read the following:—

"To the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, &c., &c., &c., and others, the Trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

"38, Gracechurch-street, London, E.C.  
"January 6th, 1880.

"My Lords and Gentlemen,—

"In your official position as Trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, you have doubtless been made acquainted with the nature of a proposal to expend £6500 of the funds in the purchase of a house and a small piece of land in the neighbourhood of the existing schools; and you have also probably been informed that a number of the comparatively few subscribers to whom the project is known very strongly disapprove of this proposed diversion of the funds from the purpose for which subscriptions have been collected.

"One General Court to authorise the suggested expenditure was convened in November last, but the proceedings were so palpably irregular, that an objection being raised a second meeting was convened for Saturday, the 3rd inst., to re-pass the resolution of the meeting on 22nd November.

"Having been consulted by several of the objectors to the proposed expenditure, I was compelled to advise that the proposal was illegal, in addition to being antagonistic to their views. I accordingly recommended that a case, embodying all the facts, should be submitted for the opinion of Mr. Locock Webb, Q.C., who besides being one of the best authorities in Chancery practice, is a Past Grand Officer in the Craft, as well as a Life Governor and Past Steward of this Charity.

"In forwarding you a copy of his opinion, I must express my regret that the intended resolution should have been pressed after the personal communication made by me to the Treasurer before the hour advertised for the meeting on Saturday last, and it is my unpleasant duty to add that, unless the necessary steps for cancelling the illegal proceedings are at once taken, my instructions are forthwith to appeal to the Court of Chancery to enforce a due observance of the laws, and the restitution of any funds which may have been misapplied.

"I shall be obliged by an acknowledgment of the receipt of this communication, and I have the honour to remain, my Lords and Gentlemen, your faithful servant,  
(Signed) "JOHN THOMAS MOSS."

#### "ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

"Proposal to expend £6500 in the purchase of a house and three-quarters of an acre of land.

"Extract from the case submitted to C. Locock Webb, Esq., on behalf of several subscribers to the Charity, by Mr. J. T. Moss, solicitor, 38, Gracechurch-street, London. "Counsel's opinion is requested—

"1. Whether the Charity funds collected for the general purposes of the Institution can be applied to the purchase of houses and land not really necessary for the purposes of the Charity? (*vide* Cl. 2.)

"2. Can the trustees be held personally liable to the Charity for any funds which they may have applied already, or may in future expend out of any other than the Sustentation Fund, in the acquisition of buildings and land?

"3. What course is advised to prevent the monies of the Institution being devoted to other purposes than those set forth in Cl. 2?

"1. I am of opinion that the purchase, by the Trustees of the General Fund, of Lyncombe House and grounds would be clearly *ultra vires*, and an illegal application of the monies vested in them for the general purposes of the Institution. It would not be competent for any General Court to make any new law, or any grant authorising such purchase, or the advance out of the General Fund of the proposed consideration money of £6500, or any part thereof; and any resolution purporting to do so would be utterly null and void. I think that the notice convening the Special General Court for to-morrow (the 3rd January) would be bad, even if the objects of such meeting were valid, instead of being, as in my judgment they are, clearly invalid.

"The funds collected for the general purposes of the Institution could not properly be applied to the purchase of any houses or lands not really necessary for the purposes of the Institution, and I doubt if any of such funds could, strictly speaking, be applied in the purchase of any building or lands (see Laws II. and VII.) The General Fund would seem to be applicable to the maintenance, clothing, and education of the children, who, being duly elected, are, or may become, inmates of the establishment. The "Sustentation" Fund would seem to be applied to the maintenance of the buildings.

"If it is deemed expedient to enlarge or add to the existing Institution a special fund should be subscribed for that purpose.

"2. If the Trustees have already applied, or should in future apply, monies out of the General Fund in or towards the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds, I think they would be personally liable to recoup all such monies.

"3. I am of opinion that an action in the Chancery Division may be maintained at the suit of any member of the General Committee (see Law XXXV.) who should sue on behalf of himself and all other members of such Committee, except the defendants, against the Trustees for an injunction to restrain the contemplated misappropriation of the General Fund. But, under the circumstances of this case, I should strongly advise that every effort should be made to avoid litigation. To that end I would suggest that those on whose behalf I am advising, being Governors, should attend the meeting to-morrow and state their objections; they will not, of course, vote upon any resolution. And if resolution purporting to authorise such purchase should be carried, I think they should at once write to each of the Trustees such a letter as I have already suggested in conference before commencing an action.

"LOCOCK WEBB.

"Lincoln's-inn, 2nd Jan., 1880."

Col. Creaton said that after having heard that letter and opinion read he must ask for an adjournment of the Court in order that he might consult with his co-Trustees. Since that letter had been received he had not heard from his co-Trustees, and it was right they should be consulted. An adjournment, therefore, was necessary.

Col. Burdett said that letter was only dated on the 6th inst., and there had been no time for communication between Trustees. Counsel's opinion depended a great deal on the way in which the case was stated. One counsel might have the case before him one way, and another in another way, and they would form opposite opinions. He would move that the Special Court be adjourned till that day fortnight at twelve o'clock.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in seconding the motion, said that he thought due justice would then be done to the case, and the Trustees would be able to consult together. Having taken some part in the proceedings of the previous Saturday, and having had a paper since then put into his hands in which grave reflections had been cast upon himself personally, and upon Col. Creaton—(interruption).

—He was perfectly in order—he begged to say to Bro. Thompson, having some character to lose before his brethren he thought he should be allowed to state what the facts of the case really were. A paper had been put into their hands. Not for the first time in the history of the Institution, he begged to repeat, and to this he now called attention. After their general meetings circulars had been sent round among the Craft, and he remembered a circular in particular, in which an offensive by-name was given to their respected Bro. Chairman, and a very inoffensive member of the Craft was designated by the description of "The Melodious Grunter." Was this a state of things which as gentlemen and Masons they were to sanction by silence? (Hear, hear.) It was new in the history of Freemasonry, that when they met as gentlemen and brethren that some one should send circulars all throughout the Craft applying to distinguished members of the Order absurd by-names. As an old Mason, holding some position in the Craft and in the provinces, he thought he was not wrong in saying that this was something new and most objectionable. (Hear, hear.) He made these observations because, as he said before, he held in his hands a circular in which two most palpable untruths were circulated among the brethren. The first was that their distinguished Chairman kept back from the last meeting his knowledge of an objection. With respect to counsel's opinion he (the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford) begged to say that the Chairman did so at the request of Bro. J. T. Moss himself, which request was made in his (Bro. Woodford's), the Chairman, Bro. Letchworth, and Bro. Griffiths Smith's presence. To Bro. Moss it was suggested that he should come to the meeting and read the opinion, and he distinctly stated that he could not do so, that he was acting as *amicus curiæ*, and he did not wish the opinion to be read at the meeting. Bro. Moss's letter which had just been read confirmed this statement, for he said he made a private suggestion to the Chairman. Therefore, this circular which had been sent round was wrong when it said that the distinguished Chairman kept back the communication. Bro. Moss's words were, "I give it to you in confidence, as *amicus curiæ*." In this he (Bro. Woodford) would be confirmed by Bros. Letchworth, Col. Creaton, and Griffiths Smith. The information having been given in strict confidence after Bro. Moss had been appealed to by him (Bro. Woodford) himself personally to come into the meeting and read the opinion, how was it to be now said that the Chairman had kept back the information from the meeting? The next statement in the circular which was erroneous was that the writer of the circular "was improperly interrupted in attempting to make known to the subscribers present at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last the circumstances attending the opposition to this project." The brethren would bear in mind what really took place, and he could call in aid the memory of several distinguished brethren near him, that Bro. Thompson distinctly stated that he did not propose to address the meeting in opposition, that he was advised not to vote, and that he advised the brethren not to vote. He (Bro. Woodford) rose to order, and stated that if Bro. Thompson had no amendment to make, and was not opposing the motion, he had no right to address the brethren in language which should influence them and tell them not to vote at all. So far from it being true that he was improperly interrupted, Bro. Gover, who spoke after him (Bro. Woodford), expressed his surprise that an objection had been taken to the meeting without the grounds of the objection being communicated. Under these circumstances he (Bro. Woodford) now protested against the circulation of charges like Bro. Thompson's, which, as in the former instance, were characterised by a spirit of most base personality, which, he held to be in direct contradistinction to the principles of Freemasonry. He did not wish to say more, because when they were all assembled as brethren abuse and personality were disgraceful and derogatory. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Somerville Burney wished to move that the Trustees be authorised to take the opinion of counsel, and to select such counsel as they might deem best.

Bro. Edward Cox, agreeing with the motion for adjournment because a decision on the question before the meeting in its present state of excitement was likely to be excessively damaging to this and the other Institutions, wished to state that his sole objection to the confirmation of the minutes was simply on the ground that he thought the amount to be paid for Lyncombe House and grounds was too large. He had no other objection. In the present state of excitement it would be almost impossible to come to a fair and adequate conclusion on the matter, and, therefore, he thought the adjournment should be for a much longer period than a fortnight. It might be for next Quarterly Court, but the day (Saturday) was extremely inconvenient. If a convenient day was fixed the provincial brethren might attend, the whole question might be raised and discussed, and if the provincial brethren attended; the whole Craft might be considered as fairly represented. Then the opinion could be taken whether the Craft considered the price too high, and if the majority should think it was not, he should bow to that opinion, and never raise the question again.

Col. Creaton said the only objection to the adjournment was that the owner of the property proposed to be purchased expected an answer that day. A fortnight he might not mind waiting, but he might object to three months.

Bro. H. T. Thompson did not desire to aggravate or increase the warmth of feeling in the brethren, but he simply wished to see things conducted legally in the course he had taken. It was perfectly well known to large numbers of brethren that, both in this Institution and in the Boys' School, his was not a new question. For two years and more he had objected to various propositions in regard to the Institutions, but he had never attempted to introduce a collision between any sections of

the Craft. Bro. Woodford had referred to a lampoon or little bit of skit which had been sent round to the brethren twelve months ago. He (Bro. Thompson) admitted that he sent it, and it was done after a very irritating meeting. At the close of the meeting he went to the Chairman and complained of the treatment he (Bro. Thompson) had received. He did publish a little lampoon, but it was not, as Bro. Woodford had stated, circulated among the whole Craft, but was sent round only to a few brethren whom he knew. If it had been injurious, or had given unpleasant or unkind feelings to anybody, he could only say now that he was very sorry for it, and deeply regretted it. If he had thought over the matter once again, for another day or two, he should not have prepared it; but it was only intended for a joke, and he did not now think that if shown to 10,000 people out of the immediate circle of the brethren present any of them would have recognised one of the individuals at the meeting in question. More than that, he did not think it was at all fair that that subject should have been introduced on the present occasion. (Hear, hear.) With regard to his opposition to the last Court, and the particular objects of it, he attributed no motives to any persons. The remark he made with respect to the Chairman was "The so-called meeting was held, the Treasurer again officiating as Chairman upon his own proposition. The personal communication of Mr. J. T. Moss to the Treasurer, after conference with counsel, was not made known to the subscribers present."

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford rose to explain. Bro. Thompson was to support the charge he had made, that Bro. Creaton had improperly kept back certain information, and that he was improperly interrupted. He (Bro. Woodford) begged to state that he was the only person who spoke who could be said to have interrupted Bro. Thompson. The other charge he made was against the Chairman. In his circular he said, "I may express regret that our efforts to give effect to the general purport of his (Mr. L. Cock Webb's) kind recommendation—to make further endeavours to stop the intended legal proceedings by moral suasion—have been repulsed by the action of the Treasurer or his advisers, after a knowledge of Mr. L. Cock Webb's opinion and advice." That was the point he (Bro. Woodford) referred to as regarded the Chairman; and as regarded himself as having improperly interrupted Bro. Thompson, the circular said—"Having been improperly interrupted in attempting to make known to the subscribers present at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last the circumstances attending the opposition to this project, and the Treasurer having omitted to state the objections which had been communicated to him, this means is taken of bringing the facts to your knowledge." Those were the two points in which he certainly felt Bro. Thompson had most seriously transgressed his duty by attributing un-Masonic conduct to the Chairman and him (Bro. Woodford).

Col. Creaton said that Bro. Moss told him most distinctly, in the presence of Bro. Woodford and Bro. Letchworth, that he came to him simply in a friendly way. He gave him no official notice, and when Bro. Thompson asked him (Bro. Creaton) if he had had notice, he replied that he had not received notice of the illegality of the meeting, but that he had heard of it.

Bro. Thompson said the Chairman had had an intimation were the words suggested in the minutes. To relieve himself (Bro. Thompson) of the charge made by Bro. Woodford that he had gone out of his way to say something unpleasant with regard to himself, there was a remark in his letter which expressed regret that the efforts to give effect to the recommendation of Bro. L. Cock Webb had been repulsed by the action of the Treasurer or his advisers.

Col. Creaton said the communication made to him by Bro. Moss, as he had said before, was in a friendly way—certainly it was not official; and Bro. Moss finished up, he thought, with saying, "You had better drop it." He (Col. Creaton) never gave him the idea that it would not be put.

Bro. Thompson said he was not inventing these expressions. With regard to Bro. Woodford's objections, and what he said of himself he would refer to the report in the *Freemason*; he supposed Bro. Woodford would not object to that: "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." He (Bro. Thompson) did not think after reading that it could be said he exaggerated the fact when he said he was interrupted by Bro. Woodford.

Bro. J. M. Clabon desired before the motion for adjournment was put to say one word simply by way of throwing oil upon the troubled waters. He could not believe that any real Mason would go into the Chancery Division, and he would like to put it whether it was desirable for the welfare of the Girls' School to buy these premises. He had a strong opinion that it was desirable, if they looked to the fact that it would prevent buildings being erected on them. Let the brethren then throw aside all the legal

cobwebs, and ask themselves whether it was desirable for the Craft to lay out money, of which they had plenty, in purchasing what would be of inestimable and lasting benefit to the Girls' School. For the consideration of this question he thought a fortnight would be well employed.

Col. Creaton then put the motion, "That this Court adjourn, as regards the confirmation of the minutes of the Special Court, to this day fortnight."

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. Col. Burney, the Trustees were authorised to take the opinion of any counsel they might select.

Col. Creaton said there would be forty-five candidates for next election in April and thirteen vacancies.

Bro. Louis Hirsch, with regard to his motion "That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next Quarterly Court," said that since giving the notice he had had a conversation with Bro. Pattershall, who had offered him such information as induced him to withdraw his motion for the present. He believed a system had been introduced by the Scrutinisers by which mistakes would be avoided.

On behalf of Bro. W. H. B. Tomlinson, J.P., Past Prov. Grand Registrar West Yorkshire, the following motion was brought forward:—

"That in pursuance of notice this Court accept the sum of one thousand guineas from the Province of West York for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the 'Bentley Shaw Presentation,' the right of such presentation being vested in the Provincial Grand Master of West York for the time being, or other duly authorised person, in accordance with an agreement similar to those providing for presentations from West York to the Boys' School." He said that the details of this arrangement were so well known that unless the brethren wished it he did not propose to trespass on the valuable time of the meeting by entering into them; but he would only say that he was convinced the arrangement was calculated to promote the best interests of Masonry, because on the one hand it would enable the brethren of West Yorkshire to perpetuate the services of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw to the province, and it would give a direct pecuniary benefit to the Girls' School. Besides this it would have a salutary effect in preventing the springing up of independent institutions throughout the country, for which he was sorry to say in other provinces, especially in East Lancashire, there was a strong predilection in the present day. West Yorkshire was prepared to hand the money over at once.

The motion having been seconded by Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell was carried unanimously.

The next business was Bro. Edward Cox's motion, "That the question as to an increase to the salaries of the Head Governess, Assistant Governesses, &c., &c., be referred to a special Committee." And in the event of the foregoing being carried, "That such Committee consist of nine members of the General Committee to be nominated at this Quarterly Court."

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford begged now to call the attention of the Chairman to the illegality of this motion. The by-laws of this Institution were perfectly clear. "The salaries of all paid officers shall be fixed by the General Committee, and by the General Committee alone," just as the election of Secretary was vested in the General Committee. The Quarterly Court had nothing to do with it. Bro. Cox would have been perfectly in order if he had moved the non-confirmation of the minutes of the General Committee. He would leave out of the question the necessity of a Special General Court to consider the question. He could not introduce before an ordinary Quarterly Court a matter which was not specified to be within its duties, and which was limited to the action of the General Committee. The General Committee alone had the power to fix salaries. He, therefore, called for the Chairman to maintain the laws of the Institution, and not allow the motion to be brought forward on the present occasion.

Col. Creaton said Bro. Woodford's statement was quite correct.

Bro. Edward Cox took exception to the accuracy of Bro. Woodford's statement that he could have moved the non-confirmation of the General Committee's minutes. That was not so, for they were only read to the Quarterly Court for information. He had been told by the Secretary that the Quarterly Court had no authority over the action of the General Committee or the House Committee. All they had to do was to be made acquainted with what those Committees had done. Their minutes were never put for confirmation by the Quarterly Court. He could not conceive that this Quarterly Court either was so constituted or had so denuded itself of all powers as not to fall back on another portion of the laws—"A Quarterly General Court has power generally to direct and control the affairs of the Institution." He did attend at the General Committee, and objected to the salaries as proposed. He urged reasons why he considered there was a misfortune about the ratio of increases to be made. The best way he thought would be to devise a scheme by which there should be a continued increment, and that every one of the salaried officers should know the precise position in which he stood. It appeared to him that that good arrangement was wanted, and he gave notice, as they were well aware, believing that the Quarterly Court had the power to make the law and come to that resolution. He contended that the Court had the power to entertain a question which, although it had been decided by the General Committee, would, if not under the control of the Quarterly Court, give the Committee the power of spending the money of the Institution without control. That, he was sure, was not the law.

Col. Creaton said there was the specific rule that the salaries of all paid officers were to be fixed by the General

Committee. He quite agreed with Bro. Cox that the Quarterly Court, no doubt, had the general control, but as the specific law said these salaries were to be fixed by the General Committee, he thought Bro. Cox should let his motion come on at the General Committee. That would be in order, but it was not in order now.

Bro. Edward Cox said then he was thrust out of the Quarterly Court, which thus became a nonentity. He did not believe the Quarterly Court intended to denude themselves of all power when they gave the power of increasing salaries to the General Committee. He still thought the Court had power to entertain this question. If he was wrong he must give such a notice of motion as would meet the case.

Col. Creaton thought the notice of motion would stand for the next General Committee.

Bro. Edward Cox said he had fought the battle with them, and was worsted. He now appealed to a superior Court. He did not desire to keep up irritation, but he believed the Quarterly Court, as a superior Court, had power to set right what was considered wrong.

Col. Creaton regretted that he must rule Bro. Cox out of order.

Bro. Hedges explained that what he stated to Bro. Edward Cox was that the minutes, neither of the House nor General Committee, were read for confirmation at the Quarterly Court, but only for information.

Bro. Edward Cox said that practically the Quarterly Court had no power over the General Committee, and the whole conduct of the Institution was in the hands of the Committee.

This concluded the business on the paper, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman having been passed, the meeting separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

TWELFTH NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual Twelfth Night treat to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was given on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the School, St. John's-hill, Battersea-rose. Several visitors arrived about five o'clock, and were received by Miss Jarwood, the matron, Miss Shepherd, assistant matron, Miss Kernot, Miss Rumbow, and the other assistant governesses, and some fifty of the pupils who have remained in the School during the Christmas holidays. Shortly after their arrival they were conducted over the building, the different rooms and halls of which were tastefully decorated with holly and illuminated cards, bearing appropriate mottoes. The large hall, which constitutes a part of the new building, showed off to great advantage, there being an excellent supply of gas, and those attentions to comfort, such as proper heating and ventilation, without which all attempts at suitably preparing an apartment are nugatory. The visitors were entertained first at tea by the House Committee, under the presidency of Miss Jarwood, whose health every one was pleased to learn has very much improved of late.

After tea the interval between that and the entertainment was employed by the visitors and children engaging in music and dancing, and at seven o'clock the whole party, as well as the servants of the Institution, adjourned to the school-room, where a stage was prepared and seats were arranged for the audience, to whom Bro. G. R. Green was going to read "Enoch Arden," accompanied by illustrations, and give his entertainment entitled "A Romer among the Romans."

Besides the staff of the Institution the following ladies and gentlemen were present:—Bro. Joshua Nuan, Miss Nunn, W. G. Weber, J. Rowland, Mrs., Miss, and Master Butterworth, H. A. Dubois, Master J. Dubois, Master H. Dubois, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Webster, F. R. W. Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Miss Grace Pallant, Mrs. Chancellor and daughter, Bro. Thos. Kingston, Mrs. Kingston, Miss Katie Kingston, Miss Harriet Kingston, Philip Johnson, J. Fraser, J. Bignell, L. Hole, L. Reed, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Moffatt, F. Hanson, E. Seaton, John A. Rucker, Mr. and Mrs. Green, C. L. Hastings, F. G. Marshall, Peter de L. Long, Henry Watts, Miss Watts, Rev. W. T. Mills Ellison, the Misses Howell, W. H. G. Ellison, E. J. Dodd, A. L. Wiggins, Mrs. Massey, Miss Massey, Mrs. Lydia Harris, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. F. C. Moutrie, Miss Castle, Miss Moutrie, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The entertainment by Bro. Green commenced at seven o'clock and concluded at nine, and was admirably conducted, but, on account of the size of the room being less than that at the Boys' School, the pictures were exhibited on a smaller scale than they were at Wood Green on Monday, the 5th inst. Bro. Green was in capital voice, and his impressive reading infused the spirit of the subject matter in the performance, which was greatly enjoyed, and received considerable applause.

On the motion of Bro. J. A. Rucker, a vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Bro. Green, who gave the entertainment gratuitously, and Bro. Green, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed the great pleasure he had in affording an evening's amusement to the children of brother Masons.

After the performance was concluded the children had the fun of the evening with their Twelfth cakes and other delicacies, besides the unfailing amusement of bon-bon crackers, which were supplied without limit. Dancing was afterwards engaged in, and was kept up till eleven o'clock, when, much to the regret of all the visitors, and, no doubt, to the children also, the company had to separate.

The Marquis of Hartington, R.W. Prov. G.M. Derbyshire, has contributed £50 to the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund for the relief of Irish distress.

### To Correspondents.

Can any brother kindly lend the Editor the "Rough Ashlar," Adelaide, for August, 1879?

Reports of Lodges standing over:—Domestic, No. 177; Eboracum, No. 1611; Gibraltar, No. 278; Tync, No. 991; Shakespeare, No. 284; Derwent, No. 40; Elias de Derham, No. 586; Cornubian, No. 450; Harmonic, 216; Polish National, No. 534; Phoenix, No. 94; Palatine, No. 97; Albert Edward, No. 1780; Ringwood, No. 132; Royal Gloucester, No. 130; Fortitude, 281; Kilwinning, Capper, No. 1076; Hundred of Ellar, No. 469; and Affability, No. 317.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS:—Burdett, No. 1293; Duke of Connaught, No. 1524.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 137 (Red Cross of Constantine); Mount Calvary Encampment (Knights Templar). Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Ceylon Items.

CORRESPONDENCE:—Royal Arch Chapters for Military Brethren.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hebrew Leader," "The Masonic Newspaper," "The Croydon Guardian," "The Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Die Bauhütte," "The British Mercantile Gazette," "Keystone."

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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#### BIRTHS.

COPE.—On the 10th inst., at Andover, the wife of the Rev. A. D. Cope, M.A., of a son.

ROSE.—On the 12th inst., at 17, Trinder-road, Crouch-hill, the wife of Mr. Hugh Rose, of twin boys.

#### MARRIAGES.

DARELL—HYDE-CLARKE.—On the 7th inst., at St. George's, Hanover-square, Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., of Frertherne Court, Gloucestershire, to Fanny Julia, widow of the late T. Hyde-Clarke, Esq.

TENTERDEN—ROWCLIFFE.—On the 13th inst., at St. George's, Hanover-square, by the Rev. Chas. E. Hornby, M.A., assisted by the Rev. Vernon Musgrave, M.A., C. S. Aubrey Abbott, Lord Tenterden, C.B., R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Essex, to Mrs. H. Rowcliffe, widow of Mr. Henry Rowcliffe, Q.C.

#### DEATHS.

LAZARUS.—On Nov. 27th, 1879, at Shanghai, China, Emanuel H. Lazarus, the beloved and affectionate son of Lewis and Kate Lazarus, of 38, Tavistock-square, aged 24.

STAUNTON.—On the 9th inst., at 68, Brunswick-place, Brighton, Mr. Thomas Staunton.

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1880.

WE publish elsewhere a very remarkable document, on which we think it well to say a few words. To understand it fully we must go back a little. Our readers will remember that a resolution to purchase Lyncombe House was carried unanimously at a special meeting duly convened, on the ground then set forth clearly: 1st, that the owner was going to build upon it, or let it for building purposes, and that the plans were ready; 2ndly, that it was necessary to protect the School and give the School a second entrance; and, 3rdly, that the house might easily be turned into a preparatory school for twenty-five children—a very useful addition to the School, and very beneficial to many poor claimants. The price, no doubt, was a "fancy price," but the sum alone, the actual value, was recouped to the School in its value to the School, and the increased value it gives to the School itself. It was found that by a slight informality notice of a grant exceeding £500 had not been given at a preceding Quarterly Court or General Committee, and as, on the high authority of the Grand Registrar, such notice was absolutely necessary by the laws, there was no alternative but to give such notice, and having given such notice to convene a new or Special General Court. In the meantime much commotion had been aroused by a partly surreptitious, partly open opposition. A petition was circulated disapproving of the purchase, and a correspondence, acrimonious in tone, personal and insulting in suggestion, and most un-Masonic in temper and language, was vigorously commenced. The *Freemason*, happily, kept out of all these personalities, but that they existed is matter of notoriety and regret. Indeed, in the whole of our Masonic career, now a longish one, we have never witnessed such a sorry exhibition of un-Masonic malevolence and personal bitterness. At the second meeting, and just before the

meeting, Bro. J. T. Moss appeared as "amicus curiæ" to inform some of the brethren privately that counsel's opinion had been taken, that that opinion was, that the proposed purchase was "ultra vires," and that if the resolution was carried an injunction would be moved for in the Court of the Master of the Rolls. Notwithstanding this kindly opinion, delivered with all Bro. Moss's emphasis and energy of diction, the resolution was carried, as we are all aware, by an overwhelming majority, and subsequently the printed letters, and case, and opinion we print elsewhere were issued to the members and brethren. Whatever the actual value of the opinion may be legally it is not for us to say. But we may be permitted to observe that as the whole "case" rests on a fallacy, so the opinion is governed by the same. It is stated that the purchase of the house and land is "not necessary for the purposes of the Charity." Here is the "Crux" of the whole case. It is asserted by those who approve of the purchase that it is absolutely necessary: 1st, to prevent serious injury to the School; and, 2ndly, to aid in the work of the School. If this contention be, as, no doubt, it can and will be, easily proved, the whole force of the opinion falls, as that opinion admits that if such buildings and lands were really necessary no objection could be made. We fancy that on the clear statement of the authorities of the School, if the brethren or brother opposing go into court and obtain an ad interim injunction, such injunction will speedily be dissolved. We regret much the bad feeling evoked and the vulgar personalities manifested by some who have made themselves conspicuous in this question, and while we fully admit the right of all who think they have wrongs to redress, to seek the interference of the Law Courts, we are of opinion that it is most un-Masonic to use such threats, though we feel sure that there, as always, the principles of truth, justice, equity, and honour will eventually prevail.

As a proof of the necessity of the purchase of Lyncombe House for the welfare and safety of the Girls' School, we may state that we understand that another person has been in negotiation with Mr. Evill to secure Lyncombe House for a *Boys' School*. Oh, sage oppositionists!

THE Quarterly Court on Saturday last, numerously attended, was both an important and animated meeting. After the formal business was disposed of, the minutes of the last Special Court came on for consideration, and in consequence of some other matters to which we allude fully elsewhere, it was considered desirable and prudent to adjourn the question of the "confirmation" of the Lyncombe House purchase for a fortnight, in order that the Trustees might have time to consult, and also to take Counsel's opinion. A circular had in the meantime been issued by a Bro. Thompson with reference to the subject, which was very properly animadverted upon at the meeting, and about which we shall, therefore, say no more. We think the decision arrived at on Saturday fully satisfactory, in that it will give the present not unnatural fermentation in consequence of profuse personalities and acrimonious assertions, a very novel proceeding in metropolitan Masonry, time to cool down and disappear. In a fortnight hence we shall be able to come, let us hope, as Bro. Clabon well put it, to a calm and dispassionate consideration of a purchase, which, in our opinion, is absolutely essential to the well being, safety, and needful development of the great utility and advantages of an unrivalled School. We are very sorry to note the sad, dark spirit of personality which has again cropped up in a matter which is in no sense a personal one, but then we always call to mind that in Masonry (as in anything else of earth) there are and ever will be "Brethren and Brethren."

THE discussion continues with a vengeance, and the cry is "still" the letters "come!" Indeed, if all our writers in any way imitate the length of our good Bro. Edmonston, whose undoubtedly able letter we printed last week, we hardly know where the *Freemason* will be. And so we venture to hope that our kind friends

will consider our limited space, and will remember that all the world is not equally interested about this "important question." Bro. Edmonston's letter shows where even clever men will drift to in such a discussion, and whenever you set the "stone a rolling" there is really no limit to proposals of change which constitute an entire revolution in our Order. With due submission to Bro. Edmonston, proficiency in ritual is not the only needful characteristic of a good W.M., and many a brother who could not obtain a certificate of proficiency from the Board of Preceptors might yet constitute an excellent W.M., the circumstances of the lodge being especially taken into consideration. We again regret the whole of this discussion as unwise and unneeded, in our opinion, and consider the whole question as a chimaera and an impossibility. We do most earnestly trust that Grand Lodge will yet pause, and will hesitate before it reopens, as it must do, the settlement of 1813, if it refers the consideration of the "established mode of working" to a Committee in 1880, and much more seeks to enforce on all the lodges under the English Constitution an exact uniformity of working. We feel sure that many of our brethren have not realized the full effect of the present movement.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has appointed Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Past Grand Deacon, to the post of Grand Secretary, rendered vacant by the resignation, in consequence of ill health, of Bro. John Hervey. By a circular, which appears elsewhere, the appointment and investiture of the new Grand Secretary will take place this, (Saturday), afternoon at six o'clock.

It would almost seem, especially in respect to the recent change in the Grand Secretaryship, that some notice should be taken by the Craft at large of the long and eminent services of Bro. Buss, whose zeal, and kindness, and willingness to help and to oblige we are all so conscious of. Would it not be well for a Committee now to be formed to present to Bro. Buss some slight proof of the regard and goodwill of his brethren? We shall be happy to take part in any steps necessary to carry out so desirable a purpose, so seasonable a testimonial.

### Original Correspondence.

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

#### THE "COSMO" FOR 1880.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg respectfully to congratulate you and your staff on the completion of the second edition of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" for 1880. I have carefully examined the handy and most excellent annual, and have found that the second edition is really worthy of the name, and not a mere reproduction of the first issue, as so many are. Indeed I have discarded the first for the second edition, because of the various changes which occurred just when the former was in the press, and which are carefully noted in the present publication. These changes being of importance I beg to thank you for such timely re-issue of your widely known calendar.

A SUBSCRIBER FROM THE BEGINNING.

#### UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If you have not had enough, aye, even almost to satiety, about what I can only designate as a matter brought forward by those who have little else to do, or who wish to gain an ephemeral notoriety for starting something that has not even the merit of novelty, I should really like to know what this fuss is all about. I have been a Mason for a good many years, and, save the unseemly disturbance that was raised more than twenty years ago by what was called the "Observer" party, I have never heard of anything in our Masonic proceedings calculated to disturb the general and, indeed, the complete harmony which has reigned throughout the Craft during the whole of that long period. Although the discontented few to which I have alluded for a time succeeded in a slight degree in sowing dissension amongst us, yet the great body of English Freemasons refused to join in their squabbles, they repudiated their invitations, and remained in their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England "true to the core." In my attendance at the Grand Lodge I have frequently heard our late beloved and revered Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, congratulate his brethren that he was then able to say that no feeling of disagreement prevailed, and that there was a complete harmony of the Craft throughout the world, and whatever clouds might have temporarily rested on a small portion of their Order they had entirely passed



away, and that there was a glorious and unclouded sunshine throughout the whole of the Masonic world. Such were the sentiments of our noble brother the Earl of Zetland, and if they were true then what shall we say now, when the Craft has for its ruler the heir apparent to the Throne, and under whose Royal government Masonry has gained a pre-eminence that even the most ardent supporter of our Order could hardly have anticipated. Look at the vast accession to our numbers and the great increase in the number of lodges that have taken place within the last few years; the subscriptions to the Charities have been largely in excess of what they ever were before, and the Fund of Benevolence, acting upon the true principle of charity, has "not withheld the liberal hand." Such being the proud position we now occupy, not only in maintaining and dispensing the great objects of our Order, but being at peace with all the world, I want to know why this happy state of affairs should ever be disturbed by senseless agitation, and that while we are going on so harmoniously. I would most humbly suggest that we might advantageously act upon a somewhat old and matured maxim to "let well alone." If there are objections to the existing system of working, and I must say that I, in common with many others, never heard of them even if they do exist, why when they were discovered was not a proper representation made by any one under whose cognisance they had come, either to the Provincial Grand Master or Deputy Provincial Grand Master; or, proceeding by a more direct and speedy course, have made complaint to the Board of General Purposes, who have the power at once to summon the Master and officers of the offending lodge to come forward and give an explanation of their conduct in permitting matters to take place in their lodge which are repugnant to us as Masons, and the noble Order to which it is our privilege to belong. If the violation of our proceedings was so flagrant I should have thought that not an hour would have been lost in giving information to that body who are empowered and would be ready at once to go into an investigation of the complaint; but, instead of that, the whole matter is allowed to slumber until many years perhaps have passed over, and then certain loose statements are made in Grand Lodge, without the name of the place or lodge being given where these illegal proceedings are alleged to have occurred. It was well said by Bro. Fenn, one of the most esteemed Grand Officers, a short time ago, that if any attempt was made to interfere or disturb the present ritual, although there might be a little diversity in the mode of working, they might know where they began the tampering process, but they would never know where they would leave off; and I think these were words of warning that ought not to be slighted or disregarded. As to the formation of a committee to consider some project for making a uniformity of ritual, I would like to know how such a committee could be composed to represent all the lodges hailing under the Grand Lodge of England, what they will have to consider, and whether much before "St. Tibb's Eve" they will be likely to make their report? If by any chance that event should be completed, and granting that the Grand Lodge should be able to sanction their resolutions, I am anxious to know how their lucubrations are to be effected. Are we to have itinerant lecturers going about the country with a cut-and-dried ritual written out, and visiting the different lodges to point out to them how wrong they have been acting, and how they have been in the dark for so many years, and who is to be the future mouthpiece in the lodge that is to instruct the rest of the brethren, and the rising officers in particular, as to the correct mode of working? How long is the lecturer to stay in each place; and, above all, who is to pay the piper? Even supposing that the Grand Lodge was by an army of itinerant lecturers to set about this ugly job, what power is there to enforce its edicts; and what would be the consequence of any lodge not complying with these new-fangled notions, that had quietly pursued the even tenor of its way in one course for many generations? Whatever aspect in which this question is looked at, it is an unpleasant one, and, as it appears to me, surrounded with unsurmountable difficulties.

The choice of the committee who are to be appointed to enter upon this endless and hopeless task is thrown upon the Board of General Purposes, but I do hope that for the sake of the harmony of the Craft throughout the civilised world they will have nothing to do with this bantling that has been laid at their door, but leave it to be carried away by any one who may think it worth the trouble to do so.

I am, dear Sir and Brethren, yours fraternally,

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Just a few words of congratulation to "One who was in Grand Lodge" on his vaticination: or prophetic gift, for in the *Freemason* of the 3rd he says that he is looking forward with interest to my explanatory letter, whereas I had nothing to explain but only my right of reply to the criticisms on my first letter, and lastly he differs with me on a point which only appears in my letter of the same date as his, namely, the 3rd of January, as to the majority on Bro. Stevens' motion, at the last Grand Lodge meeting. Unless he is a particularly favoured individual, and allowed to overhaul the correspondence before it appears in print, or is the corrector of the paper, or is a prophet born, I cannot account for the extraordinary coincidence of his knowing either that I was going to write, or what I was going to say in my letter.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL, V.P.

8, Thurloe Place, S.W.

5th January 1880.

[We have no doubt "One who was in Grand Lodge" will answer this next week.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As my letters in answer to criticisms on an original letter of mine on matters of high Masonic importance are not permitted to appear until a fortnight has elapsed, until the subject matter has been forgotten, or until another brother has been allowed to peruse my answer, and he is ready with his reply for the same identical issue in which my answer appears, it is needless for me to continue what I hoped would have been a friendly discussion, but which called forth an amount of acerbity and dogmatic assertion I was totally unprepared for, which, however, I endeavoured to reply to peacefully by using a little playful badinage, but the "emollit mires," &c., &c., was ineffectual. So much for "Bro. A. F. A. Woodford," and "One who was in Grand Lodge," and who ought to be brothers by nature as well as Masonically, their style of writing is so similar. With regard to Bro. Neilson, whom I have not the honour of knowing, I have only to say that if Bro. Neilson likes to make me a present of a Book of Constitutions it will be carefully placed in the cabinet set apart for gifts from particular friends; secondly, that I have as much right to express my opinion as he has, and shall always continue to exercise that right without asking his permission; and, thirdly, that I am not aware that an informer against those whose hospitalities one has partaken of was a distinguished characteristic and obligation of either a Mason or any other man. I have now finished, once and for all, feeling extremely grieved that an honest opinion cannot be received and answered in a fair and impartial spirit, without uncalled for insinuations, interspersed with needless personal recriminations and remarks.

I remain, yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

[We have taken out several personal remarks on Bro. Neilson, whose high Masonic character is well known both in England and Ireland.—Ed.]

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I have read Bro. Stevens' last letter, and as he mentions me again, and even appeals to me, I think it well to say a few words. I do not see that anything he has now put forward requires any answer from me. I have given a reply on all that I deem advisable, and to Bro. Perceval, and I feel sure that it is better for many reasons not to continue this discussion. With regard to Bro. Stevens' proposal, meant personally, no doubt, kindly to myself, of forming one of the Committee, I do not see my way to accept any such suggestion, even supposing Grand Lodge approved of it, if even Bro. Stevens can make it. Were the Grand Master to request any of Grand Lodge or the Craft to form a Special Committee on the subject, I should endeavour to do my duty to him and the Craft, but honestly disapproving of the present proposal, with all deference to Bro. Stevens, I should think I were acting a dishonest part if with my known opinion I agreed to accept any such nomination. The more I think over and study the question, whether with the "lights of the past" or the "experience of the present," the more I am convinced of the unwisdom and mischievousness of the proposed enquiry, as well as of its certain "fiasco," and assured futility. I think Bro. Stevens will agree with me that the place on the Committee he has courteously proposed I should fill had better be occupied by one who believes in the necessity of the movement and the possibility of any good arising from it.

I am, yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although belonging to the Scottish Constitution, I take a deep interest in matters affecting the welfare of the Craft, both in England and elsewhere, and I am, therefore a regular reader of your useful paper. I ventured a few weeks since to draw attention in your columns to some important points which seem to me entitled to the serious attention of reformers in the direction indicated by the title which has been given to the recent rather lengthy discussion. Whilst there is plenty of room for difference of opinion regarding the possibility of exacting a perfect uniformity of ritual and working, and also of the wisdom of such a uniformity in what I may term non-essentials, if possible, I do not think any will be found to deny the necessity of taking steps to ensure something like uniformity in the method of imparting the essential and distinctive secrets of the several Degrees, and of testing strangers or visiting brethren therein. This uniformity is needful, both to ensure more care than is given, I admit, in Scotland to the latter matter, and to protect bona fide brethren, initiated under a different constitution, from an un-Masonic system of testing, and from the risk (not to say the certainty) of being shewn the door, because they either cannot or will not impart what they did not receive, and what their is no obligation upon them to have acquired. Of my last letter little notice was taken. One brother expressed his "sympathy" with my complaint; whilst another contented himself with referring to the laxity of a Scottish lodge he had visited—thus apparently asserting his belief that "two blacks make a white." If half the energy shown by yourself and your numerous correspondents in the controversy now being carried on had been diverted to securing the limited uniformity I have suggested, some good must have resulted; whereas it seems to me, as an outsider, that the only fruit of the discussion has been to foster a spirit of contention for the sake of argument, a free indulgence in personalities, and a liberal sprinkling throughout of the word "un-Masonic."

There are one or two ideas which must have struck many who have silently followed the discussion, if it can be so-called, and which open up side questions of more importance than the original one in dispute.

First, it has been suggested (I think by yourself) that it

would be wise at the next Quarterly Communication to refuse to confirm the resolution arrived at in last Grand Lodge, and thus undo Bro. Stevens' work. Now, I submit that this is altogether irregular in any society. Whilst the minutes of Grand Committee or of the Board of General Purposes are submitted to Grand Lodge to be confirmed, ratified, or adopted, the minutes of a previous Quarterly Communication are only submitted for confirmation as *correctly recorded*.

To depart from this principle would lead to endless confusion and contention, and too much waste of valuable time. Grand Lodge having given its decision on a motion submitted after due notice, the only Masonic course is to recognise and to co-operate in carrying out the wishes of the majority. In the matter in question, why cannot those learned brethren who oppose the principle of a rigid uniformity accept Bro. Stevens' invitation to act on his Committee, and then give expression to their views? I apprehend the Committee is not pledged beforehand to any definite course, and no party can lose anything by ventilating the question, and such co-operation may lead to some middle course being resolved upon, satisfactory to all.

Trusting my letter will not be thought too long for insertion, I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

M.M. No. 392, S.C.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. James Stevens perseveringly ignores all the important arguments which you, Sir, and others have adduced in proof of the ill-advised character of his action on this subject, and surely, after you have shown that no good can result from any such action, it is scarcely less than an affront for him to ask you and others who have adopted your own clearly expressed views, to "honour" him by becoming members of that which he regards as "his Committee."

Again I beg to direct Bro. James Stevens' attention to the Book of Constitutions, and to the ordinary conduct of Masonic business, and, if he has time to spare for these common place matters, he will see by the study of them, that he is not in the position to ask any one to "honour" him by accepting any post on "his Committee." "His" motion is not yet confirmed, and until it is no action can be taken upon it. By shouting down free discussion, and by keeping Grand Lodge from seeing the whole bearings of the case, he achieved what is apparently the proud distinction to him of carrying a vote at the end of a long meeting. But it will have to pass the scrutiny of Grand Lodge when our governing body has all its faculties about it; there will be an appeal from Phillip drowsy to Phillip awake, and Grand Lodge will best consult the peace of the Craft by relegating Bro. Stevens, his motion, his speeches, and his paste and scissors "work" to the quiet dignity of the "innumerable lodges of instruction" of which he is so bright an ornament.

The *Freemason* is doing an immense advantage to the Craft by calling attention to the serious side of this question (for it has its ludicrous side as well) and the unnecessary character as well. Bro. Stevens' motion flouts the Provincial Grand Masters by impugning the manner in which they permit "work" to be done. It imputes to Masters and Past Masters that they have strayed from their pledged words in carrying out ceremonies not in accordance with the principles of the Craft. Then it sets at nought the Board of General Purposes—the elected representatives of the Grand Lodge on all questions. I speak in italics, but use none when I say that every good object would be served by referring the whole subject to the proper authority—the Board of General Purposes—and the moving for a Committee is a slight upon that representative body of the Craft.

I am afraid, however, that the reference to the Board of General Purposes (if, indeed, there is anything to refer) will be far from the wish of Bro. Stevens, for the simple reason that in this event he would not be the centre of what would be going on. He must be the Alpha and Omega, or else, in his eyes, the matter is, like Mr. Toots' letters, "of no consequence."

There are a few practical considerations which have been overlooked. If the Committee should be formed, who will represent on it the colonies and foreign districts? Who will pay the expenses? Bro. Stevens, it is evident, has nominated himself President, or "Grand Director," and I warn those who are inclined to support Bro. Stevens that if the Committee fall off, as it will be likely to do from the childishness of its inquiries, Bro. Stevens will not slacken. Bottom, the weaver, wanted to "play the lion, too," and Bro. Stevens will tell us—"The Committee, I am the Committee!" after the style of the French despot, "La France, c'est moi." He will bring down his hammer—gavel, I mean—with some astonishing knocks at "systems" he is not "inclined to," and support to those he has "a mind to." His action will not be in the interests of peace and harmony, but it will serve his turn—a "turn" shown in the fact that, disregarding all the traditions of the Craft, he has made and printed what he terms a "book" of correspondence on "Masonic ritual"—he, a P.M. and P.Z.; and, not content with this, has sent it for review to the general newspapers of the country. Is anything more needed to show brethren the disadvantage and danger of trusting themselves to one whose zeal is unguided by prudence?

Bro. Stevens is kind enough to speak about my skill in giving him a good advertisement. From what I know of the book trade, I can say that a paste and scissors "composition" will need attention being skilfully drawn to it; but Bro. Stevens needs the application of no such skill, for he, of himself, "doth give us bold advertisement." It is time, however, for him to leave off the Bombastes Furioso style and deal with arguments.

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

JOHN WHILE, P.M. 228.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not see why Bro. Stevens should ask for my real name and object to my pseudonym. It is the privilege of the Masonic press to write anonymously with the permission of the Editor, and, therefore, I beg respectfully to decline Bro. Stevens' request, and to retain the subscription with which I began this correspondence. That I had an object it is clear to all who do me the honour to read my humble contributions, and as I have no evil intent in it, and am trespassing on no rule of Masonic propriety and good feeling, I claim the liberty, always rightly accorded in your open and honest pages to any discreet Mason. I confess that I am more in a haze than ever, and there I probably shall stay, as I see no valid explanation tendered either of the *real* object of the movement, or why so much heat has been unnecessarily shown by our Bros. Stevens and Perceval in the matter. As Bro. Neilson truly puts it, if these charges are true they constitute a grave reflection on our authorities, but how or why they call for a reform of the ritual or uniformity of working I cannot, for the life of me, see. I may be the thickest of the thick, or the densest of the dense, but, nevertheless, like Bros. Neilson, While, and many others, I do not, and cannot, see it. For it is not contended that the abuses are wide spread or known in many lodges, and why my liberty is to be interfered with on account of somebody else's "laches," I really do wish some one would kindly explain.

Yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS IN GRAND LODGE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I have read with a very considerable amount of interest the numerous letters that have appeared from time to time in your valuable journal upon this important subject, but at present I must confess that I am not greatly impressed with the arguments that are brought to bear against the advisability of its adoption by Grand Lodge. My object in penning this letter is not to defend or condemn the "modus operandi" employed by our zealous Bro. Stevens in ventilating this question, but simply to respectfully suggest to several of your distinguished correspondents that there are many abuses in the Masonic ritual that might be corrected with advantage if a committee of revision for that purpose were appointed by Grand Lodge. It is a notorious fact, and one to be deplored, that there are several so-called systems of ritual promulgated in London and elsewhere which, in their action, are subversive of those principles of unity which should prevail among the mystic brotherhood. It is a matter of frequent occurrence in lodges of instruction for the element of discord to be raised in consequence of a brother differing in his rendering of the ceremonies or in the "working" of a section from the system ventilated by the Preceptor of that particular lodge. I have frequently witnessed the most unseemly interruptions, and have heard the reverse of fraternal language adopted by rival exponents of the various theories.

If, as Bro. Stevens suggests, a College of Preceptors could be formed under the wing of Grand Lodge, the crotchets of some of our very worthy but dogmatical instructors would cease to provoke discussion in the broad arena of Masonic teaching, because the brethren would have an opportunity of making themselves conversant with the "working" of the College, and should their rendering of the ritual at any time be questioned they could defend themselves by stating that such was the system recognised by Grand Lodge. I also venture to differ from the opinions strongly expressed by some of your correspondents that the matter will be shelved at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, for this reason, that there is a strong feeling among the brethren, as a body, in favour of the appointment of a committee to consider what might be done towards reforming some of the abuses of the Masonic ritual, and to propound a system of uniform working that would meet with general approval. No sensible person can for a moment believe that in the event of Grand Lodge taking action in the matter they could, or would, attempt to enforce uniformity of ritual; such a proceeding would, undoubtedly, create even greater difficulties and differences than those with which Freemasonry had to contend in the last century. Pending the discussion of the motion, it is certainly not altogether the thing for prejudiced brethren to indulge in those disagreeable and uncalled for personalities, and which conduct is so emphatically condemned by your erudite editor, Bro. Woodford, in his letter which appeared in your impression of the 3rd inst. If the members of the metropolitan and provincial lodges are adverse to the motion initiated by Bro. Stevens, the remedy lies in their own hands by their sending their representative to the next Quarterly Communication armed with full powers to oppose it; but if, on the other hand, they are inclined to support it, let them instruct their substitutes to bring the matter to a triumphant result.

So important a matter deserves more than the mere raging of a "paper war," in which inglorious strife the respective combatants appear to lose sight of the point at issue, and frequently indulge in a rhodomontade of nonsense, "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Like many other popular and flourishing institutions, Freemasonry has its enemies, who are always on the alert to find some loophole wherewith to point and discharge the heavy artillery of malice and contumely against its professions, and who would eagerly embrace the opportunity of raising a pean of triumph should any serious rupture arise in its councils.

The public hurling of invectives and the casting of animadversions upon the conduct or principles of a brother can only lead to that discreditable result, so ably defined by your reverend correspondent, of affecting "the non-

Masonic mind with the gravest doubts of the reality and worth of our Masonic professions."

Apologising for occupying so much of your valuable space, I remain, yours fraternally,

T. C. W., P.G.S.B. Middx., &c.

#### THE LAST QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Though sorry for many reasons to see so much "personality" apparent in certain proceedings and circulars, notably, alluded to at that assembly, I yet think they may do good, in that they will disgust all gentlemanly minded Masons at the truly un-Masonic tone of such suggestions and such imputations. I am one of those who think that some means should be taken publicly to show to our worthy and hard working Grand Treasurer the sense the brethren really entertain of his unrivalled exertions on behalf of the best interests of our great Charities. It would be a fitting reply to all this childish and petulant outburst of circular and correspondence.

Yours fraternally,

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BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Mr. Wilson is taking a great deal of unnecessary trouble in carrying on a correspondence in the *Freemason* upon the subject of his disputed claim, and in sending out circulars to certain brethren previous to the General Committee meeting of Saturday last, and at which he did not himself think well to attend. It is not the usual method of settling such matters, and in this instance he will undoubtedly find it ineffectual, because the House Committee have a public duty to perform, and they will not be deterred by any appeal to the Craft, who cannot possibly form a judgment without a knowledge of all circumstances.

Mr. Wilson was repeatedly invited to attend the House Committee to give an explanation of a certain charge in one of the estimates, but at the last moment he always sent some excuse, either through important business or otherwise, which prevented his doing so.

If Mr. Wilson would devote his time and attention to satisfying the reasonable requirements of the House Committee, instead of wasting his efforts in a newspaper correspondence, I think he would find his claim would be fairly and properly considered.

The matter is very simple. Mr. Wilson sent in a long account for professional services rendered at different periods, and charged a lump sum at the end, instead of making a distinct charge for each item of service, or professional work; and payments were made to him from time to time as the work proceeded, so that the Committee did not expect there could be much if anything due, and that Mr. Wilson's claim was excessive; he has, therefore, been repeatedly asked to render an amended account, showing what he charges for each item (or in other words to show how he arrives at the lump sum), for the purpose of enabling the Committee to investigate the matter further. This Mr. Wilson declines to do, and prefers appealing to the Craft; therefore any delay entirely rests with himself. Without the information asked the account cannot be dealt with, and Mr. Wilson can of course bring an action, when he will be compelled to render an account in detail.

I will not occupy your space by replying to the other matters contained in Mr. Wilson's last letter to you, because they are quite outside the question.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM ROEBUCK.

Chairman for the month of the House Committee and General Committee.

West Lodge, Acton, W., January 8th, 1880.

[The above was received on the 8th inst., but too late for publication].

#### Reviews.

THE STEPPING STONES. An Allegory. Kerby and Endean, 190, Oxford-street.

We have been much struck with this most pleasant little book. We can earnestly commend it to the notice of those who are seeking books for the young. Its language is lucid, its ideas elevated, and its moral good in every sense, and it forcibly appeals to the best sentiments of the young, and will, as it may well do, improve the tendencies of the minds of the youth of both sexes; nay, and for the matter of that, it may be most profitably read by those more mature in life, more advanced in years. Our young friends must not be deterred by the mere seriousness of its aspect or the solidity of its sentences, or apprehend, to use the slang vernacular of the hour, that it is "too goody-goody" for them. On the contrary, if they only persevere in reading it, let them believe us when we say they will rise from the perusal refreshed, gratified, and edified. It often makes us sad to think, (as we too well know), of some of the absolute "trash" which is profusely put before our youth to-day, and which youth's facile mind too eagerly devours. It is equally lamentable to think that any sound and religious books should be considered by many "too goody-goody" for the young. The best thanks of the community are due to publishers like Kerby and Endean, who are not afraid or ashamed to issue books whose sound and benevolent aim is the moral elevation of the religious character of the young. We trust that they may meet with the success they deserve in these, their laudable efforts to advance and disseminate good juvenile literature.

THE MASONIC AGE. Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.

This is a new aspirant for Masonic and public favour, edited by Bro. Ben. Chase. It is No. 1 of Vol. 1. We

heartily hail it and approve of it. It is carefully edited, contains a variety of interesting matter, and is a valuable addition to serial Masonic literature. We cannot understand why in America with its 700,000 Masons there can ever be any difficulty in maintaining an efficient Masonic magazine and a Masonic press. But from what we read the same drawback exists in the United States as in England—want of interest in Masonry, archæologically, scientifically, and historically. Thus it appears to us that we want a little Masonic education and the foundation if possible of Masonic libraries, museums, and reading rooms. Let us hope that a better future and a revival of Masonic literature may revive the efforts of despairing editors and recoup the sacrifices of weary publishers. Until that "good time comes" we are pleased to greet fraternally such excellent representations of our Masonic literature as "The Masonic Age."

THE INDUSTRIOUS LITTLE BUILDERS. By T. J. A.

JOCELYNE. Kerby and Endean.

This is a charming little story for our young, for which we venture to predict much well-deserved popularity. It is animated and agreeable, frank and fresh in style, and its tone is admirable, in that it subserves a healthy morality, and gently "preaches" usefulness and activity. It is quite refreshing to turn over its cheery and sensible pages, instead of much of that formidable nonsense which lies too often now in the pathway of our youth; as a pitfall and a stumbling-block, a mockery, and a delusion, and a snare. We beg to urge on numerous young friends the propriety of obtaining for themselves this little book, not only as really worth reading, but as suggesting feelings and actions, motives and considerations which, under God's blessing, may do them much good wherever their lot in life may be. It is a thoroughly commendable book for mothers to procure.

THE LIBERAL FREEMASON. 223, Washington-street, Boston, U.S.

This excellent periodical, edited by our esteemed Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, is always full of interest for the American Freemason. Its articles are thoughtful, and careful editing marks its normal course. It has reached No. 9, Vol. III., and we wish it all success. It certainly well deserves patronage and will as assuredly reward perusal.

#### Masonic Notes and Queries.

CURIOUS BOOKS ANENT MASONRY.

There is a very rare little German tract, published at Frankfort in 1738, which is a translation of W. Smiths Freemasons' Pocket Companion of 1736. It has omitted the "General Regulations" and the songs, but preserves the list of lodges, and adds some original chapters on the condition of Freemasonry in England, France, Germany, Holland, and Italy. It is a tract hostile to Freemasonry, and contains some statements relative to foreign Freemasonry which are either intolerantly false, or the mere effort of abject audacity. At the same time in some of the "high grades," now happily extinct, many very foolish things were said and done.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THREE MEMO'S.

1. Those interested in the "ancient" minute book in the possession of the Rev. Bro. Woodford, and which formerly belonged to No. 194, "Ancients" (now 143, London), will find a short article on the subject in the "Masonic Magazine." The Middlesex Lodge will surely be glad to avail itself of the kind offer of Bro. Woodford's to return the volume to its original owner. The lodge (as, indeed, all the lodges of the "Ancients") is noted in the invaluable work by Bro. R. F. Gould on the "Atholl Lodges," about which I shall want to say a little as soon as time permits.

2. I am longing to see an exact transcript of the old "Inigo Jones MS.," and so must defer any remarks on that subject until then, save to point out that my reference was not to the *Grand Lodge MS.*, from which Bro. Woodford quotes in the *Freemason* for the 27th ult., but to that known as *Stone's MS.*, said to have been burnt in 1721, and a short extract from which will be found in our "Old Charges," obtained from the "Book of Constitutions," by Dr. Anderson.

3. If any brother knows of old MSS. not yet made public he will confer a great boon on Masonic students by furnishing particulars and, if possible, full details.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creton in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Don. M. Dewar, William Roebuck, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, F. Adlard, Arthur E. Gladwell, R. Warner Wheeler, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Hamann, Thos. Meggy, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Twenty vacancies and eighty candidates were declared for next election.

The matter of Bro. S. B. Wilson's dispute with the Institution was discussed, and the correspondence read, and the whole subject was, on the motion of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, seconded by Bro. R. Warner Wheeler, referred back to the House Committee to see if they could settle it.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton presided, and there were present Bros. William Hale, C. A. Cottebrune, R. Warner Wheeler, J. A. Farnfield, J. M. Case, James Brett, John G. Stevens, Richard Hervé Giraud, Louis Stean, Dr. Jabez Hogg, John Henry Leggott, Henry G. Warren, Wm. Hilton, Thomas Cubitt, Charles John Perceval, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rawson, J. Newton, William Stephens, C. G. Dille, Erasmus Wilson, Edgar Bowyer, H. J. Strong, M.D., Hon. Surgeon; Thos. J. Barnes, Charles Frederick Hogard, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Terry reported the death of three female annuitants, and also read the Warden's report. Bro. Terry also reported that the Supreme Council, 33°, had presented to the library of the Institution at Croydon a gift of 130 volumes of standard works, including the writings of Dickens, Lever, Maryatt, Lytton, and Ainsworth. He likewise reported that the New Year's entertainment to the old people was given last week, which was very successful, and that since then Bro. Cutbush had sent his annual donation of a hamper of bulbs.

On the motion of the Chairman, a formal vote of thanks was passed to the Supreme Council, 33°, for the gift of books, and to Bro. Cutbush for his gift of bulbs.

The report of the Finance Committee was afterwards read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, and the Chairman was authorised to sign certain cheques recommended by the Finance Committee. Half her late husband's annuity was granted to a widow. The tender of Bro. Shed for erecting a covered way at the Institution was accepted. Six petitions of brethren and seven of widows were examined, and the candidates were placed on the list for the May election. One petition (male) was adjourned, and one (male) rejected.

Bro. J. H. Leggott brought forward his motion for building a board room and chapel at the end of the asylum, which was not seconded. His motion for building an infirmary was seconded by Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, but was afterwards withdrawn. Bro. Leggott based these motions on the ground that the present building was inadequate in a sanitary point of view to the wants of the Institution. He had made a careful inspection of the building, and felt that it was far behind other Institutions. The brethren ought to keep pace with the times and make a suitable building. By the energetic services of their able Secretary they had obtained from £14,000 to £17,000 last year, and a good building was very important. An Institution of this kind should be much more extensive.

The motion was lost. Bro. Leggott then moved that the board room be used as a reading room and library.

Bro. R. Warner Wheeler seconded it. The Institution had just received a valuable addition to the library of the Institution by the handsome gift of the Supreme Council, 33°, and now would be a good time to adapt the board room for a library.

Bro. S. Rawson said he did not see that the board room was of any use now except for the meetings of the Committee, and the half-yearly entertainments.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield knew to his cost that the board room was very, very cold, and unless a very large fire was constantly kept up, and somebody kept constantly to look after it, in the winter time the old people would not use the room; they preferred to keep to their own firesides, reading the newspapers which the brethren constantly sent down. There was a small room already where the books were kept under the charge of the Warden, who lent them to the inmates of the Institution to read in their own residences.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart said the brethren must remember that the old people required all the comforts of home, and it was a great advantage to them to have the books home. It would be a sort of cruelty to place them in a cold room, and it would not be appreciated.

Bro. John Newton observed that the library would be increased, for he knew several brethren who, encouraged by the present of the Supreme Council, were going to send more books.

Dr. Jabez Hogg said he had heard the arguments pro and con, but he wished to ask the Chairman if the inmates themselves had asked to have the board room for a reading room and library.

The Chairman said they never had. Dr. Hogg said they might perhaps have the use of the room in the summer time, provided they felt they wanted it.

Bro. C. J. Perceval hoped that shortly Bro. Leggott would so far succeed as to get the size of the board room increased. The old people had a treat twice a year, and the board room was not large enough for the visitors who joined them on those occasions.

Dr. H. J. Strong, who saw the old people every day, and knew as much of them as any of the brethren, was sure they preferred being at home. An old man, perhaps, could not see, and he got his wife to read to him while he smoked and had his glass. It would not do to make the board room a smoking and drinking room. He was an advocate for plenty of air, but in the summer time he thought they might enjoy themselves in the gardens, and he would recommend garden seats with awnings over them. He agreed that the board room was not large enough for the entertainments, and thought more accommodation should be given both there and on the ground floor, where the rooms were very ill-suited for lady visitors. He thought a library would be an inestimable boon, and he spoke with admiration of the gift of the Supreme Council, who, before choosing the books to be presented,

went down to see what books were already in the library, so that there might not be double copies. He would like to see some one present "Chambers's Journal."

The motion was thereupon put and lost. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, as Bro. Norris, the Warden, would attain his 90th year next Wednesday, moved a vote of congratulation to him, trusting he might be spared yet many years. He testified to the admirable way in which Bro. Norris performed his duties as Warden.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. J. G. Stevens wished to bring a subject before the Committee. The last year was a very flourishing year for this Institution. During the year it had received something like £17,000, the largest amount that had ever been collected for any of the Masonic Institutions in any one year since their foundation. To a large extent that amount was due to the zealous energy of Bro. Terry, the Secretary. If it was necessary to ask him to do likewise this year it did not require any votes of confidence from the brethren to make him do it; but, looking on him as a friend among them, always meeting them in a genial spirit, always having a kindly answer whenever they asked him any question—the answer was given in that gentlemanly and suave manner that made it a pleasure to talk to him—he (Bro. Stevens) asked the brethren to give a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry for what he had done in the past year, for the very favourable way in which the business had been conducted, and for the very large amount of money subscribed almost merely through his conduct.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer seconded the motion, which, having been put and carried, was replied to by

Bro. Terry, who said that if he needed any incentive beyond that which he felt in his own mind the vote which had been passed would induce him, if it were possible, to render still more faithful services to the Institution than during the past year.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE NEW GRAND SECRETARY.

THE PRESS ON THE APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke as Grand Secretary of the English Freemasons, which was made by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, yesterday, is one which will give entire satisfaction to the Craft in England. Colonel Clerke is known as an energetic Freemason, a skilful worker, and an amiable and courteous gentleman. He is a Freemason of long standing, and brings sound health and clear judgment to bear on the arduous and often complicated duties of the high office to which he has been appointed. The Prince of Wales's choice is one more evidence of his interest in the welfare of the Order.—*Glasgow News*, 13th January.

MASONRY.—Our London correspondent states that late yesterday afternoon Lieutenant-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, a Past Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, was informed that the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, had appointed him to the post of Grand Secretary. The brethren of the Order have for some time believed that Colonel Clerke would receive the appointment, but there were many other candidates for the office who seemed to have a good chance of success. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, who is a very energetic Mason, is a great favourite in the Craft, and has become popular both by his Masonic working and his amiable and gentlemanly bearing. The late Grand Secretary, Mr. John Hervey, who resigned a month ago, is gradually losing strength.—*Yorkshire Post*, 13th January.

After a long delay, the office of Grand Secretary of English Freemasons has been filled up by the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. His choice has fallen on Lieutenant-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, a Past Grand Deacon in Grand Lodge. Colonel Clerke is an exceedingly popular brother, and his appointment, which has been long anticipated, will give great satisfaction to the Craft at large. Bro. Hervey, who resigned the office of Grand Secretary a month since on account of ill-health, is gradually decreasing in vital power.—*Liverpool Courier*, 13th January.

MASONIC BALL AT RHYL.

A grand Masonic ball, organised and carried out under the banner of the Caradoc Lodge, No. 1674, was held on Thursday evening last, the 15th inst., at the Westminster Hotel, Rhyl, North Wales. The patrons were Bros. Sir Watkin W. Wynne, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire; W. Bulkeley Hughes, Esq., M.P., D.P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire; and the Right Hon. Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P. The Stewards were Bros. W. H. Foulkes, W.M. 1674; E. Groucutt, A. Eyton Lloyd, E. Lloyd Williams, G. D. Burdett, H. A. Steer; and the duties of honorary Secretary were entrusted to Bro. H. A. Steer.

The *Standard* newspaper on Monday last sent £105 to the "Rowland Hill Memorial Fund."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Dismiss your doubts; let no one be longer oppressed with the notion that his malady is incurable till these purifying Pills have had a fair trial. When ordinary preparations have failed, these Pills have been used with the most marked success. A course of this admirable medicine clears the blood from all impurities, and improves its quality. The whole system is thus benefited through the usual channels without reduction of strength, shock to the nerves, or any other inconvenience; in fact, health is renewed by natural means. For curing diseases of the throat, windpipe, and chest, these Pills have pre-eminently established a world-wide fame, and in complaints of the stomach, liver, and kidneys they are equally efficacious. They are composed of rare balsams, without a single grain of mercury, or any other deleterious substance.—[Advrt.]

CONSECRATION OF THE EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

The ceremony of the constitution and consecration of the Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847, recently opened in Stonehouse took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart-street. That handsome new Masonic home, recently erected by Bro. Lose, shewed to advantage on the occasion by affording all the accommodation necessary for holding there the special Provincial Grand Lodge that was convened for the occasion. The lodge-room was well filled with brethren. In addition to the usual attractions on such occasions of the opening of a new lodge there was also the new temple to be seen, and it was the first occasion on which the new P.G.M., Viscount Ebrington, was to be received officially in South Devon, and the first occasion on which he was called upon to carry out such duties in the province. A large number of brethren were present.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the Secretary read the warrant, and the brethren of the new lodge having signified their assent to the appointment of the officers named therein, the D.P.G.M., R.W. Bro. G. W. Rogers, then delivered the usual oration.

The P.G.M., having pledged the Master and members of the lodge to obey the Laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, declared the Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847, to be a regular and duly constituted lodge.

The ceremony of the consecration of the lodge followed, and was very impressively performed by the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., the Prov. G. Wardens, and Chaplain.

At the conclusion of the consecration the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

R.W. Bro. W. J. Rogers, the D.P.G.M., then opened the Ebrington Lodge, constituted a Board of I.P.M.'s, and installed the W.M. designate, W. Bro. R. Lose, sen., as the W.M. of the lodge. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: W. Bros. A. R. Lethbridge, I.P.M.; J. H. Stephens, S.W.; F. Littleton, J.W.; S. Jew, Treas.; J. H. Stephens, Sec.; Bros. C. Nicholson, S.D.; Thomas Lose, J.D.; R. Lose, jun., D.C.; Jas. Lose, O.; and Isaac Masters, I.G.; and W. Bro. B. S. Johns was appointed to represent the Committee of Petitions. The lodge was then closed, and W. Bro. R. Lose was warmly congratulated by the brethren at his success in carrying out the addition of another handsome Masonic temple and another promising lodge to the Province of Devon.

A large party of the brethren adjourned to Walter's Farley Hotel, where they dined together. R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington presided. In the course of the evening, in giving and replying to the toasts, his lordship congratulated the brethren on the additions that had been made that day to Freemasonry in the three towns—Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport—the head-quarters of the Order in Devon, and said he hoped that Ebrington Lodge might prove worthy of him. He was pleased to find that his working that day on the first occasion of his thus being called upon to carry out that work had met with such warm approval from the brethren. Freemasonry certainly had recently much extended. Warrants for four or five lodges besides that of 1847 had been just issued from the Grand Lodge, and during the last eighteen months 100 lodges had been constituted under the English Constitution. While that extension must necessarily be very gratifying to them, it must not be forgotten that Freemasonry had also its duties and responsibilities. It was desirable that those admitted should be a credit to the Craft, a credit elsewhere also as well as in the lodge. Although a bachelor, he might be permitted to say that the admission of candidates might be said to have some resemblance to marriage. They got their friends for better or worse. If they got them for the worse it was even very much worse than in the case of marriage. There the unfortunate man was the only sufferer, but in Freemasonry the brethren around suffered, and the Order generally suffered. He had seen an old pamphlet lately, which, in treating on Freemasonry, made the following very important remark on the duties of Masons:—"You must subdue your passions, and do what is your will without a recognition of results, and act in unity and harmony."

Masonic and General Tidings.

By command of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons, an especial Grand Lodge will be held this (Saturday) afternoon, for the appointment and investiture of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at six o'clock.

Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, desires the members of all lodges in his province to appear in Masonic mourning at their next meeting.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire, has accepted the Presidency of the Birmingham Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association.

A meeting will be held on Monday next, at seven o'clock, at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury, for the purpose of making arrangements for the formation of a Fifteen Section Club. Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, has consented to preside. The attendance of brethren is solicited.

A report of the installation meeting of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, held on Friday last, is in type, and will appear in our next.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence will be held this (Saturday) afternoon, at four o'clock, at 2, Red Lion-square, High Holborn, W.C.

The installation meeting of the Samaritan Lodge, No. 368, Sandbach, Cheshire, will take place on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P. G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, will be the Installing Master.

Bro. Frederick Burgess (of the Moore and Burgess Minstrels) announces his annual benefit to take place at St. James's Hall on 27th inst. A very attractive programme is put forward, including the names of Bros. Edward Terry, Lionel Brough, G. W. Anson, George Conquest, Harry Paulton, and other eminent artists.

The annual meeting of the members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, for the purpose of electing the President, Treasurer, and Secretary, was held on Monday last, the 12th inst. Bro. Lewis Alexander, the senior Past Master of the lodge, was unanimously re-elected President, as was also Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., to the office of Secretary. Bro. James S. Lyons was elected Treasurer. This being the only business before the meeting, the proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the honorary officers for their services.

The Supreme Grand Council of the Swedenborgian Rite has just agreed its annual report for 1880, which has been placed in the hands of the printer, and will be issued in the course of a very few days.

Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie has accepted the Post of London correspondent to the *Evening News* of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the literary and foreign editor of which is Bro. Robert Shelton Mackenzie, for many years associated with the *Philadelphia Press*.

We are desired to state that the Lady Mayoress (Lady Truscott) will commence her receptions at the Mansion House on Tuesday afternoon next, January 20th, and continue them on the first and third Tuesdays in each succeeding month, from three o'clock until five.

The marriage of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and R.W.P.G.M. Essex, with Mrs. H. Rowcliffe, widow of Mr. Henry Rowcliffe, Q.C., and youngest daughter of the late Mr. Charles Bailey, of Lee Abbey, Lynton, Devon, was solemnised at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, on Tuesday, in the presence of a numerous congregation of relatives and friends.

The Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have accepted the sum of 1000 guineas from the Province of West York for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the Bentley Shaw Presentation.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow will move the Address to the Crown in answer to the Speech from the Throne in the House of Lords.

The following brethren were present at the dinner of the Gold and Silver Wire Drawers' Company, at the Albion, on Friday, the 9th inst.: Bros. Sir Francis Truscott, Knt. (Lord Mayor), Bayley, J.P. (Sheriff), Alderman Sir W. A. Rose, Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., M.P.; Stillwell, W. Wordley, George Burt, J.P. (Ex-Sheriff), F. Pendered, Bevan, J.P. (Ex-Sheriff), Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.G.C., George Kenning, A. J. Altman, W. Lake, and Alderman Knight.

We are glad to see that Bro. Hinckes Bird, M.D., who was Port Sanitary Medical Officer for Blackpool, and is the author of "Costless Ventilation," and other works for the improvement of the public health, is a candidate for the medical officership of the Port of London, vacant by the death of Bro. Harry Leach. Bro. Bird's great experience entitles his candidature to the full consideration of the City authorities.

ERRATA.—In our report of the Chapter of Sincerity, Halifax, in last week's *Freemason*, the name of the Chairman at the Lecture was printed Bro. John Fisher, J.P., P.M., Prov. Grand "Tyler;" it should have read Prov. Grand "Treasurer."

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**

For the Week ending Friday, January 23, 1880.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17.**

- Especial Grand Lodge, at 5 for 6.
- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H. Camberwell,
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1767, Kensington, King's Arms Hot., High-st.
- Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
- " 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot.
- Metropolitan Order of St. Lawrence, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.

**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 19.**

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tav.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
- " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
- " 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, 68, Regent-st., W.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-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. Station, at 7.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd., at 8.
- 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., Amhurst-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.
- 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 20.**

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Brid. Hou. Ho., London-bdg.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
- " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
- " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
- " 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old-bridge.
- Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 244, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant, at 7.30.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
- Domatic, 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-road.
- 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddleton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
- St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
- 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 21.**

- Gen. Com. G. Chap., at 3.
- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- " Grand Stewards, F.M.H.
- " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
- " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
- " 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture H., New Wandsworth.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.
- " 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-s. Hot.
- K.T. 135, Bosbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Maimore 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 22.**

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
- " 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tav.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.

- " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1816, Victoria, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 538, Vane, F.M.H.

**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 23.**

- House Com., Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- " 1601, Ravensbourne, B. of W. Office, Catford Bdge.
- " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddleton, Agricultural Hall, N.

**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.
- Ranclagh, Six Bells, 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., Golborne-rd., Notting-Hill.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
- St. George's 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.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, January 24, 1880.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19.**

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverston.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.**

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
- " 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
- " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
- " 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.
- " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
- " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
- Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
- " 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
- De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22.**

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
- " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
- " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
- " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
- Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.**

- Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

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