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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, Grand Superintendent of Hants and the Isle of Wight, occupied the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, the chair of H.; and Comp. Wm. A. F. Powell, Grand Superintendent of Bristol, the chair of J.

Among the other companions present were Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Burt, S.N.; W. Platt, as P.S.; James Glaisher, as 1st A.S.; J. A. Rucker, as 2nd A.S.; J. Mullens, S.B.; Joshua Nunn, H. J. P. Dumas, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Robert Grey, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Col. Creaton, Thos. Fenn, James Lewis Thomas, Joseph C. Parkinson, H. G. Buss, Asst. S.E.; Henry Garrod, P.Z. 507; John Fenn, Z. 417; H. Ward, 586, 622, and 31, Prov. G.H. Wilts; R. Loveland Loveland, P.Z. 175, 257; F. Driver, P.Z. 742; Charles Fredk. Hogard, J. 142, P.Z. 141; W. J. Murlis, M.E.Z. 862; Thos. Massa, H. 1293; E. Letchworth, P.Z. 1237; George R. Green, M.E.Z. 173; H. Hacker, P.Z. 723; A. J. Ireton, J. 73; W. J. Parish, M.E.Z. 1604; George Lambert, P.Z. 7 and 21; Peter Robinson, M.E.Z. 185; R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; William Dodd, P.Z. 975; W. Smallpeice, P.Z. 21; W. H. Lee, M.E.Z. 1524; Neville Green, H. 1524; W. Geo. Lemon, P.Z. 414; P. Dickinson, M.E.Z. 188; John Palmer, P.Z. 1348; H. S. Somerville Burney, P.Z. 1615; William Stephens, P.Z. 862, 874; William Donkin, P.H. 124; Gerard Ford, Z. 271; F. Harrison, Z. 1348; James Hillhouse, H. 228; P. Mander, H. and P.Z. 185, 1201; J. Brown, P.Z. 722; H. Sadler, G.J., and H. 169; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter the acting M.E.Z. announced that by the Book of Royal Arch Regulations, page 24, Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke took position of Grand Scribe E. (Cheers.)

Grand S.E. then read the minutes of last convocation, which were put and confirmed.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Colonel Creaton, President, seconded by Comp. J. M. Case, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Colonel Creaton, seconded by Comp. Joshua Nunn, the following petitions were unanimously granted:—

1st. From Comps. Edward Rosenbusch as Z.; Charles Edward Coffey as H.; Harry Gardner as J.; and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the Union Lodge, No. 407, Malta, to be called the William Kingston Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta.

2nd. From Comps. Edward Pitt Youell as Z.; William Dods as H.; Joseph Tomlinson as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1631, Gorleston, to be called the St. Andrew's Chapter, and to meet at St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston, Suffolk.

3rd. From Comps. James Henry Gratton as Z.; Thomas Braithwaite as H.; John Bustard as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, Barnsley, to be called the Friendly Chapter, and to meet at the King's Head Hotel, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

4th. From Comps. William George Lemon as Z.; the Rev. William Taylor Jones as H.; Charles William Thompson as J.; and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, Catford Bridge, to be called the Ravensbourne Chapter, and to meet at the Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham.

5th. From Comps. James Terry as Z.; John Howroyd Sadler as H.; John Edwin Cussans as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, Highgate, to be called the Highgate Chapter, and to meet at the Gatchouse Tavern, Highgate, Middlesex.

The next paragraph of the report of the Committee of General Purposes stated—

With reference to the petition for a chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, Aldershot, the consideration of which was deferred at the last Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, the Committee have to report that the Grand Superintendent for the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, having since

withdrawn his recommendation to the petition, they do not now feel themselves justified in recommending that the prayer of the petition be granted, but leave the matter in the hands of the Grand Chapter.

The acting M.E.Z. stated that he was induced at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter to recommend that the question of granting this warrant be deferred. Since that time he had had much communication on the matter with the petitioners for the chapter and the members of the chapter which already existed in that locality. At one time he feared that there would be very little chance of a satisfactory result being arrived at for his being able to recommend, in accordance with his duty, the granting of this warrant. But he had, after much consideration, seen that the objections to the warrant had been done away with, and that it might safely be issued for this chapter on the understanding that the Royal Arch Masons who were to belong to it were to be confined to military companions—the same understanding as that which existed in the Aldershot Camp Lodge, which had hitherto been honourably carried out by them, and which, he had no doubt, would be carried out with regard to the chapter to be attached to that lodge. For himself he had only had one object in view—to promote Royal Arch Masonry in the spirit of love and harmony among the companions in that locality; and he trusted now that no objection would exist to granting the warrant for the Aldershot Camp Chapter.

Col. Creaton said that after what had fallen from the M.E.Z. he would now move that a warrant be granted for a chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge.

Comp. H. Hacker said he had much pleasure in seconding that proposition.

The motion was carried.

Comp. Col. Creaton said the next two paragraphs of the report explained themselves. They were as follows:—

The Committee have also to report that a complaint was preferred by Comp. Edward Jacobs, of the Ebury Chapter, No. 1348, London, against Comp. John Palmer, P.Z. and Treasurer of the chapter, for having on two occasions (on the latter while presiding as the acting M.E.Z.) used his influence to prevent the election of Comp. Jacobs to office in the chapter. The Committee having summoned the parties before them, and having fully investigated the case, are of opinion that the first charge is not proved, but that, on the second occasion, Comp. Palmer made a statement to the chapter, while acting as M.E.Z., which was calculated to influence the votes of the companions, and in doing which he was not justified.

The Committee have further to report that by a mistake in taking the date of initiation for that of raising, the Hwlford Chapter, No. 464, Haverfordwest, exalted a brother, after only eleven months' service as a Master Mason, contrary to article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations. The Committee have therefore admonished the chapter to be more careful in future, and have directed that the candidate be re-obligated before his Grand Chapter certificate be issued.

Comp. William Smallpeice, P.Z. No. 21, in moving "That clause five (5), page five (5) of the Book of Regulations of the Royal Arch be repealed, in order that all companions may be present at the opening of private chapters," said it affected but two classes, because all the members of Grand Chapter were either Principals or Past Principals, and the two Wardens of the year. By the rules they could not admit a companion at the opening of the chapter unless he was a Principal or Past Principal. There were very few members of Grand Chapter who had not found instruction in the opening of a chapter. All companions were present at the closing. In opening the form was almost precisely the same, and he could not see that there would be any possible objection on the ground that a companion would gain an insight into any secret or mystery of the chairs if he were present at the opening. In conjunction with some well-known Royal Arch Masons he had endeavoured every Wednesday to carry out the work which had been done so ably by the late Comp. John Boyd in instructing Royal Arch Masons in their duties, but they felt that their work was not fully completed because they could not instruct in the opening of a chapter. In order that he might do so he brought forward this motion. He had not communicated with any companions on the subject, and, therefore, it came quite fresh before Grand Chapter for the consideration of the members.

Comp. H. Garrod seconded the motion.

The M.E.Z. then put the motion to Grand Chapter.

Comp. Thomas Fenn hoped Grand Chapter would be very careful how they supported any resolution which would even distantly have for its view and object the alteration of any of the Royal Arch ceremonies. He conscientiously and consistently resisted every attempt at tampering with ceremonies, either in Craft or Arch Masonry; and, although this proposed alteration might appear very small—and it was very small, and, in fact, so trivial, that he could not conceive there could be any object in moving such a resolution, for at present companions were only kept out of chapter about four minutes—there were reasons why ordinary members of chapters should not be present at the opening; but if the proposer of this motion had not touched upon particular secrets in his resolution he did not see how it could have followed at all that any repeal of this particular law should effect the objects he had in view. Suppose this clause in the Regulations had never existed, still no one beneath the rank of a Past Principal could attend Grand Chapter. It was essentially a Past Principals' chapter, precisely the same as Grand Lodge was a Master Masons' Lodge. No one but a Master Mason could enter Grand Lodge, and yet there was no law in the Book of Constitutions enacting that an Entered Apprentice should not attend. It was in the very nature of the Constitutions of Grand Lodge that he could not attend, and, therefore, there was no reason for altering it. Neither could he see there was any reason for enacting this proposed law, be-

cause the very nature of Grand Chapter excluded any one beneath the rank of a Principal. Many companions knew that not very long ago Royal Arch Masonry was entirely a Christian Degree, and, no doubt, many clergymen in Grand Chapter conscientiously thought it ought to go back to its old position; but if it did the universality of the Degree would be done away with. Without pressing this point he doubted very much whether Grand Chapter had any right to alter its secrets. He looked upon the proposed alteration as the thin edge of the wedge for tampering with the secrets of Masonry. He would strongly urge upon Comp. Smallpeice to let the matter be referred to a Committee, when he would have more supporters. The Committee could go back to the year 1835, when there was a Committee which settled the present mode of working, and they would see if they searched the records whether there was not some strong reason for the present system. He did not propose this himself, but merely suggested whether it would not be better to take this course, and not precipitate Grand Chapter by a hasty resolution into what might be a very dangerous precedent. Comp. Smallpeice might propose that Grand Chapter appoint a Committee of companions, such as Comps. Robt. Grey and Letchworth, who were perfectly competent to examine and report upon all such matters.

Comp. Joshua Nunn thought if the law were repealed it would have no effect in private chapters. No one could attend Grand Chapter unless he was an associate member or a Past Principal. Companions in private chapters were not associates, they were not appointed by the Grand Principal himself, as they were in Grand Chapter. An alteration should not be made unless enquired into and reported on by a Committee.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold disagreed with Comp. Nunn. Private chapters acted entirely upon the precedent set by Grand Chapter. Associate members were very few. If this particular clause were repealed they would be able to be present, and would represent the general members in an ordinary chapter. It would be much to the interest of Freemasonry generally if it were allowable for all companions to be present at the opening ceremony of the chapter; it would lead to a great deal more order and regularity in the attendance, for he knew a great many did not attend chapter at all because they could not be present at the opening. His own experience taught him that in private chapters the opening was slurred over on many occasions. If more companions were allowed to be present there would be a change for the better in this respect.

Comp. James Lewis Thomas, Past Sword Bearer, differed from Comp. Arnold with respect to the manner in which the opening ceremony in private chapters was performed. His experience was, that it was very well done. Comp. Thomas then drew attention to the particular form of opening, and said that under those circumstances it would be very injudicious indeed to admit all the companions to the opening. He thought the great majority of the companions felt that when they had seen the opening there was a more important ceremony going on than they themselves were ready and qualified to be admitted to, and they were most ambitious and anxious to proceed to those chairs, which gave great enlightenment into the mysteries of the Order. Comp. Thomas concluded by supporting the proposal for a Committee.

Comp. Joseph C. Parkinson had come to Grand Chapter with his mind perfectly free on this matter, but from what he had heard his instincts were rather with Comp. Smallpeice. From conviction and thought he was disposed to believe that most things in the world were capable of improvement, but he confessed that the ideal which he set before himself had not yet been completely fulfilled. He did not quite see the practical object to be gained by the carrying of this motion, but if he could see his way to it he would like to do so. If there were any considerable hardship or even small hardships experienced by companions not being admitted to the opening he should at once hold up his hand for the motion; but he had never experienced it himself, and he did not think the companions of various chapters to which he belonged had experienced it. He would like the matter to be further considered before voting one way or the other.

Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford observed that there was, he ventured to think, one point in the discussion which had been somewhat overlooked—the very great change which was proposed to be made in the customs and ritual of Royal Arch Masonry. (Hear, hear.) From the days that the Grand Chapter was formed in London, under H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, which was not, however, officially acknowledged by Grand Lodge until 1813, and from the time that Dunckerley worked Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Hampshire, there had never been a change in the ancient system of opening a chapter. He, therefore, objected very strongly to so great an innovation in Royal Arch Masonry, as Comp. Parkinson had so well said, without much grave consideration, and so forcibly did he feel the inadvisability of any change at all, that he could not even support the proposal to refer the matter to the Permanent Committee. He felt sure that this change would not be approved of by a large number of provincial Principals, excellent and earnest Royal Arch Masons, up and down the country. He, therefore, hoped that Grand Chapter would distinctly reject the proposition. (Hear, hear.) If Comp. Smallpeice wished again to raise the question he could at a subsequent meeting move to refer it to the Permanent Committee.

The amendment, "That this question be referred to the Committee of Grand Chapter," was then put and carried by twenty-two votes against twenty-one.

Comp. Joshua Nunn moved, and Comp. S. Rawson seconded, "That the motion be dismissed," which was carried by twenty-seven votes against fifteen.

The acting M.E.Z. said the Grand Chapter was very much indebted to Comp. Smallpeice for calling attention to the subject.

Comp. Smallprice thanked the companions for having listened to him. He had not canvassed any one, and he supposed they had heard the subject for the first time. Grand Chapter was then closed.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

TUSCAN LODGE (No. 14).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. John N. Smith, W.M.; C. C. Tatham, S.W.; E. Montennis, J.W.; W. H. Fisher, Chap.; S. Glover, P.M., Treas.; S. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Hopkinson, S.D.; W. B. Liddiard, J.D.; Frank Richardson, P.M., D.C.; W. Jarvis, I.G.; W. F. Nettleship, P.M., P.G.S.B., Stw.; John Daly, Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. W. Vallance, H. H. Bothamley, A. C. Sadler, W. Bristow, A. J. Bristow, and C. H. Turner; and others. Visitors: Bros. P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; Besley, Mackintosh, Sydney T. V. Morgan, W. Morgan, Broden, Domville, T. King, and numerous other visitors. The business consisted of the installation of the W.M., which was done in admirable style by Bro. C. H. Turner, the retiring W.M.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge held its regular meeting on the 27th ult. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. Rumball, W.M.; Morrison, S.W.; Themans, P.M., acting J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Charles Dairy, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Whitby, W.S., acting I.G.; Jordan, D.C.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S. Middlesex, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Davis, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. ably raised Bros. Bourlet and Daniell to the Degree of M.M. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Messrs. W. J. Mason and J. How as initiates, and it proving to be unanimous, those gentlemen were impressively inducted into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Several minor matters having been disposed of, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the latter were Bros. Wilson, P.M. 1155; Crane, J.D. Doric; Legg, 1277; Tilling, and Green, 40 (Canada), and others. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary toasts were duly proposed and heartily received. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very warm terms by the I.P.M., and it having been honoured, the W.M. made a brief reply. The toast of "The Initiates" followed. In proposing this toast, the W.M. congratulated the newly-initiated brethren upon the great step they had taken that evening. He hoped that they would endeavour in their private life to practise those useful lessons which they had heard delineated in the beautiful ritual of initiation. In conclusion, he congratulated the lodge upon the advent of two such promising members. This pledge having been received most warmly, Bros. Mason and How modestly acknowledged the compliment. "The Visitors" came next in order, and this toast drew from Bros. Wilson, Crane, Legg, and others excellent replies. The W.M. then proposed in very eulogistic terms "The Past Masters." This toast was responded to by Bros. Dairy and Hopwood. In the course of their respective speeches, after alluding to the subject matter, they called the attention of the brethren to the necessities of the three great Masonic Charities, and expressed a hope that the Lodge of Faith would be in a position to support them all at their respective festivals. The latter brother particularly alluded to the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and thanked the brethren for their kind vote of ten guineas from the lodge funds in aid of his Stewards' list for that excellent Charity, and which sum he trusted would be quickly supplemented by individual donations. "The Officers," acknowledged by Bros. W. Stuart, Clark, and Whitby, and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).—On Monday evening, the 19th ult., the usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. G. S. Pare in the chair. Messrs. Woolf S. Lyon and H. Honychurch, having been previously balloted for, were duly initiated by the Master. Bros. Hill, Powis, and Peartree were passed, and Bros. Tobias and Carter were raised. Bro. Bayley was elected Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. John Constable, P.M., was elected Treasurer. A Committee of the Benevolent Fund and two auditors were also appointed. A notice of motion by Bro. Saul Solomon, referring to the Benevolent Fund, was adjourned in his absence, and, on the motion of Bro. Algernon E. Sydney, the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund were authorised to change the investment of the funds. On the motion of Bro. R. Z. Bloomfield, the sum of ten guineas was voted to purchase a testimonial to the Master on his retirement from the chair. After the transaction of the business of the lodge, the members adjourned to a banquet, at which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 27th ult., at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. A. Bassington, W.M., supported by Bros. H. J.

Phillips, S.W.; L. Norden, J.W., W.M. elect; A. M. Cohen, I.P.M.; C. F. Hogard, P.M.; P.P.G. Sup. of W. Essex, Sec.; J. Da Silva, I.G.; I. P. Cohen, P.M.; H. M. Harris, P.M.; M. J. Emanuel, P.M.; W. Littaur, P.M.; A. Abrahams, Steward; E. J. Ward, H. Shanly, T. Houghton, A. Abrahams, J. Houghton, C. Richmond, F. Diamond, and others. The balance sheet of the lodge and of the Benevolent Fund were received, both being of a satisfactory character. The installation of the W.M. elect was then proceeded with, Bro. L. Norden being presented to Bro. Bassington by Bro. A. M. Cohen, I.P.M., who acted as D.C. throughout the ceremonies, which, as rendered by Bro. Bassington, formed a fitting finish to his year of office. Bro. Norden having received the salutations of the brethren in due form, invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Phillips, S.W.; J. Da Silva, J.W.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Secretary (re-appointed); A. Abrahams, S.D.; A. Abrahams, J.D.; J. A. Gartley, I.G.; J. P. Cohen, P.M., M.C.; H. Shanly, Steward; E. J. Ward, Asst. Steward; J. Rawles, Tyler (re-appointed). Bro. I.P.M. was then presented with a Past Master's jewel, for which he briefly returned thanks. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. P. M. Cooke, Treasurer, explaining the unavoidable absence of that brother through serious illness, but accepting the office of Treasurer again. Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., called attention to the famine now raging in Ireland, and moved that £5 5s. be contributed from the lodge funds towards the Lord Mayor's list in aid of the sufferers. This, seconded by Bro. Hogard, was carried with unanimity. Several matters of interest to the lodge being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet room where an excellent banquet was prepared, reflecting much credit upon Bro. Rand, manager, and Bro. A. Cohen, who catered for the tables. Grace having been said both for the Hebrew and English brethren, full justice was done to the good cheer. In introducing the usual loyal and Craft toasts, Bro. Norden was brief, but expressive, in his remarks, thereby enabling full justice to be done to the toast list without the necessity of curtailment. The list presented a very agreeable feature, each toast being accompanied by an apt quotation from the poems of Burns, Tennyson, Lord Byron, Longfellow, and others, that coupled with the "Immediate Past Master,"

"Not Heaven itself upon the past has power;
But what has been, has been, and I have had my hour,"
from Dryden, in imitation of Horace, being a fair specimen. The "R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," received as hearty a reception as its predecessors, and was coupled with the name of W. Bro. J. L. Thomas, P.G. Dir. of Cer., who in response said he would fall in with the good example set by the W.M. and rise at once to thank them in the names of the Grand Officers, present and past. It afforded him great pleasure to meet his old friend Bro. Hogard, and to be a guest of this old and highly esteemed lodge. In our gatherings at Grand Lodge we hear a great deal of the doings of certain lodges, and the Lodge of Israel is one of which we hear a high account. As the brethren so fully appreciated their Grand Officers, he felt sure they did their duty and justified their appointment. He thanked them for the cordial reception of the toast. Bro. Bassington, I.P.M., next gave "The W.M." in appreciative terms. He was sure all would agree with him that they had the right man in the right place, and he was sure, from the manner in which Bro. Norden had conducted the several offices he had held in the lodge, the brethren would have every satisfaction from his year of office. In reply, Bro. Norden thanked the I.P.M. for the kind introduction of the toast, and the brethren for the manner they had received it. He was now upon his trial, and hoped he would receive the same encomiums upon leaving that position as he had in entering it. (Cheers.) "The Masonic Charities and the Lodge Benevolent Fund" were next given. The W.M. said he had expected Bro. Terry would have been present, but, owing to the death of his father, he was unavoidably absent. They all knew the extent of the Masonic Institutions, but they had one institution near and dear to them—viz. their Lodge Benevolent Fund. He would call upon that brother who, in the past as well as at the present time, so ably presided over it. (Cheers.) He trusted it might soon attain the four figure proportions its President, Bro. A. M. Cohen, was so desirous of witnessing. Bro. Cohen said he wished the Bro. Cohen of the past days could respond for Bro. Cohen of the present. "To do full justice to the toast he should require the eloquence of a Cicero; but would do his best. Bro. Cohen gave an interesting account of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, to which, as its object was the relief of lodge members only, they alone were asked to contribute towards it. He hoped that the brethren would that evening enable them to purchase another £100 of stock. Bro. Secretary was zealously waiting with a double-pointed pencil, and he trusted the brethren would respond. To the credit of the Israel brethren we can say Bro. Secretary had a very busy time of it, and with a satisfactory result. "The I.P.M." and "The Visitors" were in turn toasted, receiving a hearty reception. The W.M. had much pleasure in giving the toast. They were honoured by the attendance of representatives of the Lodges of Tranquillity, Joppa, Montefiore, Samson, and Athelstan. With each of these five lodges there exists a bond of union and sympathy with the Israel Lodge. He would ask Bro. Hymans, W.M. Joppa, 188, to respond for those lodges, and also couple with the toast the name of Bro. Nicholson, P.M. Athelstan, 19, and Bro. Webb, I.P.M. 1607. To Bro. Webb especially the W.M. was indebted for the proud position he then filled; he having had his instruction from Bro. Webb. Bro. Hymans thanked the brethren on behalf of the sister lodges, and Bros. Nicholson and Webb also responded. The W.M. then rose to say he would further connect the names of Bro. Musto, P.M., and Bro. Stephens with the toast, they being respectively the Preceptor and

Secretary of the lodge of instruction held under the warrant of the Israel Lodge. This was received with enthusiasm, as many of the brethren and the newly-appointed officers are gaining their Masonic knowledge at this lodge, which Bro. Norden claimed to be one of the best to be found. Bro. Musto, P.M., suitably responded, and "The Past Masters" were toasted. Bro. A. M. Cohen said it would require but few words from him to express the thanks of the Past Masters. For himself, for a great number of years, he could say there was no capacity in the lodge which the Past Masters had not filled, and were capable of filling, whenever called upon. "The Officers" was next given. Of Bro. S.W. the W.M. said it was only through his diffidence that he was not in the position of W.M.; Bro. J.W. they would find a first-rate worker; Bro. Treasurer, he was sorry to say, was through ill-health unable to be present; how well and faithfully he had always done his duty his re-election would testify. He trusted T.G.A.O.T.U. would in his mercy and goodness be pleased to restore him speedily to health. Our Bro. Secretary is known so well to you all, the W.M. was sure if the brethren were to search all the world they would not find his better. Through his influence, with the W.M., he had brought the lodge out of debt, and with a balance on the right side. He asked them to drink to "The Officers of the Lodge." Bro. S.W., in reply, said he would simply thank them for the hearty reception of the toast, and assure them of his constant endeavour to give them satisfaction. Bro. J.W. expressed himself almost overcome in the presence of such a distinguished assembly of Grand Lodge Officers, representing as they did the élite of the Masonic world—surrounded as he was by distinguished members of the Craft—at having to respond as an officer of the lodge. The cordial manner in which their healths had been drunk was not only a reward for past labours, but would prove an incentive to work for the lodge, and so attain the proud position he saw so many brethren had attained. Bro. Secretary alluded to the lamented absence of Bro. Coote, Treasurer. He was sure if good wishes and heartfelt prayers could have restored that brother he would have been among them. However, although upon a bed of sickness, he had a first-rate doctor, a brother Mason, Bro. Trollope, and Bro. Hogard believed, a Provincial Grand Officer. We hope he will soon be restored to that health he had hitherto enjoyed. Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M., M.C., humorously returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast was the signal for dispersal, after spending a happy evening. Among the items contributing to that end may be mentioned the excellent pianoforte playing of Bro. Davies, 1017; a capital rendering of a reading by Bro. J. H. Clynds (St. Michael's Lodge); a ballad by Bro. Stephens, &c. The visitors present were Bros. J. L. Thomas, 142, P.G.D.C.; C. A. Cottebrune, 733, 959, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, 188, 1017, P.G.P.; Watson, 9; Maidwell, P.M. 27; Nicholson, P.M. 19; Greasley, 47; Russell, P.M. 77, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; Hymans, W.M. 188; Hickman, P.M. 188; Williams, 594; Salomons, W.M. 1017; Davies, 1017; Hunt, 194; Lazarus, P.M. 53; Stephens, I.G. 1623; Linging, 1563; Bowyer, P.M. 1580, P.P.G.D. Herts; Myers, 185; Case, 188; Levi, 671; Coote, jun., 1319; Musto, P.M. 1349; Webb, W.M. 174; Grammar, I.G. 27; Clynds; and Crosswaite.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—This flourishing and thoroughly harmonious lodge held its annual meeting for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler at the regular place of assemblage, Anderton's Hotel, on Monday evening, the 26th ult. The chair was occupied in the absence of the W.M. by the I.P.M., Bro. S. J. Byng, and he was supported by Bros. Taylor, S.W.; Wale, J.W.; S. Poynter, P.M. and Treas.; and Bros. Iron, H. Smith, Harvey, Field, Brooks, and Jeffreys, Past Masters. The members of the lodge present were Bros. Gabb, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; and Wilkins, I.G.; and Bros. Shepherd, Poole, Roe, Norrington, Bundy, Batty, Williams, Sampson, Cox, Cooper, Lavington, Dunn, Kelway, Hostombe, Bennett, Pfister, Shaw, Champion, Legg, and Gosheron. The visitors were Bros. Woodbridge, 1319; Downey, 1671; Edwards, 1662; Bellamy, 263; and Windybank, 902, formerly a member of the lodge, and who now visited with the intention of re-joining. Lodge having been opened in due form, the presiding officer proceeded to pass Bros. Poole and Roe to the Degree of F.C., and afterwards, having declared the ballot unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Herzog, that gentleman was introduced and duly initiated in the First Degree, all the ceremonies being conducted with Bro. Byng's accustomed eloquence and accuracy. Bro. Walter Dalton, of the Talbot Lodge, No. 1323, Swansea, was also unanimously elected a joining member. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when their choice was found to have fallen, as usual, on the S.W., Bro. F. C. Taylor. Bro. Poynter, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant, Tyler. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed upon the list of Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treas., on the occasion of his proposed service of the office of Steward at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and several other contributions were made to that list by those present. The brethren then voted a Past Master's collar and badge to Bro. Byng, I.P.M., as a slight recognition of his valuable services in having filled the chair and performed the duties of the W.M. in his unavoidable absence during the greater part of his year of office just upon the point of expiration. The lodge having been closed according to ancient custom, the brethren proceeded to refreshment, where they were presided over by Bro. Byng, I.P.M., with his usual urbanity. After the indispensable loyal toasts, "The Health of the Visitors" was cordially drunk and responded to, Bro. Windybank, who had been proposed in open lodge as a joining member, taking occasion in his remarks to refer with pleasure to his contemplated return

to the bosom of his mother lodge. Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer, in proposing "The Health of their Acting W.M." took occasion to eulogise the ability of that brother's working, and to again express the sense the lodge entertained of the services rendered by him during the past year. "The Health of the W.M. Elect" was responded to by Bro. Taylor, S.W., who expressed his gratification at the harmony prevailing among the brethren, which he trusted would be augmented if possible rather than diminished under his sway. "The Health of the Treasurer" was very warmly received by the brethren, and responded to by that officer, Bro. Poynter, P.M., who took occasion to express his sorrow at the regrettable absence of the W.M. during his year of office, at the same time pointing out that the inconvenience had been materially diminished in the Burgoyne Lodge by their possession of several capable P.M.'s able and willing at a moment's notice to supply the place of president, and none more competent than the brother they saw in the chair that night. In the old ballad of "Chevy Chase" it was narrated that when the Scottish king was informed of the death of his brave knight, Douglas, he lamented that "search all Scotland through there was never another like he." How did the English king receive similar tidings? When the first emotion of his grief at the loss of the brave Percy, in the same battle, had subsided, he reflected with gratitude that in broad England he had left him yet "five hundred as good as he." A similar sense was entertained in the Burgoyne Lodge of the value to it of its proved and tried P.M.'s. In this lodge, as in Shakespeare's England, "not Amurath an Amurath succeeds, but Harry, succeeds Harry." Most of their Past Masters had shown the stuff they were made of before they came to the chair; many of them, by serving the office of Secretary, had obtained a firm grip of the business details of the dry financial administration of the association, and so in the best possible school had qualified themselves for those duties of the chair which, though less conspicuous than other labours, contributed, perhaps, an even larger share—if not to the fame and eminence of the lodge, at least—to its permanent prosperity and the happiness of its members. "The Officers' Healths" having been duly given and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast brought a most agreeable evening to a rather late conclusion. Perhaps, however, the fact that the séance was somewhat protracted may be attributable to some admirable singing by the members of the lodge, some marvellous and charming instrumental displays by Bro. Roe, a new member, and two excellent recitations, one by Bro. Field, P.M., of the late Major Whyte Melville's poem (written as a ballad), "The clipper that stands in the stall at the top," and the other by Bro. Wooldridge, a visitor, of a London scene from the Dagonet ballads ("Sal Grogan"), a masterpiece of powerful declamation.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The first meeting of this flourishing lodge at its new quarters, the Moorgate-street Restaurant, was held on Thursday week, the 29th ult., upon which occasion a goodly company of brethren were present, it being the installation night, and more than ordinary interest was felt in the ceremony, as the W.M. elect, Bro. Brand, was the first initiate of the lodge. The lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Neville Green, assisted by Bros. Wm. Henry Brand, S.W., W.M. elect; Fred. Brasted, J.W.; Thos. C. Chapman, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; E. Dignam, S.D.; Charles Lorkin, J.D.; Arthur Ferrar, D. of C.; J. J. Marsh, Tyler; H. G. Moon, George Ferrar, W. Beasley, John Varney, James Syme, E. W. Silk, R. Polac, A. Leoffler, James Hill, J. T. Larton, E. Harding, E. Woodman, G. J. Reynolds, A. R. Olley, S. Bonner, F. Fisher, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The following brethren were among the visitors: Bros. Henry G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; James F. Gorlock, W.M. 202; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1194; E. Somers, P.M. 1602; W. F. Rogers, J.W. 704; Thomas Cross, J.W. 1194; J. Ferdinand, 13; J. W. Dewnsnap, 188; E. J. Gale, 491; Fredk. T. Parkin, 749; F. Dickinson, 1298; C. Burrow, 1424; F. A. Thorne, 1489; A. Eldridge, 1585; H. G. Harris, 1586; A. H. Chisholm, 1602; G. W. Sarter, 1602; H. R. Russell, 1669; and J. Jones, 1681. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received, ballot was taken for the following candidates, Messrs. James Thomas Latier, Donald Munro, James William White, and Edwin Woodman, which proved unanimous in their favour. These gentlemen having been properly prepared, were admitted, and impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Neville Green, W.M. Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect (Bro. Brand) was presented to the Worshipful Master, Bro. Neville Green, for the benefit of installation. After the usual charges had been read by the Secretary, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when all the brethren below the rank of Installed Master withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Wm. Henry Brand was impressively installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Green, who was ably assisted by Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M. On the re-admission of the brethren, the working tools of the several Degrees were presented, and the newly-installed Master was saluted in ancient form. Bro. Brand then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Brasted, S.W.; E. Dignam, J.W.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; J. L. Payne, J.D.; A. Ferrar, I.G.; R. Polak, D.C.; S. Hill and R. George, Stewards; H. G. Moon, Org.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. The Secretary having brought before the lodge the fact that the by-laws were out of print, it was unanimously resolved that they be reprinted, and that Bros. Harding, Olley, and Beasley, in addition to the offi-

cers, should act as a revision committee. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where, under the presidency of the W.M., they partook of an admirable dinner, well served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. Kent. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were drunk. "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M." "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having all been duly honoured, Bro. Neville Green, I.P.M., rose and said that it afforded him unusual pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he felt sure that the general feeling of the lodge was one of delight to see Bro. Brand holding the position. Bro. Brand was the first initiate of the lodge, and he (Bro. Green) could assure him that personally he felt great pleasure in that fact, and he was convinced that all the brethren would cordially join him in an expression of congratulation, and hope that his year of office would be one of pleasure to himself and success to the lodge. (Hear, hear.) The toast having been enthusiastically drunk, the W.M. thanked the lodge for having elevated him to his high position, and remarked that while he filled the chair nothing would be wanting on his part to deserve the marks of good wishes and friendship which the brethren had evinced by the cordiality of their response to the toast of his health. Brethren were sometimes apt to look upon his position before they occupied it as something very light and easy to fill; but he could assure them the little he had seen of it during the short time that he had filled it convinced him that it was a very onerous one. The W.M. was for the time being trustee of the honour and welfare of the lodge, which he was bound to study above everything else, and in this respect he would endeavour to prove himself worthy of having been elected to the office. There was one thing that he had in his favour, and that was their removal from their old quarters to a better place of meeting. In conclusion he would ask them to drink to "The Health of the I.P.M.," a toast which he was sure would fully meet their approval and support. Bro. Green had brought them through his year of office with great success, and had acquitted himself in a most creditable manner. He (the W.M.) could only carry out the wishes of the lodge further with regard to the I.P.M. by presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, which the brethren felt he so richly deserved. (Cheers.) Bro. Green appropriately acknowledged the toast and the presentation, observing that during his year of office he had not had a great amount of work to do; but what he had to do he had endeavoured to perform to the best of his ability, and he could not let this opportunity slip without acknowledging the hearty support and co-operation which the other officers had rendered him. He thought the removal of the lodge from its old quarters marked a new epoch in the history of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. He thought so from the fact that they had had six initiates since they had changed their quarters. With regard to the jewel which they had presented him with he felt he had been rewarded above his deserts, but he would wear it with the greatest pride during the many years in which he yet hoped to take an active part in the affairs of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. "The Initiates" having been proposed, and acknowledged by them in a few graceful sentences, the W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., and several others. The remaining toasts, "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, were then speedily gone through, and the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening. Between the toasts Bros. Lee, Warrington, Cross, Rogers, and Brasted contributed to the entertainment of the brethren by singing some excellent songs.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—A meeting of this representative lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., I.P.M. and Secretary; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; M. Samuel, S.D.; E. Hart (Honorary Organist); Stokes, D.C., acting I.G.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Bro. Padwick, Crusaders, was a visitor. In consequence of the absence through indisposition of Bro. Charles Jacques, W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Jackson, jun., I.P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Walls, who duly raised Bro. C. Richards to the degree of M.M. Several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, the Secretary reported that the draft bye-laws had been forwarded to the Grand Lodge, and that they were under consideration. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bro. Lister as a joining member, and it having been proved to be unanimous, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., Bro. John Douglass, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. James Willing, I.P.M., Treas., as S.W.; W. Cook, J.D., as J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; Hyland, S.D.; F. W. Sillis, Org., as J.D.; Deller, I.G.; A. Holt, W.S.; and the following members:—Bros. Armstrong, Dickey, Johnson, Vaughan, Hone, Hurdle, Zampf, Smith, Hammond, Ellis, Parkes, Maby, Redstone, Cole, Tomkins, and others. The visitors included Bros. Ferguson, P.M. 177; H. Stiles, J.W. 1732; Knight, 1677; W. S. Kauffman, 1732; Abraham, 1178; Ashley (Strand Theatre), 1319; Morgan, 1385; and Peace, 890. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for eight gentlemen desirous

of joining the Order. The ballot having been declared unanimous, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bros. G. C. Perugia, W. Bryant, and J. G. Ellis to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Douglass then raised in a very impressive manner Bros. C. Horton, J. T. Woods, J. N. Hare, T. H. Ellis, J. Gray, and J. Hone. The lodge was then opened in the First Degree, when Messrs. G. Bryant, W. Ponton, H. Howard, A. Verdin, and H. R. Burton, having been properly prepared, were admitted, and regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. having announced his intention of representing the lodge as Steward at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Willing, P.M., Treas., proposed—"That a sum of £10 10s. from the funds of the lodge be placed on his list," which proposition being seconded, was carried unanimously. During the evening subscriptions to the amount of nearly £50 were promised. An excellent banquet was provided for the brethren, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. An emergency meeting of this lodge will be held next Tuesday, for the purpose of initiating several gentlemen unable to attend the regular meeting.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Brooke, W.M.; Corpe, S.W.; Bott, J.W.; Dewsnap, Treas.; Cruse, Sec.; Smith, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Stokes, D.C.; Wilkins, I.G.; Bauman, Steward; Goddard, Tyler; Maloney, acting P.M., and others. Visitors: Bros. Major Dunbar, 437; Higgins, P.M. 1381; Kohler, S.W., W.M. elect 1381; and others. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. J. H. Owen, of Ashbury Lodge, 1459, was balloted for, and unanimously admitted a joining member. Bro. Tannahill was proposed for raising to the Degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. Alexander Williams was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Tannahill was introduced and raised to the Third Degree. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Bauman proposed two names as candidates for initiation. The W.M. then proposed that a letter of congratulation should be sent to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, who had been installed Grand Secretary, and it was seconded by the S.W. The lodge adjourned, and the brethren and visitors afterwards dined together.

WINCHESTER.—Lodge of Economy (No. 76).—A lodge of emergency was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the current year, Bro. James Harris, P.M., Prov. G.S.W. The retiring Master, Bro. F. Raymond Bryan, having initiated a candidate, Bro. E. D. Godwin, P.M., in the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and many of his officers, the Board of Installed Masters, numbering nearly thirty, and including brethren from Portsmouth, Southampton, Andover, Basingstoke, &c., duly installed Bro. Harris in a manner which afterwards elicited the marked approval of the Prov. Grand Master. The following were invested as the officers for the year: Bros. F. Raymond Bryan, I.P.M.; J. Murray, S.W.; G. F. Nixon, J.W.; Captain Hall, S.D.; W. H. Jacob, J.D.; T. Stopher, P.M. Treasurer; W. Gamon, P.M., Secretary; J. T. Clifton and H. Ventham, Stewards; S. R. Everitt, P.M., D.C.; S. Newman, P.P.G.D.C., I.G.; and W. Sims, Tyler.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The annual meeting of this old lodge—the oldest in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland—took place at the Masonic Hall, Stramontgate, on Thursday, the 29th ult., at four o'clock in the afternoon. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Banks, who was assisted by his officers and a goodly number of members and visitors. After the confirmation of the minutes a gentleman was initiated by Bro. McKay, P.M., and subsequently a brother was raised by Bro. Nelson, P.M. The W.M. then invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. McKay then presented Bro. Watson, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The presentation being attended to, a Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form, in due course, the Installing Master being assisted by Bros. McKay and Nelson. Bro. Watson having been placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, he was greeted, proclaimed, and saluted in the various Degrees. Each officer, after investment by the W.M., was placed in his chair, and addressed as to his situation, duties, &c., by the Installing Master. The final addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. McKay. The ordinary business of the lodge being completed, Bro. T. Wilson, P.M., proposed, Bro. McKay seconded, and the W.M. supported, a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Bowes for his invaluable services as Installing Master. The lodge having been closed, the W.M. invited the brethren to his private residence to dinner, and we need not say that a most enjoyable evening was spent under his hospitable roof.

BOLTON.—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).—The installation meeting and festival of St. John the Evangelist took place on Wednesday, the 14th ult., at the Bull's Head Hotel, in Bradshawgate. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer at four o'clock p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren were present: Bros. R. Horridge, W.M.; J. Dooley, S.W.; W. Cooper, J.W.; G. Taylor, S.D.; R. Duxbury, J.D.; W. Heywood, Org.; H. Broughton, S.S.; Thos. Rimmer, J.S.; J. Galloway, I.G.; F. Williams, Tyler; J. Morris, P.M.; T. Higson, P.M.; W. Nicholson, P.M.; J. Wild, P.M.; H. Ainsworth, P.M.; T. Collins, P.M.; Thos. Banks, A. Morris, W. Tilzey, J. Skelton, E. Herd, J. Holden, F. Wingfield, J. Constantine, T. Erskine,

J. Sharrock, J. Barratt, J. Kennedy, H. Tongue. Visitors: Bros. M. Nicholson, W.M. 1723; J. Harwood, P.M. 348; S. Crowther, P.M. 37; J. Newton, 37; R. Brierley, 143; F. Hilton, 317; J. Alcock, P.M. 348; M. Rigby, P.M. 266; J. Wolsternholme, P.M. 348; A. Cosgrove, 1723; and T. B. Tongue, 1723. The lodge having been raised to the Second Degree, Bro. J. Dooley was presented to the W.M. as the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. The W.M. then addressed Bro. Dooley, and the Secretary put the usual questions from the Book of Constitutions. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, and a Board of Past Masters was formed, when Bro. J. Wild installed Bro. J. Dooley into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s, the usual proclamation was made to them by the Installing Master, who having called upon them to salute their new W.M., which was done, Bro. Wild proceeded to invest the brethren who were appointed as officers for the ensuing year. Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. Wild (who is a P.M. of this lodge) for the able manner in which he conducted the ceremonies, and we cannot sufficiently congratulate the lodge which has such a talented array of Past Masters. Before the proceedings closed Bro. Robt. Horridge received his Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge, and Councillor Bro. Nicholson, P.M., presented Bro. Henry Ainsworth, P.M., with a lodge jewel for his uniform urbanity and kindness, and for the assistance he always renders to newly-installed Worshipful Masters and the lodge generally. After the usual "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the proceedings were brought to a close, and the cloth was laid for a most recherché banquet supplied by the obliging hostess, Mrs. Long. After the cloth was drawn the evening was devoted to harmony and good-fellowship. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, and the brethren enlivened by the singing of Bros. Rigby, Kershaw, Taylor, and Hilton, a most enjoyable evening was closed at eleven p.m. We may add that the usual Masonic Charities were subscribed to, and, considering the late stagnation in trade, most heartily.

GUERNSEY.—Loyalty Lodge (No. 243).—The annual installation of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Court Place, when, in the presence of twelve Past Masters and about forty brethren, Bro. E. M. Le Huray was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. Helman in a most impressive manner. Bro. Le Huray afterwards invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Helman, I.P.M.; J. S. Sneath, S.W.; J. H. Parsons, J.W.; W. Huxter, S.D.; Lindsay, J.D.; Pethers, I.G.; Robin, D.C.; and C. Romeril, Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren partook of a banquet, followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and a most harmonious evening concluded the ceremony.

LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 21st ult. There was a large attendance. Bro. George Stone was installed as W.M., the ceremony being very efficiently performed by Bro. S. Tanner, who retired from the chair, and was presented by the lodge with a Past Master's jewel. The newly-installed Master appointed the following officers:—Bros. S. Tanner, I.P.M.; A. Holman, S.W.; R. Blaker, J.W.; Rev. W. E. Richardson, Chaplain; R. Crosskey, Treas.; F. Noakes, D.C.; J. H. Every, Sec.; F. A. Honey, S.D.; H. Cox, J.D.; E. Chapman, I.G.; S. Starnes, Org.; and H. Hall, Tyler. After the business Bro. Whitcomb served a capital dinner at the Bear Hotel. The company included Bros. G. Stone, W.M., in the chair; Trollope, W.M. 1842; F. G. Pownall, P.M. 13; C. Hudson, W.M. 315; Tomkinson, P.M. 1110; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D. of C. Sussex; C. Sandeman, W.M. 1636; F. Rossiter, W.M. 40; J. Curtis, acting W.M. 1797; Musson, 1056; C. Tomes, P.M. 1110; J. Newman, 315; J. G. Calway, 1619; G. Coppard, 73; R. Pierpoint, 177; A. Burrows, 1829; R. B. Higham, 1829; T. Packham, 315; J. C. Pitcher, and the following members of the lodge:—Bros. J. C. Lucas, P.M.; F. Noakes, P.M.; T. R. White, P.M.; W. W. Turner, P.M.; James Adames, P.M.; Jos. Farncombe, P.M.; R. Crosskey, R. Blaker, A. Holman, E. Bridges, G. E. Chapman, R. H. Ellman, J. H. Every, G. J. Lenny, E. Loney, S. Peters, G. Holman, G. A. Jenner, Harry Cox, T. H. Ball, A. Adams, H. F. Mackay, S. Starnes, and others. A pleasant evening was spent.

ORMSKIRK.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 580).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held recently at its headquarters—the old established hostelry, the Wheat Sheaf Inn—where there was a goodly gathering of the fraternity. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Captain Balmer, the retiring W.M., who effectively performed the ceremony of initiation. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Anderton, was subsequently presented by Bro. Capt. Balmer and Bro. J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C., for the benefits of installation, and the ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W. The following officers were subsequently invested:—Bros. W. Fisher, S.W.; James Eastham, J.W.; A. J. A. Olivera, Sec.; R. Walker, S.D.; C. Pilkington, J.D.; F. Jackson, I.G.; J. Balmer, I.P.M., Treas.; J. Fogg, D.C.; A. Waterhouse, S.S.; and Kirk, J.S. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. W. B. Ackerley, P.G.J.W.; J. Pemberton, P.P.S. of W.; F. J. Pentin, P.M. 1713; and R. Draper, P.M. 1403.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The installation meeting took place on Tuesday, the 20th ult., when the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Wm. Henry Burt, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the retiring M.M., Bro. T. H. Chandler, P.P.J. G.W. Wilts. The officers for the coming year were installed and invested as follows: Bros. T. H. Chandler,

I.P.M.; H. Howse, S.W.; J. A. Randell, J.W.; D. A. Gibbs, Treas.; William Nott, P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Reg. Wilts, Secretary; G. S. A. Waylen, S.D.; S. M. Badham, J.D.; Henry Barrass, I.G.; W. H. Bush and James Neate, Stewards; and John Hayter, Tyler. The customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. the Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chap. England, and a P.M. of this lodge, having resigned his membership on account of leaving the neighbourhood, presented to the lodge a handsomely framed copy of the Albert Installation Engraving. Such present was acknowledged by a cordial vote of thanks. After the lodge was closed the brethren dined together at the Crown Hotel, Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, contributing to the banquet a liberal supply of venison and game. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Among the visitors present were Bros. S. Gauntlett, P.M. 632, P.J.G.D. Wilts; T. R. Lavington, W.M. elect, 632; F. D. Norris, S.D. 632; H. Simpson, S.W. 1271; and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The annual installation meeting of this "crack" lodge at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, was perhaps the most brilliantly successful of any which has been held for a very long time. Bro. G. Willings, P.M., was the Installing Master, and the ceremony of placing Bro. John H. Gregory in the W.M.'s chair was performed by him with an amount of impressiveness which elicited the admiration of a gathering which was perhaps the most thoroughly representative of any which has been held in this district for a considerable time. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. H. Firth, I.P.M.; J. E. Jackson, P.P. G.S. of W., M.C.; T. Peake, S.W.; D. Lloyd, J.W.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M., Treasurer; A. Bucknall, Secretary; J. Skeaf, Organist; R. Foulds, S.D.; J. Bailey, J.D.; J. Lees, I.G.; R. Hudson, S.S.; and T. Mason, J.S. During the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Firth, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge.

WOTTON - UNDER - EDGE.—Lodge of Sympathy (No. 855).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Swan Hotel. Present: Bros. Fredk. J. Blake, P.S.D. Gloucester, W.M.; Wm. Clifford, S.W.; Arthur H. Turner, J.W.; Llew. White, P.P.G.S.W. Gloucester, Treas.; C. M. Penly, Pro. J.D.; C. R. Harris, I.G.; Wm. Window, Tyler; Llew. Millman, P.P.G. Purs. Gloucester, P.M. After the lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed, a letter was read from the candidate for initiation, stating that owing to a long standing engagement, which had been unfortunately recently fixed for this day, he was unable to be present; a ballot was, however, taken, and declared unanimously in his favour. Letters were also read from Bro. C. R. Davy, P.G.C., the Chaplain of this lodge, excusing his absence on urgent private business, and from Bro. Frank Millman, the Secretary, excusing his absence on the ground of illness. The usual lodge subscription was voted to the Aged Masons and Widows' Institution. The W.M. presented two gentlemen for initiation at the next lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren retired to supper, and spent the evening in the quiet and social manner which is usual in this little country lodge.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Lodge (No. 903).—The installation of Bro. Robert Wake Mitchell as the Worshipful Master of the above lodge took place at the Star Assembly Rooms, on Tuesday, the 13th ult., when there was a large muster of the brethren, amongst those present being Bros. A. Cudlipp, P.M. 487 (Mayor of Portsmouth); T. R. Williams, W.M. 257; A. R. Holbrook, W.M. 309; J. T. Wilmot, W.M. 432; James Johns, W.M. 1428; C. Grant, W.M. 1705; H. J. Guy, P.M. 487; J. Wallingford, P.M. 903, P.P.G.W.; V. Brown, the retiring W.M. of the lodge; J. Dyson, P.M. 349, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; C. B. Whitcomb, P.M. 1705, P.G.S.; J. Wilson, P.M. 903; W. Hillier, P.M. 903; and others. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. V. Brown, the retiring W.M., who also gave the addresses to the officers. The W.M. appointed as his officers: Bros. V. Brown, I.P.M. and Treas.; R. W. Downing, S.W.; F. Powell, J.W.; Rev. E. B. C. Churchill, Chap.; W. Brunwin, Sec.; W. Smith, S.D.; W. Wood, J.D.; G. A. Wright, I.G.; S. W. Misselbrook, Org.; J. R. Brown, D.C.; J. E. Thornton and J. Dempsey, Stewards; L. Cauvin and W. Tomlinson, Tylers. The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. V. Brown with a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the lodge in recognition of the manner in which he had conducted the proceedings of the lodge during the past year, and referred in high terms to the great efficiency which had been shown by Bro. Brown in all his duties. The large room at the Star was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flags, banners, evergreens, bayonet stars, and choice plants; also several handsome Masonic emblems specially painted by Bro. Cave. The attendance of the Gosport Masonic choir, under the direction of Bro. S. W. Misselbrook, greatly added to the effect of the working, which was good throughout. The brethren, to the number of over forty, having adjourned to the Indian Arms, sat down to a splendid banquet, prepared by Miss Eastland. After grace by the choir, the loyal toasts were briefly given from the chair. Bro. A. Cudlipp, P.M. (Mayor of Portsmouth), proposed "The Pro G.M. and Officers of Grand Lodge," and referred in high terms to those officers. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. V. Brown, I.P.M. The W.M. having replied, gave "The Installing Master," who also replied. The other toasts were "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Lancaster, P.P.G.D. (an old Steward), and replied to by Bro. Wallingford, P.P.J.G.W., who announced his intention of

serving as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," proposed by the S.W., replied to by Bro. Wilson, P.M. "The W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges and Visitors," by Bro. Lancaster, P.M., responded to by Bro. Grant, W.M. 1705; Bro. Simpson; Bro. J. W. Dyson, P.M. 349; and others. "The Officers," given from the chair, replied to by the S.W. and J.W. "The Choir," also from the chair, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable day.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1021).—At the annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge, held on the 12th ult., Bro. William Bath, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in the presence of a large number of his brethren, amongst whom were twelve Past Masters. Bro. J. Reid, I.P.M., performed the installation ceremony with marked efficiency. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Reid, I.P.M.; Chas. P. Richards, S.W.; G. S. Heath, J.W.; Joseph Huartson, P.M., Treas.; Rev. A. Warren, M.A., Chap.; H. Bagot, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Hon. Sec.; P. L. Booth, S.D.; G. Nelson, J.D.; J. Haslam, P.M., M. of C.; R. Bowker, Org.; W. J. Harrison, I.G.; W. Ramsay, S.; R. McGowan, S.; H. F. Wright, S.; and T. Martin, Tyler. Subsequently the brethren partook of a banquet at the Imperial Hotel, provided by Bro. E. Hinks, W.M. of the Greta Lodge, Keswick. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. Devereaux, W.M.; Loos, S.W.; Falconer, J.W.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. of Middx., acting I.P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., acting S.D. and Treas.; Wright, Sec.; Heman, acting I.G.; Thicllay, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M. The visitors were Bros. Grey, Eclectic, and T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx. (Freemason). In consequence of the lamented demise of Bro. Sabine, P.G.W. of the Province, the furniture, &c., of the lodge was draped, and the whole of the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. The melancholy token of respect in memory of Bro. Sabine will appear for some time to come in the Middlesex lodges, as the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Burdett, has issued an order to that effect. The proceedings commenced by the ballot being taken for Bro. C. H. Glover, No. 1334, as a joining member, and for Mr. F. H. T. Block, as initiate, and it proving to be unanimous in their favour, the latter gentleman was initiated into Craft mysteries by Bro. Moss, P.M. This concession being granted by the W.M. at Bro. Moss's special request. The W.M. having resumed the chair, impressively passed Bro. Jenkins as a F.C., and raised Bro. B. Squire to the Degree of M.M., ably assisted by his officers. A vote of condolence having been unanimously passed to the widow of the late Bro. Sabine, who was one of the founders and a Past Master of this lodge, and several propositions having been handed in, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was ably catered for by Bro. Bayliss. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. said that, as it was merely an emergency meeting, the usual Masonic toasts would be necessarily curtailed, and, as far as he was concerned, they would be but briefly prefaced. "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." having been given, Bro. J. T. Moss, P.M., arose, and proposed in a very flattering manner "The Health of the W.M." In the course of a very humorous speech, he congratulated the lodge upon the manner in which its duties had been discharged by Bro. Devereaux throughout the whole of a very arduous year of office. In addition to possessing Masonic qualities of a high character, their W.M. was gifted with those genial and social attributes which charmed all those who were brought into contact with him. In conclusion, he said that upon his (the W.M.'s) approaching retirement he would carry with him the entire thanks and good wishes of his brethren of the Era Lodge. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. replied in a neat and modest speech. "The Health of the Initiate," and this pledge having been duly honoured, Bro. Block briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The Visitors" followed. In proposing this toast, the W.M. indulged in some very cordial and flattering expressions. Bros. Grey and Walls having briefly responded, "The Health of the Officers" followed, and this toast having been acknowledged by Bros. Loos, S.W., and Baldwin, Treasurer. The Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the proceedings terminated. During the evening several of the brethren contributed some very excellent vocal and other selections.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609). Bro. Mackenzie, W.M., presided at the monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th ult., and he was supported by Bros. W. J. Chapman, P.M., M.C.; Joseph Bell, P.G.J.D.; W. Sandbrook, S.W.; J. Atkinson, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; F. Wilkinson, Secretary; Frank Emery, S.D.; J. Pyer, J.D.; R. Burgess, Organist; W. Savage, I.G.; H. P. Squire, S.S.; C. Courtenay, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There were between seventy and eighty brethren present, including a very large number of "professionals." After being duly elected, Messrs. Arthur Ricketts, Harry Fischer, J. J. Monk, A. H. Harold, and A. W. McCall (A. Webb), were initiated into the Order, and Bros. Fineberg and Graham were passed to the Second Degree. The large company afterwards dined together, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., when the W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel,

presided, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; J. T. Seller, S.W.; G. Simpson, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; and a number of officers and brethren. The lodge was called for purposes of instruction, and accordingly the S.W. took the chair as soon as the lodge was opened, and worked the First Degree with great excellence, Bro. G. H. Simpson acting as candidate. The W.M. having subsequently resumed the chair. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., read a paper on "Women in Freemasonry," in which he gave some account of the system of adoption as worked on the continent of Europe, of the Androgynous systems, of the ancient mysteries, and of the modern systems of side Degrees for women, as carried out in America; the address was listened to with attention, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Whytehead, who said that any little trouble involved in the preparation of a paper was more than compensated for by the assurance that the brethren were thereby led to cherish a real taste for the study of Freemasonry. The Eboracum Lodge had taken a very high stand amongst the English lodges in this very matter, and it was his earnest desire that its reputation should be sustained by its members. At the close of the lodge the brethren met at refreshment, several visitors being present, and passed a pleasant evening.

URMSTON.—Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The installation of Bro. J. R. England and festival of St. John took place at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Monday, the 19th ult., and both events came off with great éclat. The meeting was convened for 4.30, and at that hour the lodge was duly opened in ancient form. There were present Bros. Geo. Barker, W.M.; Jno. Robt. England, S.W.; C. F. Allison, J.W.; T. Royle Higginson, Treas.; J. Buckley Seel, S.D.; M. A. B. Wheeler, J.D.; Rev. E. H. Cooke, Chaplain; M. Townsend, I.G.; John Worthington, Tyler; W. Goodacre, P.M.; James Ridhalgh, Jno. Shyman, P. Heaton, S. Royle, G. S. Myers, W. Dalton, G. P. Tate, Henry Surfit, and William Aldred, P.M. Visitors: Bros. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., 1387, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Crosby, S.W. 1588; Fredk. Stretch, 1513; Jas. Batty, W.M. 1387; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Thos. A. Crompton, 1213, 1588; W. Bowden, P.M. 1213, P.P.G. S.B. W.L.; Jas. B. Andrew, J.W. 1588; J. Prescott, P.M. 999; E. Pearson, 1505; James Coll, 1588; Jas. Andrews, P.M. 1213; Thos. Ball, Sec. 1213; T. H. Kirk, P.M. 1045, P.P.G. Org. Cheshire; W. H. Wakefield, P.M. 104, 1588; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. F. Stretch, 1513, as a joining member, and he was unanimously elected. The auditors' report on the annual balance sheet was next taken and adopted. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect (Bro. J. R. England) was forthwith presented to the Installing Master (Bro. W. Goodacre), who, in the most finished and masterly manner, duly installed him in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s the usual proclamation was made to them, and the brethren saluted their new W.M. in the customary manner. The Installing Master then proceeded to invest the officers as follows: Bros. W. Aldred, S.W.; Rev. E. Harwood Cooke, J.W.; T. Royle Higginson, Treas. (re-invested); John Buckley Seel, Sec.; Dr. Thos. Fiddes, S.D.; William H. Townsend, J.D.; Alfred H. Sansom, D. of C.; William Cole, Org. (by deputy); E. Lewis Little, I.G.; W. H. Clegg and P. Heaton, Stewards; and John Worthington, Tyler (re-invested). The Installing Master next addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and the ceremony was then concluded. With respect to Bro. Goodacre's qualification and ability as Installing Master, we will simply remark that his equal may be found, but, certainly, not his superior; as, in addition to having the gift of a good memory, his articulation is clear, and every word he uttered could be distinctly heard in any part of the room. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.20. After the "mauvais quart d'heure," or rather the half-hour, had been passed by the brethren as best they could, they repaired to the lodge room again, which had, as if by magic, been converted into a banquet room by a staff of waiters, who certainly proved themselves the right men in the right places, by the way in which they had in the most skilful manner set out the tables. A very choice menu was served up, and the brethren did ample justice to the viands set before them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and warmly responded to by the brethren. Replying to the toast of his health, the Worshipful Master remarked that he felt so overwhelmed by the kind expressions of feeling displayed by the brethren towards himself that he scarcely knew how to thank them sufficiently. He was very grateful, and was sure all the members of the Urmston Lodge were also, to Bro. Goodacre for the zeal and untiring perseverance he had always shown in furthering the interest of the lodge. With respect to himself, he felt now that he was their W.M. very much like a tottering child left by its mother to run alone, but he had no doubt that he could rely on Bro. Goodacre's valuable assistance to assist him, should occasion require it, and he trusted the brethren would never have cause to feel that in himself they had reared an unsatisfactory offspring. With regard to the Urmston Lodge, which they knew was a very young one, he would remind the brethren that the support and united efforts of every one of them were required to make it a credit to themselves and the province also, so that every member would feel it an honour to belong to the lodge. The Installing Master, in response to the toast of his health, remarked that it was a source of great pleasure to him to have done anything for the welfare of the Urmston Lodge, and he felt gratified that the members had been pleased with his humble services as Installing Master. As one of the founders of the lodge it gave him great satisfaction to see it in its present position. He might say it had not been

altogether plain sailing, as many of them knew, for when the petition was presented to the Provincial Grand Secretary there was a great deal of demurring about granting it, the reason given being that the neighbourhood of Urmston was not sufficiently developed to warrant a lodge being founded in it, but after he (Bro. Goodacre) had been two or three times to Liverpool, and eventually induced the Provincial Grand Secretary to come and look round the neighbourhood, a different opinion was formed, and the warrant was granted. He had no reason to regret the time and trouble he had taken over the matter when he looked around and saw by the number of members present the progress the lodge had made. Several other toasts were given and responded to, and the intervals between them were enlivened by some excellent singing, the executants being Bros. W. Dumville, Lewtas, and H. Miller. During the evening a telegram was received from Bro. John Chadwick, Provincial Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, in which that worthy brother regretted exceedingly being prevented from joining them all, and sending the W.M. "Hearty good wishes" for the coming year. The brethren continued their enjoyment until a late hour, separating shortly before twelve, and the recollection of the day and evening's proceedings will be recalled with pleasure by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

SHOEBURYNES.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—This lodge, consecrated in July last by the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., soon after his installation as Provincial Grand Master, has made good progress, and is now in a flourishing state, and held its monthly meeting on Thursday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. C. Eltham, W.M.; A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., as I.P.M. G. J. Glasscock, S.W.; J. Fair, J.W.; G. Hall, Treas.; J. W. Harris, P.M. 1000, P.P.A.G.D.C., Secretary; F. Howell, S.D.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.P.G. Chap., J.D.; S. McCall Walker, I.G.; Whittingham, Tyler; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160, P.M., P.Z. and Sec. 1000, Prov. A.G. D.C.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 1000; W. D. Merritt, S.D. 1000; R. Green, H. Church, S. Turner, and J. English. Bro. Henry was a visitor. After the usual preliminary business the W.M. raised Bro. John Cockburn to the Third Degree, and afterwards initiated Mr. Albert Edward Atkins into the mysteries of Freemasonry. A cordial vote of congratulation was passed to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master on his marriage. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

INSTRUCTION.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The sixth anniversary meeting of this prosperous lodge of instruction was held at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, on Thursday, the 29th ult., and was well attended, although, in consequence of the severity of the weather, not quite so fully as had been anticipated. As many of the members and their invited friends reside in the suburbs, the absentees could be, and were, fairly excused for preferring the comforts of their respective homes to the miserable journey through the densest fog with which the City and its environs were ever visited. Amongst those present were the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. G. W. Blackie, who presided; Past Masters Bros. James Stevens, N. B. Headon, and James Freeman; Bros. T. Hamer, T. Harper, R. Pawley, L. Lewis, F. Le Rossignol, H. Schove, W. Paddle, T. de Leliva, H. J. King, W. Shaw, J. Jenkins, W. Baber, G. L. Saul (Preceptor), G. Lewis, R. A. Morgan, [C. A. Baber, H. Warden, G. Taylor, J. Rixworthy, A. R. Staley, J. W. H. Ross, P.M. 185; C. Acocks, 879, I.C.; J. Rush, A. Rule, G. Moss, L. J. Hudd, and others who failed to sign the attendance book. Lodge was opened at 6.30 by the W. Bro. Blackie, and the ceremony of the First Degree was ably rehearsed. The lodge was then "called off," and the brethren dined together. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the subsequent proceedings were pleasantly freed from unnecessary formality, songs and recitals being substituted for speech making. The purport of the meeting could not, however, be entirely lost sight of, and whilst the toast of "Success to the Great City Lodge of Instruction" afforded an opportunity for an excellent resumé of its past proceedings and a statement as to its present popularity and prosperous position, hearty recognition was accorded to those who had laboured in the past and were now zealously upholding its established credit. To Bros. Blackie, as Secretary from its commencement and until he became W.M. of the mother lodge; T. Poore and G. L. Saul, its present and past Preceptors; T. Hamer, Treasurer; and T. Harper, the present Secretary, hearty thanks and Masonic honours were given, and by them severally acknowledged. To the mother lodge, represented by its Past Masters, a very courteous acknowledgment was extended, and Bros. Stevens, Headon, and Freeman briefly responded. At a reasonably early hour the lodge was "called on," and several new members having been accepted and propositions made, was closed in due order. Shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast was given, and a very harmonious and agreeable evening having been enjoyed by all, the brethren dispersed, and we presume, if our experience was also theirs, groped their way through "darkness visible" to their respective residences.

The Prince of Wales will lay the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral in April next, when he will be the guest of Viscount Falmouth at Tregothnan. A large meeting of Cornish Freemasons will take place on the occasion.

It is stated on good authority that the Duke of Abercorn will be appointed Chancellor of the new University of Ireland.—*Daily News*, Feb. 4th.

Royal Arch.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER (No. 25).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, at five o'clock. There were present Comps. G. R. Sherville, M.E.Z.; C. Martin, H.; Kerby, P.Z., Treas., as J.; Platt, P.Z., Scribe E.; Thomas, P.Z., as N.; Elsey, P.S.; J. E. Shand, Asst. S.; Smith, W.S.; Allsopp, P.Z., Taylor, Weaton, and others. The business was, after election by ballot, to exalt Bro. J. Linden, W.M. Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, and Bro. G. Simons, Globe Lodge, No. 23, which ceremony of exaltation was performed in the usual excellent manner. Bros. J. T. Robins, P.M., and C. Wynne, J.D., both of Robert Burns Lodge, were unavoidably prevented attending for exaltation. Comp. Kerby, P.Z., Treasurer, proposed—"That, in consideration of the long connection with the Robert Burns Chapter of Comp. Bennett, P.Z., whose resignation was received with great regret at last meeting, he, Comp. Bennett, P.Z., be elected honorary member." This was duly seconded, and carried unanimously. A jewel was voted unanimously to Comp. Sherville, M.E.Z., for his efficient discharge of duties, &c. The audit Committee was then appointed, and the chapter closed. The companions afterwards dined, and the usual toasts were given and duly honoured, interspersed with some good singing by the companions. The meeting happened to be on the day the Scottish Corporation was keeping the anniversary of Robert Burns's birthday.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The installation meeting of the above old and respected chapter took place on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Ex. Comps. J. L. Thompson, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, in the chair of Z.; W. T. Gamble, H.; and W. Weston, J.; E. Denton, P.G.P.S. Kent; C. Coupland, P.Z. and Treas., and P.G.S. Kent; J. McDougall, G.S.B. Kent, Sec.; G. Kennedy, Scribe E.; E. West, S.N.; Rev. C. Solbe, Chaplain; D. Deeves, 1st Asst. S.; J. Gaskill, C. Boardman, T. Lindsay, W. G. Lock, A. Penfold, M.E.Z. 913; W. B. Lloyd, P.S. 913; J. Wilkins, Thos. Hutton, J. Ashworth, H. S. Syer, D. C. Capon, 913; J. Randall, 913; T. Hastings, 829; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The installation ceremony was masterly performed by Ex. Comp. Coupland, who, with the usual formalities, placed Ex. Comps. Gamble in the chair of Z.; Weston in the chair of H.; and West in that of J. The following officers were then invested: Ex. Comps. Coupland, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Scribe E.; H. Shaw, Scribe N.; Scott-Mutch, P.S.; D. Deeves, 1st Asst. S.; J. Warren, 2nd Asst. S.; and B. Norman (by proxy), Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks, which was ordered to be inscribed upon the minutes of the chapter, was then tendered to Bro. Coupland for his services as Installing Officer, and that companion suitably replied. The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions sped away to the Freemasons' Arms Hotel, opposite the Dockyard Railway Station, where the esteemed host, Ex. Comp. De Gray, had prepared one of his superb little banquets—no other adjective will or can fully convey the splendour of the feast; it was one of the prettiest we, in the course of a very long experience, have assisted at. The usual loyal and chapterial toasts having been duly honoured, to that of "The Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, Present and Past," M.E. Comp. Thomas responded, speaking with pride of the fact that his first entry into Royal Arch Masonry dated from his exaltation in the Union Waterloo Chapter. It afforded him great pleasure to see the old chapter, which was so much identified with his career as an Arch Mason, still carrying on, and so successfully, its mission. He then spoke of the great loss they had received by the retirement of their late esteemed brother and Ex. Comp. Hervey from the office of Grand Secretary, but congratulated them, as Masons, on the appointment of Bro. Shadwell Clarke to the vacant office. He had had the honour and the pleasure of knowing Bro. Clarke for the last sixteen years. He was one of those unpretending yet earnest Masons, whose whole life had been sanctified to the duties of Masonry, and who was, apart from his kindness and goodness of heart, eminently qualified by his great knowledge of Masonry and its lore to grace the high position in which he had been placed by their Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. After personally thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast, and their cordial reception of his name, he proposed "The Health of Most Ex. Comp. Gamble, their Newly-installed M.E.Z." Ex. Comp. Gamble replied, and, in his own excellent and feeling style, thanked the companions for their kindness. He should always try to deserve the support which the Ex. companions had placed in him, and to sustain the grand, glorious, and profound lustre and the inextinguishable glory that had for so long illuminated the office he now held. The several other toasts were drunk with acclamation, and this most pleasant gathering of good Masons adjourned at an early hour.

The fourth annual ball of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, will be held on Tuesday next at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Dancing will commence at nine o'clock to Bro. H. J. Dean's celebrated band. The brethren on this occasion may appear in Craft clothing and jewels.

Bro. A. W. Gardner, of Cambridge, who is about to leave with his family for New Zealand, was entertained at a farewell banquet on Thursday, the 29th ult. It was presided over by the Worshipful the Mayor of Canterbury, Bro. J. Hemery, P.M. 31. The proceedings were of a very interesting character, and we hope to give a fuller account next week.

To Correspondents.

SEMPER FIDELES.—You had better write to Bro. Binckes.

The following reports stand over:—
Royal Arch Masonry in York.
St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Hull Packet," "Keystone," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance News," "Who Took Shem's Common?" "Reports of Tenant Farmers' Delegates on the Dominion of Canada as a field for Settlement," "Croydon Guardian," "Paper and Printing Trades' Journal," "Berkshire Chronicle," "The Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Token," "Freemasons' Repository," "Time," "Young Folks," "Sussex Daily News," "Orient," "The Canterbury Press and County News," "The Masonic Record of Western India."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

GREENWOOD.—On the 20th ult., at Loughborough-road, Brixton, the wife of A. H. Greenwood, of a son.
STANLEY.—On the 2nd inst., at the Crescent, Ipswich, the wife of Captain E. Stanley, 2nd West India Regiment, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CARINGTON—CONDER.—On the 30th ult., at St. Edward's, Romford, by the Rev. G. F. Price, M.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. W. J. Skilton, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. A. C. Roberts, A.K.C., Richard Carington Smith Carington, of Blea Beck, Hallow, Worcester, son of Mr. Richard Smith Carington, of Barbourne House, Worcester, to Alice Susanna, daughter of Mr. Edward Conder, of Elm Hurst, Romford, the Terry Bank, Old Town, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.

DEATHS.

KELSEY.—On the 2nd inst., at 195, Camden-road, Mr. Henry Kelsey, in his 54th year.
LINDUS.—On the 31st ult., at his residence, Penge, Bro. W. H. Lindus, Senior P.M. Stanhope Lodge, No. 1269, aged 52.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1880.

THE last Quarterly Meeting of Grand Chapter on Wednesday was one of some interest. Under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Beach, Prov. G. Superintendent for Hampshire, the charters for five new chapters were granted. The M.E. companion stated that he had, after much trouble, made peace, he hoped, as regards the Military Chapter at Aldershot, and withdrew his objections, whereupon the charter was unanimously voted. We rejoice much at this result. Comp. Smallpeice's proposal was discussed in a very able manner, but eventually Grand Chapter determined to dismiss the subject by twenty-seven votes to fifteen. We equally rejoice at this decision.

BEFORE we again meet our many readers in the always friendly pages of the *Freemason*, the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will have taken place, and we feel very little doubt but that Bro. Terry will have an admirable report to announce of Masonic benefactions to one of the very best of conceivable objects, as a fitting response to twelve months' unwearied exertions on his part, and a sensible proof of the vitality of Masonic benevolence. There are now 224 Stewards.

WE think that we are bound to call the attention of our readers to the twelfth volume of the *Freemason*, which, goodly in appearance, is full of interesting matter to the Masonic student and archæologist, to all who value the tenets and admire the practice of Freemasonry. It is a complete record, per se, of English and cosmopolitan Masonry for 1879, and will make a useful adjunct to all Masonic libraries.

THE suggestion made elsewhere that Grand Lodge should vote a liberal sum, to aid to alleviate the grave distress in Ireland, towards the seasonable and admirable fund of the Duchess of Marlborough, and thus to prove that as Masons we have humanitarian as well as Masonic sympathies for distress, suffering, and need, meets with our heartiest concurrence. As our correspondent points out, we shall assist by such a vote fellow creatures in dire need, and promote the kindly efforts of our very distinguished Sister. The Lord Mayor of London, W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, will receive all such contributions, and any of individual brethren, to swell the fund at the Mansion House for the same much needed purpose.

WE published in our last *Freemason* a very remarkable address by a Wesleyan minister, the W.M. of Lodge 450. It well deserves perusal and will repay study. It is marked by much "thought," and distinguished by a most commendable appreciation of some of the leading tenets and characteristic principles of true Freemasonry.

By an amusing printer's error the word "increase" is used in one of our short leaders last week. We need hardly point out, we think, to our readers that the proper word as we wrote it is "increment." We trust that no one will suppose that we sought either carelessly or facetiously to "coin" a new word. We are, on the contrary, always great "sticklers" for the "Queen's English."

WE are happy to state that up to the present Bro. Hedges has received the names of 152 Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School this year. This is an unprecedented number, we believe, at this early date, but we feel sure that it will be greatly augmented as the time of the festival draws near. We ourselves are quite convinced that the gathering of 1880 will be one of the most remarkable in the records of the Girls' School. This admirable Institution well deserves the support of all members of the Craft.

OUR readers will have noticed in our last issue the interesting account of a well merited presentation to our esteemed and able Bro. the Rev. W. Tebbs. He is now shortly to sail for New Zealand, and our good wishes go with him and his family. We are glad to think that from New Zealand we shall continue to receive proofs of that Masonic knowledge and that sterling ability which have often been appreciated by the readers of the *Freemason* and the *Masonic Magazine*, and we feel sure that his "work" in New Zealand will be helpful both to true religion and Craft Masonry.

WE beg to call the attention of all our readers, and of Masonic students especially, to two remarkable contributions in the last "Masonic Magazine," that for February—the one by our esteemed Bro. Vernon on the "Ancient Records of the Lodge of Melrose;" the other by a kindly and new contributor, Bro. Joseph Harrison, on the minutes of the Lodge of Friendship, 277, Oldham. Both these papers deserve careful consideration by those to whom the bygone history of Freemasonry is a matter of curiosity or concern.

THE various accounts of the "origin" ascribed to Freemasonry often amuse us. A writer in the *Daily News* of January 30th mentions some recent statements of G. M. Chas. Roome, of New York, with respect to Egyptain Masonry. Without pledging ourselves to particulars, we do not doubt that Masonic emblems will be found in the monuments of Egypt. The Essenes were a mystical brotherhood, with an occult ceremonial akin to that of Freemasonry. The Roman Guilds were in this country before Augustine's landing. Subsequently the Guilds all became Christian. There are no traces of Christian Guilds before Augustine.

WE understand on good authority that at the next meeting of Grand Lodge a distinguished member of Grand Lodge, and D.P.G.M. for a well-known county, will move, on behalf of his provincial brethren, the non-confirmation of the minutes of last Grand Lodge relative to the appointment of a Committee to look into the matter of on uniform ritual, and certain alleged abuses.

THE *Cynosure* is an American professedly Christian paper, which delighteth in propagating ceaseless incriminations of Freemasons and professed revelations of Freemasonry. We need hardly assure our readers that "incriminations and revelations" are worthy of each other, equally true, equally valuable, and, of course, thoroughly religious (?) in tone and temper. Happily, the Freemasons in America laugh at them.

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.]

NO. 2. KENNING'S "ARCHÆOLOGICAL LIBRARY."

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I wish to make known to the Craft that we purpose to issue No. 2 of your "Archæological Library" as soon as 100 subscribers are obtained for it. The volume will consist of my MS. copy of the "Constitutions," among the Additional MSS. published previously by Bro. Matthew Cooke, and a copy of Inigo Jones' MS., though not in fac simile, as it would be too expensive. The price will be 7s. 6d.

If all brethren wishful to subscribe will kindly send their names to Bro. Lake, 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C., it will much facilitate matters.

A printed form of subscription will subsequently be issued. There will be a short preface to each MS.

I am, yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W.,
February 2, 1880.

NON-QUALIFIED MEMBERS AT GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The suggestions of the respected brethren who have written you on the above subject would, I think, be found troublesome in working. For my own part I think the most effectual regulation would be to make it imperative that every brother attending Grand Lodge should produce to the Scrutineer his Grand Lodge certificate. That officer should compare the signature in the attendance book with the certificate. Being satisfied, and finding by reference to the Grand Lodge books that the brother is eligible for admission, he would then hand him the "ivory" as at present.

Yours fraternally,

J.B.M.

CONFIRMING MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not think that Bro. John While has urged anything in his letter, published in your impression of the 24th ult., which in any way refutes my previously expressed views on this subject, which were that minutes are only submitted for confirmation as correctly recorded, and that to depart from this view could only lead to endless confusion in any society.

The question being of sufficient importance, I may, perhaps, be allowed to offer the following observations suggested by your correspondent's letter:—

1. Bro. While cites the case of Parliamentary procedure. In the case of Legislative Acts the Constitution specially provides that they shall pass three readings, besides the Committee in the Commons, and go through the same operation in the Lords, before being submitted for the assent of the Sovereign. But where is the analogy applicable to the present argument? The fact that no one ever suggested that all deliberative societies should adopt a similarly elaborate *modus operandi* (for why stop at one stage?) proves that Parliamentary procedure is a thing quite by itself, so far as concerns Legislative Acts. Far more analogous is the case of resolutions in Parliament, which being carried, after due notice given, are final.

2. Inasmuch as the reading of minutes is always the first business on an agenda paper, the fact that a Grand Master or Master is not proclaimed until after his confirmation does not necessarily prove Bro. While's case. Indeed, it is only right from any point of view that this should be so, as the minutes might not have been correctly recorded, and so confirmation of an election might be refused. But how about the innumerable cases we all of us have experience of, in which sums of money are voted for immediate disbursement, Committees appointed to report to the next meeting, &c., &c.? Are all these *ultra vires*?

3. Again, Bro. While says, "In every deliberative body the confirmation of the minutes is held to be a solemn ratification of the action carried out by the previous meeting." Now, I happen to have had a good deal to do with the executive of societies of one kind and another in London and elsewhere, and I venture to say I never heard

such a view suggested or acted upon before. Further, to show that Bro. While is at least rather too sweeping, let me quote from the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which happens to have given a ruling on the point in the following words: "The Grand Lodge unanimously ruled that confirmation of minutes implied that the *ves gestæ* of a previous meeting had been correctly recorded, and not that the question discussed and disposed of at such former meeting could be opened up at the succeeding one when the minutes were read."

4. If it be competent for one meeting to refuse to confirm the minutes of a previous meeting, except on the ground of their being incorrectly recorded, or of the informality of the meeting itself, where is the privilege to stop? It seems to me that the contest on a disputed point might easily be carried on *absurdum nauseamque*.

5. Further, the view contended for by Bro. While involves a palpable injustice, for whereas the mover of a resolution is required, very properly, to give notice thereof, thus giving the opposition every chance of preparing to meet it, he may be left in perfect ignorance of any intention on the part of the opposition to fight the contest again on his resolution being submitted for confirmation.

6. Judging, therefore, by expediency and by universal custom, I still maintain my view on this subject as sound. The laws provide for due notice being given of any motion before it can be put on the agenda, and this is an ample safeguard against hasty judgments. Such a motion being carried, after such due notice, can, in my opinion, only be rescinded by a direct resolution carried after similar notice. I should like to have the views of legal members of the fraternity.

I cannot conclude without saying that Bro. While's imputation that Bro. Stevens' resolution "was adopted without full consideration," is, to my mind as an outsider, most unfair, so long as the regulations as to notice were complied with, especially as the matter in question has been before the fraternity on and off for ten years.

Neither will I accept without hesitation his statement that "free debate was clamorously stifled," as it involves a grave reflection upon the authority of the Chairman, by whom no complaint was reported as having been made as to unfair or clamorous conduct.

Yours fraternally,

W.M. 392, S.C.

A WESLEYAN MINISTER ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have just read with great gratification the remarks of my brother minister and brother Mason, the Rev. George Kennedy, in your last Saturday's issue. I think, however, that he is in error on one point, viz., in saying that he is "the first minister of our religious body who has occupied a Masonic chair in the British dominions." Unless I am greatly mistaken, that honour belongs to Bro. the Rev. George Alton, of Swansea. There is one thing unfavourable to a Wesleyan ministers making the proficiency in Masonry that he would desire, namely, his being compelled to change his place of residence at least every three years. But there are many ministers, as well as members of "our religious body," who will cordially endorse the tribute paid to the Craft by our Bro. Kennedy.

Yours fraternally,

A WESLEYAN MINISTER AND M.M.
Manchester, Feb. 2nd.

ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Scribe N. asks you, or some of your correspondents, to answer his three questions. I, as one of your oldest correspondents, offer to do so, as the information will be useful to many of your readers, novices in Royal Arch Masonry.

1st. Neither a W.M. nor a P.M. can sign a warrant for a Royal Arch chapter, unless he is a registered Royal Arch Mason. The petition must commence "We, the undersigned, being regular registered Royal Arch Masons." Nor, according to the Book of Constitutions, can a Royal Arch Mason become J. of a chapter until he is the actual Master, or a P.M. of a Craft lodge, nor until he has served the office of Scribe or Sojourner of a private chapter for a year. In a new chapter, however, the J. designate (if a Royal Arch Mason, and an Installed Master) need not have served the office of Scribe or Sojourner.

2nd. A Royal Arch companion joining a chapter, and being qualified—that is, being an Installed Master of a Craft lodge, and having served the office of Scribe or Sojourner of a private Royal Arch Chapter for a year,—can be elected J. on the night of his joining if such election is in accordance with the chapter bye-laws; in some chapters a companion must be a P.M. before he can be installed J.

3rd. It is not right for a Provincial Grand Officer to wear his Royal Arch collar and jewel in a Craft lodge. The "medal" only, and that on the breast, should be worn.

Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN, P.Z. 33 and 452.

THE DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH'S FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hope that at the next Grand Lodge a large and liberal vote will be made by our Grand Lodge to relieve the distress and want in Ireland, and to aid the fund of the Duchess of Marlborough, who, I may observe, is the wife of a Freemason and the sister of a Freemason. It is surely both a needful duty and an act of true charity, and as such will commend itself, I trust, to our rulers and to Grand Lodge.

I am, yours fraternally,

HOPE.

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In order that there may be no misapprehension on the subject, I think it right to state that Col. Shadwell H. Clerke some days before his investment as Grand Secretary resigned his official position as Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33°; the duties of which are now being performed by another member of that body.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

NATH. G. PHILIPS, P.G.D.,

Lt.-Grand Commander Supreme Council, 33°.

THE OLDEST P.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with pleasure your article respecting the Lodge of Antiquity. Your reporter must have been misinformed as to the oldest P.M. of that very distinguished lodge. Since the lamented death of Bro. Hancock the honour of being the oldest P.M. has fallen to my lot. Bro. Wm. Stuart (then W. Stuart, jun., of No. 2) served as my Senior Warden, and Bro. the late Lord Howe as my Junior Warden during the two years, 1850 and 1851, in which I had the great honour and pleasure of being the Master of the lodge.

Failing health and increasing years have combined to keep me away from active interference in Freemasonry, but I always feel that I was fortunate enough to receive the suffrages of the brethren in my appointment to the chair, and I look weekly at your paper for possible tidings regarding that lodge; indeed, I believe that I am not only the oldest P.M. but the father of the lodge. I was made a member on the 25th June, 1834, and do not know that any one of its then older members now survive me, and, further, I believe that Bro. Wm. Harris, if alive, and myself are the only two members of the lodge who received in person from H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex the medal of the lodge.

The latest official list of the members of the Lodge of Antiquity, which I have, gives the following particulars:—Bro. Hancock, 28th March, 1834; Bro. Fourdrinier, 25th June, 1834; Bro. Harris, 22nd June, 1836; Bro. Stuart, jun., 24th May, 1848; Bro. Lord Howe, 22nd May, 1844.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN COLES FOURDRINIER, P.M. No. 2.

Reviews.

THE MASONIC REVIEW. Edited by the Rev. T. J. MELLISH, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A very admirable Masonic serial, well edited, well printed, well worth reading. We only wish that in the United States, as in Great Britain, there were more Masonic students, readers, and thinkers. We wish the "Masonic Review" all prosperity and wide spread perusal. It has reached its thirty-second volume, and its No. 12 of the same.

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A Masonic Magazine of much merit in all respects, editorially, typographically, and intellectually. It has reached the 12th number of Vol. 10, and is always of "pleasant presence" and sterling merit.

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This is a goodly volume and is to be now obtained in a most appropriate covering. It is not for us, however, to "review ourselves," but we think it right to record the fact, that we have in this twelfth volume of the *Freemason* the carefully arranged history, week by week, of Masonic existence, vitality, hopes and fears, labour and benevolence in the year of grace 1879.

THE MASONIC MAGAZINE for February. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

A very striking number if it were only for its remarkable records of Lodge history. We think that all ought to study Bro. Vernon's carefully written papers and Bro. Harrison's interesting details. We shall in this way at least realize the true history of English lodge life.

WHO TOOK SHEM'S COMMON? By H. E. C. Civil Service Publishing Company.

This little sixpenny novel transcends our forum of review in the *Freemason*, in that it is political! We can say no more about it than that we regret the use of the euphonic system on the proper names, though that, as Lady Clifford says in "Cheveley" is probably "bawdinage."

PUBLIC LEDGER 1880. E. W. Childs' Philadelphia. As usual, admirably printed, most neat, servicable, and welcome.

THE ANTIQUARY. Edited by EDWARD WALFORD, M.A. No. 2, Vol. 1. Elliott Stock, 62, Paternoster-row.

This is a new serial intended for Archaeological students and lovers of antiquarian research, and is intended to take

the place of the old "Gentleman's Magazine," and revive the memories of "Sylvanus Urban." It is admirably printed and full of matter, carefully edited and lucidly placed before the reader. Both the first and second numbers are before us, and we wish it heartily all the success it so evidently deserves. It fills up a "vacuum" in our contemporary antiquarian literature, and such a magazine has long been a great "desideratum" amongst archaeological students. Mr. Elliott Stock is well known as the publisher of some interesting and valuable reprints.

THE EAST ANGLIAN HANDBOOK FOR 1880.

NORWICH. F. Soman, "Argus" Office.

This is a bulky volume containing a mass of information relating to East Anglia. No "interest" appears to be overlooked, whether it be the agricultural or mercantile, municipal or parochial. What Whittaker has done for the country at large, Bro. Soman appears to have done for East Anglia, and we should imagine that the most inquisitive individual who "wants to know" all about everything would be satisfied with this volume.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

Does any brother know of a "Roll" or a "Masonic Constitution," among the "lodge effects," perhaps stowed away in an old box in a lumber room or loft? If so, kindly write to "Masonic Student," 198, Fleet-street, E.C. MASONIC STUDENT.

HISTORY OF THE GUILDS.

Can any brother in the Temple or in "legal habitation" procure me a copy of "Gilds," by Cornelius Walford, Barrister-at-law, printed for private circulation only? It is a subject which I have closely studied, and I should be very grateful if any brother could do me a "good turn" in this respect.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

198, Fleet-street, E.C.

Is any brother in possession of an old Warrant of "moderns" or "ancients"? If so, is he willing to dispose of it? Apply to Bro. Lake, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

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BRO. GOULD'S "ATHOLL LODGES."

(First Notice.)

I have finished a careful perusal of the remarkable work entitled the "Atholl Lodges," by Bro. Robert F. Gould, and beg most heartily to congratulate the author on the successful completion of his labours. It is a fit companion to his "Four Old Lodges," and forms a Craft *trio* with my "Masonic Register" (to which Bro. Gould so frequently alludes, and always most kindly, in his excellent works). With these three books before us, as *Masonic students*, we can trace every lodge warranted by the "Moderns" from 1721 to 1813, as also by the Ancients, from (say) 1751 to 1813, with all the various changes in their numbers from the earliest numeration to that of the last in 1863. The dates of charters and an immense amount of interesting information besides are to be found in these volumes, but just now I have only to do with the latest of the three, viz., the "Atholl Lodges."

The book is about the size of the admirable Register and Sketch of the "Prince of Wales Lodge," London, so ably compiled by Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., and the arrangement of the lodges under their consecutive numbers, with prominent figures for those still existing, leaves nothing to be desired. The preface, though brief, is a "multum in parvo," and explains all that is needed to enable the ordinary reader to understand the character, scope, and value of the work itself.

Not a little puzzling have been the notes appended to many of the "Ancient" warrants, and mainly because they were written in error, frequently by the Grand Secretary for the time being. These notes have been mainly discarded by Bro. Gould for the minute books of the Grand Lodge, which furnish authoritative information as to all points of difficulty, &c.

No. 1 Lodge, for instance, was revived December 16th, 1787, but the warrant of August 13th, 1757, is still the authority by which it works, and it is only by a careful study of the old records that any information is obtained of its revival in 1787.

No. 3 (Ancient No. 2) had ceased to work, and was bought by the then No. 32 in 1784, consequently, though now the *third* on the roll, its real date is only from the period of the organisation of No. 32, which Bro. Gould places at A.D. 1754. The warrant is of 1784, when purchase took place.

No. 50, when No. 47 of the "Ancients" was held at London, and dated February 24th, 1756, then granted January 30th, 1764, for Macclesfield, and in March, 1803, transferred to Hinckley. The warrant now used by No. 50 was issued in January 30th, 1764, but the note thereon in the S.W. corner gives the original as November 23rd, 1756, but no word as to its locality, &c.

No. 219, New York, about which there was once so much doubt and dispute, Bro. Gould has dated September 5th, 1781, which agrees exactly with the original warrant, still extant. Bro. Fincke in 1856 wrote a pamphlet to prove that the warrant was an imposition. It recites thereon that the G.M. was the *third* Duke of Atholl, whereas it was the *fourth* duke, doubtless an old charter form being filled in.

No. 53, Bath, works by charter dated January 23rd, 1812, as Bro. Gould states, but the note appended on document is of the year 1762, whereas it really was started in London June 2nd, 1756, but unless such a work as "Atholl Lodges" was before me I should not know of this fact at all.

No. 74 is noted as of June 24th, 1760, originally, and then as at Birmingham from July 16th, 1811 (*where it still is*), under the "Ancient" No. 83. The note of the Grand Secretary, however, of 1811, gives only the register on the warrant of August 18th, 1774.

I see that Bro. Gould gives the original date of No. 17, Quebec, as A.D. 1751, and that it was sold to No. 50 in 1757; then in 1771 to Bro. Clarke; and in 1787 to No. 213. The last lodge in that case being No. 213, the real position as to age would be, according to its original charter, which Bro. Gould gives, as July 3rd, 1781. This No. 17, now under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was claimed to be of 1721-2 by Bro. Tisdall, of New York, but without any grounds whatever, though many at the time agreed with him. The 213 Lodge had a curious history, the main points being carefully described by Bro. Gould.

W. J. HUGHAN.

(To be continued.)

UNITED MASONIC BALL.

The second annual united ball of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, and Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, took place on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, and was in every respect one of the most pleasant and genial balls of the season, well meriting the prestige which invariably attaches itself to these festive gatherings of the brethren, and to which the public are welcomed with cordiality. Notwithstanding the density of the fog, (which on this evening was so thick and black that drivers had to descend from their vehicles and walk at their horses' heads, literally feeling their way,) a goodly company had arrived by half-past nine, when dancing was commenced, and continued with great zeal until a few minutes past twelve, when the company adjourned to supper, which was, owing to the large number present, (upwards of 350,) partaken of in three parties, the rooms used for the purpose being the Crown, Sussex, and the Glee. In the principal room, the Crown, Bro. F. S. Rothschild, W.M. presided. At the conclusion of the banquet, which was most recherché, and ably served under the personal supervision of Bro. E. Dawkins, the President proposed "The Health of the Queen," and in the course of his remarks said, Her Majesty's virtues were so well known to all, that it was needless to take up the time of the company by reiterating them. They were all proud of the fact that Her Majesty had three sons in the Craft. This toast, which was as usual, received with the utmost enthusiasm, was followed by the whole company singing the National Anthem.

Bro. F. S. Rothschild, the President, then said, that feeling they were all very anxious to return to the ball room, he would be very brief with the next toast—the toast of the evening—that of "The Ladies." It was a great pleasure to him personally to propose such a toast, and it was also a source of great pleasure to all the brethren to have their wives, sisters, and daughters among them. They were all indebted to the ladies for being present and adding so much to the pleasures of the evening. With this toast he would couple the name of Bro. Past Master Price, who in reply made some humorous remarks, congratulating the Stewards on the success of the ball. It was, he thought, a great pleasure to have these gatherings at which ladies could be present. He deemed the toast, for which he had the honour to reply, the most popular toast of the day.

Bro. R. V. Davies, P.M. 1288, then proposed the next toast, that of "The President." He thought very great praise was due to Bro. Rothschild for the indefatigable manner in which he had performed his duties as Hon. Secretary in the preparations for the ball, and also for the able manner in which he had contributed to the enjoyment of his guests.

The President, in rising to respond, was loudly cheered. He thanked the company for the kind manner in which they had received his name, and for their generous opinion of the manner in which he had performed his duties. He was extremely pleased the ball had been so very successful, considering how much the weather had been against them. In conclusion he hoped that he would have the pleasure of seeing as many present at the next ball, as there were that night.

These remarks were loudly applauded by the company present, who afterwards returned to the ball room, where the programme was resumed, and dancing continued with unabated spirit until four a.m.

Dan Godfrey's band performed during the evening, some of the most popular airs of the day, under the personal direction of that worthy brother.

Bro. T. Meekham again gave his valuable services as M.C. The brethren of the two lodges, the Finsbury Park and the Crusaders, are to be congratulated on the success of this, their second annual ball. Not a single hitch occurred during the evening, thanks to the admirable arrangements made by the Treasurer, Bro. T. Goode, W.M. 1677, and the Hon. Sec., which were well carried out by an efficient body of Stewards.

Among those present we noticed Bros. R. Roy, P.M. 1492, P.G.P. Cambridgeshire; H. Hollis, P.M., P.G.D. of C. Herts; J. T. Rowe, P.M. 167; Thos. Butt, P.M.; T. Meekham, P.M. 1288; R. V. Davies, P.M. 1288; W. T. Purkess, W.M. 1695; T. Goode, W.M. 1677; F. S. Rothschild, W.M. 1288; J. Callegari, T. Morris, Johns, Calderwood, W. Cooke, W. J. Hunter, Price, J. W. Simmons, Miss Windsor, Capt. Vansclina, Mrs. Meekham, Mr. Linford, Mr. R. G. Thomas, Mr. E. Roberts, Mr. T. Temple, Mr. Conder, Mrs. Clayton, Miss Johnson, and Bro. F. A. Kelly (Freemason).

During the evening a selection of vocal music was given in the drawing room, under the direction of Bro. R. G. Thomas, of the Mohawk Minstrels.

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THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of this Committee was held on Friday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., occupied the chair.

The Treasurer's statement of accounts, which was taken as read and then passed, showed that the income from the rent of lodges during the year amounted to £430; from chapters, £114; from lodges of instruction, £41; from miscellaneous sources £37; emergencies, committees, refreshments, &c., £170 12s. 6d.; Masonic club, £25; cash in hand £76 2s. 7d.; total £893 15s. 1d. After all necessary payments there remained £169 4s. 6d. to the Committee at the bank. The sum of £504 11s. 6d. had been contributed towards the decoration and furnishing account of the Masonic Hall, and there was also £43s. 8d. at the bank to the credit of the same fund.

The minutes of the Masonic Hall Committee meeting, October the 24th, and House Committee minutes of November the 14th to January the 23rd, were read and confirmed. Bro. Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823, 241, was elected Chairman; Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.M. 241, 1502, P.P.G.R., Vice-Chairman; Bro. J. R. Goepel was proposed and seconded for re-election as Treasurer, but he declined to accept the office. Bro. W. Cottrell was then elected Treasurer; Bro. J. T. Callor was re-elected Hon. Secretary. Thirty brethren were then proposed for election on the House Committee, which consists of twenty-one members, exclusive of the officers of the Masonic Hall Committee. The following were declared to be elected:—

| | Votes. |
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| Bro. Pemberton, 1264 | 59 |
| " J. K. Smith, 249 | 56 |
| " John Heyes, 249 | 53 |
| " H. Firth, 667... | 53 |
| " R. Martin, jun., 1182 | 45 |
| " Thomas Clark, 673 | 44 |
| " R. P. France, 594 | 42 |
| " D. Jackson, 673 | 40 |
| " T. Salter, 241... | 39 |
| " J. W. Ballard, 724 | 36 |
| " H. S. Alpass, Trust Deed | 32 |
| " J. B. MacKenzie, 1609 | 32 |
| " P. B. Gee, 1264 | 24 |
| " J. W. Burgess, 1325 | 24 |
| " Geo. Broadbridge, 241 | 24 |
| " J. C. Robinson, 249 | 28 |
| " Jas. Winsor, 241 | 22 |
| " Robt. Wylie, 292 | 20 |
| " Jno. Houlding, 823 | 20 |
| " A. C. Wylie, 292 | 20 |
| " J. H. Gregory, 667 | 20 |
| Bros. J. R. Goepel, H. A. Tobias, W. T. May, and another were elected Auditors for the ensuing year. | |

The Chairman expressed his regret that Bro. Goepel had not again accepted the office of Treasurer of this Committee, and moved "That the best thanks of this Committee be given Bro. Goepel (and that they be recorded on the minutes) for the admirable manner he had discharged the duties of Treasurer for the last five years.

Bro. H. A. Tobias, W.M. 1502, seconded the resolution, stating that as an Auditor he could endorse what had been said by the Chairman as to the admirable manner the accounts had been kept.

Several other brethren supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was also given to Bro. R. Wylie for the admirable way in which he had fulfilled the Chairman's duties for several years.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MASONIC CLUB, LIVERPOOL.

The annual meeting of the members of this club was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 16th ult., Bro. J. R. Goepel, President, in the chair. Bro. Brunton, Treasurer, read his statement of accounts for the past year, showing the club to be in a flourishing condition. The statement as read was passed unanimously. Bro. J. R. Goepel was re-elected President; Bro. R. Wylie, re-elected Vice-President; Bro. F. Brunton, re-elected Treas.; and Bro. J. T. Callow, re-elected Sec. Bros. J. McKine, Robt. Martin, and J. W. Burgess were elected on the Committee, in place of those who retired by rotation.

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT BY THE QUEEN.

The Queen on Thursday afternoon opened the seventh Session of the ninth Parliament of Her Majesty's reign. In contrast with the fog and gloom of the past few days, the weather was brilliant; the sun shining, the temperature being fresh and genial. An enormous concourse of persons assembled along the route from Buckingham Palace to Westminster.

Long before two o'clock every seat in the House of Lords and in the peeresses' galleries had been occupied, and the scene presented was of course very brilliant. There was also a good muster in the House of Commons.

Her Majesty's procession consisted of seven carriages, in the sixth of which rode Prince Leopold. In the seventh was the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, and attended by the Duchess of Wellington. At a few minutes before two the State procession left Buckingham Palace, escorted by the Yeomen of the Guard and a detachment of the Household Cavalry. Passing down the middle mall of St. James's Park, through the Horse Guards, to Whitehall, Her Majesty's arrival at the entrance of the House of Peers was heralded by a Royal salute of twenty-one guns.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Marlborough House at half-past one o'clock, and drove to the House of Lords under escort; while the Duke of Edinburgh proceeded to Westminster from Clarence House, and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught from Buckingham Palace.

Her Majesty having taken her seat upon the Throne, the members of the House of Commons were summoned to the Upper House, when the usual ceremonies were followed by the reading of the Queen's Speech.

Mark Masonry.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).

—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 30th ult. when Bro. Dr. Henry, P.P.S.G.W. C. and W., presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.P.S.G.O., S.W.; Wm. White, J.W.; John Rothery, M.O.; Ed. Tyson, P.J.G.D., S.O.; James Wilson, J.O.; George Dalrymple, P.S.G.D., Sec. and Reg.; George Sparrow, I.G.; George Fitzgerald, Tyler; and one visitor, Bro. James Winter, Henry Lodge, 216. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the circular showed one candidate for advancement, Bro. William Sandwith, P.M. 119, Craft, but through indisposition he was unable to be present. Bro. Dalrymple, by desire of the W.M., assumed the chair, when the ceremony of advancement was carefully rehearsed. The W.W. afterwards presented Bros. Sparrow and Rothery with their Grand Lodge certificates. Bro. Ed. Tyson then gave notice of motion, as required per bye-law 17, "That bye-law 14, specifying the amount of annual subscription payable in advance by each member of the lodge, be altered and amended." "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed from Henry Lodge, 216, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony, according to the ancient usages and established customs of the Order.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).

—The annual meeting of this young but prosperous lodge took place on Thursday evening, the 22nd inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. William Martin, P.M. 1660, Craft, and also to celebrate the anniversary of the charter from Grand Lodge having made the change just two years ago from the S.R.A.C. of Scotland. At 5.30 the W.M., Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.G.S.D., assumed the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: William Walker, P.M. and P.G.S., as S.W.; James Harper, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.W.; Richard Wilson, M.O. Frederick Whittle, S.O.; Isaac Mills, J.O.; Bryce Craig, Sec.; James Winter, S.D.; Dr. J. J. Lace, J.D.; Wm. Martin, Treas.; C. H. Hodgson, Org.; A. Crawford, I.G.; John Gordon, Steward; John Close, Tyler; Wm. Swain, John Ramsay, Joseph Merriett, W. J. Harvey, and James Ramsay. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. George Lowden, M.M. Arlecdon Lodge, 1660, which was unanimous, but as many of the brethren had to leave by an early train, his advancement was deferred for a month. The I.G. then announced Bro. Dr. Henry, W.M. Fletcher Lodge, 213, Whitehaven, and P.P.S.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, this being the worthy brother from whom the Henry Lodge received its name. On his entrance into the lodge all the brethren stood to order as M.M.M., and taking time from the W.M., gave him a greeting that he may ever be proud of. On taking his seat upon the dais the W.M. elect, Bro. Martin, was duly installed in the chair of A., according to ancient custom, Bro. Dalrymple acting as Installing Master. Bro. Martin then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Geo. Dalrymple, I.P.M.; R. Wilson, S.W.; Rowland Baxter, J.W.; F. Whittle, M.O.; James Ramsay, S.O.; John Cramond, J.O.; Bryce Craig, Sec.; James Harper, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Lace, Reg.; C. H. Hodgson, S.D.; Isaac Mills, J.D.; W. Walker, P.M.; C. Taylor Swainson, Org.; A. Crawford, I.G.; Joseph Merriett and W. J. Harvey, Stewards; and John Close, Tyler. There being nothing further but "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in form. Afterwards an excellent supper was served, to which ample justice was done, the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in a very hearty way, and a very agreeable evening was spent, the Tyler giving the final toast about ten.

READING.—Leopold Lodge (No. 235).—On

Monday, the 26th ult., there was a meeting of the members of this lodge, and the attendance was more numerous than usual as it was the day on which the newly-elected Worshipful Master was to be installed. At the previous meeting of the lodge Bro. Charles Stephens had been elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Margrett, who had been W.M. since the formation of the lodge, performed the ceremony of installing his successor. The ceremony was most accurately and impressively rendered. The newly-elected W.M. then invested the following officers of the lodge: Bros. Arthur Welch, S.W.; G. Westall, J.W.; J. Egginton, M.O.; W. G. Flanagan, S.O.; S. Bradley, J.O.; Rev. C. R. Honey, Chaplain; J. T. Stransom, Treasurer; H. Ayres, Secretary; J. Long, R.M.; H. Brett, S.D.; W. C. Moffatt, J.D.; H. W. Holman, D.C.; W. Hickie, Organist; R. Glasspool, F.G.; F. White, H.; W. Hemmings, Tyler; and F. Ferguson and C. G. Butler, Assistant Stewards. In the course of the proceedings in lodge a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. E. Margrett in recognition of his services as one of the founders of the lodge and as W.M. during the past year. It was said that it was not intended that the presentation of a Past Master's jewel should be regarded as a precedent, as it was not desirable that a newly-established lodge should be called upon to give a jewel annually, but it was stated that the services rendered by Bro. Margrett had been so great and exceptional that

it was but right that the members should have an opportunity of marking their sense of the zeal and ability which had been displayed by the first Master of the Leopold Lodge. On Monday several brethren were advanced, and the Leopold Lodge is now in a flourishing condition. The thanks of the lodge were voted to Bros. Pulley, P.M., and Dormer for their services to the lodge during the past year. After the business of the lodge had concluded the brethren adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where a banquet was excellently supplied by Bro. Bailey. About fifty sat down. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Stephens, and amongst those present were Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M.M.M.; R. Eve, P.M., G.J.O.; J. W. Lamb, P.M. (Wyndham Lodge); Binckes, G. Sec.; and Farr, P.G.S.W. (Bengal). In the course of the evening some brief speeches were made, and they had reference exclusively to the question of Mark Masonry. In responding to the toast of "The M.W.G.M.M.M. (Lord Skelmersdale) and the Past G.M.M. Masons," Bro. Portal referred to the very rapid advance which Mark Masonry was making. In almost all parts of the civilised world lodges were being formed. He also alluded to the gradual but steady manner in which Mark Masonry was gaining the official sanction of the great Masonic authorities. In reference to "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Portal made some very practical remarks as to the benefits which resulted from those officers visiting different lodges, and observing the manner in which the work was done, and when they saw any deviation from the established rule, pointing it out in the most friendly spirit to the Worshipful Master. Great regret was expressed that the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, was unable to attend. He had expressed his intention of being present, but at the last moment he was prevented from doing so. Bro. Binckes proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund" in an eloquent speech, and urged upon the brethren the duty of sending a Steward to the next festival of the fund. In response to the appeal, Bro. Pulley said that he would undertake to represent the lodge as a Steward. The musical arrangements in lodge and at the banquet were admirably carried out by Bros. Cozens, P.G.O., and W. Hickie, Organist (Leopold Lodge), and contributed largely to the success of the day's proceedings.

Knights Templar.

BURNLEY.—Plains of Mamre Preceptory (No. 8).—This preceptory held a meeting at the Bull Hotel on the 22nd inst., when there were present the V.E. Provincial Grand Commander (Lancashire), Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds; Sir Knights J. S. Veevers, P.E.C.; Henry Knowles, P.E.C.; John Rawcliffe, P.E.C.; Tom Bradshaw, P.E.C.; R. W. Waterson, 2nd Capt., E.C. elect; E. Diggle, Expert; John Bollard, Capt. of Guards; B. Whitaker, Reg.; Wm. Marsden, John Harrison, James Sutcliffe, and George Bell. The preceptory was opened by Sir Knight J. S. Veevers, and the minutes of last preceptory having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. Wm. Mossop, P.Z. of the Chapter of Nativity, 126, and the vote being unanimous he was declared duly elected. The ceremony of installing Sir Knight R. W. Waterson as M.E.C. was performed by the V.E. Provincial Grand Commander. The officers appointed were Sir Knights Tom Bradshaw, P.E.C.; H. H. Robinson, Prelate; E. Diggle, 1st Capt.; John Bollard, 2nd Capt.; J. S. Veevers, P.E.C., Treas.; B. Whitaker, Reg.; James Sutcliffe, Expert; John Harrison, Capt. of Guards; John Rawcliffe, P.E.C., Almoner; Hargreaves Bell, 1st Aide-de-Camp; Robert Hartley, 2nd Aide-de-Camp; W. Marsden, 1st Herald; Thos. Nowell, 2nd Herald; and George Bell, Equerry. The preceptory was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent and well served banquet. The proceedings terminated at an early hour with the Equerry's toast.

SOUTHPORT.—De Lacy Preceptory (No. 95).—The above preceptory, stationed in the Province of Lancaster (formerly stationed at Burnley), under the command of Sir Knight J. H. T. Cottier, held its usual encampment on the 29th December last. There was a good muster of swords. The roll being called over, those answering to their names included Sir Knights J. H. T. Cottier, E.C.; C. S. Hope, Prelate; J. Sutton, Constable; W. H. Johnson, Registrar; G. B. Baker, Sub-Marshal; J. Barratt, Almoner and 1st Standard Bearer; R. Heap, 2nd Standard Bearer; F. S. Covy, Captain of Guard; J. H. Welsby, 1st Herald; J. C. Leidenstricker, 2nd Herald; L. R. Rowbottom, P.E.C., Prov. G. Mar.; and W. R. Robinson, P.E.C. of Faith, Wigan. The interest evinced in the Order of the Temple in Southport is evidenced by the fact that the encampment was but inaugurated on the 18th May, 1878, and now numbers upwards of thirty devoted knights. The ballot having been taken successfully for the following companions, Rev. C. H. Knowlys, P. M., Hurter, J. C. Morrell, and J. Hatch, they were duly installed Sir Knights of the Illustrious Order by the Eminent Commander in a most impressive and exemplary manner. Sir Knight W. Ascroft Byrom, of Faith, Wigan, was also elected a joining member. Afterwards the Sir Knights adjourned to the Victoria Hotel to partake of a sumptuous feast, prepared by Sir Knight J. C. Leidenstricker (the manager) with his usual taste and ability. The customary toasts were duly honoured. Sir Knights L. R. Rowbottom, J. Ascroft Byrom, and W. R. Robinson, P.E.C., each testified to their appreciation of the value and privileges of the Order of Knights Templar, and expressed a hope that they would, as soon as they had the full complement of Sir Knights, form a "K.M." Preceptory connected with the De Lacy. The newly-installed Sir Knights also expressed their thanks

soldiers of the cross. The Equerry having given the final toast, "To Poor and Distressed Knights Templar," the meeting separated in peace and harmony, after having spent a most profitable and enjoyable evening.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter Rose Croix (No. 77).—The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. The chapter was opened in due form by Ill. Bro. Ed. Heffernau, M.W.S., assisted by the following officers: Ill. Bros. John Barker, 30°, Prelate; J. B. Hargreaves, as 1st General; W. Paley, 2nd General; R. Wilson, Grand Marshal; and C. Eastwood, as Captain of Guard. There were also present the following visitors: Ill. Bros. J. Monks, P.M.W.S.; W. Brant, M.W.S. of the Royal Kent Chapter, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and several brethren of the Leodiensis Chapter. After the chapter was opened Ill. Bro. C. J. Bannister, 33°, Inspector General of the Northern Counties, also Ill. Bro. H. E. Voight, 30°, M.W.S. of the Talbot Chapter, Sheffield, were duly admitted into the chapter. The ballot taken for three candidates, which was unanimous, when Bro. E. S. Clark, P.M. 910, Pontefract, being in attendance, was duly perfected. The W.M.S. then vacated the chair in favour of Ill. Bro. C. J. Bannister, 33°, who proceeded to install the W.M.S. elect, Bro. John Barker, 30°, P.M., P.Z., &c., into the Master's chair, who on being duly installed appointed the following brethren as officers: Ill. Bros. Ed. Heffernau, I.P.M.W.S.; W. Patey, Prelate; R. P. Tomlinson, 1st General; J. Scott, 2nd General; R. Wilson, Treasurer and Recorder; W. Beck, Grand Marshal; J. D. Kay, Raphael; J. Holmes, Herald; T. Collinson, Almoner; C. Eastwood, Dir. of Cer.; J. Stockdale, Chamberlain; J. Walmsley, Captain of Guard; and Oates, Equerry. After the completion of this ceremony the chapter was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, presided over by the newly-installed M.W.S., when the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given.

Royal and Select Masters.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).—A very influential meeting of the above council of this flourishing Degree was held on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, R.I.D.M.; Davison, R.P.G. Treas.; H. G. Levander, R.P.G.L.; D. M. Dewar, R.P.G. A.R.; J. Stevens, S.; T. Poore, acting I.P.C. of W.; Cooper Smith, acting C. of G.; Lieut.-Col. Burdett, Diddin, Moses, T. Cubitt, Meggy, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. George Cooper, Bon Accord Mark Lodge; E. Passawer, Trinity College Mark Lodge; George Graveley, Beaconsfield Mark Lodge; and Thos. J. Pulley were duly admitted, received, and advanced to the Degree of M.E.M., and to the Cryptic Degrees of R.S. and S.E. Masters. It was arranged that the annual festival in connection with the Order should be held on the second Thursday in May next, and in answer to a communication from the M.P. G.M. upon the matter, it was unanimously agreed that the 20th inst. would also suit the convenience of the members to attend a Grand Council for the appointment and investiture of Grand Officers for the year ensuing. Several propositions having been handed in, the convocation was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Albany Hotel, Theobald's-road. Upon the removal of the cloth "The Queen and the Cryptic Rite" was duly proposed, and loyally responded to. "The M.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers" followed, and was acknowledged by Comps. Levander and Davison. "The Health of the R.I.D.M." was given in very flattering terms by Comp. Davison, and acknowledged by Comp. Walls. "The Advances" came next in order, and was responded to by Comps. Cooper, Graveley, and Passawer. The toast of "The Officers" was received with excellent "fire," and drew from Comps. Davison, Dewar, Levander, and Poore very good replies in acknowledgment. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

Amusements.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.—A highly successful performance of the Connaught Dramatic Club, in aid of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools, was held on the 22nd ult., at the above hall. This club by its exertions has been enabled out of the proceeds of its seven annual performances to enhance the cause of charity to the extent of upwards of £570. The institutions benefited have been the London General Porters' Association, Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools, London Orphan Asylum, Commercial Travellers' Schools, Royal Hospital for Incurables, and the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood. The hall was well filled by a large and influential audience. The curtain rose at seven upon the comic drama, in one act, entitled *Little Daisy*. The action of the piece is supposed to take place in the New Forest during the Protectorate, and turns upon the escape of King Charles's daughter from the pursuit of the Roundheads, in which the young princess is successful, thanks to the adoption of a ruse by the heroine "Little Daisy." It was on the whole fairly acted. Miss Alice Browne won golden opinions by her impersonation of the title rôle. The character of "Diggory Dawdlegrass," a rustic clown of the old-fashioned stage type, was humourously sustained by Mr. W. Binfield, but the part was a little overacted. Mrs. Mewbery, as "Janet," the woodcutter's wife, did all that was possible with so insignificant a part, and the other minor characters were

C. C. Dunn, and T. Marks. There were several details that might have been corrected with advantage, notably where the heroine had to allude to "the crop-eared knaves" of the Protector—the perruquier, for some unaccountable reason, had furnished the soldiers with flowing locks that would have created feelings of envy in the minds of the vainest of cavaliers; and the marching (?) of the Ironsides might have been improved. The popular comedy, in three acts, by Mr. H. J. Byron, *Weak Woman*, was the "pièce de résistance," and, taken as a whole, it was enacted in a manner far above the average of amateur performances. Several of the impersonations would have done credit to the professional stage. The plot of the comedy is so well known that it would be superfluous to give a synopsis of it. In the character of "Helen Gaythorne" Miss Alice Browne sustained the part with a vivacity and ease that was charming, her passages of arms with Dr. Fleming and Captain Ginger being exceedingly good, and her entire delineation of the character was worthy of the highest praise. Miss Ada Mellon carefully played the part of "Lilian Gaythorne," and Mrs. Newbury, as the amorous widow "Mrs. Gunn," created much amusement by her capital rendering of the character. Her principal scene with "Captain Ginger" in the last act fairly convulsed the audience. The rôle of "Captain Ginger," which the celebrated comedian, Bro. Terry, sustained so successfully some years since, was humourously performed by Mr. Binfield, but his conception of the part was not in accordance with the idea of the author as set forth in the text—he was too gentlemanly in his bearing, and his "make-up" was too juvenile and prepossessing. Mr. Marvin as "Septimus Tootal," the *mulier in parva* provincial exquisite, both looked and enacted the character almost to perfection. Mr. Dunn was the "Arthur Medwyn," and played the part with care. Mr. T. W. Ockenden was cast for the rôle of the cool, self-possessed, and somewhat cynical Frederick Fanshawe, and sustained it well, but his interpretation would have been improved had it been a little more vivacious. His best scene was the interview with "Helen Gaythorne" in the second act, but his whole performance was very painstaking. The character of "Dr. Fleming" was allotted to Mr. G. R. Smith, and, although there is not much scope for acting in the part, yet that gentleman made the most of it. His general "get up" was capital, and he gave due expression to the lines set down for him. The man servant "Edwards" gave Mr. F. W. Farrar an opportunity of exhibiting some genuine humour. During the evening the band of the Honourable Artillery Company discoursed some most excellent music, their selections being culled from the works of Auber, Strauss, Bizet, and Waldteufel. At the conclusion of the entertainment the honorary secretary, Mr. Ockenden, stated that the proceeds to be handed to the Charity would, he believed, amount to upwards of £70. This announcement was received with loud and prolonged applause. Great praise was due to the Committee of Management for the manner in which they provided for the comfort of the audience, and carried out the whole proceedings.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Henry Stiles, S.W. 1733, who has accepted the post of Organist of St. Simons Church, Uxbridge-road, will conduct the musical portion of the ceremony at the consecration by the Lord Bishop of London, on Saturday, the 28th inst.

At the recent meeting of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, Bro. Charles Harrison was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The installation meeting of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, will be held on Thursday next, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. Henry J. Johnson, S.W., is the W.M. elect.

The funeral of Bro. W. H. Lindus, P.M. and Secretary Stanhope Lodge, No. 1269, whose death occurred after a few days' illness on Saturday last, will take place this (Friday) afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at Nunhead Cemetery. Brethren wishing to join the procession should be at the gates at 2.15.

A musical entertainment in aid of the Leeds Masonic Educational Institution and Benevolent Fund will be given in the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Tuesday next, the 10th inst.

The Brixton Lodge of Mark Master Masons will meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday next, the 14th inst.

Bro. C. Gurden, the Treasurer, of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, was presented with a handsome jewel by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. Joseph Henry Smith, B.A., P.P.G.C., on behalf of the brethren at the regular meeting of the lodge, on Wednesday, the 4th inst.

Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire, and Lady de Tabley left Tabley House last week for Marseilles on their way to Algiers, where they intend to remain three months.

At the recent Masonic celebration of the festival of St. John, a handsome present was made to Bro. J. S. Sneath, Treasurer of Fidelis Lodge No. 1809, by the brethren. It consisted of a Library Inkstand of polished walnut wood, on which is a bronze pedestal between the ink glasses, containing a barometer, and surmounted by a classic bust. An inscription on silver plate to the following effect is attached:—"Presented by the Charter and other members to Bro. J. Sneath, Treasurer of Fidelis Lodge, 1809, as a token of respect and esteem for valued services to the above lodge, 30th December, 1879." The presentation was made by Bro. J. T. Snell, J.W., in the

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., has been elected an honorary member of the Royal Institution.

An extended notice of the musical career of our distinguished brother the late Bro. James Coward, P.G.O., appears in last week's *Norwood Review and Crystal Palace Reporter*, which we hope to transfer to our own columns next week, adding any facts which we may be able to glean of his Masonic career.

A pleasing episode in the municipal year took place in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, in the shape of a complimentary banquet to the Mayor (Bro. Alderman Davey), at which his worship was presented with a silver salver and an elegant service of silver plate, including dinner, tea, and coffee services, of the value of over £300, together with a purse of £275, as a mark of recognition of the manner in which he discharged his duties as chief magistrate of the town during the year 1878-9. The testimonial was accompanied by an illuminated address, setting forth the subscribers' high appreciation of his worship's "impartial, zealous, and earnest" qualities as a Mayor, and was handed over by the senior alderman next to the chair, in the presence of the borough and county members, the town council, and many of the subscribers. Alderman Davey is now sitting for the second year in succession.—*Daily News*, Feb. 4th.

The adjourned meeting of the Fifteen Section Club was held at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., a numerous attendance of brethren being present, Bro. Jas. Stevens being elected to the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed and seconded that a special Masonic night be arranged; that the Fifteen Sections be worked by a thoroughly efficient and able team at the opening night of the Club, and that such arrangements be left in the hands of Bros. Stevens and King; also, that as soon as necessary arrangements are complete, the Secretary, pro tem., Bro. King, shall write the members and report progress. The meeting was then adjourned after a vote of thanks to the President, Bro. Stevens, Vice-President, Bro. Lattrell, and Hon. Sec., Bro. J. B. King. The date of the special night will be fully announced when arrangements are complete.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, February 13, 1880.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Anniversary Festival R.M.B.I. (see advt.)
Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrew's, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolcock Tav., Bermondsey-st.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
" 1789, Ubiq, Regent M.H., Air-st., W.
Chap. 22, Mount Sinai, Guildhall Tav.
" 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 892, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.
K.T. Precep. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Annual Ball New Concord Lodge, 813, F.M. Tav., at 9.
Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 66, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav.
" 1803, Cornhill, New City Club, Lombard-st.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
S.C. 33°, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Station Restaurant, at 7.30.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., 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.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tav., N.W.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., Wapping.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Norwood.
" 1677, Crusaders, New Market Hot., Smithfield.
" 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-st.
" 1805, Bromley, St. Leonard's, 148, Bow-rd.
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq., W.
S.C. 33°, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1791, Creation, F.M.H.
" 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.
" 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, City.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garder, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James.
Rose Croix, 4, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 14, 1880.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.H., Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Mark 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.C., Birkenhead.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H. N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge 1282, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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