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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday before a goodly gathering of members and visitors. Bro. E. Parker Deacon was installed as D.M. of the lodge by Bro. W. Hope, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., P.M., and Chaplain of the lodge. After the routine business was over, and a vote of £10 10s. to the Stewards' list of the Girls' School festival, and the appointment of a Steward for the Boys' School Festival, the lodge adjourned to the "social circle," which was, as always in "Old Antiquity," most rational and enjoyable. The old familiar faces of members were present in goodly numbers, and among the visitors were Bros. J. L. Thomas, Frank Richardson, Lambert, Kraus, from Carlisle, and Wylde, Grand Masters' Lodge, Dublin. The brethren separated at an early hour.

EASTERN STAR LODGE (No. 95).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and was numerously attended. There were present Bros. E. Bonner, W.M.; Ruff, S.W., and W.M. elect; Ayres, J.W.; E. Davis, P.M., and Treas.; Edinger, Sec.; and a number of visitors, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. J. Keen, 766; Ralfe, 1018; Birch, 1712; Seaborn, P.M. 217; Worth, 186; Bristo, W.M. 1361; Davison, 216; Roberts, 1702; Hume, 134; Hollington, W.M. 933; Wayland, 1227; Wharton, 1706; Hanson, 1706; Dutton, 1706; C. T. Speight, P.M. 27; Prov. Grand Tyler for Surrey; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*); and others. The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hill, P.M., was called to the chair, and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Davis presented to him Bro. H. W. Ruff, S.W., and W. Master elect, to receive from him the benefit of installation. After the usual preliminaries, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Ruff was placed in the chair of K.S. as W. Master of the Eastern Star Lodge for the ensuing year. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. M. Ayres, S.W.; Wardell, J.W.; H. Ruff, S.D.; Macklin, J.D.; Davis, Treas.; Edinger, Sec.; Collier, I.G.; Marriott, D.C.; and Speight, Tyler. Bro. Hill then concluded the installation ceremony, delivering the addresses in a most impressive and correct manner, and at the termination was rewarded with unanimous applause, and it is only justice to him to remark that such a demonstration was well deserved. There being no other business the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, and when it is stated that the fare was served in Bro. Painter's best style, and for which the Ship and Turtle has long been famed, no more need be said on that head. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by the professional brethren, Bros. Wharton, Dutton, and Hanson, who had been specially engaged for the occasion. The W. Master said the first toast he had to propose was that of "The Queen," and on these occasions it was usual to couple with it "The Craft," which was drunk, followed by the "National Anthem." The W. Master said the next toast he had the pleasure to propose was "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." They all knew the great interest he took in everything connected with Freemasonry, and, therefore, any comment upon it was unnecessary. This, like the preceding toast, was enthusiastically responded to, followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales," which was sung in exquisite style by Bro. Hanson. The next toast was "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." The W. Master said all the brethren knew how well they performed their duties, and, therefore, he proposed the toast without further comment; which

was drunk cordially, and Bro. Wharton sung in first-class style an old ballad. Bro. Bonner, I.P.M., said it became his pleasing duty to propose the next toast, which he might call the toast of the evening, as it was "The Health of the W. Master," and very proud was he to see him in that position. The toast was well received, and the W. Master, in reply, said, after the very flattering remarks of their Immediate Past Master, he hardly knew how to respond to the terms he had been pleased to use towards him. He should only be too happy to do everything that he ought to do, and next year, when he had to give up the chair, he hoped that he should be able to give a good account, and to show them what he had done. He could assure them that he thanked them sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast, believing, as he did, that he possessed the good will of every member of the lodge. He had then to propose "The Health of Bro. Bonner, the Immediate Past Master," who had fulfilled the duties of the chair most creditably; had been most punctual in his attendance, and as they all knew the great interest he took in the lodge, he asked them to give him a good reception and an "Eastern Star fire." He had then a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present him with a Past Master's jewel, and, in attaching it to his breast, said he was justly entitled to it, and he hoped he might be long spared to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented Feb. 17th, 1880, by the brethren of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, to the W. Bro. E. Bonner, W.M., as a mark of esteem for the zeal and ability displayed by him as W.M., 1879." Bro. Bonner, I.P.M., said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks to the brethren for their very handsome present, and he should wear it with pleasure as long as he lived as coming from them. They were, indeed, a band of brothers, and when he received such a token from them it expressed to him a thousand times its intrinsic value, and he thanked them one and all for the honour they had conferred upon him. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of Bro. Hill, the Installing Master," and he felt sure that it must have been a great treat to all who had the privilege of witnessing the manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Hill, P.M., in reply, said he thanked the W. Master most heartily for the very flattering manner in which he had proposed the health of the Installing Master, and the members of the lodge for the way in which they had responded to the toast. He could assure them that it afforded him a great deal of pleasure, not only on that evening, but on other occasions, to install their W. Master. It gave him peculiar pleasure that evening to install Bro. Ruff, who carried with him their esteem and regard, and he felt assured that he would go through the duties of the lodge with credit to himself and the satisfaction of every member of it. He then, in very flattering terms, alluded to another pleasure he had that evening received in placing a collar of office on Bro. Collier; it was a red-letter day in the history of the lodge, and he hoped to have the privilege of installing him in the chair. "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was the next toast given, after which Bro. Hanson delighted the members by his rendering of a song. Bro. Marriott and several other Past Masters returned thanks, the former having been a member of the lodge ever since 1845. The W. Master said he had to propose the next toast with a great amount of pleasure, as it was "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge," for Bros. Davis and Edinger were two of the most energetic members of the lodge. Bro. Davis said it afforded him much pleasure to find that his services were so much appreciated by the members of the Eastern Star Lodge, he having been associated with the lodge for twenty-two years, and after that lapse of time it was gratifying to him to know that he had not lost their confidence, but if in the course of twenty years they could not find out a man's worth, they would never find it out at all. He spent the happiest moments of his life when assembled with his brethren round the tables of the Eastern Star Lodge, and he would always take care to afford them as much comfort as the funds would allow. He then, in feeling terms, alluded to the loss of one of the Past Masters of the lodge, whom they could ill afford to lose, but it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take him from them, and he remarked that he found old age creeping upon him, and the late cold weather and fogs had nearly done him up, but he felt great pleasure in coming amongst them that evening, knowing that he possessed their confidence, or they would not have elected him year after year as their Treasurer as they had done. Bro. Edinger also jocosely returned thanks for the honour they had conferred upon him. "The Visitors" was the next toast given, to which several of them responded, and Bro. Thompson in the course of his observations took occasion to refer to the manner in which Bro. Hill had performed the ceremony of installation, and remarked that after a somewhat lengthened career as a Mason he had never heard the ritual more impressively or correctly given, and thought the members of the Eastern Star had reason to be proud of having so talented a brother amongst them. Some other toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast brought a most interesting meeting to a close. The vocal arrangements were conducted by Bros. Dalton, Hanson, and Wharton.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The installation meeting of this compact lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel on Monday, the 23rd inst. Bro. Simson, J. Byng, I.P.M., performed the ceremony of installation in a faultless manner. At seven o'clock the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in Bro. Clemow's well-known style, which was of the most recherché character. The W.M., Bro. Taylor, stated, in reply to the toast of his health, that his sole anxiety was to further the interest of the lodge, and if the brethren would extend to him their kind support, as they had done to his predecessors, he had no doubt that

success would attend his efforts. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. S. J. Byng," and presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a very handsome Past Master's collar and badge, as a token of fraternal regard and appreciation of the brethren for the very able manner he had discharged the duty of the chair during the past year, owing to the absence of the W.M. through illness. Bro. S. J. Byng, in reply, stated that whatever labour the chair may have entailed, he was amply repaid by the success which had attended his efforts, and it was mainly owing to the kind indulgence and generous support he had received from one and all during the two years he had presided over them; but the brethren, in their generosity, thought fit to recognise his humble endeavours by presenting him with a handsome collar and badge; it was the most pleasing memento the brethren could have presented him. He should not prize it so much for its intrinsic value, but for the generous and kind feeling which so freely permeated every member of the lodge. Some excellent songs and recitations concluded a most pleasant evening.

PEGKHAM LODGE (No. 1475).—The seventh installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The lodge was opened a little after five p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Vickery, and, after the confirmation of the minutes and the reception of the auditors' report, which was very satisfactory, the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Henry Morgan, a candidate for initiation, and, on proving unanimous in his favour, the W.M. proceeded to initiate him into the light of Masonry. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Edwin Archdale Whitby, the S.W., who had been unanimously elected, was duly presented for installation, and, it being a *sine qua non* in this lodge that every W.M. shall install his successor, Bro. Vickery proved himself equal to the occasion, and in the most perfect and impressive manner, in the presence of a very large Board of Masters and P.M.'s, placed his successor in the chair of K.S., and saluted him as W.M. The brethren were then admitted in the several Degrees, and saluted the W.M., who proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year as follows:—Bros. D. Cannon, S.W.; Thomas Jackson, J.W.; W. G. Warren, P.M., Treasurer; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Secretary; W. C. Page, S.D.; F. Hilton, J.D.; Sayer, I.G.; Rose, D.C.; Watkins, P.M., W.S.; Harrison, Tyler. The Installing Master gave the three addresses in a most impressive and perfect manner. Ten guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Girls' School, and the lodge was then closed, the brethren adjourning to the large and commodious dramatic hall to banquet, which was served under the superintendence of the courteous proprietor, Bro. Oliver. After the cloth was cleared and grace sung, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in response to the toast of his health, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him by their unanimous vote, and assured them that ever since he first saw the light in this lodge, five years ago, he had been so much impressed with the influence of its teachings that he had endeavoured to show his appreciation by conforming to its laws and making himself master of its mysteries, and with the officers he had chosen to assist him in the management of the lodge he hoped to so carry on the duties of the office as to merit their appreciation. It may here be remarked that, contrary to usual custom, though in strict accordance with the Constitution, the W.M. had appointed his two Wardens and I.G. from the junior members, who had shown their proficiency by their readiness at all times to fill any vacant office that occurred during the past year, a course highly approved by all the brethren. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Jones, Lodge 1507; Bro. Garner, W.M. 975; Bro. Ross, W.M. 1216; and Bro. Thue, W.M. 1622, all of whom expressed their pleasure at the progress and prosperous condition of the lodge, and the perfect harmony that existed amongst the members. Bro. Jackson, the S.W., in replying for "The Officers," dwelt at considerable length on what he considered the duty of officers, and of the necessity of those who accepted office attending to their duties, as any failure in any one of them was likely to disarrange the whole of the ceremony, and render what would otherwise be a most impressive ceremony (the influence of which would ever be remembered with respect and awe) a mere sham. He was happy to say his brother officers were all zealous workers in the lodge of instruction, and had every confidence that they would, with himself, so discharge their duties as to gain the esteem of the brethren and the gratifying commendation of the W.M. The musical arrangements were under the direction of the Hon. Org., Bro. Stribling, assisted by the following excellent members of the lodge, who are ever ready with their excellent vocal talents to add to the enjoyment of the meetings: Bros. W. C. Page, W. G. Sayer, W. Taylor, Montgomery, and Voisey, who enlivened the evening with a well-selected programme. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. H. W. Gompertz, P.M. 1364; Charles Diamond, 1327; Thomas Grammant, S.D. 1559; W. E. Gompertz, jun., S.D. 869; John Jones, 1507; Bradley, 1329; Bro. Cowley, S.W. 1559; S. Davis, S.D. 879; Ward, 1622; W. C. Thue, W.M. 1622; Voisey, S.W., 1641; Briant, 1641; Linsey, 1632; G. P. Cotter, S.D. 1622; Addington, J.D. 217; Rush, S.D. 1351; J. Garner, W.M. 975; Cheese, J.W. 869; Coombe, 1185; Allan, 1506; and G. A. Taylor, P.M. 217.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. C. J. Scales, the chair was taken by Bro. Michael, P.M. and Secretary. There were present Bros. J. Douglass, P.M.; Side, S.W., W.M.; Stiles, J.W.; H. Stiles, J.D.;

G. Clark, I.G.; H. Lovegrove, D.C., as Secretary; T. Gilbert, jun., Steward; Daly, Tyler; Edmunds, Raney, Cruikshank, Killingback, Dimsdale, Musgrave, Perks, Parker, and many others. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Jones was impressively raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Burstow and Barnard were passed to the Second. The ballot having been taken for several candidates, three gentlemen, Messrs. M. J. Rowley, C. H. Everett, and F. J. Chant were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The W.M. having now arrived from a long journey, some routine business was transacted, and the lodge was then closed. The proceedings at the banquet table were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Musgrave, Stiles, Michael, and Kearns.

KING'S CROSS LODGE (No. 1732).—The anniversary meeting of this young lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday evening, the 21st inst., when a large assembly of brethren were present to witness the installation of Bro. J. T. Briggs as Worshipful Master. The lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M., assisted by Bros. J. T. Briggs, S.W.; Henry Stiles, J.W.; J. J. Michael, I.P.M., Treas.; F. Sainsbury, Sec.; H. Higgins, S.D.; Lewis Solomon, J.D.; J. Gorrige, D. of C.; L. Jacobs, I.G.; J. Daly, Tyler; C. B. Putland, Yates, J. Goodall, A. Hubbard, J. N. Broughton, A. Pawson, F. Fletcher, H. Cashmore, T. Dunsford, W. Pope, and a very large number of visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. Henry G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.; Sec. R.M. Boys' School; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. Clarke, G.D. of C. Norfolk; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. W. Knight, Past G.D. of C. Kent; J. Storey, Past G. Sup. of Works Kent; W. Kipps, Past G.O. Kent; T. Hyland, W.M. 201; C. W. Hudson, W.M. 315; Frank S. Rothschild, W.M. 1288; C. J. Scales, W.M. 1507; J. Douglass, W.M. 1744; Henry Lovegrove, W.M. 1777; A. M. Thomas, P.M. 134; J. Millis, P.M. 137; J. H. Leggett, P.M. 145; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; James Willing, jun., P.M. 177; 1507, 1744; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; S. L. Hickman, P.M. 188; G. Read, P.M. 511; J. J. Pope, P.M. 946; T. Puzey, P.M. 1107; John Wyer, P.M. 1314; John M. Chamberlin, P.M. 1319; Geo. Pike, P.M. 1478; W. Side, S.W. 1507; E. E. Barratt Kidder, J.W. 12; J. G. Humphrey, J.D. 167; J. A. Smith, J.D. 1269; Augustus Holt, D. of C. 1744; P. E. Van Norden, Org. 188; F. W. Sillis, Org. 1744; E. Storr, 167; F. Silvester, 193; G. Pauling, 828; A. T. Chambers, 950; J. B. Edwards, 861; G. Beattie, 1507; H. Dimsdale, 1507; T. C. Edmonds, 1507; T. Gilbert, jun., 1507; J. W. Little, 1507; T. M. Ormiston, 1507; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. N. Broughton and Jonas Goodall having been properly prepared, were raised to the Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being impressively given by the W.M., Bro. Stiles. After the report of the Audit Committee had been received, Bro. John Tipping Briggs was presented, and in the presence of a Board of twenty-nine Masters installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom, the whole of the ceremonies being performed by Bro. W. M. Stiles with an amount of impressiveness and elocutionary power seldom equalled; Bro. James Terry, acting as M.C.; Bro. Cubitt, as S.W.; and Bro. Knight, as J.W. The officers appointed and invested were: Bros. Henry Stiles, S.W.; Henry Higgins, J.W.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Treas.; F. Sainsbury, Sec.; L. Solomons, S.D.; L. Jacobs, J.D.; G. H. Gorrige, I.G.; C. B. Putland, D. of C.; R. H. Deighton and Yates, Stewards; and J. Daly, Tyler. The customary addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were then delivered, at the conclusion of which Bro. Past Master Kingham rose to move that the heartiest thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Stiles, their Immediate Past Master, and that the same be entered on the minutes, for the highly satisfactory manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, performed in such a manner as to gain the admiration of all the brethren who had the privilege of witnessing so perfect a ceremony. The ceremony had been performed in the presence of a Board of twenty-nine Installed Masters, who were unanimous in their praise of Bro. Stiles's rendering of that part of the ritual. After a few remarks from the W.M., the motion was carried unanimously. The following motion was then submitted: "That the annual subscription to the lodge be raised from £2 10s. to £3 3s." This was also carried unanimously. The W.M. then rose and said that a very pleasing duty devolved upon him, namely, to present to Bro. Stiles the jewel that had been awarded him by the lodge; never was a brother more deserving of a jewel and the respect of the lodge. It was with great pride and pleasure that he invested Bro. Stiles as a Past Master of the King's Cross Lodge, feeling assured that he would always feel that same interest for the lodge that he had always exhibited. Bro. Stiles, in a brief reply, sincerely thanked the brethren for the jewel, which he said would always remind him of a very happy year of office. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an admirable banquet, served in Bro. Clemow's well-known excellent style, and to which full justice was done. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said, and the several toasts followed.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The Festival of St. John in connection with the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, was held at the New Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on Thursday, 19th inst., when Bro. Frederick Haines McCalmont, the retiring S.W., P.M. 1112, and P.P.G.R. of the Province of Oxford, was installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. Hickman, the D.P.G.M. of the province, in the presence of a large number of the brethren. The newly-installed W.M. ap-

pointed his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Bone, I.P.M.; W. J. Hickman, P.M., S.W.; A. Paris, J.W.; W. Furber, P.M., Treasurer; E. T. Howell, P.M., Secretary; Henry Lashmore, S.D.; J. D. Barford, P.M., J.D.; H. P. Aslatt, D.C., E. Gayton, I.G.; and Biggs and Vane, Tyler and Assistant Tyler. The banquet which followed was provided by Bro. T. Dartnall, of the High-street, the W.M. presiding.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The installation of Bro. Samuel N. Berry as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, St. Giles-street, on the 29th ult. Among the visitors present were Bros. H. G. Barwell, P.G.S.; G. Brittain, P.G.O.; J. Franklin Yarmouth, P.P.G.P.; J. Dunsford, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Isley, P.G.D.C.; H. Youngman Bridgeman, J. E. H. Watson Mills, P.P.G.S.B.; Euren, P.G.I.; Manning, Rawlings, and Jas. Berry (Boston), A. H. Santy, Baldwin, Kersey, Reeve, Brockbank, M. Bailly, B. G. Woodhouse, and others. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. A. Berry, brother of the W.M., assisted by Bro. R. Baldry, Bro. Campling, P.M., acting as D.C. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Green, S.W.; L. Butters, J.W.; F. J. Hunt, S.D.; W. Chambers, J.D.; H. Rosling, I.G.; G. Baxter, Sec.; R. A. Madge, Org.; J. W. Lacey, Treas.; Murrell, Tyler; and then passed two brethren to the Second Degree in a very able and impressive manner. The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, and the evening was enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Brockbank and Baldry. In the course of the evening the I.P.M., Bro. E. Pankhurst, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in acknowledgment of his efficient working of the lodge.

CREWKERNE.—Parrett and Axe Lodge (No. 814).—The festival of St. John was celebrated at the George Hotel, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when Bro. Tompsett was reinstated W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Else, D.P.G.M. of Somerset, and the W.M. afterwards appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Ireland, S.W.; E. Coombs, J.W.; J. Budge, Treasurer; J. Wheatley, Sec.; Strongfellow, S.D.; Lawrence, J.D.; T. E. Lyc; I.G.; Rugg, Organist; Nosworthy, D.C.; and Coombs and Lyall, Stewards. The banquet was held at the George Hotel, when the attendance was smaller than usual. Bro. Tompsett presided, and the usual Masonic and other toasts were proposed and drunk. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Harris, who for the last twenty years has rendered invaluable assistance to the lodge, and who is now about to remove to Axminster. The presentation was made by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged. The W.M. was thanked for having presented to the lodge a handsome silk banner, bearing the arms of Crewkerne. He returned thanks in appropriate terms.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst. The W.M., Bro. Fletcher Hodgson, presided, and was supported by his officers, viz., Bros. J. S. Braithwaite, S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, J.W.; Robt. Twentyman, Sec.; George Smith, S.D.; J. McGill, J.D.; John Angus, I.G.; James Salisbury, P.P.G.T.; Tyler; James McGowan and Samuel Blenkhorn, Stewards; John Spittal, P.M. and Treas.; Thomas Bell, P.M.; W. B. Cowman, P.M.; Thomas Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; James Winter, John Sewell, John Cornthwaite, David Greweock, Thomas Glessall, John Spedding, T. H. Nesbitt, 1242; Tynwald, Lodge Isle of Man; W. H. Rayson, 119. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. John Spedding, who had been regularly initiated into Masonry, having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the candidate having been re-admitted, was duly passed to the Degree of F.C., the W.M. performing worthy of an older Master. The lodge was then reduced to the First Degree, when Bro. Spittal, Treas., presented his balance-sheet of the income and expenditure of the lodge for last year, when it was pleasing to note that, apart from the fact that no initiations had been, there was a good balance in hand, and were it not the case that 872 has a little cloud hanging over it which is gradually being reduced, there are few lodges, if any, in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland would hold a better position. A vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Spittal for the very careful balance-sheet he had prepared, and Bro. James McGowan having been presented with his Grand Lodge certificate, there being nothing further but "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in due form and good harmony at nine o'clock. One hour was afterwards spent in a very pleasant way, the W.M., among others, favouring with his ever charming song. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 18th inst. at the Pump Room. The W.M., Bro. H. D. M. Williams, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. H. Hodgkin, S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; J. Dunkley, S.D.; C. Graham, acting J.D.; Cheale, I.G.; A. Boorman, Org.; G. Strange, Tyler; B. S. Wilmot, P.M.; P.G.R. Kent; F. W. Stone, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent; G. Farrer, Beeching, Clifford, Richardson, Buss, Jackson, Westbrook, Thos. Kilham, W. J. Biggs, and others. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting, also the emergency meeting, were read, confirmed, and duly signed by the Worshipful Master. The ballot was taken for two candidates, which was unanimous in favour of their admission, and being in attendance, were very impressively initiated by the W.M. The lodge was opened in the

Second Degree, when Bros. Buss, Jackson, Westbrook, Kilham, and Biggs, candidates for raising, having replied to the usual questions, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and these five brethren raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Upon the conclusion of this ceremony, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. This being election meeting, Bro. W. H. Hodgkin, P.M. 1678, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, as were also Bros. W. S. Elers, P.M., re-elected Treas., and G. Strange, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Bacon, P.M., the usual four guinea jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. Hodgkin informed the lodge that the net proceeds of the ball were thirty guineas, and proposed that ten guineas be given to each of the three institutions in the name of the W.M. It was proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks be given to Bros. Wilmot and Hodgkin, for their indefatigable services in making the ball such a grand success, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Carried unanimously. On Bro. Wilmot, P.M., bringing on his motion, viz., "That the time has now come for the services of Bro. Elers, P.M., as Treasurer, to be considered, also our worthy Secretary," it was resolved that the W.M. and officers of the lodge do form themselves into a committee to consider the best way to recognise the valuable services both officers have contributed to the lodge. Several other small matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren sat down to banquet, which proved most enjoyable after being four hours in lodge. We most cordially congratulate the W.M., Bro. Williams, on his very successful year of office, and we quite think, as he does, that it has been a labour of love to him, and the accession of brethren to the lodge must be very gratifying, not only to himself, but every brother connected with the welfare of the lodge.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—At the meeting of this lodge, on Monday last, Bro. C. G. Padel, W.M., in the chair, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., read a paper on the various systems practised by the Ancients, and known as "mysteries;" pointing out the many curious analogies to be found between them and the system of Freemasonry. The reading of the paper was followed by several speeches by members of the lodge on points raised in the paper, and after a reply from the lecturer, a hearty vote of thanks was passed. Several presentations of books, &c., from Bros. C. E. Meyer, W. J. Hughan, T. B. Whytehead, and others were made to the lodge library, which concluded the formal business of the lodge.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—This chapter met on the 14th inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. Among those present were Comps. George Everett, M.E.Z.; W. Mann, P.Z., J., acting H.; T. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., S.N., acting J.; Higgins, S.E.; Bingemann, P.S.; Speedy, 1st Assistant; Webb, 2nd Assistant; Daly, Janitor. Comp. J. Nunn, P.Z., was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. C. H. Köhler, W.M. 1381; H. Marston, S.D. 1381; W. J. Cooper, 1668; and A. E. Pakeman, 1381, and, it proving to be unanimous, the first three-named brethren were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, the ceremony being well performed. The election of officers then took place, with the following unanimous result:—Comps. Mann, M.E.Z.; Walls, H.; Higgin, J.; Everett, jun., S.E.; G. Everett, Treasurer; Bingemann, S.N.; Speedy, P.S. The election of Janitor was postponed. A notice of motion by Comp. W. Mann, "That the future convocations of this chapter be held on the first Thursday in the months of February, April, September, and November, instead of the second Saturday, as heretofore," was fully discussed, and eventually carried, nem. con. The Audit Committee having been appointed, Comp. Mann moved, and Comp. Walls seconded, the following resolution, which was carried with acclamation—"That a Past Principal's jewel should be presented to Comp. Everett, in recognition of his services as a founder and first M.E.Z. of the Kennington Chapter." The convocation was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent collation. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary preliminary toasts were done full justice to. In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," Comp. Mann said that the companions were so well acquainted with the services of Comp. Everett to the cause of the Craft in general, and the Royal Arch Degree in particular, that it would be an act of superfluity for him (the speaker) to enlarge upon them. The M.E.Z. was the originator of the idea of founding a chapter in connection with the Kennington Lodge, and they would all agree with him, that during his year of office their First Principal had carried out the duties of his position most ably. In concluding his remarks Comp. Mann trusted that, notwithstanding Comp. Everett had retired from the active duties of the chair, he would continue for many years to come to give No. 1381 the benefit of his countenance and the aid of his valuable services. This toast having been warmly received, the M.E.Z., in reply, expressed his thanks to Comp. Mason for the very flattering manner in which he had proposed his health. He had during his year of office striven conscientiously to do his best for the chapter, and he was pleased to think that his poor efforts had been appreciated. In conclusion, he said that he hoped in the new rôle of Treasurer to give the same amount of satisfaction to them as they had been pleased to say he had done in the character of First Principal. "The Exaltees" followed, and this toast was briefly acknowledged by Comps. Köhler and Cooper. "The Health of the Visitor" came next in order, and it was duly honoured by Comp.

Nunn. The remaining toasts, viz., "The Second and Third Principals," "The Officers," and the Janitors, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

HEREFORD.—Palladian Chapter (No. 120).—At the annual convocation of the Palladian Royal Arch Chapter, held at the Green Dragon Hotel, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., the following companions were installed and invested by M.E. Comp. Captain G. S. Homfray, Grand Standard Bearer of England, and Prov. Grand H. Mon.: Comps. Rev. G. Thistlethwaite Smith, M.E.Z.; Henry Gurney, P.Z.; H.; Theophilus Lane, J.; Orlando Sheldar, P.Z.; Treasurer; William Rowe, S.E.; Richard Hayes, S.N.; J. E. Stower Hewett, P. Prov. G. S.E., P.S.; Edw. Gregg, 1st Asst. S.; James Rycroft, 2nd Asst. S.; Emanuel James, re-elected Janitor. The installation ceremonies were admirably and most impressively performed. A Past P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Lane in recognition of his services for several years as S.E. After closing the chapter in ancient form the companions and their visitors retired to a banquet prepared for the occasion.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on the 18th inst., at the Middleton Hotel. Comp. James Willing, jun., P.Z. 1507, M.E.Z., presided. The candidate for exaltation being unavoidably absent, the companions proceeded to the election of Principals and other officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, viz., Comps. Rev. H. J. Hatch, M.E.Z.; W. Pissey, H.; E. Judd, J.; J. A. Wardell, P.Z., Scribe E.; J. R. Hemmann, Scribe N.; G. F. Jones, Prin. Soj.; A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas.; A. Martin, Janitor. There were also present Comps. E. E. Phillips, P.Z.; Rev. A. F. Heaton; F. R. Bernard, H. Beecher, H. Briggs, H. Luker, W. J. Belcham, A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Willing, M.E.Z., for his able services during his year of office. The chapter being duly closed, the companions adjourned to refreshment, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

FORTSMOUTH.—United Service Chapter (No. 1428).—The first annual meeting of this chapter to instal Principals was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on the 20th inst. The M.E.Z., Comp. J. R. Willson, being absent from indisposition, the chapter was opened by M.E. Comps. G. F. Lancaster, P.Z. 903, P.P. G.P. Soj., as Z.; Townsend, H.; Lind, J.; Woodward, Scribe E.; Johns, P. Soj., and others. Visitors: M.E. Comps. H. M. Emanuel, P.Z. 342, P.P.G.J.; G. S. Lancaster, P.Z. 487, P.P.G.J.; J. Wallingford, P.Z. 903, P.P. G.A. Soj.; Palsgrave, S.E. 487, P.G.S.B., and others. The minutes of last meeting and auditor's report having been approved, M.E. Comp. G. F. Lancaster, acting Z., then installed the Principals as follows: Comps. H. W. Townsend, Z.; J. Lind, H.; and J. Johns, J. The other officers were Comps. H. Woodward, Scribe E.; J. Leggett, S.N.; G. P. Arnold, P.P.G. Soj., P. Soj.; Laverty and Ferguson, A. Sojs.; Lancaster, Treas.; and Mansell, Janitor. The Installing Master gave the usual addresses to the officers and companions, and received a hearty vote of thanks for his services. Four brethren were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter closed. The members and their visitors afterwards dined together, and the usual toasts were honoured. This chapter started a year ago with ten members, which have since been increased to twenty-eight, a third of whom are commissioned officers in H.M. service.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 19th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street. Present: Bros. P. Dodgson, W.M.M.; E. G. Mitchell, S.W.; John Adair, J.W.; Fred. Harrison, O.; G. W. Thompson, M.O.; J. H. Banks, as S.O.; Jos. Abbott, as J.O.; Jas. Gardiner, P.P.J.G.W., P.M., as S.D.; Jos. Nicholson, P.P.S.G.W., P.M., Treas.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org., Organist; John Harrison, Tyler; and a goodly muster of brethren. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for a joining member from the S.C., and proved unanimously favourable. The brother being present, he duly and impressively received the O.B. of the Degree from Bro. Nicholson, who was assisted by Bro. Gardiner. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

Knights Templar.

WINCHESTER.—Egbert Preceptory.—This new preceptory was constituted on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Winchester. There were present the V. E. Prov. Prior, W. W. Beach, M.P.; Sir Knights W. Hickman and J. E. Le Feuvre, P.E.P.'s; F. H. McCalmont, E.P.; R. Osborne, Constable; and J. B. Thomas, of the Royal Gloucester Preceptory; R. W. Bradley, P.E.P.; R. L. Loveland, E.P.; G. F. Lancaster, Constable; Rev. — Palmer; and A. G. P. Wilks, of the Royal Naval Preceptory No. 2. The ceremony of constitution was ably conducted by the Prov. Prior, and Sir Knight Hickman was then installed as E.P. of the new preceptory by Sir Knight Bradley. Sir Knight Loveland subsequently assumed command, and introduced to the Degree Comp. E. D. Godwin; Sir Knight Bradley acting as Expert. Votes of thanks were given to the Prov. Prior and Sir Knights Bradley and Loveland for their services. The officers appointed were Sir Knights McCalmont, Constable; Le Feuvre, Marshal; and Godwin, Treasurer and Registrar. The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, and after the usual toasts the company separated at an early hour.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

Business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd March, 1880.—

1. The regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.
2. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd December, 1879, and of the Especial Grand Lodge of the 17th January, 1880, will be read and put for confirmation.
3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
5. The M.W.G. Master will move—"That this Grand Lodge do contribute the sum of five hundred pounds, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, towards the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund, for the relief of distress in Ireland, and that the same be at once paid to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, P.G. Steward, M.W. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, for the purposes of the said fund."
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:—

The petition of a brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, which was referred back by Grand Lodge on the 3rd, December, 1879, was re-considered, and that brother was again recommended for a grant of...	£100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro	100 0 0
A brother of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, Gloucester	100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, London	100 0 0
A brother of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth	75 0 0
A brother of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W.	50 0 0
A brother of the Union Lodge, No. 310, Carlisle	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cocker-mouth	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 205, Keighley	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of the Three Graces, No. 408, Haworth	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, London	75 0 0

7. Report of the Board of General Purposes. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes report as follows:—
(1.) It having come to the knowledge of the Board that the freehold premises Nos. 57 and 58, Great Queen-street, adjoining Freemasons' Hall, were about to be sold by auction, it was thought desirable to acquire the same at a fair price, and it was referred to the Premises Committee to take steps accordingly. In result the premises were purchased for £3500 and £3000 respectively, and have since been duly conveyed to the Trustees of Grand Lodge.

(2.) The Board have by their Premises Committee given very careful consideration to the requirements of the three Masonic Benevolent Institutions for further office accommodation, and having acquired the necessary land in the rear of the present offices have obtained from the Grand Superintendent of Works plans, which they learn are acceptable to the Institutions, and estimates for carrying out the same at a cost of £2500, which, added to the £1500, the cost of the land, will enable the Board to provide for the three offices space and accommodation of about three times the amount now furnished, the rent for the same being re-arranged at something under that proportion. The Board will also, if Grand Lodge approves, have the opportunity of providing a spacious muniment room in the basement at a cost estimated by the Grand Superintendent of Works at £450, which will be available at a reasonable rental to the various lodges meeting at Freemasons' Hall.

(3.) The Board have also obtained an estimate from the Grand Superintendent of Works for the necessary works to be done to render the library available as an office for the Grand Secretary. The amount of this is £75.

(4.) The period having fully arrived when painting and cleaning must be done to the whole interior of Freemasons' Hall, the Board have given their careful consideration, and by their direction the Grand Superintendent of Works has considered the subject, not only with reference to the general reparation positively necessary, but also importing into it a moderate amount of appropriate decoration, the cost of the whole of which he estimates at £3000; although this sum may appear large the Board feel satisfied that, looking at the extent of the premises, it would be a reasonable outlay for very necessary work.

(5.) The Board feel it as much a duty as a pleasure to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the services rendered by Bro. H. G. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary, during the illness and absence of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, and after his resignation until the appointment of the present Grand Secretary; and they unanimously recommend that in consideration of the assiduous manner in which these services were performed a gratuity of 150 guineas be paid to Bro. Buss.

(6.) The Board have to report the Masonic misconduct

of Lodge No. 1605, in passing a brother with an interval of twenty-three days only after his initiation. They ordered that the brother in question be re-obligated, and the lodge was fined £2 2s. and admonished.

(7.) The attention of the Board had been emphatically drawn to the frequent occurrence in new lodges of brethren (other than petitioners) being permitted to join on the night of consecration without ballot, and of course without previous proposition, as enjoined by the Constitutions; and directions have been given that an unmistakable intimation of the illegality of such a proceeding shall accompany the delivery of every new warrant.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
17th February, 1880.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th February inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4087 17s. 6d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s., and £22 14s. 5d. in the hands of the Solicitor of the Society.

The President will move:—

1. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.
2. That the various works mentioned in the report be carried out, and that it be referred back to the Board to execute the same in accordance with the estimates submitted.
3. That the recommendation in paragraph five of the report, with reference to the Assistant Grand Secretary, be adopted.
8. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1879.

9. Proposed motions:—

1. By Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence:—

That the following additions be made to the Book of Constitutions, Fund of Benevolence:—

17. Until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct, one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.
18. Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four Trustees for each School, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the Treasurer of each School.
19. The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each School, may apply the dividends of the funds respectively appropriated to the School for the benefit of children who have been at the School during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment, or in applying any sum granted by annual instalments for a limited period for the benefit of those proceeding to any school, college, or university.
20. No sum exceeding £25 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child without the consent of the Quarterly Court of the School; and such Court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said fund.

That the Constitutions, No. 3 Fund of Benevolence, be amended by adding, after the word "shall" in the second line, the words "except as provided for by Clauses 17, 18, 19, and 20."

2. By Bro. George J. McKay, P.M. No. 129, Kendal.

"To move the non-confirmation of that part of the minutes of Grand Lodge held last December, so far as it relates to Bro. James Stevens' motion."

3. By Bro. James Stevens, P.M. No. 720.

"To nominate the following brethren to form the Committee of enquiry into and report upon the present systems of Masonic working, in accordance with the vote of Grand Lodge on the 3rd of December last, viz.:—Bros. Rev. C. W. Arnold, D.P.G.M., Surrey; Thomas J. Barnes, P.M., East London; E. T. Budden, P.M., Dorset; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., N. and E. Yorks; Thomas Howkins, P.M., Warwickshire; F. H. Wilson Iles, D.P.G.M., Herts; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., Suffolk; C. L. Mason, Prov. G. Treasurer, West Yorks; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.W., Greece; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, London; J. Brooks Smith, Prov. G. Treasurer, Gloucester; James Stevens, P.M., London; Butler Wilkins, P.P.G.M., Norths and Hunts."

NEW LODGES.

LIST OF LODGES FOR WHICH WARRANTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER SINCE THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE. No. 1853, Caxton Lodge, Freemasons' Hall. 1854, Weald of Kent Lodge, Tenterden, Kent. 1855, St. Maurice Lodge, Plympton, Devon.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. William H. Wilkins, Past G. Stwd., and P.M. of No. 21, solicitor, of 10, Swithin's-lane, after a short illness.

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BRIGHTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE WITH MASONIC RITES.

On Friday, the 20th inst., the foundation stone of the new permanent Children's Hospital, in the Dyke-road, Brighton, was laid with Masonic rites, by the Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, and as the Masonic body attended in great force, the gathering was a very brilliant and imposing one.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at 11.30 in a special lodge-room arranged at the hospital. The following were present: Sir W. W. Burrell, Prov. G.M.; J. H. Scott, Prov. D.G.M.; C. R. Burrell, Prov. S.G.W.; H. Davey, Prov. J. G.W.; E. Richards Adams, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; C. Woolley, Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; G. T. Evershed, Prov. J.G.D.; O. N. Wyatt, Prov. G.S. of W.; E. Martin, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; A. J. Hawkes, Prov. G.S.B.; A. King, Prov. G. Org.; F. J. Rubie, Prov. G.P.; E. Stone, Prov. G. Steward; T. Manns, Prov. G. Steward; C. R. Chandler, Prov. G. Steward; C. J. Smith, Prov. G. Steward; W. H. German, P.M. 1466, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Marchant, P.M. 315, P.P.A. D.C. E. Carpenter, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Hudson, P.P.J.D.; R. R. Eaton, G.L. of Scotland; M. B. Tanner, P.M. 811, Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon; W. T. Neil, W.M. 1636; P.P.J.P.; T. Iawson, P.P.G.S.W.; D. Smith, P.P.G. J.W.; J. Eberall, P.P.G.P.; T. H. Crouch, P.P.G. J.D.; C. C. Spreight, P.M. 27, P.G. Tyler; G. Smith, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts, Sec. R.M. Ben. Institution; J. M. Reed, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; J. Dixon, P.M. 271, P.P.G.S.W.; C. G. Reed, P.M. 732, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Kirkland, W.M. 1110, P.P.G.P.; C. Tomkinson, P.P.G. S.W.; B. H. H. Birchell, P.M. 975 and 916, Sussex, P.P. G.S.B. Herts; J. W. Stride, P.P.G.J.W.; T. W. Hillman, P.P.G.S.B.; J. L. Bridgen, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 732; H. A. Dowell, J.W. 1466; J. Harrison, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; G. Ford, P.M. 271, P.P.G.S.D. Leicestershire; R. P. B. Taaffe, P.M. 811, P.P.G.D.C.; G. De Paris, P.M. 811, P.P.G.S.D.; G. W. McWhinnie, P.M. 1466; J. B. Sargent, J.W. 1184; A. Brazier, I.G. 1829; R. B. Powell, 1829; G. Courtney, 1829; B. Lomax, I.G. 811; W. Pratt, 1797; J. F. Eyles, 315; J. Large, 1829; S. Peters, 311; B. Burfield, 1821; J. Dayson, Org. 1797; E. Broadbridge, Sec. 1636 and 1797; J. Dennant, J.D. 271; H. S. Gates, D.C. 1636; G. Cole, J.D. 1636; H. F. Hauxwell, S.W. 732; C. W. Tornes, J.W. 1110; J. J. Gates, 1829; F. W. Otter, S.D. 1465; W. T. Clarke, 315, and J.W. 1829; C. Briscoe, P.M. 311; S. Denman, 732; T. Packham, S.W. 315; R. Allison, 1821; G. H. Day, P.M. 732; J. B. Hannay, 1821; T. White, P.M. 311; A. Holman, S.W. 311; G. E. Chapman, I.G. 311; R. R. Higham, J.D. 1829; G. Holman, 311; J. Robertson, S.W. 1821; W. Bodle, 1829; T. Chandler, 315; C. Wren, P.M. 315; T. Hardy, 1829; T. C. Woodman, J.W. 271; C. Vaughan, 732; H. Cheal, 1829; W. Swales, 1829; J. Curtis, W.M. 1799; S. D. Fursey, 1829; T. Munday, 1829; W. Gill, 1829; A. Morley, 1466; A. Burrows, Treasurer 1829; E. E. Street, W.M. 56; T. Francis, P.M. 56; A. Willington, 207; W. Anderson, Steward 315; G. R. Godfree, 315; G. R. Lockyer, J.D. 315; F. Sundius Smith, S.W. 271; J. T. Suter, P.M. 56; W. Nell, 732; A. Child, 736; H. Saunders, P.P.D. 315; G. L. Artis, 811; A. Smith, W.M. 38; E. Bridges, Secretary 1829; J. F. Cason, W.M. 732; A. Taylor, I.P.M. 1110; T. J. Emery, I.G. 56; J. P. M. Smith, W.M. 271; G. Vickers, 811; C. F. Lewis, J.W. 1465; H. Abbey, W.M. 811; B. Bennett, P.M. 732; T. Wilkinson, P.M. 271; C. W. Hudson, W.M. 315; A. Crook, 315; F. H. Kirkham, 315; G. Nash, Secretary 315; J. Sayers, 1636; F. Marks, Steward 1636; F. Gallop, 1636; W. Roe, Org. 1636; T. J. Holloway, 1829; G. S. Godfree, 1821; A. H. Thacker, 315; F. Downard, 315; H. Alexander F. Dowell, J.W. 1466; G. Hawkes, 1350; F. Rossiter, 40; H. J. Emmerson, 40; J. Ridge, I.G. 315; H. Langton, Steward 271; R. Paige, Steward 1821; L. Grandel, 315; C. J. Carter, 315; W. O. Cheesman, 1636; T. Billing, 732; S. W. Downard, 315; W. A. Tooth, 1821; H. Downard, 315; F. Woodin, 271; S. Solomon, P.M. 732; T. Hughes, Tyler; H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler; W. H. Gibson, J.W. 1636; P. Pidcock, P.M. 916; and H. Hall, Tyler 311.

The lodge having been adjourned,

The Provincial Grand Lodge then formed in procession, and proceeded to the grounds where the ceremony was performed.

Bro. W. Percival Boxall, the Chairman of the Building Committee, in asking Bro. Sir Walter Burrell to perform the ceremony, spoke of the sympathies that had been enlisted by him, as shown by the large company that was present, and, after giving a succinct history of the Institution from its commencement to the present, in conclusion said that they believed they were carrying out a large and necessary work, and trusted that that Great Power which ruled over them would permit them to meet again when the building was finished, and join in rejoicing over their success.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Vincent P. Freeman, read the inscription on the stone, which was as follows:

"This foundation stone was laid with Masonic rites on the 20th February, 1880, by the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex. Building Committee: W. Percival Boxall, Vice-President, Chairman, R. P. B. Taaffe, M.D., S. F. G. Bythesca, G. S. Kempson, Thomas Calvert, M.A., T. Leigh."

The Provincial Grand Treasurer next deposited the memorials and records in the cavity of the foundation stone. The parchment scroll was prepared by Mr. Leggatt, of Grenville-place, and it was enclosed in a tin case and placed in a bottle together with various coins of the realm,

copies of the *Sussex Daily News* and other papers, and a bronze medal given by Mr. W. P. Boxall, and having upon it on one side the inscription "Foundation stone of Children's Hospital, laid the 20th February, 1880;" and on the other Mr. Boxall's name and coat of arms.

An anthem was sung by the choir, under the direction of Bro. Alfred King, Prov. G.O., during which the stone was lowered with three distinct stops, the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master standing to the east of the stone, with the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, having the square in his right hand. The Prov. Grand Wardens stood to the west with the level and plumb rule. The Prov. Grand Master proved the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, and then gave three knocks with the mallet, and proclaimed, amidst great applause, "I declare this stone well and truly laid." The mallet used was the historic instrument (of English oak) which was used by Charles II. at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Cathedral of St. Paul's; architect, Bro. Sir Christopher Wren. It was lent for the occasion by the Lodge of Antiquity, and was in special charge of an officer of that Court. The Prov. Grand Master next received the corn, the wine, and the oil from the attendant officers. The corn was first strewn over the stone, the R.W. Prov. G.M. saying, "I sprinkle corn as an emblem of plenty and abundance." The wine and oil were then poured over the stone, in accordance with ancient custom, Sir Walter saying, "I sprinkle wine as an emblem of joy and happiness," and "I sprinkle oil as a symbol of unanimity and concord."

The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master then said: Bro. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, brethren, ladies, and gentlemen—We have met this day, as you have already been told, to lay the foundation stone of this charity for the benefit of the sick children who may be brought here. This institution was first formed, I believe, very much through the exertions of Bro. Taaffe and my old friend, Mr. Percival Boxall, in 1868, and it is under the patronage of the Duchess of Cambridge and that most popular princess of England, Princess Mary of Teck. (Applause.) First of all it took up its residence in Western-road, when they were only able to provide three beds for sick children. In 1870, however, they formed a building fund, which in a very short time amounted to £1850. They then removed to the Church-hill School-house, which was offered for sale for £5000, and this is that very schoolhouse that we now see opposite to us. Now, a part of that purchase money was allowed to remain standing on mortgage for a certain space of time, but in the course of the year 1871 they paid off £3633, and in 1874 they paid off the rent of the purchase money, and are now in possession of this house, which has a capacity for providing forty beds. In 1878 the hospital had money invested in the Savings' Bank to the amount of £2638, after having paid the purchase money, amounting to £5000; and what I wish to draw your attention more especially to is this, the extraordinary progress the hospital has made, and the good it has done in the course of the last eight or nine years. In 1869 they admitted fifty-three in-patients and relieved 718 out-patients; in 1870 they admitted forty-five in-patients and relieved 831 out-patients; in 1871 they admitted ninety-four in-patients and relieved 949 out-patients; in 1872, 95 in-patients were admitted and 980 out-patients were attended; in 1873, 92 in-patients were admitted and 812 out-patients were relieved; in 1874, 107 in-patients were admitted and 755 out-patients were attended; in 1875, there were 119 in-patients and 703 out-patients; in 1876, 139 in-patients were admitted and 639 out-patients were attended; in 1877, these were 151 in-patients and 706 out-patients; in 1878, 103 in-patients were admitted and 1027 out-patients were relieved; and in 1879, they admitted 221 in-patients and attended 1237 out-patients (applause), so that they admitted in the course of those years 1308 in-patients and relieved 9300 out-patients, and have done a vast deal of good to the tune of at least ten thousand patients. Now, gentlemen, I don't know that I can say much more if I were to preach all day to you on this most excellent charity. I remember hearing a story once of a certain celebrated Dean of Dublin, who preached a very long charity sermon, and he talked everybody out of the church, and got no collection. (Laughter.) The next year he had to preach the same charity sermon, and he took for his text that passage you all know, "He that giveth unto the poor lendeth to the Lord." Having given out his text, he said, "Now, my dear brethren, you have heard the text; down with the dust!" (Laughter.) I shall therefore say no more; the charity speaks for itself, and I hope it may do much good for the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, and for the benefit of all the sick children in this country. (Applause.)

Bro. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, said: Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, ladies, gentlemen, and brethren—it has been a great pleasure to the Prov. Grand Officers, and also, I am sure, to every Mason present, to have come here to-day, and to have assisted Sir Walter Burrell in the interesting ceremony he has just performed. It has been a great pleasure to us, because occasions like these place our ancient and honourable Fraternity in a more favourable light before the public than the public is generally disposed to regard it. The opinion held by those who are not Masons respecting Freemasonry is oftentimes far from complimentary, and sometimes very contemptuous. Of course, we cannot expect to be exempt from criticism; and if we will have our secrets, our signs, and our shibboleths—if we will meet in close-tyled lodges, where none but those who are initiated can possibly know what goes on, we must not be surprised if ridicule is thrown on our proceedings. But we are not only criticised and caricatured, we are censured and condemned. You all know the silly and even spiteful things that are said of us. We use red hot poker and play practical jokes; we meet together for no other purpose than to eat and drink; we dress ourselves up in foolish and fantastic garments; we

call ourselves by outlandish and ridiculous names; in fact, Freemasonry is altogether an absurd and ridiculous institution; nay, more, it is wicked and profane, because in the midst of our so-called rites and ceremonies we dare to offer up our impious prayers to the Almighty. I shall not now endeavour to reply to these charges, although it would be exceedingly easy to refute them, but the time at our disposal will not enable me to do so. Suffice it to say, that the great object which Freemasonry has in view is to promote charity in the truest sense of the word. The word charity is too often associated in our minds with no other meaning than benevolence and almsgiving. But the charity which has the approbation of heaven and of earth; which like its sister mercy is twice blessed; the charity which we are told on the authority of the Sacred Volume is the greatest of all virtues, has a far wider and deeper signification. It is easy enough, according to our means, to give money to the poor; but it is not so easy to love our enemies, to forgive those who injure us, to entertain kindly feelings towards those who are opposed to us, whether it be in opinion or interest, those who outstrip us in the race of life, or differ from us on points we deem to be essential. Yet this is the charity which Freemasonry inculcates. In striving to attain the higher excellence, however, we do not forget the usual acceptation of the word. Whilst in common with the rest of our countrymen we do enjoy good dinners, we also know how to train up the boys and girls of our poorer brethren into useful members of society, and when age or infirmity have crippled the energies and rendered powerless the hands which were wont to earn an honest livelihood, when death, too, bereaves the wife of her husband and leaves her to the solitariness of aged widowhood, we know how to spare these old people the overwhelming dread of approaching and inevitable poverty by affording them a home, or such assistance as will enable them to pass their declining years in peace and comfort. The annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Masons was held in London last week, and after a very good dinner the Stewards handed over to the funds of the Institution more than £12,000. Of that amount, owing to the spontaneous generosity of my Sussex brethren, which I shall ever remember with gratitude and gratification, I was able to take up the handsome donation of £610 10s. Besides supporting these three great Masonic Institutions, the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Old Men and Women's Institution, Freemasonry is not backward in responding to those appeals which are made to the country in times of public calamity. On several occasions the Grand Lodge of England has voted £1000 to the objects of those appeals, such as the Patriotic Fund, the Indian Famine Relief Fund, &c., &c. Our own little Province of Sussex, two years ago, voted £100 to the Indian Famine Fund. The Royal Clarence Lodge in this town for more than thirty years has annually subscribed £10 10s. to the local charities. It has now become an annual subscriber to this Children's Hospital, towards whose future success we hope to contribute by our presence here to-day. I do not tell you these things, ladies and gentlemen, in any spirit of vain-glory, but in vindication of our Order. There is a tradition that when the Temple of Jerusalem was completed, King Solomon, attended by a numerous retinue, went out to view it, and they were so struck with the excellence of the work that the King and all that were with him suddenly and simultaneously exclaimed, "O, wonderful Masons!" Now, glad should I be if any words of mine were to induce those of you who are not Freemasons to follow that wise man's example, so that whenever you hear of our good deeds, of which you were unaware, you will exclaim, not in satire, but in delightful surprise, "O, wonderful Masons!"

Bro. the Rev. E. Richards-Adams, Prov. Grand Chaplain, said he had no doubt that many came there that day not simply to watch the laying of the foundation stone, but, perhaps, somewhat with the idea that as they saw it laid, and saw the large gathering of Masons, they might gather something with regard to their secrets, and of those things that were hidden from them. It was wonderful that when people spoke so against Masonry they were among the first who were anxious to know what its secrets were. (Laughter.) He was sure there was not a lady present who, if she knew a Mason, had not endeavoured at some time or another to get him to tell what the secret was. (Renewed laughter.) They had been gratified, he was sure, that day at hearing what some of their great secrets were. They did not often speak of them; they answered to the words by their actions, but the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had told them some of their secrets, and he might say, as a Mason, some of their most important secrets. Therefore, they were secrets no longer, if they were the common property of them all. They were the secrets of doing good, and binding themselves together in one great brotherhood, not merely in name but in reality; and wherever a good work was to be done they might find a brother willing to join them in doing it. (Applause.) Those were some of the principles of Freemasonry, and before they closed that ceremony they hoped some of the spirit of Freemasonry would permeate amongst those who were not Masons, that they might come forward and help onward this work done for the little ones in a spirit of self-sacrifice, feeling that it was a work done not merely for the little ones, but that it was a work done in the name and on behalf of the Great Father of those little ones in heaven above. (Applause.)

Bro. R. P. B. Taaffe, M.D., addressing the assembly, said that his dreams on the previous night, and his first thoughts that morning, were of sunshine and ladies, of Masons and matrimony, and of children and money (laughter), but after the eloquent addresses that had been given to them he was afraid they would not be content with his. But he would do his best. He envied their Chairman that day in having the first word, but he was

fortunate enough to have that which was so dear to all ladies—the last word. (Renewed laughter.) He also envied Mr. Percival Boxall the privilege of handing the trowel to their Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master. He should very well have liked to have been in his (Mr. Boxall's) place, and he should then, instead of handing the trowel directly to Sir Walter Burrell, have placed it in the hands of the fairest and most amiable lady present, expecting Sir Walter, when he received it from the hands of that lady, to act in the manner of the knights of old, and salute her hands and cheeks most loyally. (Laughter.) He thought it was a happy thought of his to associate the ceremony of that day with the Masons of the county. They had been told that Masonry was associated with charity, and especially with children, and this being a children's hospital he thought it essential and appropriate to associate it with the Masons; not only with the Masons of Brighton, but of the county—for they all knew Freemasonry was extensive throughout the county. He thought they could not do better than obtain the sympathy of the Masons of the county on behalf of the Children's Hospital, for the benefits of the institution were not confined to Brighton only, but extended all over the county, and even over the world, for they knew no distinctions of colour or creed at the hospital. It had been said that in starting a matter of that kind at the present time they would be met with the cry, when they appealed for funds, that nothing could be given because of the depression of trade, but he would ask them all what better means were there of counteracting the depression than by starting a building of that kind, by which means they would draw money from the wealthy, and would give employment to the labourer and mechanic, and bring business to the small tradesmen. It had been said to him, that so long as they had a sort of private building on the Dyke-road, so long would they be unable to call on the sympathies of the public; but the moment they had a building that would be a lasting memorial to the founders of the institution the public would sympathise with them, and they would not want for funds. The present building was well adapted for their purposes at one time, but it had become dilapidated, and it was not for them to wait till the walls and roof fell down before commencing to build again, and they had, therefore, decided to erect a building, the foundation stone of which they had seen laid that day, and which he hoped would draw out the sympathies of the public.

Dr. Taaffe, at the conclusion of his remarks, laid upon the foundation stone the sum of forty-five guineas, which amount he said had been subscribed by Sir W. W. Burrell, who gave ten guineas, Lady Burrell, Miss F. L. Burrell, Miss F. Otter, Mr. F. E. Sawyer, Mr. James Saunders, and Mr. Councillor Booth, and a lady, each of whom gave five guineas. Mr. John Scott had also collected £15 15s. He invited those ladies who had purses to give to step forward and lay them on the stone. There was a ready response, each successive donation being cheered by the assembled spectators.

The givers of purses (nearly all of which were of the value of five guineas) were as follows:—The Mayor, Captain C. Raymond Burrell, Mrs. Nye Chart, Mrs. Kempson, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Eyles, Mr. Chas. Reed, Miss Freeman, Mrs. W. A. Tooth, Mrs. Smithers, Mrs. E. Beves, Mrs. Hardly, Mrs. Bythesca, and Mrs. Hibb, The total was £150.

A hymn was sung by the Masons' choir, and the Benediction closed what had proved a very impressive and interesting ceremony. After giving three cheers for Sir W. W. Burrell, the assemblage dispersed. The Masons returned in inverted procession to the temporary lodge-room. A collection was made "for the repairing of the broken column," in Masonic phrase, and this resulted in a sum of £15 for the Hospital Fund. On the motion of Bro. Councillor Wood, of Brighton, seconded by Deputy Prov. J. Henderson Scott, a vote of thanks was passed to the Lodge of Antiquity for the use of the historic mallet. The lodge was then closed. The attendance was one of the most numerous and influential remembered in connection with the Sussex province, and the readiness of the Freemasons of the district to forward the building of the hospital by every means in their power cannot be too warmly recognised. The band of the 5th Lancers, unfortunately, could not be present, though Colonel Whigham had kindly promised it; the cause of its absence was understood to be the illness of one of its members.

A public luncheon was subsequently held in the Royal Pavilion, to which ladies as well as gentlemen were invited. Upwards of a hundred guests were present.

During the luncheon Dr. Taaffe announced additional subscriptions to the amount of over £50, including Mr. James Ashbury, M.P., £26 5s.; Mr. E. Beves, £21; and Mr. O. P. M. Smith, £5 5s. Altogether the financial position of the new hospital is understood to stand something in this way:—Balance in hand, £2400; promises, £2000; subscriptions to the building fund, including the result of the proceedings, about £600.

BRO. SALA IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

George Augustus Sala is to be pitied. In his letters from South Carolina he complains that he finds it hard to get anything to "drink at the hotels beyond tea and coffee." He has been snubbed once or twice for asking for beer or claret in the coffee rooms, and he is now forced to put up with drinking water. Mr. Sala is at a loss to account for this extraordinary show of temperance. He thinks that perhaps it is to be attributed to the fact that "local option" prevails in certain districts of the Carolinas. Mr. Sala does not like it, yet he pays a handsome tribute to the Americans. He says that "in the hotels, from the grandest to the humblest, iced water, nothing but iced water, is the almost invariable rule at meal times. Now and again a guest may ask for a glass of milk; but that is all. After a while the foreigner accus-

tomed to drink a little wine, for the reasons mentioned by St. Paul, with his lunch or dinner, ceases for very shame to ask for anything to drink of a fermented nature." Mr. Sala can hardly credit his eyes, and he asks in doubting terms whether the end of all this temperance is hypocrisy. He goes on to say:—"The excessive costliness of European wines may of course have something to do with this wide-spread abstemiousness, but it has not everything to do with it. The beer of the country is good, and it should be cheap. Yet not one guest in twenty drinks so much as half-a-pint of lager beer with his dinner. I have sometimes thought that this excessive temperance at meal times is due to the wonderful courtesy shown by the Americans towards the fair sex. They very rarely even smoke in the presence of ladies; and as the ladies are really and unmistakably, as a rule, total abstainers, and look on our drinking customs with sheer horror, it may be that an American gentleman thinks it ungalant to drink anything stronger than water in a lady's company." This is a very handsome tribute to the Americans, and we gladly reproduce it.—*Liverpool Echo.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The re-installation of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of Monmouthshire, Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, was held at the Masonic Hall, Abergavenny, on the 10th inst., under the banner of the St. John's Lodge, No. 214; two o'clock p.m. being the time appointed for its opening.

This was preceded by the meeting of the St. John's Lodge at 11 a.m., when Bros. Hier Jacob, George Wm. Shackleton, Samuel Osborne Pegler, Jno. Gearing Thomas, Thomas Harrill Tomkins, Benjamin Edgar Hodgens, and Leonard James Browne, all of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 818, were duly advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., by the retiring W.M. of No. 214, Bro. Thos. Harry.

The next item on the agenda of the day's proceedings was not the least interesting feature, viz., the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, W. Bro. Crawshay Bailey, P.G.M. Reg. Mon., the ceremony of installation being conducted by our well-beloved Bro. W. Captain S. George Homfray, Past G.S.W. of Mon., and Deputy G.M.M.M. designate Mon., whose well-known skill in the art left nothing to desire in the minds of all who had the pleasure of witnessing it, and a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him. An adjournment from labour was called, and at two p.m. the lodge having re-formed, the R.W. the P.G.M.M., Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, his officers, and the other members of Provincial Grand Lodge were received according to ancient custom, together with the presiding Grand Officer and other distinguished brethren of the Mark Degree.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was opened in due form, the P.G.M.M.M. presiding, when there were present:—

Bro. the R.W. the Rev. C. Raikes Davy, P.G.M.M.M. for the Province of Gloucester, who officiated as Installing Master; W. Bro. Captain S. George Homfray, Deputy P.G.M.M. designate; V.W. Bros. Col. Charles Lync, D.P. G.M.M.M. Mon.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.W. of Eng.; W. Bro. Wm. Watkins, P.G.J. Mark W. and G. Std. Eng.; Bro. Crawshay Bailey, P.G.M. Reg. Mon.; Rev. James Pugh, P.G.M. Chap.; Rev. H. Jones, P.G.M. Chap., 185; Theophilus Rees, 818; James A. T. Meud, 818; J. Emes Steele, 818; Joseph Partridge, 683; G. H. Gowier, P.M. 818; James Harraway, 818; J. H. Howard, 818; W. Saunders, 818; W. White, J.D. 214; W. R. Evans, J.W. 818; Thomas Delafield, J.O. 214; G. J. Jacob, 109; Hartley Feather, W.M. 1258; J. P. Fowler, P.G.J.D.; F. F. Pritchard, 185; C. H. Rice Harris, P.G. l. of Works; Nichol Bradley, P.P.G.S.O.; J. A. Sheppard, M.O. 185; George A. Browne, P.G.S.W.; John Lewis P.P.G.S.O.; Walter Taylor, P.G. Std. B.; L. P. Gravenor, P.G.S.O.; E. Swedenbank, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Harrill Tomkins, 214; E. O. Pegler, 214; G. W. Shackleton, 214; J. E. Thomas, 818; Edwin Tucker, 818; Joseph Bishop, 818; J. Rees Jenkins, P.P.G.C. W. Lanc.; W. J. Hands, P.G. Org.; Thomas Harry, P.P.G.J.O.; Thos. H. Gaze, P.G.A. Sec.; E. J. Baker, P.G. S.O.; Arthur Middleton, W.M. 34, and P.G.S.O. Lancashire; Wm. Pickford, P.G.J.O.; B. E. Hodgens, 818; L. D. Browne, 818; T. G. Powell, P.G. Std.; W. Williams, P.M. 185; T. G. Thomas, 818; Jno. Harry, 818; H. Hamj, 818; Jos. Greene, 818; A. J. Sinclair, 106; H. Fletcher, Tyler 109; J. L. C. Hunter Little, P.G. J.W.; S. Davis, P.P.G.R. of Marks; James Horner, P.G. Treas.; Gwyllim-ap-Dafydd, 818; H. J. Edmonds, 214; W. Percy Pugh, 818; C. W. Price, 818; C. B. Willans, 818; R. Wain, 818; Thomas Blinkhorn, Sec. 243, Hereford; Jno. Davis, D.C. 243; Fred Lane, J.W. 243; and Orlando Shellard, S.D. 243.

The ordinary business succeeding the opening of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge having been disposed of, the R.W. the P.G.M.M. declared all P.G. offices vacant, and leaving the chair, handed over the gavel to the presiding G.M. The endorsement on the patent having been read, the R.W. Bro. L. A. Homfray was announced as waiting the benefit of re-installation, was at once admitted, obligated, and saluted according to ancient custom. The patent of the appointment of V.W. Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray as D.P. G.M.M. having been read, he was also duly obligated and saluted.

The R.W. the P.G.M.M., in thanking the brethren for having re-elected him to that high position, expressed his intention to extend, if possible, his interest in the province, and was sure that he would not be second to any brother in that respect. He also heartily thanked the R.W. Bro. Col. Lync for having accepted and carried out the duties of D.P.G.M.M. for the past three years.

The R.W.P.G.M.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

- Bro. Geo. A. Browne... .. Prov. G.S.W.
- " J. L. C. Hunter Little Prov. G.J.W.
- " Crawshay Bailey Prov. G.M.O.
- " L. P. Gravenor Prov. G.S.O.
- " W. Pickford Prov. G.J.O.
- " Rev. James Pugh Prov. G. Chap.
- " Rev. H. Jones Prov. G.D. Chap.
- " H. Richards Prov. G. Reg.
- " Wm. Watkins (G. St. Eng.) Prov. G. Sec.
- " Thos. H. Gage Prov. G.A. Sec.
- " James Horner Prov. G. Treas.
- " E. J. Baker Prov. G.S.D.
- " J. P. Fowler Prov. G.J.D.
- " C. H. R. Harris Prov. G.I.W.
- " A. J. Sinclair Prov. G.D.C.
- " T. Gwynne Powell Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " C. Weddowson Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " Wm. Tucker Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " H. J. Groves Prov. G. Org.
- " W. J. Hands Prov. G.A.O.
- " Jno. Jones Prov. G.I.G.
- " H. Fletcher Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. S. T. Hallen, Walter Taylor, and Percy Pugh Prov. G. Stewards.

Bros. S. Davis and Wm. Pickford were elected auditors. During the remainder of the business of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, which was of the usual character, several letters of apology for not being able to attend were read by the P.G. Sec., *inter alia*, from Lord Skelmersdale, G.M.M. of England; General Doherty, P.G.M.M. designate of Somersetshire, on account of illness (to whom a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, also a letter to be forwarded expressive of the same); Capt. Shadwell Clerke (a vote of congratulation being passed on his appointment by the Grand Master of England to the post of Grand Secretary), and others.

Before closing P.G.M. Lodge the R.W.P.G.M.M. remarked that the great object at all our meetings was not to lose sight of the Masonic Charities, and he hoped that before long our young province would be in funds sufficient to pass a substantial vote, and that at this P.G. Lodge he should head the list of the G. Steward, W. Bro. William Watkins, with £5 5s.

The loving cup, according to the custom of the St. John's Lodge, No. 214, having been passed round, the R.W. the P.G.M.M.M. then closed the P.G.M. Lodge in due form at ten minutes past four.

The banquet, which took place almost immediately afterwards at the Greyhound Hotel, under the able catering of Bro. William Tucker, was all that could be desired. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then disposed of, interspersed with the usual amount of harmony, of which there is seldom any lack in the Province of Monmouth. The main feature here, however, was the Steward's List for the Masonic Charities, which amounted in the whole to £127 10s., of which W. Bro. Crawshay Bailey, the newly-elected W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 214, subscribed a cheque for £100, to be equally divided as follows:—£25 to the Mark Benevolent, £25 to the Boys', £25 to the Girls', and £25 to the Benevolent, making a total for the Mark Charities of £52 12s. W. Bro. Watkins must therefore be congratulated upon being the bearer of the largest amount ever subscribed to the Masonic Charities at one lodge in the province. The inevitable Tyler's Toast brought to a finish a very enjoyable and successful day's proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Griffiths Smith, T. F. Peacock, G. Bolton, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. T. Thompson, T. France, H. Cox, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, C. H. Webb, Peter de Lande Long, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary) and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the minutes of the House Committee were read for information.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for salaries, wages, and bills; and one petition was received, and a candidate placed on the list for election.

A letter from West Yorkshire was received on the 8th inst., enclosing 1000 guineas for the Bentley Shaw testimonial.

A further case, submitted by Bro. H. I. Thompson to Bro. Locock Webb, with Bro. Webb's opinion thereon, was read to the meeting; a full report of which will appear in the *Freemason* next week.

The Committee then adjourned.

The following lodges have voted sums of money to the Irish Distress Fund:—Antiquity Lodge, No. 2; Israel, No. 205; Aldersgate, No. 1657; Great City, No. 1426; Bayard, No. 1615.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Winter Remedies.—Are the readiest remedies for the diseases now so rife and fatal. The adverse influences of the severe frosts, dense fogs, and piercing winds have produced a terrible increase in the number and severity of chest diseases of all kinds, especially bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs. Loss of time in the treatment of these and other similar diseases means death. The Ointment should be briskly rubbed into the chest and between the shoulders; according to the printed directions, which, combined with the internal action of the pills will lower the temperature of the blood, reduce the frequency of the pulse and respiration, and check the advance of the malady in good time.—[Advrt.]

To Correspondents.

Bro. Grimaux in our next.

The following reports, &c., stand over:—
Amateur Masonic Minstrel Concert at Leeds.
Bro. John S. Bell's communication.
Lodge of Sympathy, 855; St. Kew, 1222; Philanthropy, 940; Industry, 48; Prince Leopold Mark Lodge, 238; Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4; and Rosicrucian Society of England.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemasons' Monthly," "Jewish Chronicle," "London Figaro," "Hull Packet," "Sussex Daily News," "Press News," "The Builder," "Broad Arrow," "Die Bauhütte," "Alliance News," "Croydon Guardian," "Water, its Impurities and Purification," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia," "Bolton Official," "The Egyptian Gazette," "Clerkenwell Press," "Eccles Advertiser," "Proceedings of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec," "Canadian Craftsman," "Keystone."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTH.

ORR.—On the 22nd inst., at 21, Woodside-terrace, Glasgow, Mrs. John Orr, of a daughter

MARRIAGE.

VIAL—EDINGER.—On the 21st inst., at St. Stephen's, North Row, by the Rev. R. Parnell, Joseph Henry Vial, to Evaline Mary Edinger.

DEATHS.

BRETT.—On the 23rd inst., at 44, Freeland's-road, Bromley, Kent, after a lingering illness, Rosina, widow of the late Bro. Henry Brett, of Holborn, aged 57.

CHAMPION.—On the 22nd inst., at 11, Charterhouse-square, Richard Champion (late of Aldersgate-street), in his 74th year.

HELSDON.—On the 14th inst., Bro. R. Helsdon, P.M. 733, and Past G.P. Middlesex.

MURE.—On the 18th inst., at Eaton-place, Lillias Emily Elizabeth, daughter of Bro. Col. Mure, of Caldwell, M.P.

STOHWASSER.—On the 22nd inst., at his residence, 7, Marlboro'-road, St. John's-wood, Bro. Joseph Stohwasser, of 39, Conduit-street, in the 78th year of his age. Friends will please accept this (the only) intimation.

PERMANENT ENLARGEMENT OF THE "FREEMASON."

Owing to constant pressure on the columns of the *Freemason*, and to the urgent necessity of "supplements," whether of four or even eight pages, the Publisher has determined on and after April 3rd permanently to enlarge it to Twenty Pages, except during the period of the Masonic recess, when Sixteen pages will probably suffice for the current hebdomadal news and reports. In addition to this change, the Publisher intends to print the *Freemason*, on and after April 3rd, with entirely New Type, to use Better Paper, and to give a Coloured Wrapper, like the one recently made use of, which has been much appreciated by his numerous readers.

Under these circumstances, the Publisher has also necessarily determined to increase the price of the *Freemason* to *Threepence*, but to deliver it *post free* to subscribers, and feels convinced, from the experience of the past and present, that he may rely in the future on the same cheerful patronage and the same unflinching support, which have cheered his earnest efforts to place in the hands and before the minds of his readers a readable, an intelligent, a respectable Masonic paper, a true reflection in its "outcome" of the real principles and right practice of Freemasonry.

All present subscribers will receive to the close of the time of their paid subscription the *Freemason* at the present price.

All subscribers from the 3rd of April can have the *Freemason* posted to them post-free at the following rates:—

United Kingdom.	United States, Canada, the Conti- nent, &c.	India, China, Aus- tralia, New Zealand, &c.
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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1880.

THE first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the festival of the Girls' School took place on Friday week, at Freemasons' Hall, when the R.W. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, was unanimously elected President of the Board of Stewards; Bro. Monckton, P.B.G.P., acting President; and Bro. Letchworth, Treasurer, for the anniversary festival. There are now, we are happy to state, 215 Stewards already announced. Among the Stewards are Bros. Lord Methuen, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, G.T., and a large number of Past Grand Officers as well as of Metropolitan and Provincial brethren. We have been requested to call the attention of our readers to the fact, that the time is now comparatively short between this and the festival of the Girls' School, and that it will greatly expedite the work of the Board of Stewards, and facilitate the arrangements of the Secretary, if all brethren desirous of serving as Stewards will at once notify their intention to Bro. Hedges, No. 5, Freemasons' Hall.

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THE proposal to vote £500 to the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund, through our Bro. the Lord Mayor of London, will gratify the Craft, and the only question in our mind is whether the amount ought not to be £1000.

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THE Board of General Purposes gives notice of several proposals to purchase adjacent property to Freemasons' Hall for the convenience of officers to our Masonic Charities, among other matters to paint the buildings, &c., and other suggestions, which will command the adhesion of the Craft as tending so greatly, "ad bonum publicum," to the convenience of lodges.

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THE gratuity proposed for Bro. Buss will, we feel sure, receive the hearty approval of Grand Lodge, as his labours have been many, and his attention to the many applicants in the office has been most praiseworthy.

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THE next meeting of Grand Lodge is likely to be a prolonged one and a very interesting one, and we hear it is likely to be numerously attended.

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BRO. Clabon's motion again appears on the agenda paper, but, with all due deference to that worthy and distinguished brother, we still hold, and hold strongly, that, until the wording of the Book of Constitutions be altered, it is impossible for Grand Lodge to pass any such resolution, being, in our humble opinion, altogether "ultra vires."

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SOME complaints have been made of the comparatively large sums granted in the Board of Benevolence, but it must be remembered that times are changed materially since the smaller ones were in fashion amongst us, and that the very accumulations of the Fund of Benevolence are a sufficient answer to those who object, on financial grounds, to liberal grants. It is possible, however, that as formerly the standard of giving was clearly too low, so now by a not unnatural reaction it may be a little too high.

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SOME reports have been circulated of an intention—we can hardly credit it, to propose as Grand Treasurer another brother in lieu of our present worthy Grand Treasurer. As we said before, we can scarcely credit it, and deem it to be a pure "canard" flying about the "restaurant" probably of F.M.T. We have little doubt but that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton will be re-elected by an overwhelming majority if any such foolish attempt be made. Our Grand Treasurer has done good service to Freemasonry and the Charities.

BRO. Stevens named a Committee at the Board of Masters on Wednesday week, which consisted of seven provincial and two London brethren. With all deference to the worthy brethren nominated, it is not, in our opinion, a Committee in any sense qualified to grapple with the serious questions involved in this most important subject. If a Committee is to be nominated at all, that Committee, it seems to us, should be composed of those who have studied the question carefully and archæologically, and are recognized "experts" in Masonic ritual. We say this fully recognizing the individual merits of the brethren named.

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By a letter from the Secretary in our last, it appears that a meeting of subscribers and friends to the Pupils' Assistance Fund is to be held on March 10th, under the distinguished presidency of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. We are glad to hear it. We think it well in all good feeling to call the attention of our readers to the fact, that the promoters of this fund seem entirely to have altered their "platform." This may be right or wrong, expedient or inexpedient, but it is still, nevertheless, a complete "change of front," and opens out other questions somewhat delicate and difficult. Under these circumstances the name becomes a misnomer, does it not.

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WE are reminded by an old friend and kind correspondent how very greatly the attitude of the Roman Catholic clergy has changed in respect of Freemasonry, especially in Belgium. This is clearly brought out at pages 3 and 4 of a pamphlet, by H. Samuel, called "Lettre Sur d'Histoire de la Franc Maçonnerie, de E. E. Eckert, traduit de l'Allemand par L'Abbe Gyr." Brussels, 1838. In this it is proved that the Prince Bishop Count of Welbruck was formerly W.M. of the Lodge La Parfaite Intelligence, Liege.

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WE are not quite prepared to say that there is any a priori objection to the "fact," *per se*, that there was an Hermetic or Masonic sodality among the Egyptians, or that Masonic emblems might not be found on their monuments and obelisks. But we recommend caution in accepting "hasty theories" and "ill-digested assumptions." All symbols are not Masonic. At the same time, Caviglia, Belzoni, and others thought they found Masonic evidences in more than one Egyptian representation.

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A PROVINCIAL brother P.M., Bro. G. G. McKay, 129, Kendal, has given notice of a proposition not to confirm the minutes of last Grand Lodge in respect to Bro. James Stevens' motion. We are glad that the motion is made by a provincial brother, and, above all, by one wearing a "blue collar." We are inclined to think, and hope, from what we hear, that Bro. McKay will carry his motion.

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WE have heard that a letter is circulating among our brethren in which it is stated that there was an understanding when the present Grand Treasurer was elected, that the appointment should be for one year. We are authorized to announce that any such statement is a pure fabrication.

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WE are informed that the members of the House Committee of the Girls' School have made themselves Stewards for the Anniversary Festival.

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WE understand that at the meeting on the 10th March of the supporters of the Pupils' Assistance Fund the full programme will be explained, and a list of subscriptions announced. We have also been informed that few expenses have been so far incurred, and that all the subscriptions so far received have been paid into the Bank of England.

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.]

WAS SWEDENBORG A FREEMASON?
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Our excellent Bro. Woodford puts this question in your number of the 21st inst., and says he wishes "we could settle the point." For me the question has long been settled by the able researches, extending over many years, of Bro. Samuel Beswick, in the affirmative, and with your permission I will state the results in the smallest possible compass.

It is, of course, admitted on all hands that Freemasonry existed in many parts of the world anterior to the revival of 1717, and a tradition has also been long current that Garimont and his fellow Templar exiles introduced it into Sweden at a very early date, finally depositing the veritable secrets in a tomb at Upsal. It is also known that Elias Ashmole was initiated at Warrington, with others, in October, 1648—the latter fact being well attested. It remains to be seen what Masonry this was. Certainly it differed from the system now in use. The statement that Swedenborg was initiated in London in 1706 is obviously erroneous, as he never came to England till 1710, but Bro. Beswick states that his enquiries led to the result that Swedenborg was initiated in one of the Swedish Templar lodges at Lund, in Sweden, the capital of the province of Sconen, seventeen miles east of Copenhagen, geographically situated in E. longitude 13° 26', and N. latitude 55° 3' 33", a town in 1827 (according to Malte-Brun, "Géographie-Universelle," vol. iv., p. 387), of 3500 inhabitants, possessing a university with a library of 40,000 volumes, and the seat of a bishopric.

This University of Lund is not far from Brunsbro, in West Gothland, where Swedenborg pursued his studies as a youth. There being no Grand Lodges at that time, the Templar lodges and chapters each worked under self-instituted charters and met according to their own requirements. The son of Jesper Svedberg, Bishop of Skara, would have little difficulty in obtaining admission, and if it be asked why Emanuel Svenberg (not then ennobled by the name of Swedenborg) was initiated at so early an age as eighteen, the reply may be found in the fact that dispensations for the purpose were not unusual, almost every University permitting mere lads to be initiated. Bro. Beswick cites the instance of George Washington, who was initiated at the age of twenty.

I have before said that the Masonry into which Swedenborg was received was dissimilar to that now prevalent—more archaic, and, perhaps, in some sense, mystic than Craft Masonry is now. It was similar to that into which Ashmole, the alchemist and Rosicrucian, was received, and, in my opinion, was the same as that rite to which I have the honour of being Secretary in this country. It was also far more solemn and secret than it is at present, and this would account for the utter silence with which Swedenborg treated it in after years—traces of Masonic thought are scattered throughout his numerous works, but couched in such language as to be only intelligible to Freemasons of experience and high degree.

During his many journeys throughout Europe it is obvious, from his biography, that Swedenborg visited many lodges and communicated with Masons of the very highest rank in the outer world. He was intimate with Savatle, Delalande, Court de Gebelin, and other energetic Masons, and on several occasions it would seem probable that the suspicion with which Masonry was regarded during his long life rendered him liable to annoyance, if not exactly persecution, at the hands of the authorities.

It would take too much space to enter upon the entire subject here, and to show how intimate was this Masonic relation with the fraternity throughout Europe. I may, however, point out that, from the time of Elias Ashmole onward to the time of Lavoiser, chemistry and mineralogy, as at present understood, were still alchemical to a great extent, and its professors liable to serious misinterpretation. For this reason the symbolical methods of teaching applied sciences continued in vogue. Swedenborg was eminent as a man of science; and his mineralogical and metallurgical knowledge was, at a very early age, amply recognised by his illustrious Sovereign—the great and unfortunate Charles the Twelfth. And when he had exhausted in his remarkable works on mineralogy and the kingdoms of nature all that matter could teach him, his mind, filled with sublime symbolical ideas, carried him over a difficult bridge to reason by analogy and correspondence of things interior to himself and to all of us. This was not the vulgar and stupid spiritualism of the fashionable saloon of the present day, but a beautiful appliance of the harmonies of material nature to an interpretation of what mankind will ever esteem—the sympathies and harmonies of the soul. The followers of Swedenborg at the present day have regarded this philosophy in a purely theological spirit for the most part, and hence a literal acceptance of much that was meant in a purely symbolical sense. They also deny the initiation of Swedenborg; but this arises purely from misinterpretation of his writings, for, not being Masons themselves, they are not able to see the light thrown upon Masonic science in his later writings. But those who have joined the Rite of Swedenborg, as it is now called, will see how clearly and justly we may claim one of the greatest men of the last century as a brother.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,
Supreme Grand Secretary Swedenborgian Rite of Freemasonry.

THE CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
That our brother, "W.M. 392, S.C.," has strangely failed to grasp the principles which rule in public assemblies—and the failure is the stranger from its existence in a Scottish brother—is amply shown in the letters of our Worshipful and experienced Past Grand Deacon, Bro. Fenn, and by our brother "Q." These letters leave nothing to be added, for while brother "Q" has shown that the principle of non-confirmation of minutes relating to an objectionable motion is a constitutional action, Bro. Fenn has shown that it is a form of action of which Grand Lodge has amply availed itself.

On the general question which has given rise to this discussion I will only add, for the consideration of the rulers in the Craft who may assemble in Grand Lodge at the next meeting, that the matter they will decide will have an important effect by good or ill. By the non-confirmation of the minutes the subject will, when necessary, be dealt with by the Board of General Purposes. But by confirming the minutes they will let loose upon lodges, to the disturbance of peace and harmony, the vapourings of the indiscreet, whose forgetfulness of obligations is startling, and must shock the conscientious. The appointment of a Committee can lead to no good end, but can be fraught with lamentable evils, from the contemplation of which the whole Craft would shrink with dismay if they could realise fully the aims and purposes of the many spirits who hanker after compulsion to enforce universal compliance with their ideas of "Uniformity." Learned scholars would shrink from the task of meddling with our ritual, and Grand Lodge will be wise if it withholds from us another example of Milton's declaration,
"Fools rush in
Where angels fear to tread."

Faithfully and fraternally yours,
JOHN WHILE, P.M. 222.

THE EMULATION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I was somewhat amused when I read your announcement that the Committee of this lodge had written to Bro. Stevens in a manner which implies that they have no sympathy with uniformity of ritual.

Judging by the members and followers of the Emulation with whom I am acquainted, I should say that uniformity of ritual is decidedly their principal aim, because they so openly and strongly condemn every ritual which differs from their own. A few days since, I heard one distinguished brother denouncing an installation ceremony as "perfect rot," simply because it happened to be done in the way recognised in the north of England.

We northerners do not altogether admit that all Masonic wisdom and knowledge are centred in the great metropolis, and we claim to have some little credit for being able to think out and work a ceremony, although we do not pride ourselves upon having abilities so transcendently great as some of the advocates of the Emulation working; therefore, before we depart from the lines laid down by our forefathers, we should like a little better explanation of the pros and cons than we are able to get at present, for when asked the reason for a certain part of the Emulation ceremony, the doughty champion above named could only answer, "I don't know why, sir; all I know is that I am instructed by the Emulation to do it thus, and I follow those instructions." Would it not be advisable for the Emulation Lodge to instruct their advocates to use the force of argument before trying to thrust their working down our throats, as at present, *volens volens*?

Yours fraternally,
MANCUNIAM.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN BOYD.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The late Bro. John Boyd did so much for and was such an expert in the Royal Arch Degree that I am surprised that nothing has been done to perpetuate his memory, especially in Middlesex, the province in which he held office as one of the three Grand Principals at the time of his death. If the members of any lodge in Middlesex would like to form a chapter to be called the "John Boyd Chapter," and any companions would like to join the same, communications on the subject can be addressed to "Royal Arch," care of C. B. Young, Esq., 2, Dowgate Hill, E.C.
Yours truly and fraternally,
"SCRIBE."

ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Referring to the last letter of Bro. Magnus Ohren on the subject of Royal Arch Provincial Officers wearing their collars in a Craft lodge, I fancy a misunderstanding has arisen. The query of your correspondent "Scribe N.," in the *Freemason* of January 31, was plain enough, viz., "Is it right for Provincial Grand Officers, Royal Arch, to wear their collars of office in a Craft lodge?" Bro. Ohren, in your last issue, seems to have drifted away from the original query, and applies his answer to the collar and jewel of a Principal or Past Principal instead of that of a Royal Arch Provincial Officer. The invariable custom appears to be that Royal Arch Provincial collars are worn over Craft Provincial collars; indeed, I have frequently seen them so worn in Grand Lodge. True, as Bro. Ohren says, there is "the absence of authority to do so in the Book of Constitutions," but, on the other hand, there is no prohibition mentioned. The forbidden custom, therefore, should be our guide, and, showing the affinity there is between the Craft and

Royal Arch, I need only refer Bro. Ohren to the first paragraph, page 16, of the Book of Constitutions, 1863, octavo edition.

Fraternally yours,
W. F. LAMONBY, Z. 119,
P.P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Our excellent Comp. Magnus Ohren has not complied with my request.

The original question asked was whether "Provincial Grand Officers, Royal Arch, could wear their collars of office in a Craft lodge," meaning, of course, the tricoloured collar? To this Comp. Ohren replied that they could not do so. I asked him for his authority for such statement, but instead of giving it, after quoting my request correctly at the beginning of his letter, he glides away entirely from the point at issue, and states that which I hope every Royal Arch Mason is cognisant of, viz., "That the collar and jewel of a Principal or Past Principal is not proper clothing for a Craft lodge." No one says it is. The word Principal is not used in the original question or in my letter asking for his authority.

Yours fraternally,
P.P.G.D.C.

Reviews.

WATER. Water Purifying Company, 157, Strand, London, W.

Who does not like good water? and how often does it happen that that simple element is worth more to man than the most expensive dinner or fascinating compounds? And yet how difficult it is to get it fresh and pure? How strange it seems that this great, and goodly, and needful supply of a beneficent Providence should be lost by the folly, contaminated by the heedlessness of man. Yet so it is. And therefore we have perused this little pamphlet with great pleasure and recommend our readers to do the same. Its price is 6d.

THE AUSTRALIAN FREEMASON.

We have received it, and read it, but there is not much to report about it, except that the Masonic strife there is not yet smoothed down. This paper represents the case of the English District Grand Lodge.

THE FREEMASON. Sydney.

Represents the views of the independent Grand Lodge. We do not think it wise to recall an old controversy. We do not see our way to recognise its legality or its Masonic status.

THE MASONIC NEWSPAPER. New York. Vol. II, No. 18.

Is a very well written and well printed weekly paper. It is full of Masonic information and is ably edited.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY JOURNAL. Vol. IV. No. 12. Ralph Wm. Saddle, Durham.

This modest journal is intended for the members of Durham University, and is carefully edited, and gives much university information. To those who recollect "Old Doorn" and the "amici et sodaks" of many peaceful years, it will appeal with many pleasant memories, and evoke kindly sympathies.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

The "Clavis Astrologie Elimata," alluded to in this column last week, was printed as a second edition in 1676, for Benjamin Tooke and Thos. Sawbridge, "and was to be" sold at the Ship, in St. Paul's Churchyard, and at the three Flower de Luces, in Little Britain. It is a very curious and rare book.

"Freemasonry, the Highway to Hell," a Sermon, wherein is clearly proved, both from reason and Scripture, that all who possess these mysteries are in a state of "Eternal Damnation." This most rational and charitable sermon is printed at London in the year 1761. It has no printer. Let us trust that no one was willing to give his name to such nonsense and such profanity.

"Le Filet d'Ariadne." Pour entrer avec seurete, dans le labyrinthe de la Philosophie Hermetique. Is a curious work, published by Laurent d'Houry, Paris, Rue St. Jaques, devant la Fontaine, St. Severin, 1695. It is purely alchemical.

"Cryptomenysis Patefacta," or the Art of Secret Information, is a somewhat rare work, published in London, 1685, for David Brown, at the Black Swan and Bible, without Temple Bar.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MS. A NEW CONSTITUTION.

I have now a curious and interesting M^s. Constitution, which I propose to call the "Wood Constitution," from the brother from whom I have obtained it. It is written on vellum and is of date 1610. It is most carefully written, in a clear round hand, with an attempt at a rubric ruled initial letter, and has a most carefully compiled index.

The following is the title page: "The Constitutions of Masonrye, Wherein is briefly declared the first foundation of science of Masonrye with divers good rules, orders, and precepts necessarye to be observed of all Masons. Psalm 127: 'Except the Lord build the house his labour is but loste that buildes it.' Newly translated by F. Whytstones, for John Sargensonne, 1610."

Bro. Wood tells me "the MS. has been in his possession

for about twenty years. It belonged to a family who died many years ago, and of great age. This is as far as I can trace it."

To show its interest I give a passage in collation.

Wood MS., 1610: "These 20 precepts, rules, orders, and every one of the other precepts or orders before in this present book prescribed, which belongeth to the science of Masonry whatsoever every Mason shall well and truly observe, performe, fulfill, and keepe in his or their power, so God him helpe."

Antiquity MS., 1686: "These be all the charges and covenants that ought to be read at the making of a Freemason or Freemasons. The Almighty God of Jacob who have you and me in his keeping, now and ever, amen."

Dowland's MS., probably, much before 1600: These charges that are now rehearsed to you and to all other that belongeth to Masons ye shall keepe, soe helpe you God and your holy dome, and by this booke unto your power, amen."

Some of us will remember that in the Antiquity MS. there are fifteen rules, and in Dowland's seventeen, or, perhaps, eighteen. In Harleian, 1942, twenty-five.

So highly do I think of this MS., that I propose to publish it with Inigo Jones's, in second volume of "Archaeological Library," instead of my copy of the Additional MS., the moment I get 100 subscribers.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

ELIAS ASHMOLE.

Amongst the Masonic Notes and Queries inserted in the *Freemason* of the 21st inst., "Masonic Student" suggests the desirability that an attempt should be made to find out where the MSS. of Elias Ashmole are, as also to illustrate his connection with Warrington. Perhaps the following extracts from the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion" (1764), and from a brief memoir of Ashmole in the "Imperial Dictionary of Universal Biography," may, taken in conjunction, possibly tend to throw a little light on both points. The former, giving an extract from Ashmole's diary, says, "I was made a Freemason at Warrington, Lancashire, with Colonel Henry Mainwaring, of Kerthingham, in Cheshire, on the sixteenth of October, 1646." The memoir above alluded to (contributed by John Anster, LL.D., Regius Professor of Civil Law in the University of Dublin), states that "Ashmole was a Royalist, and in 1645 became one of the gentlemen of the ordnance in the garrison of Oxford. In 1646 he became a Freemason. The King's affairs becoming desperate, Ashmole withdrew for a while to Cheshire, and on his return to London fell in with Moore, Lilly, and Booker, then reputed to be the greatest astrologers in England." It appears probable, therefore, that Ashmole's connection with Warrington was consequent only, during his temporary retirement to Cheshire, on his connection or acquaintance with Col. Henry Mainwaring, with whom he "was made a Freemason," as already stated. Whatever may have been Ashmole's connection with the Mainwaring family at the time, it afterwards became one of a closer nature, for it is recorded that in 1649 he married the wealthy widow of Sir Thomas Mainwaring, Knight. With regard to the MSS. of Ashmole, the same memoir says, "In 1679 an accidental fire which broke out near his chambers in the Middle Temple destroyed a large collection of ancient and modern coins, and other matters of antiquarian interest, which it had been the object of his life to collect. His manuscripts were luckily at Lambeth. In 1682 he gave to Oxford all the curiosities he had received from the Tradescants, with great additions of his own." The memoir further states that "the Tradescants, father and son, had for a considerable time been curators of the botanic gardens at Lambeth, and had collected many curiosities which were given to Ashmole by Tradescant and wife." No further mention is made of the manuscripts, but they do not appear to have been included in this gift to Oxford.

B. BROUGHTON.

I have consulted a neighbour of mine, a learned antiquary, and he thinks it just possible that Ashmole's MSS. may be at Lichfield, for over the door of the museum there is, or was, an inscription commemorating his great liberality in the gift of books and MSS. I believe I can trace Jo. Southworth, Medicus, and will write again on this subject.

JOHN BOWES, Sec. No. 148.

"ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY."

We take this from our interesting contemporary, *The Builder*:

Sir,—I observe it stated, at p. 207, that Dr. Fanton, of Alexandria, "an instructed [infatuated?] Mason," has been examining the foundations of an obelisk, and has come to the conclusion that "the ancients were familiar with the higher degrees of Masonry." Now, the word "ancients" does not give us a very exact definition of the antiquity referred to, whether of the time of Solomon or the last-century "ancients." For my part, I find it difficult to get proper evidence of the existence of any of the Masonic degrees two centuries ago; and as for the "higher degrees," these were all manufactured after A.D. 1725. I dare say that so soon as the revelations of the foundations of the obelisk have been transferred to New York, we shall hear of another Masonic degree with an unbroken lineal descent from the Great Ramesses.

ANOTHER INSTRUCTED MASON.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Lord Mayor of London, has consented to offer himself as a candidate for the Borough of St. Ives, Cornwall.

J. E. SHAND & Co. ("Fair Traders," registered), Wine and Spirit Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.

CONSECRATION OF THE WORSLEY LODGE, No. 1814.

The illustrious list of lodges in West Lancashire had a substantial addition made to it on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when the Worsley Lodge, No. 1814, was solemnly consecrated at Worsley, near Manchester. The province so admirably ruled by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., and P.G.M., thus had a most valuable addition made to it by this consecration, and the importance of the occasion was greatly enhanced by the fact that Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere was appointed the first Master. There was a very large and influential gathering of the chiefs of the fraternity from the provinces of East and West Lancashire, and there is little doubt that the Worsley Lodge, largely owing to the influence which the distinguished Master holds in the district, will prove an acquisition to the Masonic body in this district. By appointment of the Prov. Grand Master (Lord Skelmersdale), the position of Consecrating Officer was occupied and admirably fulfilled by Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire. The ceremony took place at the Court-house, Worsley, near Manchester, and the P.G.M. of East Lancashire was assisted by Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Ackerley, P.G.S.W.; Captain W. J. Newman, P.G. Reg. (acting as J.W.); J. B. Mackenzie, W.M. 1609, acting as I.G. Amongst others present were Bros. Bowden, P.P.S.B.; W. W. Little, S.D.; J. Cater, S.W.; R. F. Oates, I.G.; R. Williams, P.M. 1314; J. Pickford, W.M. 678; A. Painter, W.M. 1633; J. Andrew, P.M. 1213; W. Bostock, W.M. 1213; G. Yates, Sec. 1213; T. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.D.; B. Peacock, 1633; R. Whittaker, P.M. 358; Rev. L. R. Ayre, P.G.C. 995; T. H. Dale, Org. 1773; J. Chadwick, P.G. Sec. E.L.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.R. Cheshire; J. Newton, P.M. 37; T. Ball, Sec. 1213; C. A. Batley, 992; A. Moreton, P.M. 325; G. F. Heywood, 1357; D. Donbavand, P.M. 317; J. R. England, W.M. 1730; E. L. Littler, T.G. 1730; W. H. Baynes, P.M. 1341; R. Collinson, P.M. 1350; J. Sutcliffe, S.D. 201; D. W. Turner, P.G.D.C.; T. Entwistle, P.M. 678; W. Cope, P.M. 350; J. Ridyard, 678; T. L. Sheppard, 350; W. T. Martin, 1633; T. Benyon, 1345; J. Roberts, I.P.M. 204; J. Martin, 678; R. R. Lisenden, 317; E. Ashworth, P.P.G.S.W. E.L.; J. H. Greenwood, 163; H. Myers, 1736; T. Royle Higgins, 1730; and others. A most impressive and exhaustive oration on the excellences of the Order was delivered by Bro. the Rev. L. R. Ayre, P.G.C. The ceremony of consecration was greatly enhanced by the excellent musical service conducted by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist, who had the assistance of Bros. T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; J. H. Greenwood, 163; J. Busfield, and Gilfilan. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere was installed the W.M. of the lodge, and the following brethren were afterwards appointed the officers:—Bros. Rev. J. Cater, S.W.; William Bowden, J.W.; the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave, Secretary; William Wilson, Treasurer; William Whittle, S.D.; Captain Heaton, J.D.; R. F. Coules, I.G.; and Samuelson, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the Bridgewater Hotel.

A very able oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. L. R. Ayre, P.G. Chaplain, which the pressure on our space prevents our printing, but we hope to do so in a future issue.

ADDRESS BY BRO. DR. H. HOPKINS TO THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, BATH, No. 41.

Brethren: Having now, for what will assuredly be the last time, been placed in the chair of King Solomon, it is my first duty, after completion of the arrangements for the year by the investment of officers, to offer you my most hearty thanks for the confidence reposed in me, and for the opportunity thus afforded of closing a long Masonic career with honour, and I trust with usefulness. Having very early in my course, nearly thirty years ago, become a ruler in the Craft, by Mastership of a very old lodge, it is a source of gratification to me that I end it in a similar position in a lodge of exactly the same antiquity. In a review of this period, notwithstanding many shortcomings, I can conscientiously say that I have not been unmindful of my obligation to obey all regular signs and summonses in all the lodges to which I have belonged, by never, till last month, when my name was to be brought before you, in a single instance pleading any excuse for absence, except sickness or great distance from the locality. According to another obligation, I have been always ready to give assistance and instruction to brethren in the inferior Degrees, and to take the place of others in time of need in the performance of our ceremonies. For many years a constant contributor of articles to our Masonic periodicals, I think I may consider that persistent advocacy in my writings of Masonic Halls instead of taverns for our meetings has tended to the erection of many, in the formation of some of which I have taken an active part. Allow me to remark that, admirably fitted as this room is for large assemblies, we need more suitable accommodation for our regular smaller meetings and especially for a resident curator, for means of daily social intercourse with each other and for the perusal of Masonic literature. This is, I conceive, a subject worthy of your serious consideration, especially when we bear in mind that many smaller communities, with less than one-fifth of our population, have set us an example in this respect. Among the duties of a Master, his Past Masters, and Wardens, is that of attendance at the quarterly meetings of the Grand Lodge in London, which it was my intention to perform, as I did once last year as your S.W. On consulting

the almanac, I find that in March and December the Grand Lodge will meet on the day before our own lodge, which will render it inconvenient. I hope that nothing will prevent me from representing you in June and September. Brethren: I trust that if I be spared to do my duty I may be able to meet you at this time next year without a blush arising from neglect or betrayal of your trust, and to instal as my successor the brother whom you may elect as competent to prosper the art and prosper the lodge more than any of his predecessors. I much regret the absence of many brethren who have invariably been present at our annual meeting, and on whose support I confidently relied. Among the absentees are the D.P. G.M., owing to illness, our worthy Bro. Wilton, Dir. of Cer., and his two sons, Bro. Clark, P.M., the I.G., Bro. Ames—the last five being summoned to London on a trial,—Bro. Preston, by important duties as governor of the Birmingham Gaol, our esteemed Bro. Falkner, by business engagements in London. From these and many others explanatory communications have been received. Having for a week been confined to the house by illness, from which I have not fully recovered, I must beg your indulgence if I fail somewhat in my duties this evening. It now only remains for me earnestly to request regular attendance at the lodges of instruction, not only by the officers but by the brethren generally. Be assured that my private instructions and help will at all times be at the service of any who will come to my residence to seek them, in full confidence that they will be welcome.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES HORSLEY.

It is with very great regret that we have to announce the somewhat unexpected death, by bronchitis, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, of this well-known Mason, which sad event took place, after a short illness, on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 17th inst., at his chambers in Staple Inn, Holborn. Bro. Horsley came of a good old Worcestershire family, being lineally descended from Bishop Horsley, D.D., the celebrated theologian, mathematician, and classical writer of the last century. The subject of our brief notice was admitted a solicitor as far back as 1833, and he had practised and resided at No. 2, Staple Inn, from that time to his demise. He possessed an antiquarian and an artistic taste of no mean order. His collections of pictures, books, glass, china, and other articles of virtu were exceedingly numerous and valuable. Bro. Horsley's career in Masonry had been not only long but very varied. The details we are in a position to furnish are somewhat meagre, and may perhaps be incorrect in one or two minor particulars, but from what we have gleaned from several of those brethren who knew him intimately our lamented brother had either passed the chair or been connected with the following lodges: Nos. 33, 69, 382, 811, 851, 1194, 1293, 1309, 1503. He was a P.Z. of Nos. 811, 1194; Treasurer 1503; and a member of No. 1293. In the Mark Degree he had also distinguished himself, having been a P.M. of No. 1 and Treasurer and Master Overseer of No. 238. He was likewise a member of the 32°, and was a P.M.W.S. of a provincial chapter, 18°. In the Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, the deceased was a P.M.E.C., a Past Grand Officer of England, and a P.P.G.O. of Sussex. He had taken also a great deal of interest in the Red Cross Order, having held the offices of M.P.S. and Intendant General. In the Royal Order of Scotland he held the rank of G.S.B. in the P.G.L. of London. Among his other numerous dignities he bore the rank of P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, P.P.G.S. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, and we believe that he was also a P.P.G. Officer of the provinces of Sussex and Surrey. Last January he was appointed by the M.W. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, G.M. of the Mark Degree, to the office of Grand Junior Overseer, and during his long Masonic life he had filled other offices with various minor Degrees, which space prevents our particularising. By the death of Bro. Horsley the Masonic Charities have lost one of their most zealous and generous supporters. He was a V.P. of the R.M.B.I. and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a L.G. and a very large subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. His benevolence was, however, not restricted to Masonry, as he had liberally subscribed to other charities, and his purse was always open to the calls of the necessitous. Our deceased brother was exceedingly genial, and he possessed a large store of anecdote and fact which enabled him "many a time and oft" to "set the table in a roar." He was a member of the Urban and Whittington Clubs, and in early life he had been connected with some of those sociable institutions or reunions which have long since ceased to exist, but which societies were the favourite haunts of the literati and others of that day. In his professional and private circle the subject of this memoir was greatly respected. He had a kindly and commanding presence, and possessed all the attributes of that type of character popularly known as "the fine old English gentleman." The funeral took place on Friday, the 20th inst., at Norwood Cemetery, and was attended by his relatives and a few Masonic and other friends. The paucity of attendance at his obsequies was doubtless owing to the fact of his death being so little known. Among those present we noticed the following representatives of some of the lodges and chapters of which the deceased was a member:—Bros. A. Horsley (nephew), 1309; W. Wigginton, 1503, P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex; Rushworth, P.M. 1309, P.P.G.R. Middlesex; Stahr, P.M. 1309; W. Taylor, W.M. 1503, P.S. Royal Middlesex Chapter; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, W.M. elect Prince Leopold Mark Lodge 238; Richnell, Treasurer 1503; Major Phillipson; Dr. Gurney, 1309; Noton, 1309; F. G. Luke, 1300; J. Williams; and others. The deceased was buried

at his own request in the same grave in which the remains of his elder brother are interred. In concluding the obituary of Bro. Horsley we cannot refrain from saying that, "take him for all in all," he was a most zealous, benevolent, and indefatigable worker in the wide field of Masonry, and it may be some years before we shall "look upon his like again." Peace to his manes!

COLONEL L'ESTRANGE.

The late Col. L'Estrange when he took office as Prov. Grand Supt. of Norfolk (Royal Arch), strangely enough remarked that it appeared to be an ill-fated one, since his two predecessors (Major the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P., and Lieut.-Col. Duff, M.P.) had both died during their first year of office. Now, before he has served twelve months, Col. L'Estrange has been summoned hence, and his loss will be deeply felt. He was one of the directors of the Norwich Equitable Fire Society, and we understand he was elected chairman of the Board at the recent death of Bro. A. M. F. Morgan—another distinguished Mason. A large number of companions and brethren attended the funeral, at Norwich Cemetery, on Friday week, but not in Masonic clothing—merely white ties and gloves. Deceased leaves a widow and five daughters to mourn a fond husband and affectionate father.—*Norwich Argus.*

BRO. ROBERT HELSDON.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Bro. Robert Helsdon, which sad event occurred on Saturday week, the 14th inst. Bro. Helsdon was a Past Master of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, and the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549; of the last-named lodge he was the first Worshipful Master. Bro. Helsdon was also a Past First Principal of the Westbourne Chapter, No. 733; Past Grand Pursuivant of the Province of Middlesex, and was a Life Governor to both the Boys' and Girls' Schools. The funeral, which took place on Friday, the 20th inst., at Kensal Green Cemetery, was largely attended by brethren, among those present being Bros. J. Welford, W.M. 733; T. W. Allen, Ascott, Woodstock, and Goodwin, Past Masters 733; C. Veal, P.M. 1549; E. M. Lander, W.M. 1642; Hill, P.M. 753; S. R. Walker, Sec. 733; E. Arrowsmith, S.D. 733; Bennett, Ridley, Biorn, Martin, Humfress, Smith, Thompson, Larner, Shone, Patterson, Unwin, Stevens, Drew, Burley, Hammond, Gillings, Barke, and Hunt. His death will be a great loss to the Westbourne Lodge in particular, and Freemasonry in general.

BRO. WILLIAM SENDELL.

Bro. William Sendell, of Exeter, passed away to his rest on the 12th inst. Bro. Sendell was well known in the city in which he resided, and in the West of England generally, as a skilled wood-carver. Devoting his talents almost exclusively to church-work, his name has frequently been mentioned in this journal in connection with the various undertakings with which he was associated. For many years, and to the last, he had been the protégé of the Earl of Devon, and under the especial patronage of that nobleman some of his best works were carried out. Bro. Sendell had many other patrons, and it might have been anticipated that a bright future was in store for him. Unfortunately, eccentricities—at that time unaccountable—appeared some time ago, and ultimately proved but the germ of a most distressing malady, a complaint under which he has just sunk at a comparatively early age—forty-two. Bro. Sendell, outside his professional calling, was well known as a Freemason.—*Builder.*

BRO. JOHN BATTY LAMBERT.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. John Batty Lambert, age sixty-five years, of Aughton-street, Ormskirk—a gentleman well known and highly respected in the district, particularly in Masonic circles. He was initiated into Masonry about forty-five years ago in Lodge 298, Rochdale, and amongst the many distinguished positions he held were those of W.M. of Lodges 298, 580, 613, and 1403 (he was the founder of Lodge 613, and held the office of W.M. two years); M.E.Z. of Chapter 580; and Prov. G.S.D. E. Lancashire. He was also the Treasurer of 580 Lodge and Chapter for many years. The interesting lectures on the Third Degree, delivered by him at Southport and Ormskirk, will long be remembered by those brethren who had the privilege of hearing them. He was at all times indefatigable in his exertions to further the interests of Freemasonry. The brethren of the district paid a last tribute of respect to his memory by attending his funeral on Monday last at the parish church, Ormskirk, amongst those we noticed Bros. John Prescott, J.P., P.P.G.J.W. West Lancashire; E. Musgrove, J.P.; J. Baxendale, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; John Wells, P.P.G. D.C., &c.; Dr. Anderton, W.M. 580; Winstanley, W.M. 1403; J. Balmer, P.M.; T. Jackson, P.M.; J. Bromley, P.M.; J. Fogg, P.M.; P. Draper, P.M.; S. Wylde, P.M.; Edge, P.M.; Ryder, and about sixty brethren. The funeral ceremony was conducted by Rev. Canon Sheldon, vicar, parish church, Ormskirk, assisted by his curate.

BRO. ALEXANDER MACGILIVRAY.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Bro. Alexander Macgilivray, whose accident was referred to in our report of the New Cross (1559) Lodge Installation Meeting. The circumstances under which the death of our brother occurred are Masonically touching. Bro. Macgilivray, who was a member of the firm of McNaught, Robertson, and Co., of Bankside, iron merchants, was in his counting house writing letters, when he heard fearful screams issuing from the wharf-yard. Hastening to render assistance, in order to save time, as he thought, our brother endeavoured to climb over a stack of huge bars of iron, which fell and overwhelmed him. He sustained fracture of the leg, which, on his removal to Guy's Hospital, was amputated, and, after a fortnight's lingering, blood poisoning set in, and death ensued on

Wednesday week. Bro. Macgilivray, who was beloved and respected by all who knew him, was a thorough good Mason, and had been invested J.D. of 1559 by deputy a week after his accident. *Requiescat in pace.*

Amusements.

QUEEN'S THEATRE, MANCHESTER.—Mr. J. C. Emerson, the assiduous and courteous manager of this theatre, took his benefit on Friday, the 20th inst., and was rewarded by a crowded house for his painstaking and untiring efforts in his successful catering for the public amusement. The performances commenced with the comedy of *Checkmate*, in which Mr. Joseph Bracewell, the popular comedian, sustained the character of "Sam Winkle," and Miss Power that of "Martha Bunn," both artists doing ample justice to their parts, and gaining great applause. The comedy was followed by the pantomime *Mother Goose*, and a novel feature in the harlequinade was the substitution of ladies for gentlemen. The part of "Harlequin" was played by Miss Alice Aynsley Cook; "Pantaloon," Miss Lancashire; "Clown," Miss H. T. Power; "Swell of the Period," Miss Hatherley; and "Policeman," Miss F. Cowell. All these ladies filled their respective parts in a highly creditable manner, and, although it might be thought invidious to praise any particular one, we cannot refrain from doing so in the case of Miss Power, whose drollery provoked much laughter and applause. In the course of the evening the beneficiere appeared, and in a few well-chosen sentences thanked the large audience for the kind support they had given him on this memorable occasion, and promised to merit the patronage of his supporters as much in the future as in the past. To-night will be the last representation of the pantomime, which has undoubtedly had a most successful run, chiefly owing to the rollicking fun brought forth by Mr. Joseph Bracewell, "Mother Goose;" Mr. C. E. Stevens, "Dr. Anti Fat;" Mr. Tom Lisbourne, "The Solid Man;" and Miss H. T. Power, "Mary Ann."

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Macrae Moir (P.M. 66), Barrister and Hon. Sec. of the Highland Society, has, we learn from the *Times*, expressed himself willing, under certain contingencies, to stand for Finsbury at the general election.

Mr. W. T. Madge, manager of the *Globe* newspaper, was initiated in the St. Dunstan's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1589, on Wednesday last.

A committee report just presented to the Municipal Council of Antwerp contains the following particulars about the works of Rubens. Altogether Rubens produced 2719 works of art, among which 228 were sketches and 484 drawings. Of all these works, 829 have never been copied, 690 are only known by copy, and 294 seem lost. To possess as complete as possible a collection of the master's works the city of Antwerp will have to obtain copies of 536 pictures and to collect 921 engravings. The cost of a complete Rubens collection, such as was recommended by the Artists' Congress in 1877, would amount to 30,000 fr., and this sum has been voted by the Municipal Council and the Belgian Government. Surely, however, this sum must be inadequate.—*Builder.*

The Earl of Carrarvon will preside at the 165th anniversary festival of the Most Honourable and Loyal Society of Ancient Britons, to be held at Willis's Rooms on March 1st.

At the last meeting of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, the sum of £10 10s. was unanimously voted to the Irish Famine Fund.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the President of the Society of Friends of Foreigners in Distress, has been pleased to intimate to the chairman of the festival committee that he will, after Easter, preside at the society's next anniversary festival.

M. Lambrigt has invented a modification of Edison's phonographic matrices, by substituting stearine for the tin foil, and electrotyping the impressed surface. It has been suggested that these electrotypes, which can be made very cheaply, may render great service in the study of foreign languages, for they preserve indefinitely and repeat as often as may be desired words that are the most difficult to pronounce correctly. A true speaking dictionary might thus be made, an undertaking which the wildest fancy would not have dreamed of a few years ago.—*La Nature.*

The anniversary banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, takes place on Tuesday evening next at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, City, at half-past seven.

The *Graphic* and the *Pictorial World* of last week contained portraits of Bro. Edward Clarke, M.P. for Southwark.

The first ball in connection with the Pythagorean and Star Lodges and Chapters, Nos. 79 and 1275, will be given on Thursday week, March 11th, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

We learn with regret of the death of Bro. Joseph Stohwasser, of Conduit-street, which sad event occurred at his residence, 7, Marlboro-road, St. John's-wood, on Sunday last.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presided on Wednesday last at the festival dinner of the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, at Willis's Rooms. Subscriptions to the amount of £1682 were announced.

The West Smithfield Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1623, was consecrated at the New Market Hotel on Wednesday last. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold has appointed Thursday, March 11th, for the holding of the meeting on behalf of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. H.R.H. had previously fixed Wednesday, the 10th March. The meeting will be held at Freemasons' Hall, at three o'clock.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, Past Grand Deacon of England, retires from the Secretaryship of the Great Western Railway of Canada, an office which he had held for upwards of twenty-six years; he has been a member of the Colonial Board for many years past. The rank of Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada was in 1868 conferred on Bro. B. Baker in recognition of eminent services rendered towards adjusting the differences between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Canada. He is also the representative in England of many Colonial and foreign Grand Lodges.

The arrangements for the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Cornwall on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Cathedral are now tolerably settled. They will travel from London to Plymouth on Tuesday, May 18th, by the ordinary express, going on thence by special train to Grampound Road, where they will drive to Tregothnan. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, the 20th, and on the 21st their Royal Highnesses return to London.

The Queen and the Princess Beatrice visited the Empress Eugenie at Chislehurst on Wednesday, and on their way stopped at the Church of St Mary and placed wreaths on the tomb of the late Prince Imperial.

We are asked to state that there is no foundation whatever for the rumour which has gained currency that Messrs. Wood and Romain, proprietors of Masons' Hall Tavern, City, are about to dispose of their business.

According to the latest arrangements the Empress Eugenie will leave Chislehurst on Good Friday by special train, and proceed direct to Plymouth, at which port her Imperial Majesty will embark and proceed to South Africa. The Empress will spend about ten days in Zululand, returning immediately after the visit to this country.

A meeting of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday last, when Bro. H. Turner was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A report will appear in our next.

In the report of the consecration of the Royal Leek, No. 1149, in our last issue the second paragraph commences with "the Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire and North Wales. Read 'the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire.'" Also in the two last lines of the same paragraph £30 and £20 read "thirty guineas and twenty guineas."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, March 5, 1880.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

- House Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
- Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
- " 1793, Sir Charles Bright, A.R., Teddington.
- Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
- " 1329, Sphinx, 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, MARCH 1.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
- " 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 256, Unions, F.M.H.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- " 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
- Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
- " 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square, W.
- Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- Red Cross Con., Premier, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Neptune, Warrior Hot., Brixton, at 7.
- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-st., Dalston, 7-30.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Fredegar, 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, MARCH 2.

Colonial Board, at 4.
 Annual Banquet, Metropolitan L. of I., 1507, Moorgate-street Station Restaurant, at 7.30.
 Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
 " 9, Albion, F.M.H.
 " 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 765, St. James's, White Hart H., High-st., Boro'.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape Good Hope T., E.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
 " 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
 " 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.

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.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
 Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 66, Gresham-st., 7 to 9.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, 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, MARCH 3.

Quart. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox & Hounds Hot., Putney.
 " 1687, Rothsay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn.
 " 1707, Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 " 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
 " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

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 Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Alwynne Castle, Highbury, 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, MARCH 4.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
 " 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
 " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.
 " 1360, Royal Arthur, Village Club, Wimbledon.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Dalston.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.
 " 1672, Mornington, King's Head Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 " 1708, Plucknett, Railway Hot., Finchley.
 " 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
 Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
 " 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
 K. T. Precep. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

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, Ponsoby-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-s'.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenweat, 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, MARCH 5.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
 " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tav.
 " 8, British, F.M.H.
 Mark 223, West Smithfield, Newmarket Hot., King-st.

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, March 6, 1880.

MONDAY, MARCH 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.P., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Mark 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
 Merchants, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1357, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead, Liverpool.
 De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

LODGE MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the week ending Saturday, March 6, 1880.

MONDAY, MARCH 1.

Lodge 37, Anchor and Hope, Swan Hot., Bolton.
 " 381, Harmony and Industry, Shirey Bank, Darwen-over-Darwen.
 " 1009, Shakespeare, F.H., Manchester.
 " 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hot., Blackley.
 " 1519, Albert Edward, Albion H., Clayton-le-Moors.
 " 1798, Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Hulme.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2.

Lodge 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hot., Littleboro.
 " 1134, Newall, F.H., Salford.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3.

Lodge 210, Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
 " 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch.

Lodge 298, Harmony, M.R., 23, Ann-st., Rochdale.
 " 363, Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 " 645, Humphrey Chetham, F.M.H., Manchester.
 " 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church H., Kersley, Farnworth.
 " 992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hot., Lower Broughton.
 Chap. 369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Church-st., Clitheroe.
 Mark 36, Furness, Hartington H., Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 56, Temperance, M.H., Todmorden.
 " 161, Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale.
 Rose Croix Palatine, Palatine Hot., Manchester.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4.

Lodge 215, Commerce, Commercial Hot., Haslingden.
 " 266, Naphtali, Navigation Inn, Heywood.
 " 269, Fidelity, White Bull Hot., Blackburn.
 " 317, Affability, F.M.H., Manchester.
 " 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hot., Ashton-under-Lyne.
 " 1012, Prince of Wales, Derby Hot., Bury.
 " 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hot., Padham.

Chap. 325, St. John, M.R., Islington-sq., Salford.
 " 348, St. John's, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
 Mark 20, Faith, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5.

Lodge 44, Friendship, F.M.H., Manchester.
 " 219, Prudence, M.H., Todmorden.
 SATURDAY, MARCH 6.
 Lodge 1458, Truth, Conservative Club, Newton Heath.

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