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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' LODGE (No. 1).—On Monday evening last the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, a Past Master of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, was again installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge, at its regular January meeting. The lodge met in the Crown Room at Freemasons' Tavern, which from its great capacity was well adapted for a large assembly. About 150 brethren were present. Bro. E. Fenner, P.G.S., W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and initiated Mr. Richard Claude Bell, the sculptor, in Freemasonry. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.S., P.M., afterwards installed the Lord Mayor as Worshipful Master, and when the officers of the lodge had been appointed and invested the brethren adjourned to the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the new Worshipful Master. The brethren present were Bros. J. Whitaker Ellis, S.W.; Rev. John Conder, Chaplain; Richard Hervé Giraud, P.M., Treasurer; J. M. Case, P.M., Honorary Secretary; R. M. Bishop, S.D.; Bradshaw Brown, J.D.; G. Martin, I.G.; S. Rawson, P.M., D.C.; George Payne, P.M., S. Steward; J. W. Fuller, J. Steward; Past Masters: F. Bennoch, D. H. Stone, P.G.J.W.; W. H. Trego, Walter H. Wilkins, W. A. Colls, Edmond H. Bayley, R. W. Lumley, G. N. Johnson, G. W. Chambers, Ralph Gooding, J. Ebenezer Saunders, J. W. Gladwell, Walter Bigg, George S. Nottage, John H. Fitch, R. W. Dell, and A. B. Friend. The lay members were Bros. Wilbraham, G. C. D'Albiac, Jas. Hatch, H. S. Crawford, T. C. Ratcliff Steel, T. L. Smith, Arthur Halford, W. Schlosser, J. Taylor Smith, Alfred Brookman, J. Whiffin, R. N. Fowler, Joseph Langton, Joseph D. Langton, F. Gordon Brown, F. Spiers, J. S. Ward, F. C. Veley, James A. States, and Joseph C. Dimsdale. The visitors were Bros. R. E. Pixley, 29; Edward Swanborough, W.M. 1319; W. Watson, St. John and St. Paul, J. Lacharie, P.M. 349; J. Edmeston, 1635; A. Richere, 46; E. F. Jeffery, 1211; F. P. Peacock, 839; J. S. Turner, 1716; T. Figer, 1216; Samuel Gooding, 376; H. Mead, P.M. 788; W. C. K. Witch, Grand Masters' Lodge of Ireland; John D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M. 1567; Wm. Cowan, S.D. 1397; H. A. Hunt, P.M. 1624; A. Conder Ensier, W. Jolliffe, 595; J. Lachmere, 1261; Fredk. Flint, 1414; John Gibson, G. Supt. of Wks.; A. D. Lewis, 487; W. Watson, 1349; Major-Gen. the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe, J.G.W.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, G.C., G.R.; Arthur W. Ellis, 781; W. C. Beaumont, 26, G.S.; Thomas Elwell, 526; S. Rosenthal, P.P.S.G.W. Middx.; A. Styan, Treas. 1216; C. W. Thompson, W.M. 969; S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D.; R. Dixon, Sir Albert W. Woods, G.D.C.; James Harris, 201; J. Paterson, 19; W. Pierpoint, 813; G. B. Childs, 969; Wm. Hudson, 1, Scot, 14, Lcn.; W. C. Mellet, P.M. 60; E. Ellery Bowden, 90; W. J. Cooper, 1668; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; R. T. Kingham, P.M. 1507; Fredk. B. Halford, late No. 1; H. W. Partidge, W.M. 79; John B. Monckton, Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes; J. G. Neilson, P.M. 28; J. G. Shearman, P.M. 28; A. T. W. Roberts, 257; E. J. S. Layton, 181; E. Beaumont, 26; J. Watson Thomas, 905; A. J. Dudgeon, 33; W. L. Dudgeon, 33; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Albert West, 90; Lewis Wyon, Clapham Lodge; Francis F. Giraud, P.M. 133, P.P.G.J.D. Kent; Edward Giraud, 604, New Zealand; Sigmond Hoffnung, 944, Sydney, N.S.W.; George Lambert, P.M. 198 and 504; W. Hall, 181; W. Galsworthy, late 109; Walter Lumley, 4; A. Hoffnung, P.M. Zetland, Montreal; W. J. Brown, J.W. 90; R. Heather Bigg, Nine Muses; W. Edward Stewart, P.M. 143; A. G. Browning, J.W. 33; Alfred Andean, 9; James Wildy, 235; Charles Harcourt, 1319; John Stedman, 1765; John Hodges, S.D. 1619; George H. Savage, I.P.M. 46; Robert K. Clay, P.M. 50 (I.C.); G. Caravoglia, La Tolerance; C. J. Shoppee, P.M. 382; C. A. Payne, 862; J. H. Puleston, 235; Charles Martin, P.M. 23, and P.G.S.; Chaplin Henry, 201;

Montem Smith, 1791; and H. Massey, 619 (Freemason). During dinner the band of the Coldstream Guards, under the direction of Bro. Fred Godfrey, played a selection of music. After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, the Lord Mayor gave "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and, in doing so, said the brethren all knew how painstaking and amiable the Grand Master was in all relations of life, and that no trouble was too great for him if he could do anything for the benefit of the people. With regard to his position in Masonry, the Craft had been especially fortunate in securing him as its head. Even as late as Saturday last he had, among his multitudinous engagements, found an opportunity to attend the Grand Lodge and invest one of the high officers of the Craft. He had considerably entered on all occasions into relationship with the brethren, and in every lodge and every meeting of Freemasons his health was received with the greatest pleasure. The Lord Mayor, in giving "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said that No. 1 Lodge had been specially fortunate in having Grand Officers at their business meetings and at their entertainments, but he believed they had been particularly fortunate that night, because they had present one of the Grand Wardens, Major-Gen. the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe. The brethren would not like him to pass over the career of that distinguished brother. Gen. Calthorpe was one of those soldiers who passed with great distinction through the Crimean war; and not only so, but he was one of the "Six Hundred" of Lord Cardigan's troop. That was sufficient to stir the hearts of every Englishman. He should not detain the brethren by reference to any other of Gen. Calthorpe's exploits; sufficient for the brethren that he now occupied and adorned the position of one of the Grand Wardens, and that they were delighted to see him present that day. Then there was their old friend, Sir Albert Woods, who had had the distinction conferred upon him without going through the office of one of the Grand Wardens, and now occupied the position of Grand Director of Ceremonies. He was not only well known among Masons, but in civil and civic life was both well known and much esteemed. Next there was Bro. McIntyre, a very old and estimable Mason, who was, and ever would be, received with open arms in every lodge in the Craft. There was also Bro. Monckton, the President of the Board of General Purposes, whose kindness of manner and amiability of disposition endeared him not only to every brother with whom he came in contact, but outside lodges with every citizen in London. They had present also a brother whose name he wished particularly to be taken notice of, because this was the first lodge he had been able to honour with his presence since his appointment to his present rank of G. Sec., Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke. No appointment was more universally received with acclamation than this appointment made on Saturday last by the Grand Master. Col. Clerke had other claims to distinction outside Masonry, as he also served in the Crimea, and to-night two Grand Officers who had been united in war in the Crimea he should unite in peace, and ask Bro. Calthorpe and Bro. Clerke to return thanks for this toast. They had also the Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. Gibson, present, whom he might have to ask to advise him on certain points of architecture. There were also Bro. P. de L. Long and Bro. S. Leith Tomkins. Bros. D. H. Stone would be obliged to leave, but he had paid the compliment of coming to the working of the lodge, and had left an ample apology to the lodge for non-appearance at the banquet. Then there was Bro. R. H. Giraud. The lodge and the visitors would not like him to be passed over. He had been of great service to the lodge, and for the forty-eighth time he had had conferred upon him the insignia of the lodge's Treasurer. They looked upon him as the father of the lodge with very great delight, and his name was always received with applause. For many years might he continue to act as Treasurer. As to Bro. S. Rawson he did not know what the brethren would have done that day without such a Director of Ceremonies, and he thanked him in the name of the lodge for his exertions in every respect during the evening, and also for his services on many other occasions. Major-General Somerset G. Calthorpe, in responding, said that the Grand Officers felt greatly honoured by the kindness of the W.M. and brethren, and thoroughly appreciated their hospitality, and were very grateful for the courtesy and attention which was always shown to what was called the head of the Craft. It had been an especial gratification to the visitors to witness the installation of the first magistrate of the greatest city in the world in the first lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge of England. It was an occurrence, if not unique, at all events very rare when the Lord Mayor of London could find from his multitudinous duties, civic and public, time to occupy the chair which as Master he had so ably filled that evening. He begged to thank the Lord Mayor for having coupled with this toast the name of a brother whom he might call a brother-in-arms as well as a brother in Masonry—their newly-appointed Grand Secretary. Having had the advantage of being present in Grand Lodge on Saturday night, when H.R.H. the Grand Master invested Col. Clerke with the distinguished office he now occupied, he could say that from the acclamation with which his name was received when it was uttered by the Prince of Wales, the appointment was a most popular one in the Craft, and he believed the appointment would be of great advantage to Masonry in this country. The W. Master had been good enough to allude to his (Major-General Calthorpe's) very humble services in the Crimea; but he would only say that he endeavoured then to do his duty in the same manner as every Englishman endeavoured to do it in whatever situation he was placed. The W.M. had also alluded to the services of the Grand Secretary, but he

might have said more than he had in that brother's favour, because he was one whose conduct called forth the admiration of the army in the Crimea, for his distinguished conduct. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was received with loud cheers, said he hardly knew how to respond for the exceptionally kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. The present was a very proud moment for him, when he had just received the very high distinction at the hands of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, of being appointed Grand Secretary of the Craft. He felt, however, that he had a very difficult task before him when he had to follow such an estimable Mason as their esteemed Bro. Hervey; but he desired to follow in his footsteps, although he knew it would be difficult. He should endeavour to do his duty, and if he failed it would be his misfortune rather than his fault. He had to thank the brethren for the way in which he was received on Saturday evening. The W.M. had over-estimated his merits, but he trusted that as years went on, if he was spared in health and strength, the brethren would feel that the Prince of Wales had made a proper choice. He thanked the brethren very much, and the Lord Mayor, for the very kind, handsome, and too flattering manner in which he had brought forward his name before the brethren. Bro. Fenner, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." A though he (Bro. Fenner) had left the Master's chair, the privilege of proposing one toast yet remained to him, that of the W.M. The Craft had received great honour by the acceptance of its highest office by their beloved brother the Prince of Wales. In like manner had the Grand Masters' Lodge received great honour by the acceptance of the chair by the first magistrate of the first city in the world, their highly esteemed brother the Right Hon. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Lord Mayor of London. But it was not the honour which the Lord Mayor of London did to No. 1 Lodge by accepting the chair of the lodge which struck most home to the hearts of the members of No. 1; it was the reputation which he had as a Past Master of the lodge. It should never be forgotten by the younger members of the lodge, for the older members did not forget it, that the Lord Mayor had rendered great services to the lodge. He desired the brethren in drinking the W.M.'s health to wish him a happy and prosperous year of office, and that he might leave the chair at the termination of his year with feelings of the greatest satisfaction to himself and to the members of the lodge. The Lord Mayor, in replying, said, for the kind and enthusiastic—he could call it no less—reception the brethren had given this toast in some measure prevented him from giving expression to his sentiments so fully, ably, and sufficiently as he could wish. If anything could take the wind out of a man's sails it was the reception he had had that night. Whether that reception was due to himself as an old Past Master, as one who had worked in the lodge, and who had taken in times past, as he did now, much interest in its prosperity, he did not know, but he was disposed, and rather wished, to consider that the reception was given to the high, ancient, and honourable office he now held. The brethren of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, had placed upon the Lord Mayor of London another distinction, one which he valued most highly; and he could assure them that among the receptions he had had elsewhere he had never met with one which had more penetrated to his innermost feelings than that they had just given him. He, therefore, might be pardoned if he simply contented himself with resting upon an expression of his gratitude to them, and assuring them that his continued exertions would be used to maintain the high position of this lodge. He hoped that during his year of office such would be the result of his administration that when he resigned the chair to another brother it would be found that not only its dignity, its honour, and its position were unimpaired, but that he might have added some lustre to the office he now held. Sir Albert Woods in responding to the toast of "The Visitors" said it was a source of great gratification to him to be present to witness the installation of his old friend and brother the Lord Mayor, for whom he and all the brethren and visitors entertained the great respect he deserved. The Lord Mayor would perform his duties as W.M. of this lodge in a way that would do credit to one of the most ancient and crack lodges in Freemasonry. In saying this he was expressing the sentiments of all the visitors, who through him returned their warmest thanks for the cordial reception they had had. The present was the first occasion when he had been present at a lodge where a Lord Mayor of London occupied the position of W.M., and he valued his visit the more highly on that account. The Lord Mayor, in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said there were as many as twenty Past Masters of this lodge; and this showed that they practised one virtue—they stuck to their mother lodge. They attended its meetings over and over again, and did not forget it when they became Past Masters. They had done their duty in times past, and they had done it that night. He could not sit down without recognising the services of Bro. Dr. Gooding, who had so ably performed the ceremonies of the evening. Bro. Fenner, I.P.M., said he had endeavoured to contribute to the success, welfare, and prosperity of the lodge. It had been thrown on them in their time to bear the burden and heat of the day along with its honours, and when they retired into the ranks of the Past Masters they took the same interest in the well-being of the lodge as before, and would do their best to promote its success. He begged to thank Bro. Gooding, who had been of great service to him during his year of office. Bro. Dr. Gooding, who was also called on to respond, said that this was a very unusual proceeding. He could only say that his constant and only endeavour was to do everything he could for the lodge, and to promote the interests of the Craft in general. The Lord Mayor, in proposing "The Health of the Officers," thanked them for having foregone for one year the position they

were entitled to for the purpose of paying him a compliment which he had not anticipated. They stood by for one year in order to have him for their W.M. Alderman Ellis, S.W., responded. It had been said, and perhaps it was the fact, that it was an occasion unique in Freemasonry that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London should be in the chair as W.M. of a lodge during his year of civic office. The officers of the lodge congratulated him on that position, and thanked him for the honour he had done them in taking the position. The officers would pay the greatest possible attention, and show the greatest anxiety to fulfil their duties in every way compatible with the dignity which the Lord Mayor bestowed on the lodge. He and every brother of the lodge regretted the absence of Bro. Sewell, who had shown himself to be a true brother, and of whom they were all proud. Unfortunately, his health was not equal to attending, and he had asked to be allowed to retire from the position he would otherwise have held. The brotherly affection which ran through this lodge would not have been gratified if Bro. Sewell's name had not been mentioned on this occasion. The brethren hoped that his health would speedily improve. The Lord Mayor next gave "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Bell," who, as a distinguished sculptor, would confer benefit on the Craft as well as on the country, and who had already rendered his name imperishable. Bro. Bell replied, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of a most successful evening to a close. During the evening some splendid vocal and instrumental music was performed by Miss José Sherrington, Bios. J. Lindon Hodges, Stedman, Montem Smith, and Chaplin Henry—solo pianoforte conductor, Signor Tito Mattei—under the direction of Bro. Caravoglia. The two large bowls, made of Dragon china, presented to the lodge by Bro. Edwards, of the Old East India Company's Service, in 1827, which are used for punch and bishop, were used after dinner.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—The anniversary meeting of this successful lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 9th inst., when a very large number of brethren assembled to witness the installation of Bro. H. N. Bowman Spink as W.M., which ceremony was performed in a most effective and impressive manner by the outgoing Master, Bro. Edward White. Among the brethren present were Bros. Edward White, W.M.; H. N. Bowman Spink, S.W., W.M. elect; Wm. Harris, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; J. Buscall, I.P.M.; James Willing, jun., P.M.; H. Elmes, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; F. Kent, P.M.; Thomas Morris, Sec.; James McLean, S.D.; Wm. Herbage, J.D.; E. W. Kent, I.G.; W. M. Foxcroft, D. of C.; R. Pierpoint, Steward; H. Potter, E. Purchase, C. J. Jackson, G. Millen, W. Gibson, J. Jennings, W. Millen, F. H. Plummer, Winter, Dickerson, Montague, J. Jones, A. W. Jackson, T. B. Goodfellow, W. Davies, J. Kent, C. C. Piper, A. Cox, W. J. Bennett, W. T. Edwards, G. Plummer, C. J. Davies, Scard, J. E. Abrams, Crane, Field, Dorey, J. Abrams, and the following visitors:—Bros. Staddon, P.G.D. Suffolk; Johnson, P.G.S.; Edward Swanborough, W.M. 1319; George Briggs, W.M. 1572; Russel, P.M. 77; Thompson, P.M. 299; Austin, P.M. 753; Koch, P.M. 820, 1381; Batter, P.M. 1305; R. L. Sindell, S.W. 1293; Webb, S.W. 1381; Leech, J. W. 749; Arcoll, J.W. 1593; Pulsford, Sec. 1593; Parkes, J.D. 1744; Frank Silvester, 193; Banbury, 217; Elkington, 376; Haddon, 379; Walden, 463; Blank, 704; Edwards, 861; Wm. Beavis, 879; Barber, 933; Hurrad, 1185; Parr, 1293; Ashley, 1319; Price, 1351; Owen, 1459; Ridgley, 1614; Cooper, 1668, and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Edward White, and the minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, Bros. W. Davies and Scoboris were examined and entrusted, and duly raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bros. C. Quin and J. H. Gordon Winter were then, after the usual examination, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The principal business of the evening was then proceeded with. Bro. H. N. Bowman Spink, S.W., was presented by Past Master Ferguson, and having assented to the ancient charges, the lodge was resumed to the third degree, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Spink was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony and the various addresses being most cleverly and impressively rendered by Bro. Edward White, I.P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers Bros. Wm. Harris, S.W.; J. McLean, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Morris, Sec.; Wm. Herbage, S.D.; E. W. Kent, J.D.; William M. Foxcroft, I.G.; R. Pierpoint, D. of C.; James Jennings, Steward; and Daly, Tyler. The Auditor's report was then read and adopted, and on the proposition of Bro. James Willing, P.M., seconded by Bro. Plummer, a vote of thanks was awarded to the Auditors. Bro. J. E. Walford, then rose and proposed that a vote of thanks should also be passed to Bro. Edward White, I.P.M., for the very able manner in which that brother installed his successor as Worshipful Master. Bro. Willing seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. A petition was then read to the lodge from a French brother, which resulted in the sum of £2 being voted to him from the lodge funds. The lodge was then closed and the brethren, 106 in all, adjourned to the banquet table. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the first toast of the evening, that of "The Queen and the Craft," which was, as usual, very warmly received. The next toast the W.M. proposed was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the chief ruler and head of the Craft. His Royal Highness had, the W.M. said, by his many graceful acts made his way into the hearts of the whole of the Craft. The W.M. next proposed "The Rt. Hon. Lord Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past." He (the W.M.) considered that all the Grand Officers had fully proved their efficiency

for the office they held. The I.P.M., Bro. E. White, then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to propose the health of so excellent a W.M. His great interest in the welfare of the lodge was sufficiently proved by the fact that he had introduced more gentlemen into the Domatic Lodge than any other member. As to his capacity for working, he would refer the brethren to what had been already done in the lodge, which was, he thought, ample proof of his ability for the office. The High standard of working which had been reached by this lodge was owing to a strict principle it was their custom to observe, namely, that every brother before his appointment should be in every way prepared to properly undertake the duties. He had no doubt but that the result of Bro. Spink's year of office would be highly satisfactory. The W.M., in reply, said it was indeed a very great honour, he thought, to be installed W.M. of his mother lodge. He had been initiated in the Domatic Lodge some seven years back, at which interesting ceremony he had thought what a proud moment it would indeed be for him to occupy the chair of W.M. For the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and drunk, he could scarcely find words in which to return thanks. He would, however, do his best during his year of office to properly fulfil the functions of the lodge. The W.M., in giving the next toast, that of "The Immediate Past Master," complimented that brother in warm terms for the very able and efficient manner in which he had filled the office of W.M. during the preceding year. He certainly knew of no brother who had excelled him. He had performed the duties of W.M. in such a manner as to reflect credit upon himself and satisfaction to every member of the lodge. He had also to compliment Bro. White on the masterly manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. He was confident that all who were privileged to witness that beautiful ceremony were thoroughly delighted with the excellent manner in which it had been performed. The W.M. went on to say that it gave him very much pleasure indeed to present Bro. White with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren. He (the W.M.) thought it a great ordeal to pass through the year as W.M., but if at the expiration of his year of office he had gained the approbation of the whole of the lodge the Master was thoroughly repaid. In conclusion, the W.M. said that he was sure that Bro. White would be received with gladness by the Past Masters, who all admired him for the eminent Masonic knowledge he had displayed. The I.P.M., in reply, said it afforded him very great satisfaction to review the past year, especially with regard to the financial position of the lodge. It was most satisfactory, he thought, to find themselves in a better position at the present time than the oldest member of the lodge could remember. He had felt it to be a great responsibility to accept the Mastership of so large a lodge, as it was very difficult to please so many, try as one could. Everything, he was happy to say, had gone off well during his year, for which he was very thankful. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said it was an important toast. They all felt indebted to them for their presence. He thought it was a grand thing for any lodge to have visiting brethren, as it tended very much towards keeping the officers of the lodge careful in their working, knowing that the critical eyes of visitors were upon them. If we confined ourselves to one lodge we should never know whether we were doing well or otherwise. The Domatic was well known for hospitality. He congratulated the lodge on having so many visiting brethren present (thirty-four) he only wished there were fifty-four. Bros. Staddon, Swanborough, Johnson, Digby, and Briggs replied, thanking the W.M. and brethren for their hospitality and complimented them on the able working of their respective officers, Bro. Briggs remarking that he had visited the lodge some four or five years ago, when he was I.G. of the Carnarvon Lodge (of which he is now the Master) and when Bro. Spink was I.G. of the Domatic Lodge. They then each promised to attend the other's installation, which he was very pleased to say they had done. He could fully endorse the remarks of the other visiting brethren as to the excellent working. The Carnarvon Lodge working was considered "par excellence," but he must acknowledge he had learnt a lesson that evening. Several other toasts followed and were duly acknowledged.

**JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).**—This lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 16th inst. Among those present were Bros. Smith, W.M.; Hyland, S.W., W.M. elect; Payne, J.W.; Davage, P.M., Treasurer; P. Robinson, P.M., Secretary; Elsam, P.G.D.C. Surrey, acting I.P.M.; Wallis, S.D.; Dovey, J.D.; Parkinson Tyler; Whitley, P.M.; Wagner, P.M.; and Read, P.M. The visitors were Bros. J. Wright, P.G.P.; Storey, P.P. G.W. Kent; J. Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Stiles, W.M. 1732; Ferguson, P.M. 177; F. Garbett, P.M. 1178; Slack, P.M. 1178; Martin, P.M. 1329; Hunter, P.M. 1677; Conch, 144; Millward, 179; W. Coote, J.D. 1744; J. Gibbs, 1178; Mabey, 1774; Radcliffe, Morgan, jun., and T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx. (*Freemason*). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Elsam, who ably passed Bros. Gibbs and Smith to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, Bro. Hyland was duly presented and afterwards installed into the chair of K.S. in the presence of a very distinguished Board of Installed Masters. Upon the admission of the brethren below the chair the ceremony was proceeded with and brought to an admirable conclusion amidst the acclamations of the brethren. Bro. Elsam, the Installing Master, is to be congratulated upon the manner in which he performed the ceremony, his delivery of the addresses being particularly good. The officers appointed and in-

vested were Bros. Smith, I.P.M.; Payne, S.W.; Wallis, J.W.; Davage, Treasurer; Robinson, Secretary; Dovey, S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Simpson, I.G.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the I.P.M. was presented with a very handsome jewel as a souvenir of his year of office. The banquet was excellent, and at its conclusion the preliminary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. Bro. Wright having acknowledged "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the I.P.M. proposed "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he said he was pleased to think that so young a Mason had risen in so short a time to fill the chair. He believed that the "work" of the lodge would be satisfactorily performed, and he trusted that the W.M. would receive from the brethren that cordiality and kindly feeling that should at all times be evinced towards the occupant of the Master's chair. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. acknowledged the compliment in a speech that created some merriment. "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Stiles and Walls. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. expressed his gratitude to the members of that body for the support that they had given him during his connection with the lodge. In conclusion, he said that he felt particularly indebted to Bro. Elsam, P.M., who had installed him into the chair that evening in a manner that had given the most unqualified satisfaction to all those who had had the pleasure of witnessing the ceremonial. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Elsam, in his reply, said that for the great honour the W.M. had done the Past Masters in so warmly alluding to them he begged to thank him. It was, however, the duty of the Past Masters to assist the younger brethren to the utmost of their ability. In speaking of the event of that evening, he said that they (the Past Masters) had assembled to do honour to one who would be able to discharge the onerous duties of the Master's chair most efficiently. He then dilated upon the prosperous state of the lodge, and, in concluding his remarks, he stated that although he lived some miles from London, yet should any necessity arise he would be only too happy, even at personal inconvenience, to give the Master of his lodge the benefit of his poor services, and, upon behalf of the other Past Masters, he wished to state that they would also be ready at all times to render any assistance to the lodge that might be required of them. Several of the other Past Masters having addressed a few words to the brethren, the W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Terry, in reply, made a stirring and eloquent speech upon the principles and utility of the three great Masonic Institutions, and which display of philanthropic oratory afforded great delight to his numerous hearers. In the course of his remarks he directed their attention to the large sum that had been voluntarily subscribed to the Charities during 1879, namely, upwards of £44,500—(applause)—and this at a time when an unprecedented depression of trade had created the most disastrous results in almost every community. He then gave some very interesting statistics in connection with the working of the three Institutions, and strongly exhorted the brethren to do all they could in the present year to increase their respective funds. He said that notwithstanding the large sums received the Charities had greater calls upon their resources than could be entertained. It required a great amount of money to maintain the 205 girls, 210 boys, and 307 aged people, who were at the present time dependent upon the three Charities. In conclusion, he called the attention of the brethren to the fact that their I.P.M. was a Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution as representing the Jerusalem, which chapter was largely recruited from the Jordan Lodge, and he hoped that the brethren would assist him (Bro. Smith) to the utmost of their power. "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable. Great praise was due to Bros. Millward, Stiles, Read, and others for their excellent vocalisation.

**POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 534).**—The members of this well-known lodge assembled in strong force on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The lodge was opened shortly after six o'clock, p.m., by the W.M., Bro. J. Aspinall, supported by the following officers:—Bros. Ebner, I.P.M.; Dr. Jagielski, S.W.; Dr. Corrie Jackson, J.W.; Nowacowski, P.M., Treas.; W. Paas, P.M., Sec.; Lancaster, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Runtz, I.G.; and Beckett, Tyler. We also noticed amongst those present Bros. Hayday, P.M.; Cumming, P.M.; Hughes, Forbes, Washington Hayday, Neideliieski, and others. The visitors were Bros. Weinhause, 1423; G. A. Barclay, 1608; G. H. Wilkinson, 49; Wyndham Hart, 49; and E. Shrimpton, 1658. The business of the evening consisted of passing Bro. E. F. Day, and it is scarcely necessary to mention that the ceremony was faultlessly rendered by the well-known W.M. A deserving foreign brother was relieved, and the name of a gentleman, whom one of the brethren desired to propose for initiation at the next meeting, handed to the Secretary, after which the lodge was closed. The banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, and fully appreciated by the company. After the cloth had been removed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were well received. The intervals were occupied by some fine songs, &c., rendered by Bros. Jackson, Jagielski, Denham, and others.

**GRESHAM LODGE (No. 869).**—The usual winter meeting of the above lodge took place at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, on Monday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. C. Chapman, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. Thomas Perry, S.W. It has been the custom for some years for the brethren (many of whom reside in London) to dine together during the festive season, and upon this occasion an additional charm was given thereto by the presence of the ladies, who

had been invited to join the festive board, an invitation which met with a hearty and general response. The dinner was of a recherché character, served in the very best skill by Bro. Kent. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen," "Prs'erity to the Gresham Lodge" (responded to by the Treasurer, Bro. F. D. Rees Copestick), and "The Ladies," the duty of responding to the latter falling upon Bro. H. Johnson, who in a humorous and witty speech did full justice thereto. The company having retired to the drawing room, music took the place of speeches, and songs, many and varied, occupied the attention till the hour of departure. Among the ladies present was the clever and accomplished daughter of Bro. Eugene Benard, P.G.S. Herts, Madlle. Eugenie Benard, a lady whose abilities as a pianiste may be said to rank second to none. Altogether the meeting was a successful and joyous one.

**CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 8th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, the W.M., Bro. P. C. McCarthy, in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters and officers: H. Brian, I.P.M.; J. Gaskall, H. B. Holliday, B. B. Brayshaw, T. S. Day, H. Taplay, S.W.; P. W. Job, J.W.; J. Dorton, Treas. and P.M.; J. Mitchell, Sec.; W. Nevins, J.D.; A. R. Mason, I.G.; and M. Sherwin, Org. The visitors comprised Bros. E. B. Hobson, J.W. 700; A. Hugon, 145; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting passed, Bro. Nash was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Herman Taplay and Spencer were raised to the Sublime Degree of M. Mason. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in solemn form, and the brethren assembled around the festive board. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were appropriately honoured, and then Bro. Gaskell, the oldest and most distinguished Past Master present, rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said they must all agree with him that the office of W.M. of a lodge was a most important one. No lodge could ever become a great lodge among the Craft unless it made sure of its Master being in every respect fully fitted to carry out the duties entrusted to him. The honour, the credit, the very existence of the lodge depended upon having a W.M. capable, in every respect, to carry out the duties and maintain the prestige of the lodge, and in Bro. McCarthy they had that W.M. (Cheers.) The manner in which he had worked the several ceremonies entrusted to him that night had shown that their choice had been well founded, and he believed he was speaking the sentiments of every member of the lodge when he said that they were proud of their W.M., and of the manner in which he had inaugurated his reign in the lodge. He asked them to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it deserved. (Loud cheers.) The W.M., in responding, said if he had not worked the Degrees to the satisfaction of all those present, they must take into consideration the fact that it was his second attempt. There might be some difference of opinion as to his working, but he was an "East End" worker, and his idea of working was gained at the East End Lodge of Instruction. There was one thing he might say about the Capper Lodge, and that was, if they could find fault with its working, he trusted no true Mason would find fault with its charity. (Applause.) They were now paying yearly to the Charities of the Institutions something like £50 or £60 per annum, and he trusted in another ten or twelve years that every member would have a voice in the selection, and election of candidates to all the Charities. (Cheers.) He thanked them for the toast. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bro. Gaskell briefly responded. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Hugon and Jolly, who responded. At this moment Bro. Terry, the honoured Secretary of the Old Men's Institute, who had been attending a chapter meeting in a room adjoining, entered the lodge, and was received by the brethren with honours. Almost directly afterwards the W.M. proposed, amid applause, "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who, in reply, said he must first of all apologise for coming among them at so late an hour. He had been all the evening engaged at his duties at a chapter in a room adjacent, but hearing that the Capper Lodge was holding its meeting so close, he could not refrain from coming among them and thanking them personally for the manner in which they had answered to the call made upon them by Bro. White, their late Past Master, in the cause of the aged Freemasons two years ago. At their installation ceremony the year before last he had the honour and the pleasure of being with them, and then he expounded a series of rules, whereby it might be easily carried out that, by a small annual subscription of every member above the usual sum subscribed, they might in time make not only the Master of the lodge a Vice-President of the Institutions, but every one might become a life governor in each and all of the great Masonic Charities. The Capper Lodge had done so, and a great many lodges were doing the same good work. By this means they not only made the Master of the lodge Vice-President, but they placed him in a position to know, and have a voice in the manner in which the money of the Institution was spent. Let them take into consideration what had been paid into the Charities during the past year, and that would show what the great Masonic Society of England was doing. £44,583 11s. 9d. had been gathered during the year 1879 for the Masonic Charities. Of this, the Aged Freemasons had received the largest amount—viz., £17,741 12s. 10d., which was £3110 more than was received in 1878. The Boys' School had received £13,923 4s. 4d., £1200 more than in 1878, and the Girls' School £13,025 12s. 6d., or £160 more than in 1878. The Board of Benevolence had granted in 1879 £8238, or £4982 in excess of 1878. This return was for the metropolitan district alone, and when they came to take into consideration the large sums granted

by the Grand Provincial districts they could easily see that the sum yearly subscribed for Masonry was in itself something for them as Masons to be proud of. The past year had been a bad year, so far as commercial depression was concerned, and it had been especially felt by the middle class of society, and no class felt the depression more than they did. At their installation meeting at Milk-street last November twelve months, they then had the services of Bro. White, and then he (Bro. Terry) unfolded to them his scheme, which had been so nobly carried out by the lodge, and he said again that if every member would only pay 5s. throughout the whole of the Fraternity they would be in a position to support every distressing case brought before them without the constant appeal that they had to make to the Craft in general. He thought that nothing could ever remove from a Mason's mind the moment when, as an initiate, he was placed in the north-east corner of the lodge, and remembered the peculiar moment in which he was admitted a Mason, and throughout all his life that lesson should remain. The words he then said, "I wish that it was in my power to do so," should ever be indelibly engraved upon his heart, and when in the prosperity of his life he thought of those words, so solemnly spoken, it was his duty to remember them, and give according to his means. (Loud cheers.) He trusted that in time every member of this lodge would become Life Governors of the Masonic Institutions. Many of its members were seafaring men, "and those who went down to the sea in ships saw great danger." It was not at the present time that he expected to reap the fruits of what the brethren of the Capper Lodge were doing. There might be many among them who would say, and say truly, "Well, I have not the means at present." No, but the seed was sown, and from it would spring a harvest, rich with precious fruits. (Cheers.) The brother who could not afford it now might by-and-bye, when he prospered in life, remember the words he had heard in the lodge that night, and say, "I am now in a position to help my poor and unfortunate brethren, and I thank God that I can, and I will do it." (Loud cheers.) This then was what they might all do, and he asked them, in the course of one of the most eloquent and impassioned addresses we have ever heard, to show themselves Masons at heart, by giving according to their circumstances in life to the Masonic Charities. Our worthy and eloquent brother resumed his seat amid much cheering, and, we feel assured, his eloquent appeal will be well answered to in the lodge. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—This lodge held its regular meeting on the 15th ult., at the New Market Hotel, Snow Hill, E.C. Present: Bros. J. Howes, W.M.; W. Pennefather, P.M., S.W.; Malthouse, J.W.; McButt, S.D.; H. J. Lardner, J.D.; G. H. Stephens, I.G.; W. Snow, W.S.; J. J. Howes, D.C.; W. Butt, C.S. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. opened this lodge to the Second Degree. Bros. Silver and Pettet were examined, entrusted, and retired. The W.M. then prepared the lodge for the purpose of raising Bros. Pettet and Silver, who returned to lodge properly prepared to take the Degree, which was ably worked by the W.M. The W.M. then resumed the lodge, Bros. Mackay, Walter, also Bro. Wickens, of the Lebanon Lodge, 1326 (he having obtained consent of the W.M. of that lodge), were examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge resumed to the Fellow Craft, when the brethren previously named were duly passed to that Degree. The W.M. again resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Kelly and Kent, which proved unanimous. Those gentlemen being present were duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. Masonic business being ended, the W.M. closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet prepared by Bros. Butt, who are quite experts of that degree, to which the brethren did ample justice. All Masonic toasts were regularly observed and fully responded to. The harmony was well sustained by suitable songs by Bro. E. Roberts, the Organist of the lodge, and other brethren. Members and visitors, not already mentioned, were of the lodge—Bros. G. S. Elliott, I.P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; E. Mallett, Sec., P.M.; T. Butt, W. C. Smith, J. King, R. Greenwood, S. Renaut, C. Corke, Leggett, and Titcombe. Visitors were: Bros. Van Raalte, S.W. 917; Newcomb, 742; F. W. Williams, 1559; Volman, S.W. 871; Tomkins, 1744; Dr. Hunter, P.M. 1677; and Cohen 1326. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge.** (No. 13).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on the 14th inst., Bro. Thos. Hutton, W.M. presiding. The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for Mr. Edwin Elson, of King-street, Kensington, who, after approval, was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Bassett was then passed to the Second Degree. The ceremonies were rendered with great care by Bro. Hutton, who gave the Entered Apprentice's charge and the lecture in the said Degree with consummate skill. The following sums were then voted, viz., two sums of £5 each to the widows of deceased brethren, and £2 2s. to the Woolwich Soup Society. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren passed a social hour over the refreshment table. Among those present, besides the W.M., were Bros. N. Brown, S.D.; H. Syer, J.D.; G. Davies, P.M. and Treas.; O. Hutton, Sec.; T. Hosgood, S.D.; Jas. Matter, I.G.; and W. Bidgood, Org. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Smith, P.M. and Treas. 829; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. 913; G. H. Hill and C. Sweeting, 700; J. Aillud, 615; W. Banbury, 217; J. Murray, 299; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

**SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Hawdon, supported by Bro. Douglass, P.M. (*Freemason*). The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. Broughton and Buckhart were examined and gave satisfaction; they retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Broughton and Buckhart were regularly admitted and made F.C. Masons. Bro. Huntly was examined previous to taking the Third Degree, and proved worthy; he retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Huntley was admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was regularly reduced to the First Degree. The Secretary intimated that the Grand Lodge granted the sum of £30 for the widow of Bro. Swaine. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom and with solemn form.

**SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Freemason-street, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Dr. Potts, supported by the I.P.M., Bro. Frampton; Bro. Pearson, P.M.; Bro. Sutherst, P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, 561, Guisbro'. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Cook was examined and proved worthy for the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Cook was admitted and made a F.C. Mason. Bros. Henderson and Wallace were examined and gave satisfaction for the Third Degree. They retired. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when Bros. Henderson and Wallace were regularly admitted and made M.M.'s. The lodge was regularly reduced to the First Degree, and no other business being done, was closed according to ancient custom.

**SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Tonkinson, supported by many able Past Masters. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Punshon was examined for the Third Degree, and proving himself worthy he retired. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when Bro. Punshon was admitted and received the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was regularly reduced to the First Degree. No other business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

**SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).**—This lodge held its annual installation at the new Masonic Hall, on Thursday, when, in the presence of a very full attendance of Past Masters and brethren, including Bros. the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, the Masters of the Clausentum, Rosoman; Shirley, Parkinson; Twelve Brothers, F. G. Lomer; Peace and Harmony, T. Lashmore; Geo. Dunlop, J.P., the oldest living Past Master of this ancient lodge, installed Bro. James Cole as W.M. for the ensuing year, and commanded the warm thanks subsequently tendered by the brethren by his impressive performance of the ceremony. Bro. Cole afterwards invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. C. W. A. Jellicoe, I.P.M.; Myer, S.W.; Geo. Davis, J.W.; R. Sharpe, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Sec.; Rev. A. A. Dupont, Chaplain; Pike, Organist; James Robertson, S.D.; Obree, J.D.; Marshall, I.G.; C. Dyer, P.M., D.C.; Baird and Hart, Stewards; and Biggs and Vane, Tylers. Before the lodge closed the retiring Master presented for its use a handsome quarto Bible, which was received with thanks, and ordered to be placed on the pedestal, instead of the old one ("a breeches" edition), hitherto used. The lodge having been closed with the customary thanks to the retiring W.M., forty brethren sat down to the annual lodge banquet, supplied by Bro. Dartnall.

**RINGWOOD.—Unity Lodge (No. 132).**—This lodge, the fourth oldest in the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, it being 132 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, met on Thursday, the 1st inst., when the Master for the year ensuing, being the 104th in the history of the lodge, was installed according to ancient custom, in the presence of a good attendance of brethren, including some half-dozen Past Masters. The retiring Master (Bro. A. W. Ward) having "passed" a brother, Bro. C. J. Phillips, P.M., of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton, and Prov. Grand Senior Deacon, duly installed Bro. F. H. Brouncker, a resident county magistrate, as Master for the year ensuing, this being the second time in his twenty-one years' experience as a Mason that Bro. Brouncker has occupied the chair of this lodge. The newly-installed Master subsequently appointed and invested the following as the officers for the current year:—Bros. A. W. Ward, I.P.M. and Sec.; Stock, S.W.; Alexander, J.W.; Low, Treas.; Masters, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Hext, I.G.; and Elliott and Bursey, Tylers. Before the lodge separated a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master for his attendance and performance of the ceremony; recognition was also made of the services, through the past year, of Bro. Ward, and a hope was expressed that the presence of Bro. Brouncker in the chair might lead to as successful a year of office as distinguished his previous occupancy of that position. At the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren dined together, Bro. and Mrs. Low, of the White Hart Hotel, preparing an excellent repast following which the usual Masonic and other toasts were given, the assembly proving of the most fraternal and pleasant character, and giving every promise of this old lodge maintaining its past position and reputation.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—The brethren of the above lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 15th inst., for the double purpose of installing the W.M. elect and celebrating the festival of St. John the Divine. This Craft lodge is one of the oldest in the province; has been in existence more than 100 years, and bids fair in the hands of its present rulers to go on prospering as before. The chair was taken by Bro. G. J. Alston, the retiring W.M., supported by his officers and members, a good number being present. The W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Birch, a highly-respected member of the lodge, was presented by Bro. Bromley, Treasurer and P.M., and Bro. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., and efficiently installed by Bro. Alston. The following officers were invested for the coming year: Bros. J. T. Alston, I.P.M.; James Hilton, S.W.; Thomas Hatton, J.W.; Charles Bromley, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); William Gick, Sec.; E. Catrall, S.D.; John Walker, J.D. Emmanuel Donnelly, I.G.; James Winsor, P.M., D.C.; J. P. Bryan, Org. (by proxy); J. N. Housell, S.S.; Wm. Whiteside, J.S. The banqueting room being in the decorators' hands, the brethren adjourned to Luker's, in Herrington-street, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and fully honoured. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by Bro. Birch, W.M., in flattering terms on behalf of the lodge. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge, which has "from time immemorial" held a prominent position in the province of which the D.G.M. is the P.G.M., was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The meeting was certainly one of the most enjoyable, as well as beneficial kind, as not only perfect harmony prevailed, but the whole of the working was carried on with a completeness, precision, and efficiency which gave even the oldest Masons a new notion of work. The lodge was opened about four o'clock by Bro. R. P. Gill, the retiring W.M., who was supported by a full complement of officers; and amongst a brilliant array of purpled and other visitors were Bros. Ackerley, 680, P.G.J.W.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Capt. Newman, P.G. Reg.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. K. Smith, M.D., P.P.G. Reg.; Friend, Past Grand Officer Cheshire, 1289; Spratley, M.D., Past Grand Officer Cheshire, 1289; H. Firth, W.M. 667; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; H. Tobias, W.M. 1502; Johnston, I.P.M. 1756; T. McCracken, J.W. 292; Utherley, S.W. 1350; R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094; Bramham, W.M. 1299; and others. Among the more prominent members of the lodge present were Bros. T. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. McKane, P.M., P.P.G.S.; D. S. Davies, P.M.; John Jones, P.M.; E. M. Sheldon, M.D., P.M.; Ismay, P.M.; Beesley, P.M.; and others. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. P. Gill proceeded to install Bro. Dr. David Dunlop Costine as the W.M. of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, for the ensuing year, and the remarkably able manner in which this most worthy and popular brother was installed in the chair of K.S. elicited universal admiration from the full body of the brethren. The following was the staff of officers appointed or elected and invested by the newly-chaired Worshipful Master:—Bro. R. P. Gill, Installing Master, I.P.M.; W. Thomas, S.W.; A. M. Fabert, J.W.; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Treas.; J. B. Sparks, Sec.; E. R. Hartwright, S.D.; J. Sewill, J.D.; G. Banner, I.G.; S. Kisch, M.D., D.C.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; Peter Laycock, S.S.; E. Overbeck, J.S.; and W. H. Ball was unanimously elected Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the large dining hall of the hotel, where a choice first-class banquet was served. The W.M. presided, and during the evening he gave the usual toasts. "The P.G. Officers" was responded to by Bro. Ackerley, P.G.J.W., and Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; and that of "The Visitors" by Bros. Dr. Johnson, P.M. 1094; H. Tobias, W.M. 1502; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; and H. Firth, W.M. 667. Capital songs were given by Bros. D. S. Davies, P.M.; T. Hughes, T. Armstrong, and J. Jones, P.M.; Bro. Skeaf playing the accompaniments.

**BOSTON.**—Lodge of Harmony (No. 272).—The installation meeting of this lodge, the oldest in the province, took place, as on former occasions, in the Assembly Rooms, Boston, on the 13th inst. There was a large attendance, including Bros. Capt. E. Locock, P.M., D.P.G.M. of Linc., &c., &c., and several visiting brethren from the sister (Franklin) lodge, 838, and elsewhere. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The I.G. gave a report, and the D.P.G.M. was admitted, the brethren saluting him seven times with the Royal Sign. The W.M., Bro. the Rev. G. W. Lowe, P.P.G.C., was, from a late family bereavement, unable to undertake the duties of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Thomas, J.W., but the arduous task was most admirably performed and carried out by Bro. J. Ashlin Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Linc., D.C. The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. G. W. Lowe, P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; H. Thorpe, S.W.; J. H. Tasker, J.W.; G. W. Lowe, P.P.G. Chap., Treas.; James Eley, P.G. Std.; G. C. Bland, S.D.; G. Hall, J.D.; F. Besant, Chap.; W. H. B. Bratley, P.M., Organist; J. A. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. J.W., D.C.; J. Padley, I.G.; T. Ward, Tyler. The ceremony and business having been completed, the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, where a very sumptuous dinner was prepared. The day's proceedings throughout proved most successful, and the D.P.G.M. expressed his great gratification at being present, and complimented the W.M. and his officers for the manner in which their duties had been performed. A most enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent.

**GIBRALTAR.**—Lodge of Friendship (No. 278).—Saint John the Evangelist Day, Saturday, the 27th ult., was the occasion of the installation of Bro. William F. Cottrell, W.M. A very large number of brethren attended, several of the District Grand Officers being present: Bros. R. Stewart Patterson, P.G.M. Manitoba; W. Stanley, P.M. 278; W. Glassford, P.M. 278; T. J. Haynes, P.M. 115; T. Beal, P.M. 325; E. Bacon, P.M. 153; J. Conroy, P.M. 153; J. Cunningham, P.M. 153; B. White, W.M. 153; S. de Luques, P.M. 115; E. Valarino, P.M. 115; Gimenes, P.M. 115; Hector Cavanna, P.M. 115; J. J. R. Morgan, P.M. 115; A. Gomez, W.M. 115; F. Ashton, P.M. 576; G. H. Sanders, P.P.G.S.W. Isla of Wight; G. Dautez, P.M.; Claveresso, P.M. 576; Franceri, P.M. 325. Also Bros. Patterson, Lyons, Davis, Chote, Juan Morrilla and about fifty brethren of the lodge and others. Lodge was opened and a Board of Installed Masters having been duly formed, the ceremony was most ably carried out by Bro. Chas. Johnson, W.M. 278. The newly-raised Master, Bro. Wm. F. Cottrell having been placed in the chair with the customary rites, received the salutations of the Installed Masters; the remainder of the brethren subsequently rendered the usual homage. The following brethren were appointed officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, the investment being accompanied by a few well-chosen and appropriate remarks by the Worshipful Master, who, personally invested each with his collar and jewel of office, viz.: Bros. C. Johnson, I.P.M.; G. Cook, S.W.; W. H. Smith, J.W.; J. A. Speed, Treas.; A. H. Middleton, Sec.; W. Glassford, P.M., D.C.; C. Trenner, S.D.; C. G. Johnston, J.D.; J. Brebber, I.G.; J. King, Org.; T. J. Haynes, Steward; J. H. Haynes, Steward; J. Peterkin, Tyler. A vote of thanks was then ordered to be placed upon the minutes of the lodge to the Board of Installed Masters, coupled with the names of Past Masters Bros. T. J. Haynes and Thos. Beal, also to the I.P.M., Bro. Johnson, for the very efficient and impressive manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, which was a masterpiece of the decorator's art; the entire walls were covered with pink and white drapery, and a cornice fixed all round the room of crimson cloth, on which was most tastefully arranged branches of real oranges. Shields with spear heads and banners were suspended at equal intervals on each side, while a raised platform and canopy were fixed at the chairman's end, above which was a handsome life size transparency of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., in full Masonic regalia, while the other end was suitably decorated with scrolls, Masonic emblems, &c., &c., the whole forming one of the most unique and thoroughly artistic triumphs of festive decorations, such as have never been seen before at Gibraltar and the W.M., Bro. Cottrell, well deserves the thanks and universal praise he received for the very great pains he had taken in producing such a happy result. The banquet was one of Bro. Miranda's very best efforts, and served in a most superb manner. On the cloth being removed, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Masters of England, Ireland, and Scotland," "The District Grand Master, D.D.G.M., and the rest of the District Officers, Present and Past." Bro. Chas. Johnson, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the evening, viz., "The Worshipful Master," said that in placing Bro. Cottrell in the chair they had placed the right man in the right place. They were all proud of having such a zealous brother as their head. He never did anything by halves. He spoke in high terms of the valuable services rendered by the W.M. to the lodge during the last two years, and especially to him during his year of office. Bro. Cottrell on rising was greeted with hearty applause, and said: R.W.D.G. Officers and brethren,—I scarcely know what to say in response to the very flattering remarks made by the I.P.M., Bro. Johnson, in proposing the toast of my health. You have, brethren, chosen me as W.M. of your lodge, and I can assure you while I have the privilege of presiding over you, I trust that I shall do so with credit to myself and honour to the lodge. But this will in a great measure depend upon the kind co-operation and willing support of my officers, and when my term of office has expired I trust you will have no cause to regret your choice. I thank you very much, brethren, for the hearty manner in which you drank my health. Several other toasts were given, that of the Tyler bringing a most thoroughly enjoyable evening to a close.

**WARWICK.**—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 284).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. G. Wilson, M.D., W.M.; Thursfield, M.D., S.W.; Rev. A. H. M. Russell, A.M., J.W.; Rev. P. Sidney Harris, Chaplain; Brabazon Campbell, M.A., Treas.; Cooke, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; George Bond, J.D.; Col. Machen, D.C.; Blake, I.G.; S. C. Smith, Steward; Purser, Tyler; Vinning, Org.; E. Owens, Lord Brooke, W. Wells, Ridley, P.M.; E. Stanley, F. Haynes, P.M.; H. Haynes, C. F. Browne, H. W. Blenkinsop, J. Martin, D.P.G.M.; C. Marriott, P.M.; and S. W. Cooke, P.P.S.G.W. Visitors: Bros. S. E. Stanley, 395; J. Hamer Owens, P.P.G.J.D. Surrey; J. H. Owens, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; G. H. Fosbrooke, P.P.G.P.; T. Simmons, W.M. 395; E. J. Smith, 301; and W. Ward, 1286. The ballot was taken for Bro. Edward Seymour Greaves, of the Madoc Lodge, as a joining member. Bro. Thursfield, M.D., was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Geo. Wilson, M.D., I.P.M.; Rev. A. H. M. Russell, M.A., S.W.; Lord Brooke, M.P., J.W.; Philip Sidney Harris, M.A., Chaplain; Brabazon Campbell, M.A., Treasurer; Capt. Cooke, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; G. Bond, S.D.; J. C. Blaker, J.D.; Col. Machen, D.P.G.M., D. of C.; Arthur Hodgson, C.M.G., I.G.; Sidney Vinning, Organist; S. C. Smith and P. P. H. Harris, Stewards; Purser, Tyler; and W. Margetts, Charity Steward.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The installation meeting and St. John's festival in connection with this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The ordinary meeting took place on the Thursday previous, a report of same having already appeared in the *Freemason*, but it was deemed advisable to postpone the installation until a few days later, and hold an emergency, for the reason that the regular meeting falling on New Year's Day it was thought the attendance might be very small, as most of the brethren would prefer the fireside circle at their own homes to that of the lodge room. The wisdom of this arrangement was made manifest on Tuesday by the numerous assemblage of brethren, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. John Roger Lever, W.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; R. Tomlyns, S.D.; J. Dawson, P.M., Registrar; John Smethurst, P.M., Treasurer; John Church, Secretary; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; John Sly, Tyler; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. E.L.; S. S. Fox, P.M.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. E.L.; Saml. Titmas, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. E.L.; S. Henson, P.M.; E. J. Rix, P.J.W.; J. E. Middlehurst, H. Walmesley, Ludwig Oppenheimer, Ellis Jones, W. J. Cunliffe, J. W. Edwards, Jas. Wilson, P. Holmes, Jas. Smith, Francis Hilton, Henry Forshaw, J. G. Elderton, Jas. Eckersley, J. Gooden, Geo. D. Wenham, G. H. Bates, and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*). Visitors: Bros. Ellis Jones, P.M. 1147; Ishmael Davis, W.M. 1147; H. L. Rocca, W.M. 815; S. R. Sowter, S.W. 815; W. H. Peak, S.W. 993; J. R. Hillkirk, 44; T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147; J. W. Allison, P.M. 993; J. Varley, P.M. 350; Woodcock, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Cheshire; A. H. Gilbody, W.M. 1045; W. W. Wilson, W.M. 1140; S. W. Wilson, S.W. 1009; W. A. Laxton, P.M. 317; Martin Thomas, W.M. 350; J. Wildgoose, P.M. 163; J. H. Poulton, J.W. 44; T. W. Thompson, 1213; Geo. Stead, 1773; J. Ballantine, S.W. 1126; J. H. Andrew, 152; and J. Shorrocks, P.M. 350. The lodge was opened at 5.15 with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge having been raised to the Second Degree, the W.M. elect, Bro. Mark Vickers, was forthwith installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. J. Howarth Clarke, P.M., assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. John Lever invested the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. W. Nicholl, S.W.; H. Walmesley, J.W.; Church, S.D.; J. Wilson, J.D.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; R. Tomlyns, Sec.; P. Holmes; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; James Dawson, P.M., Reg.; W. Joseph Cunliffe, Org.; Jas. Eckersley, Ludwig Oppenheimer, R. R. Lisenden, and J. W. Edwards, Stewards; and J. Sly, Tyler. The addresses were respectively given by Bro. Clark to the W.M.; Bro. Donbavand to the Wardens; and Bro. Dawson to the brethren. The lodge having been duly lowered to the First Degree, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, it was closed in peace and harmony at 7.20. The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John at a supper, and the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and after an enjoyable evening the brethren separated at eleven o'clock. The musical portion of the entertainment was entrusted to the able and experienced hands of Bro. John R. Lever, who was assisted by Bros. Thomas, Shorrocks, and Stanley, and great praise is due to them for their singing of some first-class glees, &c., while Bro. Varley's talent as accompanist could scarcely be excelled.

**STOCKPORT.**—Lodge of Peace (No. 322).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. There were present Bros. J. Worsnop, W.M.; L. D. Bradbury, S.W.; Geo. Bennett, J.W.; W. H. Brown, jun., S.D.; W. Alcock, J.D.; S. May, I.G.; W. Heckton, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Fleming, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Meacows, Tyler; J. C. Chatham, P.M.; J. P. Bardsley, P.M.; John Scott, P.M.; J. H. Carrington, P.M.; H. Isherwood, P.M.; and John Gould. Visitors: Bros. J. Simpson, 249; G. Jones, McKinley, 429; Geo. Bradbury, P.M. 78 and 326; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened with prayer at 6.15, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. John Gould being present to take his Third Degree, was interrogated, and, after satisfactorily answering, withdrew. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and on the re-admission of Bro. Gould he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a highly creditable manner. Bro. L. D. Bradbury presented and explained the working tools at length. The lodge was gradually lowered to the First Degree, and some discussion on various matters took place, at the termination of which "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, and a pleasant couple of hours was passed.

**BATH.**—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The first regular meeting after the installation of the new W.M. was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 12th inst., when the following officers were present: Bros. T. Johnson, W.M.; Gove, I.P.M.; Rev. Sanderson, S.W.; Loder, P.M., as J.W.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M. and Sec.; Davis, P.M., as I.G.; and Bigwood, Tyler. Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; R. Cook, P.M.; and Hughes, S.W. 340, attended as visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., and Dr. Hopkins, as honorary members, which proved unanimous in their favour. The chair was then taken at the request of the W.M. by Dr. Hopkins, who examined Bro. the Rev. F. Carrol as to his proficiency, and this being satisfactory, he was entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge

was opened in the Second Degree, and on the return of the candidate he was duly passed to the rank of Fellow Craft, and thankfully addressed the lodge on his promotion. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and the W.M. again took his chair. Bro. Gove, Treasurer, presented his annual financial report, which was deemed satisfactory under the recent depression of the lodge, and great hopes of revival were expressed, not without reason, as notice was given for three joining members, and of four candidates for initiation. The bye-laws were read. Bro. Bigwood was elected Tyler. After some discussion on matters concerning the future interests of the lodge, it was closed at ten o'clock.

**CHESTER.**—Cestrian Lodge (No. 425).—On Thursday, the 15th inst., the brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, at the Grosvenor Hotel, when Bro. A. G. Smith was duly installed W.M. for the year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W. and retiring W.M. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. T. M. Lockwood, I.P.M.; J. Pye, S.W.; S. Spencer, J.W.; W. M. Lightfoot, S.D.; C. Duncan, J.D.; E. Czuzner, P.G.O., Org.; E. Minshall, Treas.; S. W. Ramsden, Sec.; D. Baynes, Tyler. Among those present were Bros. H. Lloyd, G.J.D. England; J. Oswald Bury, P.J.D. North Wales; W. Matthews, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; F. A. Dickson, P.S.J.W.C.; J. F. Rounthwaite, W.M. 428; Stanhope Bull, P.G.S. of W.; W. Matthews, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; A. Forrest, P.M. 241; G. Wood, P.M. 424; W. Johnson, P.M. 271; and others. A banquet followed.

**HAYLE.**—Cornubian Lodge (No. 450).—The above lodge celebrated St. John's Day, on the 30th ult. For the first time in the history of the ancient Order a Wesleyan minister was installed Worshipful Master of a lodge of Freemasonry. This unique event took place at the above lodge, and the Rev. George Kennedy, who has filled the office of J.W. during the past year, was the brother installed. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by W. Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, P.M., in the presence of the following Worshipful Board of Installing Masters: Bros. John Poole, John Rosewarne, P.P.G.S.; C. Ellis, P.P.G.S.D.; John P. Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. Mudge, P.P.G.J.W.; John Coombe, P.P.G.J.D.; G. H. Eustice, P.P.G.S.B.; Frank Harvey, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. H. Pool, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Osborn, W. Huthnance, Wm. Husband, James Pool, George Stevens, H. J. Warren, G. Pearce, H. Trevithick, members of Cornubian Lodge; J. Hocking, 580; W. H. Kinsman, 121; and H. S. Hill, 223. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. H. Trevithick, I.P.M.; Bigglestone Spray, S.W.; Thomas Mills, J.W.; G. B. Pearce, P.M., Chap.; Frank Harvey, P.M., Treas.; J. P. Smith, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Jordan, D.C.; Frank Vivian, S.D.; Capt. Woolcock, J.D.; J. Rogers, Org.; Richard Hawkins, I.G.; J. Bazeley and R. Hoskin, Stewards; and J. V. Bray, Tyler. W. Bro. Coombe, P.M., was re-elected Steward of the Charities, the W.M. remarking that Bro. Coombe was never happier than when he was securing comforts to others. The statements of accounts presented showed that the receipts for the year were £150, and there was a balance in hand of £17, after £20 had been paid on the new lodge account, on which £135 still remain to be paid. The brethren subsequently celebrated the festival of St. John at a sumptuous banquet, served by Miss Olver, White Hart Hotel, W. Bro. the Rev. George Kennedy, the newly-installed Worshipful Master, presiding. When dessert had been laid, the W.M., in felicitous terms, gave the loyal toasts, speaking of the G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as a whole-hearted Englishman, an honoured Mason, and one to whom all looked up with loyal and respectful confidence. "The Health of the Pro. G.M. (the Earl of Carnarvon)" was drank at the bidding of W. Bro. Husband. W. Bro. Harvey proposed "The Prov. G.M. of Cornwall," and had the whole company heartily with him in describing the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as a model Provincial Grand Master, governing the Provincial Grand Lodge with consummate tact, firmness, and courtesy. W. Bro. Rosewarne gave "The D. Prov. G.M., Col. Peard," and W. Bro. Huthnance "The Prov. G.L. of Cornwall." To the latter toast W. Bro. John Hocking, jun., P.P.G.J.W., responded, feeling sure that the working of their Prov. G.L. was equal to that of any province. This was due to the zeal and energy of the Prov. G.M., who had most wisely encouraged lodges to provide halls of their own. The Prov. G.L. was never numerically stronger, and its charities never more liberally supported. Next came the toast of the evening—"The W.M. of Cornubian, No. 450," and it was received most enthusiastically. It was heartily submitted by W. Bro. Pool, the senior P.M., who was pleased to say without hesitation that during his membership of thirty years no one had filled the Master's chair more worthy of esteem, respect, and confidence than its present occupant. W. Bro. Kennedy responded in a most able speech, which, we regret, the demands on our space will not admit of our giving this week. It was received with loud and long continued applause, and we hope to report it fully in our next. W. Bro. Mudge, in very hearty fashion, proposed "The Visitors," and W. Bros. J. Hocking, jun., W. H. Kinsman, I.P.M. 121; H. S. Hill, I.P.M. 223; and J. Lovell, jun., Prov. G.O., responded. "The I.P.M." was rapturously applauded, and W. Bro. Trevithick warmly recognised valued assistance received from the Past Masters. "The I.M." was also given, with well-deserved eulogy of the manner in which W. Bro. Gilbert Pearce performed the installing ceremony. Other toasts followed, and the W.M. made a graceful reference to the special brotherly courtesy he had received from the S.W., Bro. Bigglestone Spray,

might be exalted to the Mastership. A very pleasant evening was spent, Bro. Lovell contributing most efficiently to the harmony.

**SPALDING.**—Hundred of Elloe Lodge (No. 469).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual festival of St. John's on Thursday, the 8th inst., being the date of their regular lodge. The lodge was summoned for four o'clock, at which time there was a fair muster of the members and several visiting brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. Barrell, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., who expressed regret, which was shared by all the brethren present, that their worthy and respected W.M. was through ill-health prevented from joining them. The minutes of last regular lodge were read by Bro. E. Cammach, Org., and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted to the brethren, and, although there had not been any initiations and the expenses of the year had been heavy, the accounts showed a fair balance in the hands of the Treasurer, and the funds were deemed to be in a satisfactory condition; the expenses attending the reception of Prov. Grand Lodge having been met, by the liberality of the brethren, without impeaching upon the lodge funds. The acting Master announced that the next business was the installation of Bro. Martin Perry, M.D., who had been unanimously elected at the last general lodge to the chair of K.S. The lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Woodrow, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., having taken the chair, Bro. Barrell presented Bro. Martin Perry to receive the benefit of installation. The ancient charges having been read by Bro. Cammach, Org., acting Sec., and Bro. Perry having given his consent thereto, he was duly obligated as a Master elect. The lodge having been raised to the Sublime Degree, and the brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, the newly-obligated Master elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s, the newly-installed Master was saluted, and having been proclaimed in the East by Bro. Barrell, P.M., was greeted by the brethren in the usual manner. The brethren having taken their seats, Bro. Barrell delivered the address to the W.M., and presented him the charter of the lodge and working tools of a M.M. The W.M. then invested Bros. J. Laming as S.W.; J. Benner as J.W.; Rev. G. A. Moore, P.P.G.C. Suffolk, Vicar of St. John the Baptist's Church, Spalding, Chap.; E. Cammach, Sec. and Org.; Woodrow, D.C.; A. Harrison, S.D.; E. Hancock, J.D.; J. R. Capps, Std.; and Hensman, I.G.; addressing to each of them a few appropriate words of admonition, enforcing punctual attendance at the lodge meetings, and a zealous attention to their lodge duties. The several officers having been conducted to their respective chairs by the Installing Master, the lodge was called off to refreshment. On return to labour the lodge was reduced to the Second Degree, and the W.M. duly saluted, proclaimed from the West, and greeted. The lodge was then further reduced to the First Degree, and Bro. Barrell again duly proclaimed the installation from the South, and gave the usual addresses to the Wardens and brethren, and the ceremony, which had been performed throughout with marked ability and precision, was brought to a close. At this stage, Bro. Barrell having retired at the request of the W.M., Bro. Harrison, S.D., called the attention of the brethren to the services Bro. Barrell had rendered to, and the liberality the lodge had received at his hands since his initiation into Freemasonry, more especially during the past year; when, with the knowledge that the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge would during the year be held under the Hundred of Elloe Lodge banner, Bro. Barrell accepted for the third time the onerous post of Secretary, and, in the most zealous and indefatigable manner, not only performed the heavy duties appertaining to the Secretary's office, but as P.P.G.A.D.C. bore the chief part of the burden in making those necessary arrangements consequent upon entertaining the Prov. Grand Lodge, the result of which was so creditable to the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, and had elicited the warm plaudits of the Provincial officers and of the brethren generally. Bro. Harrison suggested that the lodge should, therefore, on this occasion depart from its usual course and mark with some lasting proof of approval services so valuable, and proposed "That a gold Past Secretary's jewel be presented to Bro. Barrell, the expense to be paid out of the funds of the lodge." The proposition was seconded by Bro. Cammach, Sec. and Org., and warmly supported by the W.M., Bro. Laming, S.W.; Bro. Symes, P.M.; and several other brethren, and on being put to the lodge was unanimously carried by acclamation. On Bro. Barrell's return to the lodge, the W.M. informed him of the resolution passed in his absence. Bro. Barrell expressed his gratification at the compliment passed upon him, the more so as it was unexpected, and stated that he felt highly honoured by such a proof of the goodwill of the brethren, and that what he had done had been for the love of Freemasonry, and for the warm interest he felt in the prosperity of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge. Bro. Barrell then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring W.M. for his conduct in the chair during the past year, stating that the retiring W.M. had marked his year of office by several acts of munificent liberality, one of which had greatly added to the voting powers of the lodge in the Masonic Charity elections, and that it was a source of great regret that through illness the retiring W.M. was not in lodge that day. The proposition was seconded by the W.M., and met the unanimous support of the brethren. A resolution was then passed that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Bro. Bates, P.M. 469, P.P.G.J.W., testifying the sympathy of the lodge with him in the severe bereavement he had recently sustained through the death of his wife. The proposition met the full support of the brethren, Bro. Bates being the oldest member of the lodge, and held in

wishes" were then given by the following visiting brethren from their various lodges: Bros. Rev. A. G. Moore, Chaplain 469, P.P.G.C. Suffolk, from 114; Rev. B. Matthews, from 1562; C. W. Morris, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk, from 107; and Carter, S.D., from 985. The usual inquiries having been made, the lodge was closed in form by the W.M., the proceedings having afforded great satisfaction to those present. The brethren then adjourned to the board room of the Exchange, where a most recherché banquet was served by Host Bro. S. R. Harper. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and heartily received. The toast of "The Past Officers" being responded to by Bro. Woodrow, P.M., P.P.G.S., "The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Barrell in that ready and happy manner for which the speeches of this expert brother are always remarkable. The toast having met with a most cordial reception, the W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for their kindness, and expressing a hope that his year of office would be a prosperous one for the lodge, and their meetings productive of much pleasure and profit. Bro. Benner proposed "The Health of the W.P. Masters," of whom he said the lodge could boast several who, having passed the chair, did not cease to take an interest in lodge affairs, and who were always ready to promote the welfare of the lodge, and afford instruction to its members. The toast, which was received with great cordiality, was responded to by Bro. Woodrow, P.M. "The retiring W.M. and Officers" was next proposed by Bro. Woodrow, and responded to by Bro. Symes, P.S.W., who expressed his regret that the I.P.M. was not present to respond to the toast, and thanked the brethren on behalf of the retiring W.M. and those officers whose privilege it had been to carry on the work of the lodge during the past year, stating that "it was the hope of reward which at all times sweetened labour," and that the reward they hoped for they had now received, viz., the approval of their brethren, and the satisfaction of having worked for the credit of the lodge to which they had the honour to belong. They were all proud, and justly proud, of the Hundred of Elloe, and he trusted those who succeeded would endeavour to maintain that prestige which the lodge held in the province as one where the working was equalled by few, and excelled by none. Bro. C. W. Morris, P.M. 107, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk, in a very happy manner proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed Officers," urging them to be attentive to their duties, and impressing on them that the successful working of a lodge could only be accomplished by each brother making himself thoroughly conversant with his own duties, and faithfully endeavouring to perform his allotted task. The toast was responded to by Bro. Laming, S.W. "The other Lodges in the Province" was given by Bro. Abbott. "The Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. Laming, S.W., and responded to by Bro. C. W. Morris, P.M. 107, who expressed the pleasure it always gave him to visit Spalding, where he could hardly call himself a stranger. He then proposed "Success to Masonic Charities," in doing which he gave some valuable advice relative to the judicious exercise of this distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. This always acceptable toast among Masons having been heartily received, was responded to by Bro. Woodrow, P.M. 469, P.P.G.S., who urged the brethren to practise Masonic charity, and to let the outside world see by their walk and conversation their Masonry was something more than a mere name; pointing out that the commencement of another year was an opportune time to review the past, to square accounts with their consciences, to reflect on their shortcomings with a determination in future to act up to their professions, and to be true to their solemn obligations. The address of this worthy brother was listened to with marked attention and warmly applauded. Bro. Barrell, P.M., then gave "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. Abbott in his happiest vein of good humour. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close, and the brethren retired highly gratified with a pleasant evening. During the evening Bros. Woodrow, Abbott, Barrell, and Symes enlivened the proceedings with some capital songs and recitations.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—Mersey Lodge (No. 477).—For many years this lodge has occupied a high position in the estimation of all good Masons, and its progress has been so regular and happy that it is now found that "fresh quarters" will have to be provided. This necessity has long been visible, and we understand that it is proposed to remove the lodge to 9, Hamilton-street. On Thursday, the 8th inst., the members of this lodge held their annual installation at the Masonic Chambers, Argyle-street, and the lodge room towards the close of the proceedings was inconveniently crowded. Among those present were a number of Provincial Grand Officers, including Bros. J. Salmon, P.M., and P.P.G.S.D.; Thomas Chesworth, P.M. 724 and 1576, and P.P.G.D.C.; F. A. Dickson, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; Jos. Bratton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724, and P.G. Purs. West Lancashire; W. J. Chapman, P.M. 1609; and a number of other Past and Present Masters. The lodge was opened according to ancient custom by Bro. W. Bennett, W.M., who, after initiating a new member into the First Degrees of the Order, opened the lodge to the Third Degree, when Bro. J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D., proceeded to instal Bro. Frederick Thompson as the new W.M. for the next twelve months. The proficient way in which the work was performed was highly satisfactory, and justly merited the high encomiums passed to Bro. Salmon at the conclusion of the ceremony. The following were installed by the newly-elected Master as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Bennett, I.P.M.; S. Jones, P.M., Sec. (unanimously re-elected); Donald Fraser, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed with acclamation); A. K. Gardiner, S.W.; J. T. Thompson, J.W.; E. Evans, S.D.; W. Hopkins, I.P.C. H.M. 107, and J. C. D. H.M. 107.

Inglefield, Stewards; and J. H. Holtway, Tyler (unanimously re-elected). The initiation ceremony being over, Bro. Brattan, P.G. Purs. West Lancashire, said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to hand over to Bro. W. Bennett, the I.P.M., a fully-paid-up share in the Birkenhead Municipal Building Society, on behalf of his daughter, which had been born since he was installed in the office of W.M. of this lodge, twelve months since. Bro. Dickson, P.G. J.W. Cheshire, next presented Bro. Bennett with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which he hoped he would long live to wear with the same honour and credit to himself and the Craft as he had done during many years past. The lodge being closed in due form, the company adjourned to Bro. Berry's, the Ranelagh Hotel, where one of Bro. Berry's ample and elegant banquets was served up. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and during the evening some excellent vocal music was heard.

**WARWICK.—Unity Lodge (No. 567).**—The brethren of this lodge met together to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist on the 14th inst., at the Globe Hotel, when Bro. Edward Brown, S.W., was installed as W.M. by the retiring Master, Bro. J. Frankton, who performed the ceremony in a very able manner. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Frankton, I.P.M.; Hiorus, S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; G. Smith, P.M., Treas.; Graham, Sec.; Hall, S.D.; Goate, J.D.; Bishop, Org.; and Kilby, I.G. The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to a well served banquet presided over by the newly-installed Master, supported by Bro. J. T. Frankton, I.P.M.; G. Smith, P.M.; Pritchard, P.M.; Boddington, P.M.; and about twenty brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. William Roebuck, P.M. 463, 29, 778, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; Godson, M.A.; Simmons, W.M. 305; W. Clarke, W.M. 725; Vincent, Hanworth, Duray, and others. On the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The I.P.M. then gave "The Health of their Newly-Installed W.M., Bro. Edward Brown," who he said was a good and true Mason, who new his duties thoroughly, and would perform them with efficiency. The W.M. returned thanks in a well timed and able speech, assuring the brethren that during the coming year, as in the past, he would do his utmost to promote the interest of the Unity Lodge. "The Healths of the I.P.M., the Installing Master, and the Past Masters," being given and responded to, Bro. Pritchard, P.M., then gave "The Health of 'The Visitors,'" and said how glad at all times the Unity Lodge were to see them. This toast was responded to by Bros. William Roebuck, Godson, and several other brethren. Next came the toast of "The Masonic Charities," given by Bro. Boddington, I.P.M., who said he had taken upon himself the Stewardship of this lodge for the third time and hoped the brethren would support him. They had amongst them that evening a brother who took great interest in the Masonic Charities, who was a member of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a V.P., and he, therefore, coupled the name of Bro. Wm. Roebuck with that toast. Bro. William Roebuck, in acknowledging this toast, stated how glad he was to find that our Masonic Institutions had not suffered during the past year like many other charitable institutions, but on the contrary the subscriptions had been larger than in any previous year, and he considered we ought to feel proud of our Institutions, and of the good they were doing in the cause of Charity. They had been well supported during the past year, and he wished to impress upon the brethren present that, with the continued increased demands upon these Institutions, it was necessary that the brethren should continue their support, and that if only all the brethren would contribute annually but a small sum to each of them a much larger amount would be raised, and the Committee would be able to extend the benefits more widely. The remaining toasts, viz., "The Wardens," "Officers," and Tylers, having been given, the brethren separated after having spent a most enjoyable evening, being enlivened by some excellent songs, accompanied by Bro. Bishop.

**SALISBURY.—Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 586).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, New Canal, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. A. Tucker, W.M., in the chair; R. Stokes, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Wilts, as I.P.M.; C. H. Card, S.W. and W.M. elect; Powning, as J.W.; Fletcher, P.P.G.D.C. Hants and I. of W., Treas.; J. Rumbold, P.M., Sec.; Hannan, S.D.; Bartlett, J.D.; Aylward, Organist; Buttifant, I.G.; Silverthorn, Tyler; and Goodridge, Asst. Tyler. Members: Bros. Stoddart, P.M., P.P.G.P. Wilts; H. P. Blackmore, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Wilts; F. Griffin, P.M., G.W. Wilts; W. B. Haskell, G. M. Main, Harwood, J. E. Beaven, E. Hale, J. T. Calkin, H. W. Larkam, G. Wilkes, and J. Follitt. Visitors: Bros. R. M. Worlock, P.M. 1388, Prov. G. Sec. Bristol; Capt. Herford, No. 622; H. C. Smith, P.M. 1107, P.P.G. Reg. Somerset; and Lashmore, No. 394. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, letters regretting their inability to be present were read from numerous brethren, including the V.W. the D.P.G.M. for Wilts, Bro. Goldney, M.P.; Bro. H. C. Tombs, P.G.D. England, Prov. G. Sec. Wilts, &c., &c. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect presented for the benefit of installation. The Secretary having put the usual questions from the Book of Constitutions, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all below the rank of W.M. retired. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Card was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the outgoing Master, Bro. A. Tucker. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. Card was proclaimed and saluted in the various Degrees. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bro. A. Tucker, I.P.M.;

Rumbold, P.M., Sec.; Bartlett, S.D.; Buttifant, J.D.; Griffin, P.M., D.C.; Aylward, Organist; Hale, I.G.; Follitt and Calkin, Stewards; Silverthorn, Tyler; and Goodridge, Asst. Tyler. Bro. Blackmore, in the name of the lodge, presented the I.P.M., Bro. Tucker, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services as W.M. for the past year. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed at 7.10 in ancient and solemn form. The brethren subsequently banqueted at the White Hart Hotel, and on the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic and other toasts were given and responded to.

**REDRUTH.—Druids Lodge (No. 589).**—The installation of Bro. William Lidgley, W.M. elect of this lodge, took place on Monday, the 12th inst., in the presence of a large number of brethren. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Bray, and at its conclusion Bro. Lidgley appointed his officers as follow: Bros. G. Bray, I.P.M.; R. Rodda, S.W.; T. Kistler, J.W.; J. F. Penrose, P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; W. H. Tresidder, P.M. Chap.; J. Sims, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Neame, Assistant Sec.; W. J. Trythall, S.D.; T. Jarvis, J.D.; Sara, I.G.; Mitchell, D.C.; Blight, Organist; H. C. Vivian, C. Bawden, and Gray, Stewards; and Polkinghorne, Tyler. At the conclusion of the lodge proceedings, the brethren dined together at Tabb's Hotel, Bro. Lidgley, W.M., presiding. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed. Bro. J. Hocking, jun., in proposing "The Pro Grand Master, and the members of the Grand Lodge of England," said those who had watched Freemasonry during the past few years could not fail to have noticed that the Grand Lodge of England had been more efficiently worked than during any previous period of its history. Striking facts which spoke for themselves, and said a very great deal for the progress of Freemasonry, were not only the great increase which had taken place in the number of lodges throughout the country, but also the large increase in the number of of charities belonging to the Order, which every Freemason had reason to be proud of. They had a member of Grand Lodge present, who was also a member of Druids Lodge, and he was quite sure they were all delighted to see him amongst them. Bro. Hughan was held in high esteem by every Mason in the country, and he was honoured not only in the Grand Lodge of England, but throughout the world, wherever Freemasonry was known. He was particularly identified with the Masonic Charities, and had taken the keenest interest in the success of the various candidates who had come forward from time to time in the two Provinces of Devon and Cornwall. Bro. Hughan, in responding, said he quite endorsed what Bro. Hocking had said with regard to the efficiency of management of the Grand Lodge of England during the last few years. Those few years were singled out because they had been a period of unexampled prosperity, and the increase of Grand Lodge had been far beyond what could have been anticipated twenty-five years ago. When the Druids Lodge was formed in 1851 there were probably about six hundred active lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England, but at present there were very nearly three times that number. The increase in their Charities, to which Bro. Hocking had referred, was also a subject for very hearty congratulation, and he was glad to be able to state that in that respect they were better off than they had ever been before. But on the other hand, it must be remembered that the claims upon them were far greater than they used to be, and it was therefore necessary that they should be in a better financial position. It was true they had had an increase in their Charities, but he questioned whether that increase was quite keeping pace with the increase of membership, and in future Cornwall would have to look to its laurels in that respect, otherwise they were likely to be out-distanced by the metropolitan and other provinces. Last year they voluntarily raised £40,000 on behalf of the three institutions in London, and he thought this was a very handsome sum. Some of the brethren were inclined occasionally to wonder what became of the money, but if they would consider what the income was, and what was done with it, they would rather wonder that so much was done with such a small sum. Freemasonry, he was glad to say, was cosmopolitan in its aim, and it was both unsectarian and unpolitical, and for that reason they were not bound by the shores of England in their Charities. Wherever there was any great claim for Charity made, no matter from what part of the world it came, the Grand Lodge of England was always among the first to respond to any appeal that came to them. He did not believe there was a more generous Grand Lodge of Freemasons in the world than the Grand Lodge of England, and it was therefore a great pleasure to him, on an occasion like the present, to have to respond on its behalf. It was a great pride, also, to be able to say that in and under the Grand Lodge of England members could be initiated irrespective of creed, colour, or clime. A few days ago they had a very remarkable and eloquent oration at Hayle. It was a very great pleasure to him to read that speech, but he should be very sorry for it to be supposed that it was an unusual thing for members connected with particular sects to be initiated into Freemasonry, for he had seen Quakers, Jews, and Greeks initiated, and it could not be too widely known that Masonry was free, and that the members of all sects under the sun were eligible to join its ranks, so long as they believed in the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practised the sacred duties of morality. He read the oration of Bro. Kennedy with considerable pleasure, and he had taken the best means he could of disseminating it throughout the country as far as it was possible to do so. Such a speech was not only an honour to Bro. Kennedy himself, but it was an honour also to the province with which he was connected. Bro. Sims, in complimentary terms, proposed "The Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and the Officers of the

Bro. Tregay proposed "The Health of the W.M. of Druids Lodge," and Bro. Lidgley suitably responded. In the course of his remarks he expressed a hope that the time would come when the Druids Lodge would have the Masonic Hall entirely in their own right, and he should be glad to do his part towards bringing that about. When he took the few shares which he now held in the hall, he determined that as soon as he was elected W.M. of the lodge he would make them a present to the lodge, in order, so far, to promote the object in view. He did not do this in any spirit of ostentation or with the desire to induce other members to do the same, but he was anxious that they should have their own freehold, and he proposed to bring the matter forward at an early meeting of the lodge. (Hear, hear.) The toast of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Tresidder, was acknowledged by Bros. Millyard and Bailey, of Camborne, and the other toasts were those of "The P.M.'s of Druids," responded to by Bros. Hocking and Heath; "The Officers of the Lodge," for whom Bros. Rodda and Kistler returned thanks, and "The Ladies," responded to by Bros. Sara and Edwards.

**ALDERSHOT.—Panmure Lodge (No. 723).**—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting at the Assembly Rooms, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. Agenda: To confirm the minutes of last meeting, and to install Bro. David Phillips as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. P.M. R. Eve, P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. being installed, invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Benham, I.P.M.; H. Stone, S.W.; J. T. Westropp, J.W.; R. Eve, Treas.; H. Hacker, Sec.; R. Featherstone, S.D.; J. Youd, J.D.; Glasspool, I.G.; and J. Burns, Tyler. There was a large number of brethren present, the following lodges being represented, viz., Camp Lodge, 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge (Farnham), and Albert Edward Lodge (Yorktown). The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. Whale. The usual royal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

**SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's School, on Monday, the 12th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Eggleston, supported by many able P.M.'s, and a good muster of brethren. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Lackenby was examined previous to taking the Third Degree, and, giving satisfaction, he retired. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Lackenby was admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was regularly reduced to the First Degree. All business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and in solemn form.

**WILLINGTON QUAY.—Tyne Lodge (No. 991).**—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting on Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, for the installation of Bro. William Hardie, S.W., W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a good attendance of brethren, and upon the dais were Bros. Joseph Cook, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Spearman, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Milburn, Egypt; G. A. Allan, P.P. S.G.D.; and A. M. Loades, P.M. 24. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Gladstone, who subsequently initiated a candidate according to ancient custom. Bro. Hardie, the W.M. elect, was afterwards presented to the W.M. by Bro. J. Montgomery, I.P.M., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Bro. Hardie was then duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed and the different charges given in a manner befitting the solemn occasion by Bro. Gladstone. The W.M. next appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. William Gladstone, I.P.M.; T. E. Smith, S.W.; Geo. Ridley, J.W.; Wm. Morton, Sec.; J. Montgomery, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Turnbull, S.D.; Wm. Whyte, J.D.; George A. Allan, P.M., D. of C.; James Watson, Org.; Charles A. Read, S.S.; John Rollo, J.S.; and Geo. Hislop, Tyler. A noteworthy addition to the hall was a beautifully coloured and illuminated star, which has been presented to the lodge by Bro. Hardie. At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed in due form by the W.M. In the evening the brethren celebrated their annual festival at Mrs. N. Brown's, Shipwright's Arms, Howdon, where about forty sat down to an excellent repast, served in a manner which reflected the highest credit upon the hostess. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. Hardie, W.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. T. E. Smith, S.W. After the usual loyal and other toasts had been given, Bro. Gladstone proposed, in highly complimentary terms, "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. responded, and afterwards presented, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, a beautiful gold Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, to Bro. Montgomery, and a similar jewel to Bro. Gladstone. Bros. Gladstone and Montgomery having each acknowledged the compliment paid to them by the brethren in feeling terms, other Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and as songs and recitations were given by several of the brethren, a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

**LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).**—The celebration of the festival of St. John by the members of this lodge took place at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The event is always looked forward to with interest and marked by much eclat, and this year's gathering was no exception to the general rule. This lodge occupies a very high position in the Province of West Lancashire, and the meeting was a very large and influential one. The chair was

supported by Bros. R. R. Forshaw, S.W.; W. Donkin, J.W.; Jno. M'Wear, I.P.M.; A. Willis, P.M.; J. F. Newell, P.M.; P.G.S.W. (ex-Mayor of Bootle); C. M'Nab, P.M.; George Morgan, P.M., Treasurer; J. B. Bunting, P.M.; Tempest Fozzard, P.M.; Jno. Whaites, Sec.; J. P. Bryan, Asst. Sec.; Lewis Peake, S.D.; John Smith, J.D.; R. Seddon, I.G.; John Tuntall, Steward; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. P. M'Arthur, P.M. 1086 (Mayor of Bootle); Hocken, P.M. 1505; H. Nelson, P.M. 1505; Leece, 1086, W.M.; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. R. Forshaw, a very popular member of the lodge, was presented by Bro. Fozzard, P.M., and Bro. Bunting, P.M., and installed in a style difficult to excel by Bro. Thos. M'Wear, I.P.M. The usual honours were paid, and the following officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year, a full choral service being sung during the proceedings: Bros. Thos. M'Wear, I.P.M.; W. Donkin, S.W.; John Whaites, J.W.; George Morgan, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); John M'Wear, P.M., M.C.; J. P. Bryan, Sec.; Lewis Peake, Asst. Sec.; John Smith, S.D.; Richard Seddon, J.D.; Wm. Shakespear, I.G.; John Tunstall, S.S.; George Mitchell, J.S.; James Dartnell, Asst. Steward; and Watson was elected Tyler. After the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where dinner was very nicely served up by Bro. Casey, 1086, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. proposed "The P.G.M. and Officers," and spoke of the honour done to Prince of Wales Lodge in the appointment of Bro. J. F. Newell, P.G. S.W. That brother, in replying, said he had never known any one to throw into his work more energy and ability in forwarding the interests of West Lancashire than the P.G.M., and thanked the brethren for the way they had honoured the toast. "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. in flattering terms, and it was enthusiastically received. The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren in appropriate words, and presented the I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. M'Wear replied in a few hearty words, and thanked the brethren. Other toasts followed, and a happy evening was spent. The musical arrangements were efficiently carried out by Bros. Ellis, Barlow, Waterson, Rees, Quayle, Foulkes, Forrester, C. S. Bryan, and Birchall.

**LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 1086).**—The brethren connected with this admirably conducted lodge gathered in strong force at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation of the W.M. Bro. G. J. Townsend, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge in due form, and amongst those present were Bros. J. Lunt, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C.; R. Abraham, P.M.; G. E. Hamner, P.M.; J. Ellis, P.M.; Isaac Leece, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. P. McArthur, P.M., Treas. (Mayor of Bootle); Hugh Spencer, Sec.; R. Beckett, J.D.; J. J. Savage, I.G.; J. D. Reader, S.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. F. R. Bramham, W.M. 1299; Rev. R. T. Leslie, S.W. 1713; J. C. Fish, 1264; G. G. Walmsley, 292; H. Ferguson, S.W. 1756; R. H. Evans, P.G.S.D.; J. Grierson, J.W. 1756; H. Williams, P.G.A.D.C.; R. W. Hickson, J.W. 1713; J. Hayes, P.G.S.B.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G. D.C.; W. B. Ackerley, P.G.J.W.; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; J. Wells, P.P. G.D.C.; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W.; and others. Bro. Isaac Leece was installed W.M. of the lodge in due and solemn form, the interesting ceremony being very impressively performed by Bro. G. J. Townsend, the retiring W.M., and the subsequent proceedings were carried out by Bro. John Lunt, P.P.G.D.C. After the usual honours had been paid, the following brethren were invested as officers for the present year:—Bros. G. J. Townsend, I.P.M.; J. J. Savage, S.W.; J. D. Reader, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, P.M., P.Z. (Mayor of Bootle), Treas. (unanimously re-elected); R. Beckett, Sec.; J. Lunt, P.M., D.C.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap. (re-appointed); Dr. D. L. Parry, S.D.; W. Wilkinson, J.D.; W. W. Thomas, I.G.; W. Roberts, S.S.; R. E. Roberts, J.S.; W. G. Veare, Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler (unanimously re-elected). The brethren afterwards dined together in the banqueting room, where Bro. Casey catered in his usual satisfactory style, and a very pleasant evening was passed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts receiving that hearty rendering always given in the Craft.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL.—SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge (No. 1410).**—On Tuesday, the 13th inst., the members of this lodge held their usual meeting at the Swan Hotel. After the business had been transacted they adjourned to an adjoining room, where, thanks to the improved catering of Host Cannon, an excellent spread was prepared and well served up, giving great satisfaction to all present. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg," and in eulogistic terms alluded to the important services he had rendered in respect to Freemasonry, and particularly to the Lodge of SS. Peter and Paul, where, through his instrumentality, such excellent harmony always prevailed. He then presented him with the Past Master's jewel, and hoped he would be spared long to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Brethren of SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge, No. 1410, to V. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., First W.M., in token of their appreciation of his invaluable services." The V. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, in acknowledging the present, said:—"W.M., Bro. Wardens, and Brethren, it is most difficult for me to acknowledge as I would wish the very beautiful jewel you have given me. I have the privilege to wear a large number of Masonic jewels, but it has always been my habit to wear few, because I believe

that jewels unless fairly earned are not worth much. It is a very common thing to see a brother covered with decorations which mean nothing. Some jewels I do value. I have one that reminds me of the days when as an undergraduate at Cambridge I was the first Principal Sojourner of the Euclid, the new University Chapter. By another jewel I call to mind my dear old Province of Cambridge which, at the close of my university career, gave me the highest honour of the year, which I never deserved, that of the Past Grand Officer of England, and this one I deserved still less, the garter of the English Freemasonry, the jewel of the Royal Alpha Lodge. You, brethren, have added to-night one that I shall value second to none. I value it because it is a testimony both of your good feeling to me, and also of the efficient state of the lodge. It would be affectation for me to say I have not worked at this lodge. For the seven years of its existence I have never missed a lodge. I have installed every Master. I have often occupied the chair. Most of you are my Masonic children. You will understand that as Secretary I might have had many troubles. The W.M. and Wardens change every year. The Secretary is a matter of fact handed on from Master to Master, though, of course, he receives his appointment annually afresh. This is, I believe, a necessary state of things for the well-being of a lodge, but it may have disadvantages both for the Master and for the Secretary. It is most disagreeable to a new W.M. to find himself obliged to take on a crusty old Secretary, who never consults him about anything, and who resents any proposal which he does not himself originate. I hope my dear friends, Bros. West, Child, Fitch, Donald Frazer, Heigham, Wilmer, and you, W.M., have not found me such. And, on the other hand, it is equally disagreeable to a Secretary to find that every new W.M. wishes to change every detail of lodge management simply for the sake of change. I certainly, Worshipful Master, from yourself and your predecessors, have had nothing but the utmost consideration in all matters. I conceive it is the duty of a Secretary ever to remember that he is subordinate to the W.M. All that he does is by command of the W.M. He must manage details without interfering with the Master's prerogative. A Secretary who manages everything without consulting the Worshipful Master is unfit for his office. The Secretary who worries his chief about every comma in the circular is equally unfit. No one but those who have tried it know how hard it is to steer between these two extremes. I am conscious of many failures, to which you are most kindly blind to-night, but I have tried to preserve a due medium between a too great independence and a shirking of the proper responsibility of my office. So far as I have succeeded it has been through the good tone which has ever existed in this lodge, not by my own merit. We have had a few difficulties to meet. We have had animated discussions. We have all had and held our opinions, but we have never for one moment lost sight of this truth, that the liberty of opinion which we claim for ourselves we must ourselves allow to others. It is this fact which has made my work, whether as Secretary or Master of this lodge, not a labour but a pleasure. I shall wear this jewel, I hope, for many years as Secretary of this lodge, in commemoration of the brotherly feeling of the past, as an assurance that we pledged, one and all, to preserve for the future those principles by which you have enabled me, I will not say to deserve, but to receive it as no empty compliment. The toast of "The W.M." was given and heartily received, and a very pleasant and convivial evening was enjoyed.

**HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).**—This lodge, one of the most prosperous in the province, held a meeting at the Lion Hotel on the 15th inst., which was fairly attended. Among those present were Bros. Jessett, W.M.; T. W. Ockenden, S.W.; T. C. Walls, J.W., P.G.S.B. Middlesex; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Secretary; Moody, I.G.; Day, W.S.; J. Hurst, P.M., P.G.A.P. Middlesex; Francis, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey (hon. member); Gilbert, P.G.T. Middlesex, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Masters, 144; Tanner, Brixton, Smith, 1656. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., at the desire of Bro. Francis, allowed him to raise Bro. Tanner to the degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Francis in a manner that befitted so old and distinguished an exponent of Craft Masonry as that well-known Preceptor is acknowledged to be. Upon the motion of Bros. Walls and Hammond, the sum of £5 5s. was unanimously voted to Bro. Hopwood's list, he being a Steward for the Lodge of Faith at the next festival of the R.M.B.I. Bro. John Hurst, P.M., having been appointed a Steward to represent the Hemming Lodge at the Boys' Festival in the ensuing summer, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast well served by Mr. Ballard, the caterer. The customary routine of toasts were duly proposed and heartily received. Bro. Walls replied upon behalf of "The P.G. Officers of Middlesex;" Bros. Tanner, Masters, and Smith for "The Visitors;" Bro. W. Hammond for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Hopwood and Ockenden for "The Officers." The remainder of the evening was agreeably devoted to harmony, and the Tyler's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. John G. Horsey, W.M.; S. Davison, S.W.; E. A. Head, J.W.; Chas. Sawyer, I.P.M. and Sec.; W. Rudge, S.D.; J. G. Calway, J.D.; J. Woodbridge, Jas. Cooper, E. Dickman, C. Firbank, G. W. Holmes, M. Ovenden, and

F. Sargeant, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. Thompson, 1601, and A. Overton, 452. The lodge having been opened in due form, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thos. Carder and Mr. Henry Horsey, as candidates for initiation, which proving unanimous, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in his usual able manner. A communication was then read from Bro. Hook, P.M., resigning his office as Charity Steward. The W.M. stated that he should like some brother resident in East Grinstead to take the position, and Bro. E. A. Head, J.W., agreed to do so, and was duly elected by the brethren. The W.M. urged upon them the necessity for giving him all possible support. The I.G. having tendered his resignation of that office, the W.M. appointed and invested Bro. E. Dickman in his stead. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial repast. In proposing "The Initiates," the W.M. alluded to the pleasure he felt at having initiated his brother that evening. The Tyler's toast was given at about ten o'clock, and the brethren then dispersed.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., the chair being occupied by the I.P.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. C. G. Padel. The whole of the officers were in their places, and on the dais were Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., G. Balmford, P.M., and others; and many visitors and brethren were also present. The business consisted of the raising of Bro. Brown to the Third Degree, which was well worked by the I.P.M. Bro. Whytehead announced that the books in the lodge library were now available for the members. A liberal response was made to the appeal for the Benevolent festival, and several brethren expressed their intention of attending the festival. A successful ballot was taken for a joining member. A number of minor matters were disposed of, and the lodge was closed. At refreshment the usual toasts were duly proposed from the chair. In replying to that of "The Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. T. B. Whytehead said that Lord Zetland had shown himself the right man in the right place, and the circular before them announcing that the consecration of the Farrum Lodge, No. 1848, at Middlesborough, would be performed by his lordship, showed the living interest he was taking in the Craft in not leaving these matters entirely in the hands of his Deputy. He (the speaker) had lately been turning over some old volumes of the "Freemasons' Quarterly," and had come upon the announcement of the appointment of the late earl as Grand Master of England. The comments made by the editor were not very complimentary to his lordship, who was said to have been pushed into the office without any special qualification. Most of them remembered how the late earl had falsified such an assertion by the manner in which he had endeared himself to the Masons of England, and he thought the case of the present earl was curiously analogous. When Lord Zetland was installed at York a few years ago as head of this important province he had heard it said that his lordship had merely been appointed because he was his uncle's nephew. Well! how had the event proved? Plainly that the appointment was the very best that could have been made. He believed every Mason in the province honoured and loved his lordship as one who conscientiously did his duty to the Craft, and did it well. It was a pleasant thing too to see him coming prominently forward in the Masonic Charities, and he was glad to know that York would support him well on the 9th prox., when his lordship would preside at the Benevolent festival. The list of the York Lodge, 236, was already a very substantial one, and he hoped the junior lodge would still sustain its already well-earned reputation for charity. "The Health of the W.M., the I.P.M., &c.," were then drunk, and a very pleasant evening was passed, enlivened by the singing of Bros. Wilkinson, Marshall, and others.

**LIVERPOOL.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).**—The annual installation meeting of this thriving lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., at Derby Hall, Tuebrook, one of the many pleasant suburbs of Liverpool. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. Henry Hindle, W.M., and there were also present Bros. Wm. Pugh, I.P.M.; Wm. Wood, P.M.; Charles Tyrer, S.W.; Dr. Henry Y. Pitts, J.W.; Luke Bagnall, Treas.; Wm. Thomason, Sec.; W. S. Bennett, S.D.; T. McCracken, J.D.; Wm. King, I.G.; A. H. Carmichael, D.C.; John Henderson, and P. C. Asbury, Stewards; Jas. P. O. Bryan, Org.; and R. Neville, acting Tyler. The members included Bros. Wm. Wright, R. W. Doherty, T. Fletcher, R. Armitage, J. C. Salmon, James Lyon, W. Dixon, Henry Sharp, John McFall, E. T. Ingham, C. E. Limerick, Thos. Delamere, R. Selkirk, H. Higginson, R. L. Fryer, J. Pievey, H. J. Blackburn, J. Gresham, W. E. G. Tisdale, A. D. Falconer, Chas. Hare, Thos. C. Sharp, R. Stizaker, J. W. Lightbound, M. Wood, T. J. Newman, T. King, Wm. Bulcock, Thos. Daniel, D. Gaudin, A. Preston, John Price, W. Hesketh, and J. Asling. Among the visitors were Bros. Major George Turner, P.P.G. Treas., 823; Capt. W. J. Newman, P.G. Reg. W.L.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264, P.P.G.S. of W.; Hugh Williams, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.; R. H. Evans, P.G.S.D.; T. Clark, P.M. 673, P.G.S. of W.; John Beesley, P.M. 216; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; Thos. Shaw, P.M. 823; F. J. Pentin, P.M. 1713; W. Wilson, P.M. 823; Henry Pulson, P.M. 1505; Peter Larsen, P.M. 594; Thos. Sammons, P.M. 1393; J. McCarthy, P.M. 1393; E. Dutch, 823; J. R. Boitomley, W.M. 1675; Wm. Ellis, 1756; Robt. Parry, 1393; George Bewley, D. Noble, 724; Harris P. Cleave, 1713; Walter C. Erwin, S.W. 1393; C. T. Jones, 241; J. Parry, 1547; T. Gardner, 580; J. H. Lancaster, 241; J. M. Harvey, 201; J. F. Cowdell, 1609; B. S. Riley, (Continued on page 40).

### To Correspondents.

P.M., Aldershot.—We think it advisable not to publish your letter.

The following lodge reports stand over for want of space:—

Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281.  
Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121.  
Lodge of Virtue and Honour, 494.  
Merchants Lodge, No. 24.  
Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.  
Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677.  
Derwent Lodge, No. 40.  
Leodiensis Chapter, No. 77 (Rose Croix).  
Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834.  
Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The British Mercantile Gazette," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Licensed Victuallers' Guardian," "The Citizen," "Birmingham Daily Gazette," "Alliance News," "Masonic Advocate," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Der Ling Islaender," "East Anglian Hand Book," "Swansea Boy," "New Zealand Tablet," "The Mercury," "Rough Ashlar," "Australian Freemason," "Morning Chronicle," Quebec, "The Medium and Day-break," "Report of Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales."

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

#### BIRTHS.

HOPCROFT.—On the 18th inst., at Dorking, the wife of T. F. Hopcroft, of a son.

WEBSTER.—On the 9th inst., at St. Jean de Luz, the wife of the Rev. W. Webster, of a son.

#### MARRIAGE.

MACARTNEY—GARDINER.—On the 17th inst., at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Carlisle Henry Hayes, son of the late M. Macartney, to Louisa, daughter of H. Gardiner, of Essendene, Caterham.

#### DEATH.

LAMB.—On the 10th inst., at 13, Roselyn-terrace, West Glasgow, Charles Alexander Lamb, son of J. R. Lamb, in his 28th year.

LOCKHART.—On the 18th inst., at 84, Holland-road, Kensington, W., suddenly, of acute bronchitis, Robert Lockhart, late of Liverpool, aged 58 years. Friends will kindly accept this, the only intimation.

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1880.

BRO. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was invested by H.R.H. the Grand Master in person, on Saturday last, before a numerous assemblage, as Grand Secretary, in the place of our esteemed and much missed Bro. John Hervey. We feel sure that we are expressing the wish of our entire Craft when we add that we hope Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke's administration of his high office, which will demand all his attention, and almost all his time, will be alike peaceful and prosperous, sagacious and successful in the highest degree.

THE proceedings at the Grand Masters' Lodge reported in our columns will give great satisfaction to the Craft. We rejoice to see the Lord Mayor of the City of London presiding over that distinguished lodge, and we are struck as all must be with the great ability and true Masonic spirit which characterised all his remarks.

IT seems to us that these heated discussions relative to the "vexata quæstio of 'Unity of Ritual'" had better for the present cease. At the same time we say this we have no wish to limit or abbreviate free and honest discussion, which is always welcome in the *Freemason*. But, unfortunately, as is too plain, these controversies only serve apparently to engender a spirit of personality, and are an injury rather than a good to Freemasonry.

IT is most deplorable that on the slightest subject of Masonic discussion personality at once "crops up." Indeed it has come to this, that hardly any one can write on any Masonic subject whatever without being immediately exposed to vulgar personality. This weakness of Masons constitutes a great blot on its "modus vivendi" in the world, and is an abject parody on its public professions. Let us hope to see an improvement in this respect.

WE trust that the suggestion we have made in reference to our esteemed and valued brother the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Buss, may be favourably received by the Craft. No one, certainly, has deserved better of all ranks amongst us, and many who have had business to transact at Freemasons' Hall will remember how much they owe to his knowledge of business, his attention, and his willingness to oblige.

BEFORE we can again meet our readers the adjourned meeting of the Girls' School Quarterly Court will have taken place, and we shall hear what the Trustees have to say in respect of these perverse and unheard of complications. Everything proves how mistaken, and, indeed, how very baneful for the best interests of the Girls' School has been this personal movement against the wise, and seasonable, and needful proposal of the House Committee and the Grand Treasurer. The very safety of the School is menaced owing to other applications for this site, by delay, and we have this melancholy fact to realize, as Masons, that obtuse stupidity and vulgar personality seek to thwart sagacious proposals and legitimate expenditure for the needful development and maintenance of our admirable Girls' School.

THE *Freemason* is meant to be a "medium," (not a mesmeric one) of complaints and grievances, suggestions of "laches," and propositions for amelioration, and one has reached us which we think worthy of note. It is this—the "comparative facility with which non-qualified members can get into Grand Lodge." There is no doubt often some little confusion and necessary laxity in the matter, though we confess we are not ourselves prepared to suggest a remedy. If a brother be well posted up in the details of a lodge return he can hoodwink and deceive the scrutineers. Perhaps some able brother can suggest an improvement on the present system.

THERE is a common error afloat which we hope to dissipate, namely, that "Freemasonry" is hostile to religious bodies or religious education. Nothing can be more absurd. In a society like that of Freemasons there will always be two views, as citizens, in respect of secular and denominational education. But as Masons we have, and ought to have, no opinion on the subject. The "New Zealand Tablet," a Roman Catholic paper, complains of the New Zealand Freemasons as very hostile to religious education. We do not believe it. As a body they certainly express no such opinions, at any time or under any circumstances. Our worthy contemporary takes a "jaundiced" and morbid view of the matter. We shall refer to the "Tablet" in our next.

IT will be very gratifying to our esteemed Bro. John Hervey to note the manner in which H.R.H. the Grand Master expressed himself about his long and meritorious services to Grand Lodge. There is but one feeling in the Craft of regret at his retirement from the office he filled so well, and deep and earnest sympathy with him in his retirement and his illness. The best wishes of his brotherhood go with him always.

BRO. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., was initiated 27th April, 1857, in the Zetland Lodge, No. 756, E.C., in the Island of Malta, where he had recently arrived with his regiment—the 21st Fusiliers—from the Crimea, after serving throughout the whole of that campaign. He filled the various offices of his mother lodge, and having joined No. 437 (No. 349), St. John and St. Paul Lodge, in the same island, in the year 1858, he was appointed J.W., and from thence was elected W.M. in 1859, which office he duly served. In the latter end of the year 1860 he was appointed A.D.C., and subsequently Military Secretary to the Commander of the Forces in the West Indies, where he joined the Albion Lodge, No. 196, and after seven years' service on the staff there, he rejoined his regiment in Ireland, and worked occasionally in various lodges in that country, but from the continual moving consequent on military service was unable to join one permanently. In the beginning of

the year 1870 he was stationed in Plymouth, when he joined the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, and became P.G. Sword Bearer, and subsequently P.G. Senior Warden of that province. In the year 1872 Col. Clerke, having retired on half-pay from his regiment, came to reside in London, and became one of the original members of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, which was formed that year, and of which he shortly after was elected Treasurer, continuing to serve as such until 1875, when he became S.W., and was installed W.M. the next year. By the lamented death of its W.M. (Major Barlow) he for the second year continued to fill the chair as I.P.M. Bro. Col. Clerke was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch in the Leinster Chapter, I.C., in Malta, in February, 1858, and subsequently became one of its rulers. He was affiliated to Chapter 437, E.C., in 1859, when he filled the chair. On moving to the West Indies he joined the Scotia Royal Arch Chapter, S.C., (there being no English one in work there), and on the formation of Chapter 1383, he became an original member, and held the office of P.S., being at the present time M.E.Z. of that chapter. Bro. Col. Clerke is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions, and has served all the Stewardships, on two occasions his list heading the London lodges, and on the third occasion being second, and amounting in all to nearly £750.

### 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 ROYAL PUPILS' FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Inasmuch as the laws of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys provide for a grant of money—if deemed necessary—to assist each of the children, when they leave the Schools, the maximum being £20, I consider the fund lately started for their assistance to be wholly undesirable, and, indeed, injurious to the best interests of the great Masonic Charities.

If the promoters of this new Masonic fund are richer than most Masons, I should like to see all of their names enrolled as Life Governors of the Masonic Institutions already firmly established in our affections, and certainly so long as children are fed, clothed, and educated from seven to sixteen, and, if eligible, receive £20 to start them in life, enough has been done for them by the Craft. The next thing to do is to attend to the pressing wants of those excluded from the Institutions, and are claimants at each election for years, but whose votes are not sufficient to obtain their admission. Is it not better to increase the number to be elected, rather than aid after their term has expired those who have benefited in our Institutions? I support most warmly the letter signed "P.M.," which has already appeared on this subject.

M.P.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Has not the time arrived for the promoters of the above scheme to convene a meeting of patrons and subscribers for the purpose of appointing permanent officers and a Committee?

Yours fraternally,

M.M.

#### WHICH IS CORRECT?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Who is now President of the "Conseil de l'Ordre" of the Grand Orient of France? As I understood, Bro. O'Die, whose literary pseudonym is "Adrien Grimaux," was elected at the last "convent," in lieu of Bro. St. Jean. But I see in the last "Bulletin du Grand Orient" that Bro. St. Jean still presides over the "Conseil." I, for one, am happy to see it. But who is really the President?

Yours fraternally,

MASKELYNE.

[Like our correspondent, we are equally at a loss to understand the matter. Perhaps our good friend Bro. Hubert or Bro. Thevenet can explain it.—ED.]

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR MILITARY BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A letter appeared in the *Freemason* of the 10th inst., signed, "33," in which it was stated that the military brethren of this district had very great difficulty in obtaining the warrant to form the lodge now called the Aldershot Camp Lodge, owing to the opposition they met with from the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, and as this statement is calculated to mislead and also create a prejudice, I shall be obliged if you will publish this, my most unqualified denial of the truth of that statement.

I was W.M. of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, when, on the 14th June, 1870, a petition from the military brethren was presented, and we were asked to recommend to Grand Lodge that a warrant for forming a military lodge be issued. "The Panmure Lodge, upon a motion duly made by



Bro. H. Hacker, and seconded by Bro. Troke, approved of the prayer of the petition, and recommended that it be granted."

I think this resolution, which I have taken from the minute book of the Panmure Lodge, is sufficient to prove that your correspondent was either misinformed or intended to mislead.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,  
**JOHN S. HICKLEY,**  
 P.M. Panmure Lodge, No. 723,  
 Aldershot, 14th January.

**UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.**

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I think you will agree with me that it is neither for the good of Masonry nor the dignity of the *Freemason* that I should personally encourage a discussion on this difficult subject in the tone and temper in which Bro. Perceval has so excitedly thought fit to indulge. It will be in the memory of your readers that in the exercise of my admitted right as a member of Grand Lodge, I expressed my humble opinion on an important subject under discussion. As that opinion did not, unfortunately, coincide with that of Bro. Perceval, he forthwith proceeded to declare my few remarks the "most illogical" speech he had ever heard. I pointed out in a subsequent letter that my speech was not illogical, in that its premise was sound and its conclusion, I thought, incontestable, and that if any charge of want of logic could be substantiated, it was not against my arguments, but those of Bro. Stevens and himself, who on a decidedly unsound "petitio principii" had come to a still more unsound conclusion, their whole argument resting on a pure fallacy. I need not advert to his three subsequent letters, they are, to my mind, perfectly humiliating to read on Masonic principles. I therefore withdraw from a correspondence out of which no good can come, simply expressing my regret that we can discuss nothing apparently as Masons without personality.

I still am of the opinion I have always held, and which I shall express, "in season and out of season," that a more unwise and futile an agitation never before was commenced in our Order, the evil of which it is not hard to predict, but the consequences of which none can foresee.  
 Yours fraternally, **A. F. A. W.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am extremely amused by the childish impatience manifested by Bro. Perceval to make out my real name. That is, as you are aware, a "secret" between you and myself, and until I think fit so to do I am not going to disclose it either on account of the oburgations of Bro. Stevens, or the insinuations of Bro. Perceval. If Bro. Perceval has discovered some likeness between my style of writing and yours, he is a very clever man (much cleverer than I take him to be), and to say the truth, if the resemblance is great it only exists I fancy in his most fervid and excited imagination, being that between Jonah and the whale. Luckily no one would compare his style to any one else's, for a more wonderful one I have never seen. Broken sentences, half expressed meanings, veiled insinuations, and childish personalities constitute a "form of speech" neither very attractive nor very dignified. But enough. If occasion serves I mean to write again; as it is I do not see that there is much left. Bro. Stevens's ground is, in my opinion, entirely cut from underneath his feet, and he has as much left him of his original argument as Orton had of his character when the present Lord Coleridge concluded his cross-examination of the greatest impostor and bore this age has seen. Bro. Perceval accuses me of being a prophet. No; I am not so. But I did venture to think that after all the letters which have passed little explanation was needed of a "proposal" so peculiarly unwise in itself, and which had been shown to be utterly uncalled for on every ground of Masonic history, reason, or common sense. If Bro. Perceval does not write again, as far as I am concerned, "mum's the word."

**ONE WHO WAS IN GRAND LODGE.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a long silence on my part may be misconstrued unless previously explained (by some being set down to inability to reply to, by others to contempt of, those who differ from me), I think it well to write one more, and, for a few weeks to come at least, a final letter.

The cause I advocate is, in my opinion, so good, and my own action in regard to its advocacy so single minded, that I shall not attempt to justify any measures I have adopted. Qui s'excuse, s'accuse!

I do not agree with Bro. Woodford that he cannot honestly be a member of the proposed Committee. He has his opinions on the subject, as I have mine, and, as he has an unchallenged right to do, he candidly and openly avows them. I wish I could say as much for others. His very antagonism to my project renders it, to my mind, a duty incumbent on him to see that the Committee is not formed entirely of brethren of only one way of thinking; and his place is there as the representative of those who oppose interference. If he is the honest-minded man I believe him to be, he will be open to conviction in Committee, and, if good reason is shewn to him, will concede as readily as he now firmly retains those points in respect of which a majority may be agreed. I still hope he may see his way to take part in the deliberations of those who will assuredly make a report to Grand Lodge either for my extinguishment as an unnecessary agitator, or for an amendment of present objectionable practices in Freemasonry.

And now permit me to dispose of your other correspondents of 10th and 17th inst., for after this I shall be silent in your pages for some time to come.

To "One who was in Grand Lodge" (10th and 17th) I hope will ere long be vouchsafed that which "in his

present condition" must be "the predominant wish of his heart," LIGHT!

To Bros. T. Edmondston (10th), M.M. No. 392, S.C., and T. C. W., P.G.S.B. Middlesex (17th), I offer my best thanks for their able and thoroughly unbiassed yet consistent letters.

To Bro. Neilson (10th) I would say that he does not know me, even ever so little, if he really believes I could make "wild assertions" in respect of a serious subject, or seek the disturbance of peace and harmony in regard to our Order.

To P.M. (10th) I would suggest the opportunity for a "quiet whisper" in his ear as preferable to any stentorian utterance into a phonograph. In common with some other brethren he thinks I seek a printed ritual. I don't.

To X. (17th) I can only remark that all his questions (twelve in number) are capable of lucid replies, but the answers would require more space than probably you could afford, as well as more labour than I care to undertake. Surely, having reference to these questions, X. cannot be in this instance algebraically considered as an "unknown quantity."

To Bro. John While, P.M. 288 (17th), I recommend that "charity which thinketh no evil," and make my final bow.

To those brethren who sympathise with my efforts, and those who in Grand Lodge supported me by their successful vote, I beg to offer my warmest acknowledgments, and respectfully recommend that patience, without which no good work ever yet had full fruition.

To you my best thanks are due for having, notwithstanding our difference of opinion, given me space on so many occasions for expressing my views on the subject of "uniformity;" and I trust that you, of all others, will not impute my intended silence to any other than a sincere conviction that for the present any further discussion is rather to be discouraged, for the sake of the Order generally, than continued in the interests of the movement which I have organised.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
**JAMES STEVENS.**

**"CONFIRMING MINUTES."**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

One of your correspondents, on a subject which has occupied much of your space, raises the question whether the non-confirmation of minutes should set aside a resolution of a previous Grand Lodge meeting. This course is not singular as regards Grand Lodge. The all-important matter to a lodge—the election of Master—is not completed until the confirmation of the minutes, and the non-confirmation is a rejection of the Master elected at the previous meeting. Even the Grand Master is not proclaimed until the minutes are confirmed, and the confirmation is not a mere certification that they are correct—it is a confirmation by one meeting of the action in the previous meeting. Parliamentary action is confirmed twice—each measure needing to be brought three times before each assemblage, the Sovereign even then possessing the power of veto. In every deliberative body in the country the confirmation of the minutes is held to be the solemn ratification of the action carried out by the previous meeting.

It is as well that Grand Lodge possesses this power; otherwise it would be tied hand and foot to a resolution adopted without full consideration—free debate being clamorously stifled, and without Grand Lodge being allowed to see the mischief which is likely to result from an attempt to enforce "uniformity" among "free" men. The simple motion will have to be made "That the minutes be confirmed, with the exception of that part relating to the appointment of a committee." This will end a subject which, however well-meaning may be the purpose of the mover, is fraught with evil to the Craft in general, to the peace of lodges, and the discussion of which has been "weary, stale, flat, and unprofitable" in whatever form it has been presented.

I apologise for having taken up your space in this discussion, and I excuse myself by the plea that I have been incited to press these objections to the motion by the allegation that open opposition to the motion was an act of "impropriety." This manifestation of a Dogberry spirit had to be combated, and it has been combated, on my part, without ill-will, or a lessening of regard for a zealous brother.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours obediently and fraternally,  
**JOHN WHILE.**

**BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A weaker and more disingenuous attempt to support a lame position I have seldom seen than that made by Bro. Roebuck in his letter respecting my disagreement with the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which appeared in your paper of this date; its weakness must be apparent to every one who has read the correspondence on the subject, and its disingenuousness must be acknowledged when it becomes known that the second paragraph is only a partial statement of the facts.

Bro. Roebuck says, "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," but he omits to state that as soon as I knew what the information was that the House Committee required, I sent them a written explanation, and also forwarded them the opinion in writing of a distinguished architect on the subject which

made, but, moreover, shewed that they were less than I should have been justified in making, and I also, at the request of the Secretary of the Institution, and at great personal inconvenience to myself, attended a subsequent meeting at Wood Green, viz., on the 22nd November, 1878, for the express purpose of giving any further information the Committee might require, but I was neither asked into the Committee room nor did any of the members put any questions to me on the subject.

Bro. Roebuck should recollect that a partial statement often leads to as much misconception of the facts of a case as would a direct untruth.

I remain dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
**S. B. WILSON.**

17th January, 1880.

**ADMISSION OF STRANGERS.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I trust you will pardon me for trespassing on your valuable time and space, when there is at present such a great demand for it; but as "M.M. No. 392, S.C." seems to have quite misunderstood the meaning of my letter, I beg respectfully to state that it is *not* my belief that "two blacks make a white," as he puts it. My object in writing was to lay my personal experience before any of the brethren who might think fit to take up the question of "Admission of Strangers," which he wished to open out—he being furnished with information, I with personal experience. My experience of a Scottish lodge was, as I stated, an exception, as I had always been received at lodges in England, Wales, and Scotland courteously, but not until after "due trial and strict examination," to which I again say no M.M. should object; and I may say that I never yet found the difference in ritual to interfere in any way with my admission. Hoping you may find space for these few lines, I am, yours fraternally,  
**M.M. 594, E.C.**

Swansea, January 19th, 1880.

**THE GIRLS' SCHOOL AND THE PURCHASE OF LYNCOMBE HOUSE.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been directed to your report of the proceedings at the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School, in which my interview with the Treasurer prior to the special meeting of January 3rd is particularly referred to, and as silence on my part might be considered as admission that my communication as to counsel's opinion had not been properly represented, I must depart from my usual custom of avoiding newspaper correspondence, by asking you to insert these few lines in correction.

The object of my interview with Colonel Creaton was to give the fullest possible effect to the advice of Mr. Locock Webb, Q.C., whose opinion you have already published, and to avoid, if possible, any necessity for further appeal, even to the Trustees. With this view I read counsel's opinion at length, and as "amicus curiæ" advised the withdrawal of the resolution, and having done so I considered it unnecessary to attend the court to make that opinion public, I left the Treasurer perfectly free to make any use he might desire of the information I had given him, or to withdraw or postpone the proposition on any grounds he pleased.

The resolution having been pressed to a division and declared carried, I was advised by counsel to bring the facts and opinion to the knowledge of the Trustees, and in doing so I expressed regret that my personal communication to the Treasurer had been disregarded. I could not have done this if the information had been withheld at my request.

In acting as I have done, I have acted only as the solicitor for my clients, on whose behalf the case was laid before Mr. Locock Webb, and, individually, I have nothing to do with the matter.

Yours fraternally,  
**JOHN THOMAS MOSS.**  
 38, Gracechurch-street, London,  
 20th January, 1880.

**GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania met on St. John the Evangelist's Day, the 27th December, 1879, in accordance with ancient custom, in Grand Annual Communication, at the Philadelphia Masonic Temple, when the following brethren were duly installed in ancient and solemn form as the officers for 1880:—

- Bro. Michael Nisbet ... .. G.M.
- " Samuel B. Dick... .. D.G.M.
- " Conrad B. Day ... .. S.G.W.
- " E. Copper Mitchell ... .. J.G.W.
- " Thomas R. Patton ... .. G. Treas.
- " John Thomson ... .. G. Sec.
- " R. Jarvis C. Walker ... .. S.G.D.
- " Daniel Sutter ... .. J.G.D.
- " B. Frank Breneman ... .. G. Swd. Br.
- " George W. Wood ... .. G. Marshal.
- " Oscar R. Meyers ... .. G. Purst.
- " Harrison G. Clark ... .. G. Tyler.

The various Committees were re-appointed, the Committees being men of acknowledged Masonic ability and worth, many well known on this side of the Atlantic. Masonry is evidently flourishing in the city of brotherly love.

A meeting of the Grand Masters Council No. 1 of the Degree of the Royal and Select Masters will be held on Friday next, the 30th inst., at 2, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C. The Council will be opened at 5 o'clock. The business of the evening includes the receiving and

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1505; B. S. Hiles, Sec. 1299; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; John Baines, 249; H. Ravenscroft, 1264; Wm. Pye, 1094 and 249; J. B. Bunting, P.M. 1035 and 673; C. E. Bryan, 1313; G. Musker, W.M. 1182; G. Maxwell, 594; J. W. Booth, 220; T. Gray, 1325; T. Thornton, 864; J. Bunter, 823; J. Busfield, 1299 and 216; T. Webster, W.M. 823; J. W. Marshall, 823; G. Taylor, 292; J. G. Hassell, W. Tucker, 168; J. Curlander, 1182; J. Wood, 249, 1675, Treas. 1094 (*Freemason*); and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. Clarkes Tyrer, well known and much respected in Masonry, was presented for the benefits of installation by Bros. Wood, P.M., and Pugh, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. H. Hindle, assisted by Bros. Wood and Pugh. After the usual Masonic honours, the following officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. Dr. Pitts, S.W.; W. Thomason, J.W.; H. Hindle, I.P.M.; Bagnall, Treas. (re-elected); H. J. Blackbourne, Sec.; W. Woods, P.M., D.C.; John Henderson, S.D.; P. Asbury, J.D.; J. P. Bryan, Org.; Thos. Delamere, I.G.; J. C. Salmon, Humphries, and Selkirk, Stewards. Bro. M. Williamson was re-elected Tyler. Before the close of the proceedings a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, and the former brother thanked the members in appropriate terms. The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner in the banqueting room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A selection of music given by several members agreeably enlivened the proceedings.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).—On Tuesday, the 6th inst., the first regular lodge meeting of Freemasons in Southampton was held in the new Masonic Hall, when the brethren of the above lodge, the youngest in the town, assembled for the purpose of installing Bro. I. Harle, the Master elect, on which occasion the opportunity was embraced of presenting to Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M., and who for the past twelve months has been the Worshipful Master of the lodge, his portrait in oil, in recognition of the valuable service he has rendered as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the province, in promoting the establishment of the Prince Edward Lodge, and presiding over it during the first year of its existence. The portrait 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. The first to be mentioned in point of age is the portrait of Lord Montagu, the W.M. of the Lodge of Concord, which became defunct about half a century since, but whose name is locally perpetuated by the Chapter of Concord, a comparatively modern offshoot from the Royal Gloucester Chapter. Some other prominent portraits are those of three Provincial Grand Masters of Hampshire—that of Sir William de Crespigny, P.G.M., 1819; Mr. Penkeaze, a member for the borough of Southampton, P.G.M., 1832; and Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, D.P.G.M. 1832, P.G.M. 1840, whom many living Masons well remember. Hung opposite to these three last named portraits, which are on the east wall, and therefore behind and on each side the masters' chairs, are portraits also in oil, of the late Bros. C. E. Deacon, D.P.G.M. 1843, and of J. R. Stebbing, D.P.G.M. 1859. It is an excellent likeness of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Hickman, three-quarter length, wearing the collar of a P.G. Officer of England, with a jewel of D.P.G.M.'s pendant—his D.P.G.M.'s apron and badge and other Masonic clothing appropriately making it a companion to the other oil portraits in the hall. The artist is Bro. W. Biddlecombe, of Blechynden-terrace. The presentation was made by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., in the presence of a large number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year (Bro. Irvine Harle) was then proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by the D.P.G.M., assisted by the following Installing Officers:—Bros. Past Masters Aslatt, Parkinson, C. J. Phillips, E. T. Howell, S. S. Pearce, T. Lashmore, C. A. Dyer, W. J. Hickman, J. E. Le Feuvre, R. Sharp, T. P. Payne, W. H. Martin, W. Waters, and others. Over fifty of the brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, the D.P.G.M. being in the chair, and the S.W. and J.W. in the vice-chairs. This was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

### Royal Arch.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER** (No. 1524).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Present: Comps. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z.; N. Green, H.; W. Stephens, P.Z., as J. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Chapman, who was detained elsewhere until a late period in the evening); W. H. Brand, S.E.; R. A. Steele, S.N.; E. Somers, P.S.; F. Brasted, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. L. Payne, 2nd Asst. Soj.; also Comps. R. George, H. F. Bing, and H. C. Dye. Visitors: Comps. W. Vincent, 1604; C. Arkell, S.E. 192. The chapter having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Bro. Herbert Charles Dye, of the Star Lodge, No. 1275, which proved favourable. Bro. Bing, S.D. Musgrove Lodge, No. 1597 (previously approved), and Bro. Dye, being in attendance, were regularly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. After the chapter was closed the companions adjourned to a substantial repast, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Comp. Bing returned thanks for "The Exaltees," and Comps. Vincent and Arkell for "The Visitors."

**MANCHESTER.**—Caledonian Chapter (No. 264).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cannon-street. The chapter was opened at 5.30, and after

the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed Comps. the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, H. elect, and John Roberts, J. elect, were presented for installation (Comp. R. L. Mestayer being re-elected Z.) The ceremony was performed throughout by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 317, P.P.G.D. of C., who also invested the following companions as officers: Comps. Dawson, S.E. (re-elected); Needham, S.N.; Nathaniel Dumville, P.S.; and R. Hartley, Treas. (re-elected). The balance sheet, which was read and passed, showed the chapter to be in a most flourishing financial position. The chapter was closed in due form at 7.30, and about thirty companions adjourned to a substantial banquet, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

**BATH.**—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).—On Tuesday, the 12th inst., the annual meeting was held for the installation of Principals for the ensuing year, under the direction of Ex. Comp. J. J. Dutton, Z. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Ex. Comp. Dr. H. Hopkins, who had been invited to officiate, duly installed Ex. Comps. Loder as Z.; Davis, P.Z., as H.; and Becket, P.Z., as J. Ex. Comp. Watts, P.Z., was invested as E. The attendance of members being very limited, the other appointments were postponed. Comp. Bigwood was elected Janitor. On the proposition of Ex. Comp. Davis the Installing Principal was elected an honorary member of the chapter. Other matters having been discussed, and notices of motion given, the chapter was closed soon after nine, and the companions adjourned to the Castle Hotel for supper.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Downshire Chapter (No. 594).—The annual gathering of the companions of this admirably-conducted chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 5th instant, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The chapter was opened at five o'clock by Comp. R. P. France, M.E.Z., Comp. John Hayes as H., and Comp. John Haughton as J.; the other officers present being Comps. Thos. Dilcock, Treas.; A. Morrison, S.E.; J. Whitfield, S.N.; Frederick Barnett P.S., and Peter Ball, Janitor. The members present included Comps. Jas. T. Callow, H. Wynne Parry, William Evans, David Jackson, A. Petterson, W. H. Veivers, Robert Williams, David Langley, R. Maddox, Joseph Milner, William Gamble, Samuel Prince, William Heap, John Cubbin, Thomas Boswell, and Joseph Wood (*Freemason*). The list of the visitors included the names of Comps. Thomas Evans, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; Hugh Williams, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; Jno. Pemberton, P.Z. P.P.G.S.B.; William Cottrell, P.Z. 823; Thomas Roberts, P.Z. 673; Jos. Skeaf, 216, P.Z., P.G. Org.; W. Jones, P.Z. 1086; W. J. Chapman, H. 1356; J. W. Brackenbury, J. 673; H. Burrows, Z. 673; Jno. King, P.S. 823; A. D. Hesketh, S.E. 1356; J. G. Hassell, 823; D. Gabrielson, 241; and S. Schonstadt, P.S. 203. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Comp. R. P. France, M.E.Z., proceeded to instal Comps. John Hayes, as Z.; John Houghton, as H.; and Frederick Barnett, as J. The other officers appointed were Comps. Petterson, S.E.; W. Parry, S.N.; W. Evans, Treas.; T. Dilcock, P.S.; Jenner and Boswell, A.S.; and Peter Ball (re-elected) Jan. Comp. France, P.Z., did the whole of the installation work in a manner which could hardly have been excelled, eliciting the admiration of all those who were present by his efficiency and impressiveness. The newly-installed Principals then proceeded to exalt Bro. Petterson. This was done in a style which would have reflected credit upon them if it had been the last instead of the first night of their new positions. Ten brethren were proposed for exaltation, and after other formal business the chapter was closed in proper form. The companions retired for refreshment, supplied by Bro. Chaplin, the Principals presiding in the places of honour at the table.

**HAMMERSMITH.**—Andrew Chapter (No. 834).—On Thursday, the 15th inst., a convocation of this chapter was held at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens, and was unanimously attended, notwithstanding the miserable state of the weather. Punctually at the time named Comp. W. Game, M.E.Z., opened the chapter, and the business put down in the summons was speedily disposed of. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a first-class banquet, supplied by Comp. Millis, which gave great satisfaction to all present. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given after the removal of the cloth, and were well responded to. In the course of the evening the companions were highly pleased with the singing of Comps. Slack, Bryett, Barfield, and Schieeman.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The quarterly convocation of the above distinguished chapter took place on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Ex. Comp. A. Penfold, M.E.Z., presiding, being attended by the two Principals, Ex. Comps. H. J. Butter as H., and T. D. Hayes as J. The other officers and brethren present were Bros. E. Denton, P.S. Kent, Treas.; C. Coupland, P.Z. and P.S.B. Kent; H. Pryce, Scribe E.; W. H. Myers, P.Z., who undertook the duties of Scribe N., and fulfilled them exceedingly well; W. B. Lloyd, P.S.; Eugene Sweny, 1st Asst. S.; H. Mason, 2nd Asst. S.; H. Shaw, H. Harding, Org.; T. Cartland, W. Rees, J. H. Roberts, G. W. Beaver, W. Keeble, E. Tappenden, H. De Gray, 13; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). The chapter having been opened by the Past and Present Principals, the companions were admitted, and the minutes and accounts passed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Charles Worburton Russell and Henry Winter, both of Lodge 913, and the ballot proving unanimous, those brothers were with the usual formalities duly exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons. The

chapter was then closed, and the brethren partook of one of those superb little banquets for which Comp. Tucker, the host, is so worthily esteemed and noted. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and as we have received a hint from the esteemed editor to cut our lucubration short for the present, we can only say that a most delightful evening was spent, made interesting and enjoyable by the eloquent speeches of Comps. Penfold, Butter, Hayes the 1st Principal, and McDougall.

### Mark Masonry.

**St. MARK'S LODGE** (No. 1).—A regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The brethren present were V.W. Bros. Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., P.G.C., acting as W.M. in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. George Newman; H. A. Dubois, I.P.M.; Dr. Ernest Brette, P.M., P.G.C., acting S.W.; Wm. Stephens, J.W.; P. L. Simmonds, P.M., as M.O.; E. L. Shepherd, Prov. G.S., S.O.; H. C. Levander, P.M., G.R., Treas.; E. H. Thielall, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Lambe, S.D.; H. F. Frost, J.D.; C. G. Rushworth, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, the brethren chanting the opening hymn, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The candidates, Bros. E. C. Woodward, Thomas Cohu, and A. D. Montagu Williams, being in attendance, were duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason, in that exemplary manner which all brethren who have had the privilege of hearing Bro. Holden's rendering of that ceremony do testify to, the musical portion being performed by W. Bro. Wm. Worrell, P.G. Organist. Communications, regretting unavoidable absence were read, from the W.M., Bro. George Newman, V.W. Bros. Thomas Cubitt, P.M., G.S.O.; Charles Horsley, P.M., G.J.O.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, M.O.; H. Santer, Reg.; and other brethren. The lodge was honoured by the presence, as visitors, of W. Bros. Wm. Worrell, P.G.O.; H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of W.; Thos. Badkin, W.M. 236; and A. McMillan, M.O. 236. Bro. H. A. Dubois, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of very efficient services as W.M. during his year of office 1878-79. The name of a candidate for advancement was announced for next meeting. There being no further business, the lodge was closed. The brethren dined at the Freemasons' Tavern, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts ensued.

**YORK.**—York Lodge (P.I.)—The installation meeting of this healthy lodge took place on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when there was a good muster of officers and brethren. At 6.30 the W.M., Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, assumed the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. G. Balmford, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M. and Sec.; Rev. W. Valentine, S.W.; J. Hollins, J.W.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Chaplain; J. S. Cumberland, M.O.; C. G. Padel, S.O.; G. Garbutt, J.O.; M. Millington, S.D.; A. T. B. Turner, J.D.; T. Humphries, as I.G.; T. G. Hodgson, Org.; P. Pearson, Tyler; R. Ware, W. H. Gainforth, W. P. Husband, T. W. Wilson, T. D. Smith, W. Lackenby, E. J. DeSalis, G. Irving, and the following visitors: Bros. Rev. J. Blake, No. 1 Chapter, Edinburgh; J. T. Foster, 498, S.C., J. Hanley, 556, I.C.; and F. Sharp, 226. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. B. Dyson, Eboracum Lodge, 1611; E. T. Clark, and G. F. Atkinson, of St. Oswald's Lodge, 910; and for Bro. J. Todd, P.M., as a re-joining member. Bro. Dyson was then advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., after which the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, was duly installed in the chair of A. in ancient form, Bro. T. B. Whythead acting as Installing Master. Bro. Valentine then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, S.W.; J. S. Cumberland, J.W.; T. J. Wilkinson, Chap.; C. G. Padel, M.O.; G. Garbutt, S.O.; M. Millington, J.O.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Sec.; W. P. Husband, Asst. Sec.; T. J. Wilson, Reg. of Marks; A. T. B. Turner, S.D.; T. G. Hodgson, J.D.; G. Balmford, P.M., Org.; T. Humphries, I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler. The Secretary gave notice of his intention to propose at the next meeting as an honorary member Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W. Two brethren were proposed and seconded as joining members, and the name of a candidate was also brought forward. At 8.45 the lodge was closed, and at nine o'clock the brethren and their visitors met at an excellent supper, served by Bro. J. Toes, to which ample justice was done. At its conclusion the W.M. gave "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "The Grand M.M.M. of England and the Grand Lodge." Bro. T. B. Whythead then gave "The Health of the W.M., and Prosperity to the York Mark Lodge." He said that the many excellences and virtues of Bro. Valentine were so well known to them that for him to descant upon them would be idle. They all knew how, in spite of unavoidable drawbacks, Bro. Valentine had most conscientiously served high office in various Degrees in Masonry, and he was sure that they would all unite in striving to render his year of office one of enjoyment to the W.M. as well as to themselves. As regarded the lodge, it was now established on a thoroughly firm basis. The roll of members was a sufficient guarantee of its popularity, numbering, as it did, nearly a hundred, and amongst them some of the best and brightest Masons of Yorkshire. The toast was heartily received, and feelingly responded to by the W.M., who thanked the brethren for their uniform kindness, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. W. T. Orde-Powlett," than whom a more energetic and exemplary Mason was not to be found in the province. In responding, the I.P.M. said that he was grateful for the generous support he had received during his year, and could truthfully say that his association with the York Mark Lodge as its W.M. had been a source of unmixed pleasure. The W.M. proposed "The Health of

the Installing Master," saying that Bro. Whythead had done an extraordinary amount of Masonic work, both in the Mark and other Degrees. He was always ready when wanted, and, in fact, was a perfect Proteus in his Masonic gifts and qualities. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. Whythead, in replying, gave some account of the light which modern research, especially amongst old minute books, had thrown upon the history and working of the Degree in various countries. He hoped that their learned Bro. Hughan would shortly be in a position to bring out a history of Mark Masonry. He was quite sure that there was no brother so well qualified for the task, and he believed that Bro. Hughan had already amassed considerable information with a view to such a history. He thanked the brethren for their kindness, assuring them that as in the past, so in the future, the welfare of Mark Masonry, and especially the York Mark Lodge (time immemorial), would be very dear to him. The S.W. proposed the Past Masters of the lodge, and called upon Bro. J. Todd, P.M., to respond. Bro. Todd said that, though in one sense the oldest P.M. present, he scarcely had a claim to respond to the toast, as he had retired from the lodge at the time that it came under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and had only that night been elected a re-joining member. However, he was glad to find the lodge so prosperous when he re-joined it, and should always be glad to place himself at its service. The S.W. responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the J.W., Bro. Cumberland, gave "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Blake. The speaker said that he had seen himself such great advantages accrue from the interchange of visits that he could never weary of advocating the practice. If visiting were more practised there would be fewer corruptions creeping into the ritual. Bro. Blake, in responding, spoke of the peculiarly hearty reception he had met with in York amongst the Masons—a reception far more fraternal and cordial than he had ever experienced before. The Tyler's toast shortly afterwards brought a most pleasant evening to a conclusion.

### Knights Templar.

**MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY.**—This old preceptory held a meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 9th inst., when there were present among others Sir Knights D. M. Dewar, acting E.C. (in the absence of Sir Knt. Morgan); C. F. Matier, acting Prelate; C. H. Driver, 1st Captain, E.C. elect; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C., acting 2nd Captain; W. Paas, P.E.C., Treas.; T. C. Walls, Expert (*Freemason*); Chas. Saunders, acting Captain of Guards; C. Jacques, P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; J. D. Larsen, J. Rawles, Equerry. The visitors were Sir Knights C. F. Matier, E.C.T. Priory of Lothians; Hyde Pullen, and G. W. F. Loftus. The minutes of the previous preceptory having been read and confirmed, the ballot was successfully taken upon behalf of Sir Knight Larsen as a re-joining member. The ceremony of installing Sir Knight Driver as M.E.C. was admirably performed by Sir Knight D. M. Dewar in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The officers appointed and invested were Sir Knights Morgan, Prelate (by deputy); T. C. Walls, 1st Captain; A. Williams, 2nd Captain (by deputy); W. Paas, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Reg.; J. H. Thomas, Expert (by deputy); C. Saunders, Captain of Guards; R. Berridge, 1st Standard Bearer (by deputy); J. D. Larsen, 2nd Standard Bearer; and J. Rawles, Equerry. The ballot having been taken upon behalf of Comps. F. W. Driver, G. Graveley, and J. B. Glenn, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly and ably installed as knights of this honourable Order by the M.E.C., who is to be congratulated upon the manner in which he performed the arduous and impressive ceremony. To complete the staff of officers Sir Knights Driver, Graveley, and Glenn were then appointed to the respective offices of 1st Herald, 2nd Herald, and D.C. The preceptory was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to a most excellent banquet. The preliminary toasts having been duly honoured, Sir Knight H. Pullen made an able response upon behalf of "The Grand Officers of the Order," and immediately proposed "The Health of the M.E.C.," whom he congratulated upon the way in which he had carried out the installation ceremonial that day. Sir Knight C. Driver having acknowledged the compliment, proposed, in very warm terms, "The Health of the Newly-Installed Knights," and this toast having been responded to by Sir Knights F. W. Driver, Graveley, and Glenn, "The P.E.C.'s" followed, and gave Sir Knights Dewar and Rosenthal an opportunity of congratulating the Mount Calvary Preceptory upon, among other things, its present very flourishing condition. The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Sir Knights Matier and Loftus. The former made some very interesting remarks upon the antiquity and progress of the Order in Scotland. "The Officers" came next, and was responded to by Sir Knights Walls and Saunders. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

The Bank of Bengal has increased its minimum rate of interest and discount from three to four per cent.

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

### THE INVESTITURE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

A special Grand Lodge, called to invest Col. Shadwell H. Clerke as Grand Secretary, was held on Saturday evening last. It had been rumoured that the Grand Master would personally preside, but the fact was not generally known. The Temple in which the Grand Lodge meets was, however, well filled by Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens. On this occasion the throne, which is always reserved for the Grand Master himself, was placed in the front of the dias, and the splendid carpet, bearing the arms of Grand Lodge, and woven for the Installation Ceremony at the Albert Hall, was laid along the centre of the room. The Grand Stewards lined the entrance to the hall. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G.D.C., with the other Grand Officers received His Royal Highness and escorted him to the Temple, where he was most warmly received by the brethren present, whose salutations he graciously acknowledged by bowing to the right and left. On his taking his seat in the Grand Master's chair, Lord Skelmersdale occupied the chair of Deputy Grand Master on the right, and Col. Burdett took the position of Past Grand Master on his left. Captain Platt, Past Grand Warden, took the chair of Grand Senior Warden; and Major-General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe the chair of Junior Grand Warden. The Rev. R. J. Simpson and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplains, officiated as Grand Chaplains; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Grand Director of Ceremonies; Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer; J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), President of the Board of General Purposes; and H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, also occupied the seats reserved for those officers. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz presided at the organ; and among other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. Ernest E. Wendt, G. Sec. G. Cor.; John Gibson, G.S. Works; W. Wilson, G.P.; James Kench, Asst. G.P.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; James Brett, P.G.P.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; A. J. Thompson, P.G. Chap.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.; Hon. R. Hoskins Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Capt. Nath. Geo. Philips, P.G.D.; Sir M. Costa, P.G.O.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; George Plucknett, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Charles H. Gregory, S.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; John Wright, P.G.P.; Rev. John Edward Cox, P.G.C.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; H. Murray, Past D.G.M. China; W. Ough, P.G.P.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; and Henry J. P. Damas, P.G.D. The following brethren were also present, Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, Provincial G.M. Surrey; Herbert Dicketts, Provincial Grand Steward; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M. 1657; Albert J. Altman, W.M. 1657; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; George Lambert, P.P. G. W. Herts; Fredk. Adlard, P.P.G.D. of C. Sussex; Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1471; George Tidcomb, I.P.M. 1549; George Kenning, P.M. 192; Edward Moody, P.M. 1426; N. B. Headon, P.M. 1426; James Freeman, P.M. 1426; Thos. S. Carter, Past S.G.D. Herts; Sigismund Rosenthal, P.P.G.W. Middx.; H. A. Dubois, P.M. 1777; E. H. Thielay, P.M. 1415; Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; John Read, Rev. Darby Reade, Wm. Lake, P.M. 131; James Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, P.M. 228; Wm. Dodd, P.M. 1194; Edwd. Spooner, P.M. 1420; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22, W.M. 1679; John Dixon, P.M. 1728; Magnus Ohren, P.M. 1719; H. Thompson, 1426; John White, P.M. 228; T. W. Ockenden, G. M. Taylor, P.M. 917; Wm. Stephens, P.M. 1489; Dr. W. H. Kempster, 766; E. T. Letchworth, 2; E. Farwig, W. H. Gladwell, A. H. Tattershall, C. J. Perceval, W.M. 1607; H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey; S. Godden, W.M. 862; R. P. Tate, S.W. 862; John Coltart, W.M. 749; J. Abrahams, P.M. 188; L. J. Solomons, W.M. 1017; Ellis, S.W. 1017; M. Levy, S.W. 1017; George J. Dawson, S.W. 1853; A. Woods, J.W. 1853; H. Hoare, P.M. 27; W. Groves, S.W. Belgrave Lodge; Davage, Pellett, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, after the formal opening of Grand Lodge, by the direction of the Prince of Wales, read the summons assembling the brethren.

Grand Lodge was opened in form by the Royal Grand Master, who then addressed the assemblage. He said: Brethren,—This special meeting of Grand Lodge has been called for the purpose of investing our Brother Shadwell Clerke with the office and insignia of Grand Secretary. You will, brethren, I feel sure, concur with me when I say that we have every reason to deplore and lament the serious illness of our late Grand Secretary, Brother Hervey, who so ably and so well filled the post of Grand Secretary for many years. You, I am sure, most unfeignedly regret that our Brother Hervey has, for the sake of his health, been obliged to resign his office as Grand Secretary, and he carries into his retirement our sincere wishes that his health may improve in his freedom from the important and very arduous duties. Brother Hervey's retirement has thrown upon me the duty of choosing a successor to him, and as I have felt that, as your Grand Master, I should select one who would be not only capable of holding this important post, but also would be acceptable to the brethren, I trust the choice I have made will meet with your approbation. (Cheers.) I am sure that our Brother Shadwell Clerke will discharge in a fitting manner his duties in this important station to which I have called him, for, as most present doubtless are aware, Brother Shadwell Clerke has discharged many important duties in Freemasonry; and his other duties, I know from

the important office which I am about to invest him. Cheers.)

Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke was then conducted by Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Thomas Fenn to the right of His Royal Highness, when the Grand Tyler (Bro. Henry Sadler) attended with the Grand Secretary's apron, collar, and jewel and gauntlets on a blue velvet cushion. The Prince of Wales thereupon took these regalia, invested Colonel Shadwell Clerke with them, and afterwards cordially shook him by the hand. The new Grand Secretary proceeded to his table, under the conduct of Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Fenn, amidst universal cheering. Sir Albert Woods then called the brethren to salute Colonel Clerke with the salutes appertaining to his rank.

The Prince of Wales then announced that there was no more business before the Grand Lodge, which was therefore closed in due form.

On leaving the lodge, as on entering, His Royal Highness was greeted with loud and continued applause.

Colonel Shadwell Clerke was afterwards presented with an address of congratulation from the Masonic Province of Monmouth by the hands of Bro. William Watkins, of Newport, Monmouthshire, who was deputed by the brethren of that province to perform the duty.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CAXTON LODGE, No. 1853.

This new lodge, which has been established for the convenience of brethren employed in connection with the press, was consecrated last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.Z., &c., Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Herts, who was assisted by Bro. William Stevens, as S.W.; Bro. Kempster, as J.W.; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., as D.C.; and Bro. W. Richards, as Secretary. The visitors on the occasion were Bros. W. H. Kempster, W.M. 890; F. Reed, 1044; R. Payne, W.M. 1328; F. Swain, 1328; J. Hiscox, W.M., 1420; T. Wilkinson, T. Harrap, E. Spooner, P.M., and J. Sinclair, J.W., 1420; J. Pardoe, 1329; W. Hanson, S.W. 59; Victor Jagielski, M.D., S.W. 534; J. Pilditch, J.W., Maurice Young, A. F. Barron, J. Wills, R. Palowkar, 1257; T. C. Pratt, S.W., F. Marx, J.W., J. Dipros, P.M. 957; J. Gibson, F. J. Wray, W.M., C. F. Luckhurst, G. Boulton, S.W., 1604; T. H. Bandwell, P.M. 837; J. Warner, P.M. 23; C. J. Pencoar, W.M., 1007; W. Sargent, P.M., 548, P.G.S.; C. H. Köhler, S.W. 1381; J. Redding Ware, P.M. 1196; Alex. Jones, 1612; E. Gauntlett, F. Garbett, P.M., J. Stock, P.M. 1178; E. Kensington, 1541; J. A. Akhurst, 780; W. Watkins, P.M. 1429; A. Hubbard, 813; F. H. Cozens, 907; E. W. Collins, 25; T. Hyland, W.M. 201; J. Coltart, W.M. 749; Barnard Lee, 274; H. Sadler, 147; W. Wilson, G.P., 504; H. Porter, P.M. 1351; J. H. Saul, G.P., 1791; W. H. Hayward, W.M. 1306; Louis Beck, W.M. 1559; and H. Massey (*Freemason*), 619. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. Henri de Solla, assisted by Bros. Hubbard, Collins, and F. Cozens, and the whole of the work, both consecration ceremony and music, was most perfectly performed. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Terry installed Bro. Thomas Harper Meredith, P.M. 87 and 1257, Treas. 1604, P.Z. 1604, &c., as W.M. The following brethren were then appointed to office:—Bres. G. J. Dawson, 749, S.W.; A. Woods, 1158, J.W.; E. Cole, 1257, Treas.; W. Richards, 1257, Sec.; Butterworth, 1604, S.D.; Oakman, 1420, J.D.; Beck, 1196, I.G.; and Gilbert, 1257, Stewd. A most unique circumstance in Freemasonry then occurred. The especial Grand Lodge for the appointment and investiture of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke as Grand Secretary was called for six o'clock, and the Wardens, who had never been Wardens before, were able to attend with the W.M. at the ceremony. After having attended the Grand Lodge and joined the brethren there in giving the Most Worshipful Grand Master hearty cheers, they returned to the Caxton Lodge, where the remainder of the work was completed. Propositions for initiation and joining were given in, and the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members, and votes of thanks were passed to them for performing the ceremony. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet.

After banquet the usual toasts were proposed. In proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," the W.M. said it had been a very pleasurable duty to the brethren that evening to attend Grand Lodge, although he himself had been there on many occasions previously. On the present evening it had been more especially pleasurable because he had been able to introduce there by Bro. Terry, the Consecrating Officer, the Wardens who had not had an opportunity of attending Grand Lodge before. He had heard that this was an unprecedented circumstance for Wardens to be invested with their collars, and within half-an-hour afterwards they were welcoming their Grand Master in Grand Lodge as members of Grand Lodge. Many of the brethren who were in Grand Lodge knew how well the Prince of Wales discharged his duties there, although there was not much for him to do. But whether there was much or little, the M.W.G.M. discharged his duty with the same feelings of interest for the Craft. He had invested the new Grand Secretary that evening. Every one who knew the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, regretted exceedingly that he was obliged to retire from the office. Bro. Shadwell Clerke was a new man to them with regard to the office of Grand Secretary, having been appointed only two hours ago, but from what the brethren knew of him in the higher Degrees of Masonry, and his anxiety for Masonry throughout the world, they might be assured he would discharge his duties with all the fidelity which had been described to them by the Grand Master that evening.

Deputy Grand Master, &c." to which Bro. C. A. Cotterne, P.G.P., replied.

The W.M. next read the following letter from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor: "The Lord Mayor presents his compliments to Bro. T. H. Meredith, W.M. designate of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, and regrets that a prior engagement of long standing will prevent him having the pleasure of attending the ceremonies of consecration and installation of the lodge on Saturday, January 17th."

Bro. Warner, P.G.S., also replied to the toast, and stated that he was Grand Steward in 1875, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed. It was a curious circumstance that not only that night but on other occasions when he (Bro. Warner) went out H.R.H. took the chair. It happened to be so when the Prince of Wales took the chair for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. James Terry, in proposing "The Health of the W.M. and Success to the Caxton Lodge," said that in the absence of an actual Past Master of the lodge, it was his duty as well as his privilege as Consecrating Officer to take that position, and he did not know that of the 120 lodges, which number he had just completed, that he had consecrated he had ever taken in hand the gavel with feelings of greater pleasure to submit for the acceptance of the members the toast of "The W.M." In Bro. Meredith the brethren had a W.M. who was well calculated to rule over them, not as they had heard it stated "with a rod of iron," but with the gentle hand of brotherly love and kindly feeling of fraternal affection to every member of the lodge. He ventured to think that with a Past Master of experience like Bro. Meredith they would in the course of time—he had not the slightest doubt before the W.M.'s year of office expired—so be enabled to weld together those who from various lodges formed the Caxton Lodge as to be able to say there was no more perfect lodge in the Craft for working, harmonious feeling, and kindly attention by every member to every other member of the Caxton Lodge. In Bro. Meredith they had no untried man. He had done good suit and service to the Craft, and was perfectly capable of doing it again. His breast bore token of what he had already done in the Craft, but that was not the only evidence of the regard that was felt for him, because the brethren had for him kindly good feeling and fraternal affection that no jewel or outward display ever could show. It must be part and parcel of themselves to appreciate, to know, and to understand so excellent and worthy a Mason as Bro. Meredith. The Caxton Lodge were fortunate in having him as its first W.M., and they were fortunate in having chosen that day for the consecration and installation meeting, a day which would be a red letter day in the annals of Freemasonry, seeing that it was only the third time since and including the Prince of Wales was installed that he had attended Grand Lodge. The first occasion was when he was installed in the Albert Hall, the second was when his brother-in-law, the Crown Prince of Denmark, attended, and the third was that very evening. He (Bro. Terry) did not know whether the Grand Master wanted to pay a compliment to the Caxton Lodge or the Caxton Lodge wanted to pay a compliment to him and, wanted to see him confer on the lodge the distinguished privilege of seeing him in the chair. At all events, it was a happy and fortuitous concurrence of circumstances. If any one in future wanted to remember the day the Caxton Lodge was consecrated they had merely to say it was the day when Col. Shadwell Clerke was invested as Grand Secretary by the Prince of Wales. The lodge was well-named. Without Caxton England would not be what she was. Without the press, without literature, without the knowledge which she now possessed, where would England be at the present day? Therefore, he returned to think as Caxton was such a great pioneer of knowledge in this country so would the Caxton Lodge be the pioneer of all that was good, and he hoped that the W.M. might have the gratification in years to come to look back on this as a red letter day in his existence, and thank those brethren who had the honour of asking him to become their first W.M. Bro. Terry concluded by wishing long life and prosperity to the Caxton Lodge and the health of the W.M.

The W.M., in reply, said that if there ever was a difficulty he had in his life it was to speak for himself; but it was still more difficult for him to speak in response to the high encomiums which had been showered upon him that evening by the Consecrating Officer. During his career in masonry for 20 years he had endeavoured to discharge his duties. Circumstances arose among some members of the profession of the press when it was thought that they might have a lodge of their own. He thought there would be difficulties about the W.M. they should have. The brethren insisted that he should fill that office. He then said he should be glad to accept the proffered honour, and he would do his best to carry the lodge to success. He had had some experience in establishing lodges before, but he had never found in the whole of his experience in Masonry any lodge making such a degree of progress and with such a prospect of success as this when he first said he would take the initiative in its formation. He found that it really might have been established many years before if they had only thought of it. He did not know some time ago that many of the brethren with whom he was constantly associated in business were Masons. These brethren came and joined. The charter for the lodge was granted, and having been granted it was consecrated that evening under very auspicious circumstances. He had received congratulations on the formation of the lodge, and he hoped that many members of the press would come and join it. The prosperity of the lodge would be his main object, and he should do all he could to promote it. The W.M. then stated the course he intended to pursue with regard to the lodge, and concluded by hoping that the honour of the lodge would be untarnished, and that he might have the pleasure of sitting by his successors for many years to come.

offered them the heartiest welcome, and trusted they would come and see the brethren of the Caxton Lodge very often.

Bro. Kempster replied.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Terry." He had known Bro. Terry for a long time, and what he always had been he would now and always would be. Whenever Bro. Terry undertook the consecration of a lodge he did it well and with thorough satisfaction to all that heard him, with credit to himself and pleasure to the brethren.

Bro. Terry replied. It gave him great pleasure, when the W.M. waited on him and asked him to consecrate this lodge. The honour of being the representative of the Prince of Wales was a great and distinguished one. He had been entrusted by three successive Grand Masters, the late Earl of Zetland, the Marquis of Ripon, and the Prince of Wales, and had conferred on him the honour of consecrating altogether 120 lodges. With the exception of Bro. Hervey, he thought there was scarcely a brother living who in the short space of time he had been a Mason had had the honour of consecrating so many lodges. He thought he had had the honour of consecrating more lodges and chapters in England than any one else in the same time; and when he was asked by Bro. Meredith as a personal friend to consecrate the Caxton Lodge, he felt no hesitancy in consenting to do so. Of the very admirable service of the musical brethren he could not speak too highly, and by their assistance there had been no break or hitch in the proceedings. Everything under such circumstances must go well and smoothly. It had given him great pleasure to usher into existence this Caxton Lodge, and he hoped it might be prosperous and successful, and to see it later on distinguished by its support of the charitable institutions of the Order. Although he could not ask the brethren in the first year of its existence, before they felt their way, to give him support, he trusted when the lodge had money at their disposal that they would. Knowing them well, he thought they would consider to which of the institutions they should give their support. In such a case he ventured, without attempting to dictate, that they should look favourably on the Benevolent Institution. The boys and girls must be educated, and there was always for them kindly consideration. But how few of us were there who could say he was a supporter of an old man or old woman who had borne the heat and burden of the day? Very few, indeed. But he thought there was still a kindly feeling of gratitude in people to their parents, and if any adversity overtook them, and they in their latter days, without any fault of their own, were reduced in circumstances, they took care to see that they did not want. Bro. Terry then described the great strides made by the Benevolent Institution in the last seven years, and thanked the brethren who had supported it. Seven years ago it received only £5000 in one year, whereas last year the total amount was over £17,000, more than threefold. He wished the brethren would go down to the Institution at Croydon, and see some of the good that Freemasonry did. The brethren now round the table were in prosperous circumstances, and he begged of them to remember those who were not. He also gave several instances where the Institution was now supporting people who have held most influential positions and lived in affluence. He assured the brethren that there were plenty of such cases, and it was for the relief of those, among others, that he solicited the support of the Craft.

The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Masonic Charities," and called on Bro. Terry to respond to the toast.

Bro. Terry subsequently responded to this toast also, and made a further stirring appeal to the favourable consideration of the brethren.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, which was responded to by Bro. Dawson, S.W.; after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday last, when the President, Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., on taking his seat introduced the newly-invested Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell Clerke, to the lodge. This being the first meeting of the year the Grand Secretary read the by-laws of the Lodge of Benevolence before commencement of the business.

The brethren first confirmed the grants and recommendations to the Grand Master, made in December, amounting in the whole to £515. There were seventeen new cases on the list, which were relieved by the lodge with grants and recommendations amounting in all to £530. Thus, there was one grant of £100; two of £75 (£150); two of £40 (£80); three of £30 (£90); five of £20 (£100); and one of £10. Three cases were deferred.

The President was supported by the two Vice-Presidents, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, who occupied the Wardens' chairs. The other brethren present were Bros. J. Constable, P.M. 185; J. P. Britten, P.M. 183; C. F. Hogard, P.M.; W. H. Peryman, P.M.; J. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; H. Garrod, P.M.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; J. D. Collier, P.M.; W. Stephens, P.M.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; T. Hutton, W.M. 13; J. Southwood, P.M. 1260; R. De M. Lawson, P.M. 632; J. Shackell, P.M. 193; F. J. Seale, P.M. 1273; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; H. Hill, W.M. 83; J. T. Hutchinson, W.M. 222; J. W. Figg, P.M. 256; H. W. Gladwell, W.M. 1298; Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902; T. Edmondston, W.M. 1067; C. G. Smith, W.M. 58; Chas. Davis, P.M. 141; H. C. Levander, P.M. 1215; H. H. Burney, P.M. 697; T. R. Williams, W.M. 257; R. J. Murrell, I.P.M. 1776; H. A. Lovett, W.M. 179; and

#### THE NEW GRAND SECRETARY.

The *South Wales Daily Telegram* publishes the following:—

It may be of considerable interest to the brethren to learn that Colonel Clerke is well known in Newport and its neighbourhood, inasmuch as he was in command of the 21st Royal British Fusiliers during the time they were located at Newport Barracks. He then associated himself very closely with nearly every Degree of Freemasonry in the province. Therefore, when the event became known, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Lyne, consulted with his Deputy, and directed that a congratulatory address should be drawn up and sent to him from this province on his appointment to the high and important position of Grand Secretary of England. This address was duly signed by the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, and further-countersigned by Bro. C. Rowe, Provincial Grand Secretary; and the Provincial Grand Master deputed Bro. W. Watkins, P.M. 1429, P.P.G.S. of Wks. (Mon.), as bearer of the address, which was presented on behalf of the province in the Grand Officers' room of the Grand Lodge. The following is the copy of the address:—

"Newport, Mon.

"Jan. 17th, 1880.

"To the Right Worshipful Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England. Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—Having seen that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Most Worshipful Grand Master, was about to confer upon you the distinguished office of Grand Secretary, we, on behalf of the Province of Monmouth, hereby offer you our most sincere and hearty congratulations on this important event; feeling fully assured that from the numerous distinguished and deserving brethren of the Craft His Royal Highness could not have made a more judicious and acceptable selection, and one that affords universal satisfaction to our province, of which we are proud to rank you as a member. We trust that you will be long spared to wear the honours connected with that high position, and that the time may not be far distant when, in this province, we may have the opportunity of personally congratulating you.

"We are, Right Worshipful Sir and Brother, yours most fraternally,

"CHARLES LYNE, P.G.M.

"S. GEORGE HOMFRAY, P.D.G.M.,  
and P.G.A.D.C. of England.

"CHARLES ROWE, P.G. Secretary."

The reply of Colonel Clerke was as follows:—

"Freemasons' Hall, London,

"January 19th, 1880.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—Very many thanks for the most kind and flattering address which I have received from your province from the hands of Bro. Watkins. I was quite sure that my old friends in Monmouthshire would be glad to see me selected for the honourable, although arduous, position in which His Royal Highness has placed me, and I beg you will thank them for me, one and all, most heartily, for their wishes, and convey my fraternal regard to all my old friends in your jurisdiction. Believe me to be very sincerely yours,

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE,

"Grand Secretary of England."

#### WESTBOURNE LODGE BALL.

The first ball in connection with the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, was given on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. The company, which was rather spare at the opening of the ball, commenced dancing shortly after nine o'clock, to the very excellent band of Bro. Eaton.

The programme consisted of twenty-five dances, which was divided into two parts. The first part comprised:—1. Polka. 2. Quadrille. 3. Valse. 4. Lancers. 5. Schottische. 6. Caledonians. 7. Redowa. 8. Quadrille. 9. Valse. 10. Lancers. 11. Schottische. 12. Caledonians. 13. Valse and Galop. Supper was then announced, which, unfortunately, had to be partaken of by the company in two parties—the assembly having during the evening increased to upwards of 100.

The only toast proposed was that of "The Ladies," given by the President, Bro. E. J. Allen, the Worshipful Master of the lodge, who humorously remarked that on an occasion like the present they were especially dear, as they could not possibly get on without them.

The principal attraction of the evening was then resumed, the second part of the programme being as follows: 14. Quadrille. 15. Valse. 16. Lancers. 17. Polka. 18. Caledonians. 19. Redowa. 20. Quadrille. 21. Valse. 22. Lancers. 23. Schottische. 24. Caledonians. 25. Valse and Galop.

A very pleasant evening was spent, credit being due to the following brethren, who assiduously performed their duties as Stewards:—Bros. E. J. Allen, W.M., President; J. Welford, S.W.; W. Hallett, J.W.; E. Arrowsmith, J.D.; R. Patterson, and S. R. Walker, the Hon. Sec.

Among the company present we noticed Bro. Allen, Mrs. and Miss Allen, Bro. Walker, Miss Walker, and Miss R. Walker, Bro. Murdoch, Bro. Sturt and Mrs. Sturt, Mrs. Fairn, Miss Yates, Bro. R. F. Botting, Mrs. and Miss Botting, Bro. Goodwin, Bro. W. Monks, Bro. F. Monks, Bro. T. W. Allen, and Mrs. Allen, Bros. Rawlings, Biorn, Cole, Roebuck, Bro. Eaton and Mrs. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, Mr. W. B. Witt and Mrs. Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Capt. Mayhew, Miss Fanny Johnson, and Bro. F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

Dancing was kept up with great vigour until a late (or rather early) hour, but apparently not too late by the

GRATIFYING TESTIMONIAL TO A LIVERPOOL FREEMASON.

Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, the W.M. of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609), has just been the recipient of an honour which will be highly appreciated by members of the Craft in the important Province of West Lancashire. Only a short time ago the *Freemason* contained a full report of the installation meeting of the Dramatic Lodge—one of the most prosperous lodges in the province of which the "first scaport in the world" may be said to be the focus—and ample testimony was then borne to the high esteem in which Bro. MacKenzie is held in Masonic circles. Indeed, both as a Freemason and as a journalist, he is very widely known and deservedly respected. Recently Bro. MacKenzie was appointed to the responsible position of chief of the reporting staff of the *Liverpool Mercury*—undoubtedly one of the leading journals in the provinces—and on Saturday evening last his collaborators in the literary department of the newspaper entertained him at a dinner at the Bee Hotel, Liverpool, in honour of his promotion.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Thomas Baker—a gentleman who has been fifty-eight years connected with the *Liverpool Mercury*, and who is one of the oldest reporters in the United Kingdom—and the company included all the members of the reporting and sub-editorial staffs, besides the leading representatives of other departments of the paper.

During the evening a beautifully-illuminated address, bearing an excellent portrait of Bro. MacKenzie, was presented to him. The terms of the address were as follows:

"To Mr. J. B. MacKenzie.

"Dear Sir,—

"We, your colleagues, congratulate you on your accession to the important office of chief of the reporting staff of the *Liverpool Mercury*, and to convey to you our high appreciation of your professional ability and personal character."

The address was signed by the members of the reporting staff, namely—Messrs. Thomas Baker, Geo. Wright, E. H. Edwards, Jas. Allan, Robt. Swan, J. W. R. Brown, John Thomson, J. N. Petrie, and J. S. Hayes.

"The Health of Bro. MacKenzie" was cordially toasted, and gentlemen representing every department of the journal (including Mr. Harrison, manager, and Mr. G. Wynne, chief sub-editor) testified to the general approbation with which his promotion was regarded and to the affectionate esteem in which he was held by his colleagues.

Bro. MacKenzie, in responding, remarked that in assuming his responsible position he was very greatly encouraged by the knowledge that he enjoyed the confidence and regard of every one of his *colleagues*.

Several musical members of the company contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, and the proceedings were altogether of a highly agreeable character.

Reviews.

THE MARVELLOUS LITTLE HOUSEKEEPERS. By JOAN JOCELYNE, Kerby and Edean.

By one of those little mistakes which will occur, how sometimes we hardly know, we printed in our last *Freemason* a review on the "Industrious Little Builders," which was intended for the charming little book which heads these lines. All that we said last week we repeat to-day, and, indeed, a good deal more, as we can most sincerely recommend the work to the notice of our younger and our elder readers, and feel sure that it will be both popular and useful. Indeed, we who know well the intense difficulty of finding suitable books for the young, can conscientiously assert we have seldom met with any which has commended itself more to our approval, and will, we are equally convinced, subscribe the end it evidently has in view—the amusement, and yet improvement and elevation of the mind of the young. We are very sorry for the little mistake which we made, but, perhaps, in this way—the little book receives a double notice, by no means too much for it merits, which are very great.

DER LONG ISLAENDER. Brooklyn, N. York, U.S.

This is a German paper published in America, which contains an account, on a Masonic page, of the doings of the German-American Masons. We are struck, as all must be, with the strength and importance of this German Masonic movement, and of the reality of this "outcome" of the "Allgemeine's Vaterland" in the midst of American Freemasonry. The paper is able and interesting.

COSMOPOLITAN CALENDAR. Second Edition.

We are struck, as all must be, with the additions and alterations of this second edition. It is a great pity that Secretaries and Grand Secretaries, "Et hoc genus omne," will not send their communications in time, as "machinery," like the railway, waits for no one. We hear that the first edition having "moved off," the second is "moving" as rapidly, and we are very glad to hear it.

HOT AIR VERSUS HOT WATER BATHS FOR THE WORKING CLASSES. By RICHARD METCALFE, 337, Strand, W.C.

This is a tract which deserves consideration, though we are not quite prepared to admit or believe that its views are ever likely to be very popular. A good deal, on the writer's grounds, no doubt may be said for the hot air bath, but on the whole we prefer, we confess, the hot water bath, or cold water bath, as the case may be. We always remember the good old Saxon proverb, "Cleanliness is next to godliness, or goodliness." We are greatly in want of good public baths.

WORDSWORTH'S "COCA PILLS" the successful remedy for sleeplessness, neuralgia, and Hay fever, 2s. per box. Homœopathic Chemist, 6, Sloane-street, London.—[Advrt.]

THE JEWELLER AND METALWORKER ALMANACK, DIARY, AND DIRECTORY FOR 1880. London: Wm. Allen, 109, Barnsbury-road, N.

This is a very compact and useful diary for the trade, and appears to contain every thing of interest to jewellers and kindred trades. The recipes alone are worth the cost even to outsiders. The classified directory, although it might be more amplified, is useful, but this appears to us the least satisfactory portion of the work.

MASONIC ADVOCATE.

This well known Masonic paper pursues the "even tenour" of its able way, and is always worth reading.

THE NORWOOD REVIEW AND CRYSTAL PALACE REPORTER. Weekly.

This is a new candidate for local favour, and it speaks well for the enterprise of its promoters that they have been able to produce an eight page paper of such excellence, almost wholly devoted to matters of local interest. We have no doubt that, notwithstanding the district is pretty well occupied, there is plenty of room for a paper to represent the views of a large section of the inhabitants of this populous and now influential district.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

With regard to Stone's MS. I thought I had made it plain that Inigo Jones's MS., cannot be that so called MS. The portion relative to Alban in Inigo Jones's MS., runs thus. Anno Christi. C.C.C., in marginal note. And in Saint Albanes time the King of England, that was a Pagan, did wall ye town that was called Verulam. St. Alban was a worthy knight, and Seward of the King's Household, and had got the government of ye realm, and also the town walls, and loved Masons well and cherished them much, and made their pay right good, standing as the realm then did, for he gave them two shillings per week, and three pence to their char. For before that time through all the land, a Mason had but a penny a day and his meat, until Saint Alban mended it. And he got them a charter of ye King for to hold a council yearly, and gave it the name of an Assembly, and was thereat himself, and helped to make Mason (sic), and gave them charges as ye shall have afterwards." There is of course a general similarity in the tradition, but the so called Stone M.S. is clearly not Inigo Jones's MS.

A. F. A. W.

RECORDS OF NO. 277, OLDHAM.

We hail with pleasure the advent of another student of our Masonic literature, in Bro. the Rev. J. Harrison, S.W. 277, who has commenced an interesting account of the Lodge of Friendship, Oldham, in the "Masonic Magazine" for January. Our brother asks several questions as to old lodges, which, in the following, we will do our best to answer. The lodge in question was warranted in 1789 as No. 554, becoming 463 after 1792. At the "Union" it was altered to 519, then to 344 in 1832, and finally 277 from 1863. The Lodge of Relief, Bury, alluded to, was No. 40 from 1781, having been 51 before, and became 37 in 1792. It is now 42, and held in the same town. The lodge held at The Fleece, Manchester, and which Bro. Harrison states is described as 303 in the "Records," was in 1789 known as No. 305, the other number being the numeration of 1770—80. The lodge 534 appears also to have been held at Manchester, though Ashton-under-Lyne is recorded as its home. Its name was the Lodge of Union, and there was another called Unity, No. 533, held in the same city. There was a lodge at Ashton-under-Lyne after 1794—as 536.

The Lodge of Fortitude, represented at the meeting of February 16th, 1791, belonged to the Grand Lodge of All England, held at York, and was warranted by its Grand Master, Bro. T. Kilby, in 1790. We gave a transcript of the charter in Second Part of our "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," page 41.

The visitor who attended the assembly of the 12th Aug., 1805, was from the lodge held at Werneth, near Oldham, warranted in 1731, and was then No. 32, its name being the Unity. The two Royal Arch chapters recorded on the 20th July, 1796, were the Trinity, No. 63, Manchester, and the Philanthropy, No. 82, Werneth, both under the Grand Chapter worked by the "Modern" Masons. These particulars have been obtained by reference to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," our "Masonic Register," and certain old lists.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).—The regular meeting of this body was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel. In the absence of the M.P.S., the Earl of Zetland, the chair was occupied by E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead, P.S., Int. Genl. Unattd., and he was supported by E. Comp. J. S. Cumberland, V.E.; T. Humphries, as S.G.; G. Simpson, I.G.; A. T. B. Turner, Recorder; M. Millington, Prefect; S. F. Bousfield, as Herald; Rev. W. Valentine, Prelate, &c. Bro. W. B. Dyson, of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611, was balloted for and installed a member of the Order. Ballots were then taken for Sovereign, Vicar, and Treasurer, resulting in the unanimous election to those respective offices of Bros. J. S. Cumberland, C. G. Padel, and G. Simpson. Bro. H. Jackson was re-elected Sentinel. Two Auditors were appointed, and the conclave was closed. The St. Peter's Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John was afterwards opened, and E. Comp. Cumberland was elected Commander. Several opinions were expressed regretting the absence of regular communications of the ruling body, and hoping that steps would be taken to place the Order in a more vigorous condition.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, adjourned from Saturday, the 10th inst., meets this (Saturday) afternoon, at Freemasons Hall, Queen-street, W.C., at 12 o'clock noon precisely.

A well attended meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held on Wednesday last. A report is in type and will appear in our next.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Princess Louise and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were present at the performance at the Court Theatre on Wednesday evening.

The North Metropolitan Tramway Company have discontinued running their cars from Aldersgate to the Weavers' Arms, Stamford-hill, on Sundays, and on that day run them only as far as Dalston Junction, in order to give more rest to the men in their employ and to their horses.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will visit Ireland this year at a much earlier period than was expected. They will arrive in Dublin on the first or second week of February.

"The Christmas number of the London *Freemason* is a splendid production. We congratulate the publisher, Bro. George Kenning, and the editor, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., upon having been able to aggregate so many articles of superior merit." We thank our contemporary, *The Keystone*, for these kind remarks, and for the information of our readers, beg to inform them that there are still a few copies on sale at the office, 108, Fleet-street, London.

Bro. J. E. Walford, Master of the Worshipful Company of Liners, presided at the inaugural court dinner, given at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday last. The company, which numbered about 120, included Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, Lord Mayor, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M., has been nominated an additional Governor of Derby School.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, has been presented with an address of congratulation upon his recent appointment, by the Province of Monmouthshire. The presentation was made by Bro. Wm. Watkins, of Newport, Mon., who was deputed by the brethren of the province to perform the duty.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday last, but made no alteration in the rate of discount, which remains at 3 per cent.

The Installation Meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, takes place on Thursday next at the Moorgate-street Restaurant. Bro. Wm. Henry Brand is the W.M. elect.

Truth is glad to hear that the health of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn (R.W.P.G.M. N. Wales and Shrops.), the state of which has occasioned much anxiety to his family and numerous friends during the last few years, is now most satisfactory.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will preside at the sixty-sixth anniversary dinner of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City-road, to be held in April in Willis's Rooms.

The Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, established for the convenience of gentlemen engaged on the press, was consecrated on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. A report of the proceedings appears in another column.

A grand orchestral and vocal concert will be given at St. James's Hall, this (Saturday) evening, in commemoration of the birthday of Robert Burns. The principal item in the programme will be Howard Glover's setting of "Tam o' Shanter," which will be performed by the Scottish Choral Society, with a full orchestra, under the direction of Bro. H. Weist Hill, the solos being allotted to Mr. Sims Reeves.

An illustration of the New Fruit and Vegetable Market, as designed by Bro. Horace Jones, the City architect, appeared in last week's *Builder*.

Among the journals that have already got the Telephone fitted up in the Houses of Parliament are the *Times*, *Daily Telegraph*, and *Daily News*. The reporting will of course be done as before, but the latter part of the proceedings at night will be sent through by telephone instead of by messenger.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold will preside at the annual festival dinner in aid of the funds of University College or North London Hospital at Willis's Rooms on March 11th.

We learn from the *Morning Post* that her Majesty the Queen has graciously signified her intention of opening Parliament in person.

Bro. Sir Francis Truscott (Lord Mayor) will preside at the anniversary dinner of the Stationers and Paper Manufacturers' Provident Society, on Tuesday, the 17th proximo.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834, are now held at the Six Bells Tavern, Hammersmith-road. A report of the last meeting will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Lord Mayor of London, was on Monday last installed Worshipful Master of the Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1.

Bro. Aeneas John McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, will, we understand, contest Mid-Cheshire at the next election.

Protests are again being made in a daily newspaper against the terrible annoyance caused by porters and others slamming the doors of railway carriages unnecessarily. The writers appear to be somewhat at variance as to which line of railway the nuisance is most rife upon. If any of the slammers are more vigorous than those on the North London they must be vigorous indeed! The carriages are made fairly to tremble—to say nothing of the passengers. Traffic managers really ought to see to it, if only in order to keep the "rolling stock" together longer.—*The City Press*.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey has remitted fifty per cent of the rents to his tenants on the Briton Ferry Estate.

Bro. H. J. Adams, has been admitted a member of the Court of Assistants of the Clockmakers' Company.

The expenses of Bro. Edward Ledger's defence in the case of the recent prosecution in regard to the alleged libel in the *Era* amount to nearly £500. Bro. Ledger having declined to allow any subscription to be opened with a view to reimburse him for his loss, a committee has been formed for the purpose of presenting him with a piece of plate in commemoration of his services. The committee consist of Brs. Bancroft, Byron, Henry Irving, David James, Kendal, Neville, Edward Terry, Thorne, and J. L. Toole. The Secretary is Bro. Charles Harcourt, of 39, Strand.

The "Warehouseman and Drapers' Trade Journal," the organ of the drapers and textile fabric manufacturers, has been purchased by Messrs. W. H. and L. Collingridge, and will in future be published at their offices, 128 and 129, Aldersgate-street.—*Athenaeum*

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 30, 1880.

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

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24.

Adjourned Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12. Audit Com., Boys' School.  
Lodge 1203, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham (Emergency)  
" 1679, Henry Muggerridge, Prince George, Dalston.  
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LOGES 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 26.

Lodge 4, R. Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square, W.  
" 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Viaduct Hot., Holborn.  
" 1818, Clapham, Gresham Hot., Victoria-st. S.W.  
" 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Richmond Hot., Shepherd's Bush-rd.  
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.  
" 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, F.M.H.  
Mark Lodge, 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

#### LOGES 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, Milford 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., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.  
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30  
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.  
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.  
British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.  
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.  
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 27.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1348, Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-st.  
" 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.  
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.  
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.

#### LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant, at 7.30.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steyne, 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 Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.  
St. Marylebone, 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.  
Eleonor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.  
" 808, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., Regent-st.  
" 1768, Progress, E.M.H.  
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Rose Croix, 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

#### LOGES 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, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.  
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.  
Eleonor, 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 29.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.  
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.  
" 1563, City of Westminster, Regent M.H., Regent-st.  
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.

#### LOGES 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.  
Pannure, 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-jane, at 7.30.  
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Master  
2, Red Lion-sq., Holborn, W.C., at 5.  
K.T. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

#### LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.  
Ranelagh, 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 Camarvon, 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 31, 1880.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine B., Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxton.  
" 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1052, Calendar, Public H., Rusholme.  
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st. Liverpool.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.  
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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