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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
 Craft Masonry.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. P. McCarthy, W.W., in the chair, supported by the following officers and Past Masters: Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts.; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. and P.P.G.S.B. Essex; J. Gaskell, P.M.; J. Dorton, P.M. and Treasurer; F. Brian, I.P.M.; H. Taplay, S.W.; J. T. K. Job, J.W.; James Mitchell, Hon. Sec.; W. Nevin, J.D.; A. Mason, I.G.; and M. Sherwin, Organist. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Barnes, P.M. 554; W. Vance, W.M. 1472; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1472; W. T. Turner, P.M. 1472; G. Dix, 1421; H. Balls, 77; J. Black, 1728; J. Thomas, 174; C. Jolly (*Freemason*); and others. The business before the lodge was the balloting for of Captain J. B. Thomas, which proving unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated into the brotherhood with the usual ceremonies. Bro. Webb was then passed to the Second Degree. Both ceremonies were performed by the W.M. with that perfect finish that makes the working of the Capper Lodge such a treat to witness. Bro. Brayshaw was then presented with a very handsome Past Treasurer's jewel as a mark of respect for the manner in which he had for several years carried out the duties of that office in the lodge, and he returned thanks. The death of Bro. B. Norman having necessitated the election of another Tyler, Bro. Page, an old P.M. of the lodge, was unanimously elected to that office, and invested by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a superb banquet, which having been thoroughly enjoyed, the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to. Bro. Dorton briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, conducted the business of the lodge in such a manner as showed that he was determined to do his duty, and which was pleasing to every member of the lodge. (Applause.) The W.M., in reply, thanked them most sincerely for the toast, and assured them that he had endeavoured to maintain the lodge in its place among the lodges of the metropolis. He had no idea of saving money in the lodge, all he wanted was to place the Master who succeeded him clear of all debt or liabilities. The lodge was his mother lodge, in its welfare his whole pride was centred, and he felt confident that there was a great and successful future before it. With those few remarks he begged to thank them for the toast. The next toast was that of "The Initiate," and Bro. Thomas returned thanks in an excellent speech. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bro. Brian responded. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and in giving it the W.M. paid a high compliment to Bro. Barnes, who, he said, as a Preceptor had done more to place the working of their rituals on a sound basis than any other Mason in London. Bro. Barnes replied, and, in the course of an eloquent address, spoke of the excellent working he had seen that night in the lodge, and the true Masonic feeling exhibited by the brethren of it in their handsome support of the Charities. He wished them all the success they deserved, and cordially thanked them for coupling his name with the toast. Bros. Vance, Manning, Turner, Thomas, and Jolly also responded, and then the toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41). The first regular meeting under the new W.M. was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The brethren not in office having taken their places, the Director of Ceremonies marshalled the officers in the ante-room, who entered the hall at 7.40, and the lodge was at once opened by Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, W.M., assisted by Bros. P. Braham, I.P.M.; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; T. Wilton, P.M. and D.C.; Hunt, S.W.; Radway, J.W.; Cater, Sec.; Mercer, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; Ames, I.G.; Peach and T. E. Wilton, Stewards. There were also present Past Masters F. Wilkinson, Brown, Rubie, Mitchell, Capt. Peel Floyd, and Clark; C. Wilkinson, Past J.W.; and many members. Among the visitors were Bros. J. J. Dutton, P.M. 855; and Willson, J.D. 53. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, by request

of the W.M., Bro. Mercer, Secretary of the lodge of instruction, reported the proceedings of that body on February the 18th. Bro. J. G. Wilton was then examined as to his proficiency, which proved very satisfactory; he was, therefore, entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the candidate was re-admitted and passed as a F.C.; by the W.M., who also gave the charge and the lecture on the Second Tracing Board. The symbolism of the working tools was explained by the I.G. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. On the proposition of Bro. Ashley, seconded by Bro. T. Wilton, a sum of money was voted from the funds sufficient with previous donations to qualify the lodge as Vice-President of the Boys' School, and on the proposition of Bro. F. Wilkinson, seconded by Bro. Mitchell, the sum of £5 5s. was voted to the Girls' School, to be added to the list of Bro. E. T. Payn, who will attend as a Steward. A candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded by Bros. Moutrie and C. Wilkinson. Bro. F. Wilkinson reported that Bro. Charnbury, who was initiated, passed, and raised in this lodge last year, previous to his departure for Natal, had written to his friends in England, giving a most favourable account of his reception among the members of the Craft in the colony, and of the position which his connection with it had enabled him to assume. Some time having been spent in discussing matters connected with the internal working of the lodge, the proceedings were brought to a close at 9.40.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 125).—A meeting was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. D. W. Finney, as W.M.; J. H. Galloway, S.W.; S. Wallhead, J.W.; T. Hutchinson, S.D.; Geo. Cropper, J.D.; W. Taylor, I.G.; J. Jones, Steward; Domville, Tyler; Woods, P.M.; Edleston, P.M.; John Baird, George Mackey, John Jones Fairhurst, J. H. Potter, A. F. G. Potter, John Barlow, James Smethurst, Arthur Patin, James O'Brien, Jos. Shilcock, W. Reid, and Henry Hoult. Visitors: Bros. J. Paul Rylands, 1356; R. Coxey, and L. T. Eastham, 333. Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., Prov. G.D. Cers. West Lanc., I.P.M. and Secretary, took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. H. Sutton, and opened the lodge; after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several communications were read by the acting Secretary, and the necessary action ordered thereupon. Bro. Wallhead, J.W., moved that fifteen guineas be voted out of the funds of the lodge in augmentation of Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall's Stewards' list, which was unanimously and cordially carried. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, under the presidency of the acting W.M., Bro. Finney. The good things provided being disposed of, the Chairman gave in quick succession the usual loyal toasts, which were followed by those of a more intimate character. The S.W., Bro. Galloway, responded very gracefully for "The W.M. and Officers." Bro. J. Paul Rylands answered for "The Visitors," and the meeting terminated about ten o'clock, after a most enjoyable evening spent in the greatest good fellowship.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—The monthly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst., the W.M., Bro. Corbett, in the chair, supported by the following officers and members: Bro. F. Barnett, I.P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; Rev. Phillip Pinnington, P.M.; John Hayes, P.M., P.G. S.B.; J. C. Robinson, P.M., M.C.; Thos. Whalley, S.W.; H. W. Parry, J.W.; Robt. Collings, Sec.; W. H. Vernon, S.D.; Jos. Jenaway, J.D.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; M. Davis, I.G.; M. Howath, S.; David Cangle, S.; B. Parry, Thos. Watkins, T. Grindell, G. J. Harper, George Duggle, J. Wilson, T. Haliburton, A. Samuels, R. H. Waggett, John Williams, James White, G. C. Beecham, H. Hyman, R. Weale, M. W. Thornton, J. Travis, R. Roberts, John Pye, J. P. Jones, David Oliphant, Jos. Messenger, J. N. Pendleton, and others. Visitors: J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; C. S. Dean, S.D. 1289; H. Williams, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.; John Peters, P.M. 597, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales and Shropshire; W. Gick, P.M. 1756; Robt. Fairclough, Sec. 1675; John Lee, 1675; Jos. Woods, 1675; Wm. Heap, 1609 and 594; and P. H. Lyons, 594. The lodge was opened at 6 p.m., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Richard P. Curry, Daniel Smith, and John Sutherland, and in each case they were declared duly elected. Owing to unavoidable circumstances none of the gentlemen were present. Bros. Duggle, Nosted, and Lee, of Lodge 1675, being desirous of going forward, and having giving proof of their proficiency, retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when the above brethren were re-admitted and passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., the tools being explained by the S.W. The lodge was then lowered down to the First Degree, when the Treasurer gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose that the sum of £20 be voted from the funds of the lodge for the R.M.B.I. for Boys. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to supper in the old lodge room. After the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Barnett, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke of his great zeal for Masonry, he having now to travel over fifty miles to attend the lodge. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Corbett, in reply, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner they had received the toast, and assured them that although he had removed to Manchester he should attend the lodge regularly during his year of office and for years to come. Bro. Peters responded for "The Visitors." In the intervals of the toasts Bros. Dean, Lee, Davis, and Thornton entertained the brethren with some

good vocalism, whilst Bro. Fairclough contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by playing a number of tunes on wine glasses.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 8th inst. The lodge was opened at 8.15, by Bro. T. Johnston, W.M., supported by Bros. H. Gore, I.P.M.; H. C. Hopkins, P.M. and Secretary; Davis, P.M. and Treasurer; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W., &c.; Rev. Sanderson, S.W.; C. Bush, P.M. and J.W.; Mercer and Robinson as Deacons; Gill as I.G.; and Radway, J.W. 41, as a visitor. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Dr. H. Hopkins, who examined five Entered Apprentices as to their proficiency, and this being declared satisfactory, they were entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bros. S. Wilson, D. C. Ingle, G. H. Benard, J. L. Hamilton, and F. C. Berry were re-introduced, passed as Fellow Crafts, and received the charge appertaining to the Degree. The lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Johnston, W.M., again took his chair. The sum of five guineas was voted for the Girls' School, to be put on the list of Bro. E. T. Payne as a Steward at the approaching festival. Other business of a private nature was transacted, and the lodge was closed at ten p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel for supper.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above distinguished lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at Bro. Tucker's house, the Lord Ragan, Burrage-road, and was a most liberally attended and successful gathering. The esteemed W.M., Bro. Lloyd, whose oldest son had just arrived at the age of manhood, having at the last meeting proposed him for initiation, and the lodge having unanimously accepted the proposition, now had the pleasure of initiating him into the privileges and mysteries of Freemasonry, which ceremony having been properly carried out, Bro. Richardson, the W.M.'s son-in-law, and Bro. Ellis were, after examination, raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The lodge was honoured by a visit from Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., and P.G.D. of England, and Bro. Baron de Wormis. Bro. Boord, being a P.G. Officer, was received with grand honours, and took his position on the right of the W.M. At this moment the lodge presented a grand and picturesque appearance, there being a rare muster of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers in their collars and insignia of office, and W. and Past Masters of the neighbouring lodges. Amongst those present beside the distinguished brethren just named were Bros. W. Tongue, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; E. Denton, Sec., and P.P.S.D. Kent; T. Smith, P.G.G.P. Kent; T. Hastings, P.P.G.P. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; J. M. Dougall, P.M.; C. Ellis, P.M.; T. Vincent, P.M.; H. Butter, P.M.; J. Chapman, S.W.; H. Mason, S.D.; R. Edmonds, J.D.; H. Pryce, I.G.; T. Reece, D.C.; G. Davies, P.M. 13; W. A. Weston, P.M. 1536; Eugene Swenvy, S.W. 716; J. Wilkins, S.W. 700; J. Smythe, P.S.W. 1789; G. Beaver, S.D. 700; C. Buckland, 1536; A. Gifford, 700; T. Seaward, 147; J. Carty, 700; J. Swanson, 700; T. Hosegood, 13; J. Aillud, 615; S. Weiss, 706; J. H. Roberts, I.G. 700; W. Holleyman, J.D. 1536; H. De Gray, 706; J. Purnell, 1536; M. Kaul, 1472; W. Moulder, S.W. 829; R. Naylor, 700; H. Syer, J.W. 13; R. Beaver, 700; A. H. Hill, 700; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. At the conclusion of the business, the lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren sat down to an elegantly served banquet, under the direction of Bro. Tucker, and after partaking of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. To that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Boord, whose name had been coupled with the toast, said, as a P. Officer of Grand Lodge, it afforded him great pleasure to have his name coupled with so important a toast. It was now some years since he was in office, but when there he had had many opportunities of seeing the admirable manner in which Lord Carnarvon carried out the duties of Pro Grand Master, and it would be impossible to have one more energetic or more suitable for that distinguished position than their noble and esteemed brother. He was pleased to be able to congratulate the lodge on its excellent working. He must also congratulate the W.M. upon the fact of his having initiated his own son into Freemasonry. In his experience it was unique for a Master to have such an opportunity, and he heartily congratulated him upon it. He felt sure their young brother would take the excellent lessons of morality he had that night heard to heart, and profit by them. As for their kind wishes to himself, he trusted some day, when the pressure of business would be somewhat relaxed, that he should be able to resume his active connection with Masonry. He delighted in it because it offered all the brotherhood a platform where they could meet independent of either political or religious opinions. There religion and politics were tabooed, and all met upon one platform of equality and brotherly love. After a few words of congratulation and thanks, our distinguished brother resumed his seat amid cheers. After Bro. Tongue had responded for "The Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers," to that of "The Visitors" Bro. Baron de Wormis responded, and said that the only claim he had upon them was the innate spirit of Masonry that prompted them to couple his name with the toast, for he was in himself a very humble Mason, although not a very young one. He attributed his reception to the generous feeling that prompted every brother to welcome a friend and brother amongst them, and was proud of the opportunity of making the acquaintance of the brethren of the Pattison Lodge, and trusted soon to have the honour of being with them again. Bro. Hayes, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in

reply, Bro. Lloyd said he had only done as he promised he would do on the day he was installed in that chair, and nothing should be done by him while in it to reflect upon the brilliant career of his predecessors. Bro. Ellis then responded eloquently on behalf of "The Past Masters." Bro. Hayes then proposed "The Health of the Initiate," and Bro. Lloyd, jun., modestly responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Chapman returned thanks. A cordial vote of thanks was paid to Bro. Jolly, as correspondent of the *Freemason*, and after Bro. Tucker had been thanked for his admirable catering, the company separated.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 10th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Richard Washington, W.M. Officers present: Bros. Thos. Birch, S.W.; H. B. Jones, J.W.; Jos. Wood, Treas.; John Alexander, S.D.; Bethell, acting J.D.; E. J. Callow, I.G.; Jos. Skeaf, P.G.O. Org.; Thos. Carr and C. W. Bouldings, Stewards; Martin, P.M., M.C.; R. C. Yelland, J. R. Smith, P.P.G. Reg., P.M. &c. Members: Bros. Hy. R. Mercer, Ben Smith, F. E. Boustead, M. Yeoman, William Pye, Thos. L. Washington, Wm. Callow, and others. Visitors: J. Banning, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Jos. Balmer, P.M. 580; C. Pilkington, 580; Wm. Avis, 580; R. T. Britten, 1756; T. Rice, 1030; G. J. Davis, 605; W. H. Jewell, J.D. 1393; J. Hicking, P.M. 673; Wm. Parry, 1505; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 274, P.G.P.; J. Pendleton, 724. The minutes having been read, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Thomas L. Washington (son of the W.M.), wishing to take his Third Degree, and being found worthy, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Thos. L. Washington was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by his father, the W.M. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. This being the night for election of W.M., Bro. Thos. Birch was duly elected W.M. Before the election of Treasurer took place the following letter was read from the Treasurer, Bro. Wood, who has acted as Treasurer for fourteen years. "Liverpool, March 9th, 1880.—To the W.M. and brethren of the Temple Lodge, 1094.—Dear Sir and Brethren,—I feel that after having been in your service as Honorary Treasurer of the lodge since its foundation (fourteen years) I must again ask you to accept my resignation of that honorable office. I can assure you I do not take this step hastily or from any decline in my affection for the Temple Lodge, which I hope I shall always continue to look upon and support as my dearest Masonic connection as a private member so long as the T.G.A.O.T.U. shall spare me—I do it simply as advancing years and domestic circumstances, which are well-known to the majority of the brethren, compel me to take this course. Allow me, W.M. and brethren, to thank you all individually and collectively for the invariable kindness and courtesy I have received from all during my long official connection with the Temple Lodge. While expressing a hope that you will consider my resignation (as I do) final, I trust the lodge will ever be more successful in the future than it has been in the past. With warmest fraternal regards, believe me Worshipful Master and Brethren, yours faithfully, Joseph Wood, Treasurer." The best thanks of the lodge were then given to Bro. J. Wood, and the same ordered to be placed on vellum in an address to Bro. Wood. Bro. Wood then proposed Bro. R. C. Yelland, P.M., as Treasurer, who was duly elected. Lodge was then closed. After banquet the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. After "The Visitors," "The Health of Bro. Wood" was given by Bro. Martin, P.M., M.C. Bro. Martin, P.M., said: The W.M. has entrusted me with the gavel, and in obedience to his commands I rise to propose the next toast. On many former occasions I have felt great pleasure in speaking of the sterling qualities of our highly-esteemed and venerable Treasurer, Bro. Wood, who has for fourteen years fulfilled that important office with credit to himself and the entire satisfaction of the Temple Lodge. I feel now a mixture of sadness to night when I am aware that our lodge has to part with one who never made an enemy, and surely gained a host of friends. His manly, straightforward conduct—ever ready to give sound advice when appealed to by a young brother; no flatterer, but gentle in his reproof and candid when his opinion was asked—endeared him to us all. I hardly know whether he shone most as a model Treasurer, or outside the lodge as a valued and faithful friend. His great desire to love and be beloved by his brethren is shown in his every-day life. But we shall miss that face in the official capacity which for so many years he held—and those who had the honour as I had of being Worshipful Master too well knew his valuable assistance. Now we are to have his place filled by another worthy brother, who reluctantly succeeds him, and we can only wish him the same success. The painful reasons which cause Bro. Wood's resignation I dare not trust myself to speak of. Let his bereavement make them sacred. I hope and trust T.G.A.O.T.U. will for many years spare his life, and the Temple Lodge will be honoured by his presence when he is amongst us. Our great poet has said:—

"By Jove! I am not covetous for gold;
Nor care I who doth feed upon
My cost—but if it be a sin
To covet honour, then I am the
Most offending soul alive."

Now, Bro. Wood did covet gold, but it was only when the subscriptions became due, or some poor widow wanted assistance. If he coveted honour he surely obtained it in his lodge, and will carry it with him to his grave. One kind act of his for which the lodge has to thank him is this: he has prevailed upon our worthy Secretary, who was, like himself, one of the founders of our lodge, to still hold office, although they had decided to resign together.

And now, brethren, let us drink "The Health, Long Life, and Prosperity of the Treasurer of the Temple Lodge," which we shall give with all the honours. The brethren, many of whom were visibly affected, immediately rose to their feet, and his health was drunk with Masonic honours and great enthusiasm. Bro. Joseph Wood rose to respond, and in feeling terms spoke of the kindly feeling manifested towards him by every member of the lodge; he could assure them that such a return for what he had done would never be erased from his memory. "The Health of the W.M." and other toasts followed.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., in the Hope and Anchor Hotel, Catterick Buildings, Byker, when Bro. Wm. Cooper, W.M., was re-installed to the chair of K.S., the duties being ably discharged by Bro. Alderson Barker, P.M., I.M. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. William Scott, P.M., I.P.M.; J. D. Annan, S.W.; Wm. Smith, J.W.; Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Varty, Sec.; Joseph Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., D.C.; Arthur Mauro, S.D.; Geo. Pearce, J.D.; Frederick Wright, I.G.; Dixon Cowie, S.S.; James Cooper, J.S.; G. S. Sims, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form, after which the brethren dined together, the repast being admirably provided and served by the host, Bro. John Bell. The W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Amongst the visitors present were Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Cumberlaid, I.P.M. 1611; Gibbon, P.M. 541, P.G.O.; John Wood, S.W. 48; John Page, W.M. 406, P.G.S.B.; John Mackay, W.M. 424; Thos. Smith, S.W. 991; Bolam, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; George I. Dean, P.M. 541, P.P.G.A.D.C.; John T. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; John Braithwaite, W. M. B-II, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; Cummings, and T. Allen, 541.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The installation meeting and St. John's festival was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 5th inst. The following brethren were present:—Bros. James Batty, W.M.; Dr. John Rains, I.P.M.; Robert Davis, S.W.; E. Brundrett, J.W.; Rev. H. Bethell Jones, P.M., P.G. Chap. W.L.; J. Dewhurst, S.D.; W. E. Norbury, Org.; David Williams, Sec.; James Lambert, I.G.; W. Chesshyre, Tyler; J. Crampton, P.M.; B. Brown, P.M.; T. Schofield, P.M.; Saml. Taylor, P.M.; T. Wall, W. Mee, J. Walthen, C. Heywood, W. H. Milner, E. G. Wrigley, J. Stones, W. Butcher, and S. Bailey. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Gilbody, P.M. 1045; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D.C. E.L.; Thos. A. Crompton, W.M. 1588; G. Barber, P.M. 1730; C. McBride, P.P.G.D.C. Leicester and Rutland; Galland Hartley, 1283; Harrison Nevets, 1723; Robert Hunter, P.M. 1088; J. Batty, P.M. 204; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 3.15 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance sheet was next handed to the members, and a report on the same having been given by the auditors, was adopted. Six joining members were balloted for, and unanimously elected. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, and the W.M. elect (Bro. Robert Davis) duly presented to the Installing Master (Bro. James Batty), and in accordance with orthodox rite and ceremony, was inducted into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Elisha Brundrett, S.W.; J. Dewhurst, J.W.; Rev. H. Bethell Jones, Chap.; J. G. Batty, P.M., Treas.; J. Crompton, P.M., Sec.; James Lambert, S.D.; David Williams, J.D.; B. Brown, P.M., D. of C.; Fowler, Org. (by deputy); Love, I.G.; and C. Heywood, Steward. Bro. J. Crompton, P.M., invested all the above officers except the D. of C. and Secretary, who were invested by Bro. Dr. Rains, P.M. The addresses were delivered to the W.M. and Wardens by Bro. T. Schofield, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. B. Browne, P.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Dr. J. Rains, P.M., in the name of the lodge, presented the I.P.M., Bro. James Batty, with a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, and, in doing so, dwelt upon the energy and perseverance Bro. Batty had displayed during his successful year of office. Bro. Batty, who seemed quite taken by surprise at this recognition of his services, thanked the brethren in a voice quite broken with emotion, and begged them to excuse him saying anything more then, but would collect himself, and reply to their kind appreciation of his services later on. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.30. The brethren adjourned to the spacious billiard room, on the ground floor of the building, which had been fitted up for their comfort and convenience as a banquet room. The tables were neatly and tastefully laid out, and justice was done by the brethren to the viands placed before them. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. the Rev. Bethell Jones responded to the toast of "The Right Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, Dep. P.G.M., and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers" at length; and, in doing so, spoke of the ability of both their P.G. and Dep. P.G. Masters. Bro. James Batty, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," remarked that they had in their W.M. a brother who was initiated in the Chorlton Lodge, and had worked up step by step to his present proud position, and he was quite sure he echoed the feelings of all the brethren when he said he wished Bro. Davis the greatest success during his year of office. He could testify that their W.M. had done his utmost towards perfecting himself in the duties attached to the various offices he had fulfilled, and trusted he would have many opportunities during the ensuing year of proving himself the right man in the right place. The W.M., in reply, said he did not think he deserved half the eulogy that Bro. Batty had passed upon

him; but he would, at any rate, endeavour to deserve it during his term of office, and with the kind indulgence of the brethren would discharge the duties of his position to the best of his ability. In reply to the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. Crompton, P.M., the Installing Master said he wished to thank the brethren most heartily for the handsome jewel they had presented him with that afternoon, and he should not forget the kind remarks that Bro. Rains had made when presenting it to him, as he assured them they went to the bottom of his heart. He was very glad his year of office had been such a successful one, though there were many points he would gladly improve upon if he had his time to come over again, but in the ordinary course he must retire in favour of his successor; but as I.P.M. he should be able to support Bro. Davis, and render him any assistance if required, and, finally, make way for him at the expiration of his tenure of office, and retire as a full private. Several other speeches in reply to toasts were made, but were necessarily short, owing to the expected arrival of ladies at 8.30 to take part, and a most important part too, in a soirée. The brethren at the conclusion of the toasts joined the ladies, who had assembled in the lodge room, which had been prepared for those who desired to join in the mazy dance, and their terpsichorean revels were kept up with spirit until the small hours of the morning, thus concluding one of the most enjoyable meetings in connection with this lodge.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The annual installation meeting of this prosperous and admirably conducted suburban lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 4th inst., at the Town Hall, where there was a numerous and influential gathering of the brethren. Bro. Councillor W. H. Clemmey, the retiring W.M., presided at the opening of the proceedings, and he was ably supported by his officers, as follows: Bros. J. Duncan, jun., I.P.M.; Richard Roberts, P.M.; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; J. C. Paterson, S.W.; Councillor S. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; R. Hough, J.W.; Dr. T. F. Young, Sec.; W. Brewster, S.D.; R. E. Mitton, J.D.; Robert Harley, I.G.; R. Scott, Steward; J. P. Bryan, Org.; and W. Blake, Tyler. The members present included Bros. J. Lamb, S. Hignett, Alderman H. Musker, Dooley, G. F. Walsh, J. Hill, W. J. Rice, W. C. Fane, F. M. Jones, H. Howe, Job Clarke, J. Pennington, J. Platt, H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; H. Remington, C. Padley, jun., R. W. Hall, and others. Among the Prov. Grand Officers and other visitors present were Bros. J. F. Newell, P.G.S.W. (ex-Mayor), P.M. 1035; Jackson, P.M. 667, P.P.G.D.C.; Vertigan, P.P.G.D.C. Derbyshire; Dr. Samuels, P.M. 1350; Gregory, W.M. 667; C. Trver, W.M. 1620; W. Woods, P.M. 1620; MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; J. D. Reader, J.W. 1086; R. W. Chatham, 1356; H. Jones, 673; A. Bucknall, Sec. 667; W. H. Quayle, 1325; S. Broadbridge, 241; P. W. Lingley, 1713; Webster Williams, 1609; A. R. Morris, 667; J. J. Savage, S.W. 1086; H. Barclay, S.W. 1182; T. J. Hughes, 216; A. C. Paterson, S.W. 1075; and others. After the dispatch of ordinary business, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. John Duncan, jun., P.M., and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. C. Paterson, was presented for installation by Bro. R. Roberts and Clemmey. The beautiful ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Duncan, whose delivery of the various charges were perfect. The usual Masonic honours were paid, and the newly-chaired W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Clemmey, I.P.M.; S. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas. (re-elected); Robt. Hough, S.W.; Dr. Young, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, P.M., M.C. (Mayor), by proxy; W. Brewster, Sec.; Robt. E. Mitton, S.D.; Robert Harley, J.D.; R. Scott, I.G.; Job Clarke, Steward; J. P. Bryan, Organist; and W. Blake was re-elected Tyler. The brethren then sat down to banquet, which was served by Bro. Scott, of the Windham Hotel, in a highly satisfactory manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. "The Queen" was proposed in hearty terms by the W.M., who also gave "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and said it was unnecessary to inform those brethren who had seen H.R.H. in Freemasonry that he was no amateur, but was practically acquainted with all the details of his high position. He also spoke highly of the domestic virtues of the Princess of Wales. "Our Masonic Rulers" was proposed by Bro. R. Roberts, P.M., who bore testimony to the able manner in which the affairs of Masonry were conducted from headquarters; and, coming nearer home, to the assiduous attention paid by the P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, to the government and well-being of his province, in which he was ably supported by the Deputy P.G.M., Hon. Col. F. Stanley. He also alluded to the judgment displayed by the P.G.M. in the selection of his officers, of which they could not have a better proof than the choice of their esteemed brother and late Mayor, Bro. Newell, as P.G.S.W. He concluded by coupling the toast with the names of Bros. Newell and Vertigan. Bro. Newell, in replying, stated that he felt the high position conferred upon him to be an honour, not only to himself but to the district of Bootle, with whom he had so long been pleasurably associated, and he was proud to find their town so well represented in numbers in the P.G. Lodge. He could not let the occasion pass without endorsing all that had been said of the efforts of their R.W. P.G.M.—efforts, as he personally knew, which had been made in the face of severe indisposition. He concluded by expressing a hope that the brethren would rally round Lord Skelmersdale during his year of office as President of the Boys' Masonic Institution, and thanked them for the hospitable reception they had given him. Bro. Vertigan also spoke to the toast, and in a speech characterised by great earnestness, advocated the practice of charity, not only inside but outside the Craft. The toast of the evening was, of course, that of "The

W.M.," which was given by Bro. Clemmey, who spoke in terms of high eulogium of Bro. Paterson as one who had steadily risen from a subordinate office in the lodge to his present exalted position, filling his different appointments to the satisfaction of all. The toast was very warmly received, and the W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the very handsome way in which they had received him, and hoped to fulfil the duties of his high position in a manner satisfactory to the members of the lodge. He proceeded to propose "The Health of the I.P.M.," of whom he spoke in terms of great esteem, and presented him with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members of the lodge, expressing a hope that it would be an heirloom in his family. Bro. Clemmey thanked the brethren very warmly, and said that he was proud of the position he held that day as P.M. of such a lodge as the Bootle. The W.M. gave "The Installing Master," and stated that the brethren would bear him out when he said that Bro. Duncan did everything well which he took in hand. He had performed the ceremony in a most able manner, and he (the W.M.) only regretted that the task of succeeding such able P.M.'s was a very onerous one. Bro. Duncan, in replying, expressed the pleasure he felt that his efforts had given satisfaction to the brethren, and he hoped one and all of them would endeavour to act up to the beautiful lessons in the ceremony. "The P.M.'s," was most cordially received, and coupled with the name of Bro. Ibb (the father of the lodge), who made a humorous and characteristic speech in reply, concluding by thanking the brethren heartily, and wishing "1473" every success. "The Visitors," coupled with Bro. Jackson, P.M. 667, and Bro. Gregory, W.M. 667, followed. "The West Lancashire Educational" was responded to by Bro. Dr. Young, as a Vice-President, and its claims ably placed before the brethren. Bros. Hough and Young responded also for "The Officers," and Bro. J. P. Bryan for "The Musical Brethren." A very choice programme of music was performed during the evening by Bros. Webster Williams, W. Quayle, T. Foulkes, and T. J. Hughes, ably directed by Bro. J. P. Bryan, Organist, and added materially to the enjoyment of the brethren, who separated after a most pleasant reunion.

BIRMINGHAM.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1474).—This lodge met on Monday, the 8th inst., for the installation of Bro. Paul Roberts as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of brethren, as well as most of the Masters of local lodges and Provincial Officers and Past Masters. W. Bro. David Lavurstein acted as Installing Master, and the very efficient manner in which he performed this imposing ceremony elicited the heartiest approval of the brethren present and a unanimous vote of thanks from the lodge. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bro. W. H. Wood, I.P.M.; W. Bro. M. Davis, P.M., S.W.; Bros. A. Silverster, J.W.; G. J. Emanuel, Chap.; Edwin Woolf, Sec.; S. Lyons, P.M., D.C.; H. Cremer, S.D.; Hojkin, J.D.; J. W. Powell, I.G.; N. Belman, Wilkinson, and Wright, Stwds. W. Bro. W. H. Wood, I.P.M., was then presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of his ability in the chair. Bro. Wood was the first Christian W.M. of the lodge. The brethren, about fifty in number, then retired to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast was spread. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs and music, and a most enjoyable evening having been spent, the company dispersed with brotherly love.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, on Monday, the 8th inst., Bro. J. C. Paul, W.M., in the chair, after the initiation of a candidate, a paper was read by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., on "The Study of Freemasonry." A letter of thanks was read from Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Dean of York, in response to an address of congratulation and welcome which had been sent to him by the lodge. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., announced his intention of representing the lodge at the coming festival of the Girls' School, ten guineas having been voted by the lodge as a nucleus of the list.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This flourishing provincial lodge met in strength on Monday, the 8th inst., at the White Hart Hotel. There were present among others Bros. the Rev. F. Champion de Crespigny, P.M. 708, P.P.G. Chaplain Middlesex, W.M.; J. Bond, P.M. 889, P.P.G.P. Surrey, S.W., W.M. elect; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, acting J.W.; A. Nuthall, Treasurer; T. W. Ockenden, S.W. 1512, Secretary; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., I.P.M.; J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, 1793, P.G.A.P. Middx., S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.D.; J. Featherstone, I.G.; R. W. Forge, W.M. 1793, W.S.; J. Hammond, P.M. 1512, P.G.D. Middx. (honorary member); and J. Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, 1512, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. Jones, P.M. 765; A. Marvin, J.D. 1768; E. Dickman, I.G. 1619; W. Owen (acting Organist), 255; W. Beard, 946; and W. Springett, 1044. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. W. Smith was duly raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Messrs. Belbin and F. W. Perkins initiated into Craft mysteries. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, Bro. Bond was formally presented by the W.M. to Bro. John Hammond to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. The officers appointed by the Installing Master to assist him in the ceremonial were W. Bros. Walls, S.W.; Baldwin, J.W.; W. Hammond, D.C.; and J. Hurst, I.G. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed. The officers invested for the year ensuing were Bros. B. R. Aston, S.W. (by deputy); J. Hurst, J.W.; A. Nuthall, Treasurer; T. W. Ockenden, Secretary; the Rev. C. de Crespigny, I.P.M.

and Chaplain; T. C. Walls, S.D.; Featherstone, J.D.; Forge, I.G.; Honeywell, Organist (by deputy); Piller, D.C.; and Duffield, W.S. One of the first acts of the W.M. after the investiture of the officers was to present the I.P.M. with a jewel in recognition of his services as a founder and W.M. Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny having acknowledged this compliment in a lengthy speech, a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, in acknowledgment of the able services rendered by W. Bro. J. Hammond as Installing Master. The brother thus honoured having expressed his thanks, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren partook of a banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, at half-past ten, the usual toasts were duly proposed and most loyally responded to. The I.P.M. having replied on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," then gave, in very flattering words, "The Health of the W.M.," who briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The Initiates" came next in order, and this toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Belbin and Perkins responded in suitable terms. The remaining numerous toasts followed in due course, as the authorities had granted an extension of time, but in consequence of the extreme lateness of the hour our reporter was reluctantly compelled to leave. In the intervals of the toasts and replies several of the members vocally entertained their brethren.

NORTHAMPTON.—Eleanor Cross Lodge (No. 1764).—A most successful meeting of this young but flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Lodge was opened punctually at half-past six o'clock by the Worshipful Master, Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, P.G.C., assisted by Bros. Butler Wilkins, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of the province; M. A. Boémé, P.M. 360, I.P.M.; Henry J. Atkins, S.W.; Henry Brown, P.G.S., J.W.; Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, Asst. P.G.C., Chaplain; Rev. T. C. Beasley, Asst. Chaplain; H. W. Parker, P.G.D., Treas.; C. H. Frank, Sec.; Henry Hill, P.G.O., S.D.; Henry Spoor, J.D.; George Ellard, P.G.D. of C., D. of C.; Eli Morris, I.G.; Brook Sampson, Org.; John Manning, Steward; W. Kirby and Charles Dean, Tylers; T. V. de Denne, R. Croft, Rev. J. M. Donne, Rev. A. H. Cole Hamilton, John Cole Hamilton, George Butcher, R. Taylor, A. Jones, S. J. Newman, J. C. Franklin, Thomas Emery, J. Jeffery, 360; Samuel Kitfin, 540; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and approved of, Bro. the Rev. J. M. Donne, a candidate for the Third Degree, was introduced, and having answered in a very satisfactory manner the various questions put to him, retired. The W.M. then vacated his seat in favour of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, when that distinguished brother proceeded to raise Bro. Donne to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the whole ceremony being performed in a most impressive and faultless style. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when, after due examination, Bro. the Rev. A. H. Cole Hamilton was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, this ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders. Much disappointment was felt that time would not permit of the delivery of a portion of the First Lecture. Before closing the lodge the W.M. wished to express the great pleasure it gave him in seeing the Deputy Provincial Grand Master present that evening, and to thank him for the very admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of raising. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

RET FORD.—Vernon Lodge (No. 1802).—The anniversary festival of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., when a large gathering of brethren from the province, in addition to several from Leeds and Doncaster, took place. The lodge was honoured with the presence of three members of Grand Lodge. Bro. Pidd, the W.M. elect, was duly installed by the I.P.M., Bro. Thos. Harrison, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Housley, S.W.; N. Smith, J.W.; G. Marshall, S.D.; Chas. Butler, J.D.; J. A. H. Hirst, I.G.; J. G. Dimock, Sec.; Cockrem, M.A., Chap.; Wigglesworth, Treas.; Harrison, Org.; Morton, D.C.; Walker, Steward; and E. Smith, Tyler. It was resolved to present ten guineas to the Girls' School, and to send up the I.P.M., Bro. Harrison, as Steward. On behalf of the lodge, the W.M., Bro. Pidd, then rose and presented to Bro. Harrison a very handsome solid silver salver, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Thos. Harrison by the officers and brethren of the Vernon Lodge, No. 1802, of which he was one of the founders and first W.M., to mark their appreciation of the zeal, ability, and uniform courtesy displayed by him during his year of office." In making the presentation, Bro. Pidd said: Brethren, I rise to perform a very pleasing duty, and that is to present our Immediate P.M., Bro. Thos. Harrison, with a small token of respect and esteem from the brethren of this lodge. Brethren, just a year ago to-day this, the Vernon Lodge, was consecrated and the different officers invested. We, as Masons, know, and especially those who have had years of experience, that in forming a lodge great discretion, tact, and ability are required. In the first place, we have to look for a brother well skilled in Freemasonry to be the general, or Worshipful Master, to manage and conduct its affairs, and, I am proud to say, we were very successful indeed; for in electing and placing Bro. Harrison, P.M., at the helm to steer the craft, we elected one who had all the necessary qualifications. Before he came to reside at Retford he had a great deal of experience, for he was not only one of the founders of a lodge in Leeds, but was W.M. of the same. Bro. Harrison, P.M., you have conducted the affairs of this lodge through your year with every satisfaction, if not to yourself, I assure you you have to the brethren of this

lodge, and the confidence they had in you at the commencement is infinitely greater now; you have had a very hard-working year, but a very successful one for the lodge; you have initiated, passed, and raised eleven, and initiated and passed two, which, to my mind, is a large number, but they are gentlemen whom, I am sure, any lodge in England would be proud to have. Bro. Harrison, P.M., in conclusion, allow me, on behalf of the brethren of this lodge, to present you with this silver salver as a token of their esteem and fraternal regard. Your readiness at all times to give instruction to the brethren has been appreciated and valued very much indeed, and may the Great Architect of the Universe have you in his safe keeping and spare your life for years to come is the earnest prayer of the brethren of this lodge. A banquet was afterwards served in the Exchange Buildings under the supervision of Bro. Walker, whose catering, as usual, was of the highest class. The usual Masonic toasts were given and honoured, and everything passed off pleasantly.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).—The first meeting of this old chapter since its removal from the Horns at Kennington was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there were present E. Comps. J. Nunn, M.E.Z.; H. Webb, P.Z., as H.; F. Dunn, J.; T. Foxall, P.S., S.E.; H. Lovegrove, S.N.; Salter, P.S.; Hamis, 1st Asst. Soj.; Walker, 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. Potter, Janitor; and Comps. F. Thurston, Stamford, Lean, Cox, Boyton, and others. The minutes of the last convocation and those of the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Several names were on the summons as candidates for exaltation, but none being in attendance the companions discussed the affairs of the chapter and adjourned. At the dinner which followed, the usual Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and the companions separated, expressing their pleasure at the change of quarters, the serving being in Comp. Clemow's usual excellent style.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.)—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, W.M., presiding, two candidates were duly advanced and two joining members were elected. On the proposition of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Hollins, Bro. Wm. J. Hugban, P.G. Warden England, was elected an honorary member of the lodge. This lodge has attained a very high position, both in working and in strength of members, who number close upon a hundred, and embrace nearly all the best known and brightest Masons in the district.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).—This old and distinguished encampment met for the dispatch of business on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when there were in attendance among others Sir Knights C. Driver, M.E.C.; T. C. Walls, First Captain; D. M. Dewar, P.G.C. of G., Reg.; Saunders, C. of G.; Rosenthal, P.E.C., &c.; Roebuck, P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; J. Tanner, P.E.C.; Larsin, S.B.; Driver, 1st Herald; Graveley, 2nd Herald; Glenn, D.C. Hyde Pullen, P.E.C., &c., was a visitor; Rawles, Equerry. The minutes of the previous preceptory having been read and confirmed, numerous letters of apology for non-attendance were read. The encampment having been closed, a Priory of the Order of Malta was duly opened. Sir Knight Hyde Pullen, who officiated as E.P., then duly installed Sir Knights Driver, Saunders, Graveley, and Glenn as members of that distinguished Order. There being no other business before the priory, it was closed according to ancient form, and the Sir Knights adjourned to a most excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were duly honoured. Sir Knights Pullen, Rosenthal, and Dewar having responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," Sir Knight Rosenthal, in the absence of the I.P.E.C., proposed in very eulogistic terms "The Health of the M.E.C." In the course of his speech he congratulated the Mount Calvary Preceptory upon possessing so able an exponent of the ritual of the Knights Templar Degree as Sir Knight C. Driver had unquestionably proved himself to be. In concluding his remarks he said that he was also very pleased to see that there were other young members of the encampment, who, when their turn came to occupy the chair, would, he felt confident, discharge their duties in as equally a satisfactory manner. Sir Knight Driver having briefly acknowledged this compliment, then gave in very kindly terms "The Health of the Visitor." This pledge having been warmly received, Sir Knight Pullen, in response, made one of those replies which are always agreeable to hear, namely, commendably concise, but exceedingly exhaustive. "The Past Eminent Commanders" followed. In proposing this toast the M.E.C. made a feeling allusion to the great loss the encampment had recently suffered by the demise of Sir Knight Joseph Stohwasser, who was one of its oldest members. This toast having been coupled with the name of Sir Knight Dewar was ably responded to by him. "The Health of the Officers" came next in order, and was acknowledged upon behalf of himself and colleagues by Sir Knight Walls. The Equerry's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings, which were throughout of a highly satisfactory nature.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101) —At the annual meeting of this preceptory, held on Tues

day, the 9th inst., Sir Kt. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett was installed in the chair by E. Sir Kt. J. S. Cumberland, the retiring E.P. The officers appointed were Sir Kt. G. Simpson, Const.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, Mar.; T. B. Whythead, P.E.P., Reg.; J. S. Cumberland, P.E.P., Sub-Mar.; Rev. W. Valentine, Chap.; M. Millington and A. Turner, Std. Brs.; T. W. Wilson, C. of G.; J. Ward, Swd. Br.; and G. H. Simpson, Org. Comp. the Rev. J. Blake, Eboracum Chapter, was installed a Knight of the Order. Sir Kt. W. J. Hughan was elected an honorary member of the preceptory. At a subsequent priory of Malta, E. Sir Kt. Orde-Powlett was installed in the chair of Prior.

Order of St. Lawrence.

YORK.—Ebor Lodge.—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., when Bro. J. S. Cumberland was installed in the chair of W.M. by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Simpson, I.P.M. and Treasurer; C. G. Padel, S.W.; M. Millington, J.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Recorder; A. T. B. Turner, S.D.; T. Humphries, J.D.; W. P. Husband, I.G.; J. Hanly, K. of G.; and P. Pearson, Tyler. The report of the Auditors was adopted, and Bros. Frederick Binckes and D. M. Dewar were elected honorary members of the lodge. The members afterwards met at supper and passed a pleasant evening.

North Africa.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LOUIS LODGE.

On the 31st January a goodly number of brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, Goletta, to witness the consecration of the new lodge, constituted under the auspices of the Craft Lodge William Kingston, No. 1835, which has greatly prospered during its brief career, and numbers over thirty members. Its founders have always hoped to open a Mark lodge as soon as circumstances would permit, and soon felt themselves justified in applying for a warrant to Grand Mark Lodge through the P.G.M., who granted a provisional charter for the opening of the lodge. The new lodge is called the St. Louis (after the celebrated French King, who died in the immediate neighbourhood of the Goletta, August 25th, 1270), and an Ark Mariners lodge will be attached to it named after Charles V., who besieged the town of Goletta, together with the troops of the Knights of Malta, in 1535. A Mark lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. Present: R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.G.M.M.M., as W.M.; W. Bro. G. Pentecost, W.M. 222, P.G.J.W., S.W.; Bros. S. Souiller, P.G. Asst. Sec., J.W.; M. Le Gallais, M.O.; S. Sessing, S.O.; Capt. Johnstone, J.O.; V. C. Clement, P.G.S. of M., D. of C.; A. Attard, Sec., and R. of M.; L. Curletto, S.D.; J. E. L. Barker, J.D.; O. Engerer, I.G.; and Commander Bridger, Organist, together with several other brethren. The following candidates were duly elected, viz., Bros. Sir William R. Clayton, Bart., of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, and W. Vaux, S. Morana, S. Durazzano, J. Villareal, L. Coppi, S. Angelica, N. D'Amico, J. Catalano, A. Pagano, and A. Romian, of Lodge No. 1835, at the Goletta. All the candidates being in attendance were duly advanced by the P.G.M. to the honourable Degree of M.M. The petition to G.L. and P.G.L. having been read, together with the provisional warrant for the constitution of the new lodge, the P.G.M. addressed the assembled Mark Masters as follows: Brethren, here, within the precincts of the ancient city of Carthage, we are assembled to inaugurate a new Mark lodge, and according to ancient custom to award a mark of our approval to several of our brethren who have worked well and faithfully in Craft Masonry. The William Kingston Lodge, true to the early traditions of the Royal art, has attached to it this Mark lodge "that we may distinguish the work of each artisan in order that he may receive just and suitable compensation." To confer this distinction on the worthy Craftsman has been the prerogative of the rulers in Masonry from time immemorial, and this evening we have had the privilege of advancing to the Mark Degree ten brethren of the young but flourishing Craft Lodge, No. 1835. I congratulate this province, and at the same time the Grand Mark Lodge of England, on the accession to their common muster roll of the St. Louis Lodge, surrounded, as it is, by unrivalled associations of almost surpassing interest. The Grand Mark Lodge has viewed with satisfaction the establishment of modern speculative Mark Masonry on this classic North African soil, and this feeling will, I am sure, be intensified and increased by the knowledge that one of the Mark are now diligently working on the actual site of that far-famed city which witnessed in the time of its pristine splendour the bravery of Hannibal, the patriotism of Hasdrubal, the skill of Scipio, the courage of Regulus, and the stoicism of Cato; and which saw, during the days of its decline and fall, the labours of St. Augustine, the martyrdom of St. Cyprian, the death of St. Louis of France, and the exploits of Charles V. of Spain and the Knights of St. John. I feel it a high honour as P.G.M.M. of Tunis and Malta to consecrate this lodge to-night in the midst of that shore where,

Giace l'alta Cartago appena i seguì,
Dell' alte sue ruine il lido serba.—*Tasso.*

The greatest edifices in the greatest cities of the world owe their existence to guilds or companies of builders. Pre eminent amongst these old-world Masons were the Phœnicians. Bro. Fort, in his "Antiquities of Freemasonry," tells us of Masons' marks still visible on the foundations of the Temple of Solomon, now uncovered to the human

gaze after the lapse of ages. Similar marks have been discovered at Sidon, and other distant and varied localities of Palestine. These peculiar geometrical figures were used undoubtedly by the Tyrian carvers and "hewers of stone," who were sent by the Tyrian king to aid in the erection of the most complete and gorgeous Masonic work of remote antiquity. The descendants of these very builders, barely two centuries later, founded Carthage, and carried westward the skill and peculiar customs of their confraternities. The marks we can see to-day on many a fragment of the ruins around us exactly correspond with those of Jerusalem and other cities in the far East. They are part and parcel of a system, an integral portion of the working of those ancient operative guilds, which have laid the foundations upon which in the present day the great fabric of speculative Masonry may be said to rest. Carthage fell; the city of the Roman conquerors became the prey of the Vandals, who, in their turn, succumbed to the forces of the Byzantines; but traces of the old builders' customs survived, and were carried, strange to say, by the Byzantine Masons to Northern Europe. Hence the striking and remarkable uniformity in the tokens which still exist to-day in the walls of Sidon and Jerusalem and the ruins of Carthage and Utica, in the Abbeys of Melrose and Rosslyn, and in the Cathedrals of Strasburg and Cologne, of Florence and Venice. These marks, doubtless, served for the purposes of proprietary distinction amongst the earliest of Oriental artificers—the Phœnicians; the Romans and Byzantines adopted a similar system, and hence the custom of the mark spread far and wide amongst the builders' associations of mediæval Europe. These guilds of operative Masons have passed away, bequeathing to speculative Masonry their emblems, traditions, and ceremonies, and amongst these the Degree of the Mark. You have all learned from the ceremony the moral to be deduced from this observance of our ancestors. I need not now further allude to it; suffice it to say that the Mark Degree is an essential part of the Masonic systems of America, Ireland, and Scotland, and we trust the day is not far distant when it may be recognised by our own Craft Grand Lodge. To-night, after the lapse of centuries, we may be said to have restored the practice of the Mark to Carthage. May we imitate the industry and assiduity of our operative ancestors, and as they devoted their skill and ability to the material edifices of the past, so may we endeavour to profit by the striking truths and practical lessons illustrated by the ceremonial they have bequeathed to us, and, shaping our lives and actions on the teaching it conveys, become worthy of that approving mark which can belong only to those who have acted towards their fellows as they would desire their fellow-men would act towards them, and have based their conduct through life on the sacred Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The lodge was then constituted in ancient form, and Bro. J. E. L. Barker, W.M. 1835, installed in the chair of A. The W.M.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. E. They, S.W.; L. Curletto, J.W.; O. Engerer, M.O.; A. Attard, S.O.; S. Durazzano, J.O.; W. Vaux, Sec.; A. Romian, S.D.; N. D'Amico, J.D.; A. Villareale, I.G.; and A. Pagano, Tyler (elected). The P.G.M. was elected Treasurer. The charitable collection being made with a very satisfactory result, the lodge was duly closed. The proceedings terminated with a banquet, at which the P.G.M. presided. The usual obligatory toasts of the Mark Degree were duly honoured, and the W.M. of the St. Louis Lodge proposed "The Health of the P.G.M.," who, in reply, thanked the brethren for their kindly feelings towards him, and asked them to drink "Success to the New Mark Lodge." The President proposed the toast of "The Newly-advanced Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Sir William Clayton. The toast having been duly honoured, Sir William Clayton expressed his satisfaction at renewing his active connection with Masonry in the St. Louis Lodge, and added that he was deeply impressed both with the interest and importance of the Mark Degree, and with the way the ceremony had been worked by the P.G.M. Other toasts having been given and responded to, the brethren separated, highly pleased with the evening they had spent, and with mutual congratulations on the introduction of the Mark Degree to the modern Masons inhabiting the site of Ancient Carthage.

TUNIS.—Ancient Carthage Lodge (No. 1717).—The ordinary bi-monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 7th inst. Present: W. Bros. Dr. A. Perini, W.M.; A. M. Broadley (D.D.G.W.), I.P.M. and Hon. Secretary; and P. Sulema, P.M.; Bros. Souiller, S.W.; Pentecost, J.W.; Barsotti, Treasurer; Bokobsa, D. of C.; Dr. Pace-Williams, A.D. of C.; Le Gallais, S.D.; J. Gaudus, J.D.; Capt. Johnstone, Organist; C. Miviere, Steward; C. Carriglio, I.G. and Eymon, Tyler. Several members were present, as well as a goodly number of visitors, including W. Bro. D. Costa, W.M. of the Italian lodge at Susa. A passing and two raisings having been successfully accomplished, several well-known Craftsmen were elected honorary members of the lodge as a slight mark of the courtesy shown by them on several occasions to the I.P.M., especially during his recent visit to England, viz., W. Bros. R. Bower, P.M. 29, Iowa, U.S.A., P.G.H.P. of Iowa; Rev. G. R. Portal, P.M. 357; T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611; F. Davison, P.M. 10; H. C. Levander, P.M. 142; J. L. Thomas, P.G.A.D. of C.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1627; Rev. T. Robinson, P.M. 88 and 709; W. J. Beck, P.M. 289; and J. S. Eastes, P.M. 709 and D.P.G.M. Kent. It was ordered that the Secretary send to each of these distinguished brethren a certificate of his membership, accompanied by an appropriate letter. Two brethren, originally French Masons, were nominated as candidates for affiliation. On it being announced that they had made a declaration as to their belief in the existence of the G.A.O.T.U., conformably to the orders of Grand

Lodge, Bro. Professor Clement observed that as an old French Mason he was glad to say that the Conservative party in the French Grand Orient was very hopeful as to the speedy restoration of their ancient formula. Much routine business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A MASONIC TEMPLE IN CANTERBURY.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of a new Masonic Temple, to be erected from the plans of Bro. J. G. Hall, by Bro. J. B. Wiltshire, on the vacant ground at the back of the Freemasons' premises in St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, took place on Thursday, the 11th inst. The brethren, moved by an amiable desire to afford the outer world an opportunity of witnessing one of the few formalities it is in their power to conduct publicly, issued a large number of invitations to ladies and gentlemen who are not within the charmed circle of the Order. These invitations were very generally responded to, and the extensive platforms which had been put up to accommodate the visitors were well filled by the time at which it was stated the proceedings would begin.

The brethren having assembled, the lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. of Lodge 31, Bro. Wm. Tice, the chairs of S.W. and J.W. being respectively filled by the W.M.'s of Lodges 972 and 1449, Bros. Vile and Miskin. The lodge now presented a very imposing appearance, for on the dais to the right of the W.M. were the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, Bros. A. E. Gathorne Hardy, 31, and P.P.G. Dir. of Cir. Oxon; Holtum, P.M. 31, Past P.G.S.Wks.; H. T. Sankey, P.M. 31, and Past Prov. G.W.; Higham, P.P.G.W.; while on the left were the Mayor, Bro. Hemery, P.M. 31, and P.P.G.W., in his robes and chain of office; Bro. Mangan, Chap. 31, and P.P.G.D., in his robes as Doctor of Divinity; Bros. the Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.A., P.G.C.; J. Emmerson, P.P. S.G.D.; L. Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; and others. After the D.G. Master, Bro. Eastes, had been greeted according to ancient custom, the W.M. called upon Bro. J. R. Hall, Hon. Sec. 31, P.P. Asst. G. Sec., to read the dispensation granted by the D.P.G.M. for laying the corner stone of the new temple with full Masonic rites.

A procession of the three lodges was then formed by Bro. H. Ward, P.M., P.G.W. Wilts, acting Director of Ceremonies.

On reaching the site the President of the Building Committee, Bro. Pilcher, addressed the Mayor, who wore his robes and insignia of office, as follows:—Worshipful Sir, it is with no ordinary feelings of pleasure that I, as the representative of the Building Committee, have been requested to ask you this afternoon to lay the corner stone of this building, which it is intended to erect and dedicate solely and exclusively to Masonic purposes. You, Sir, appear to-day in a twofold capacity, namely, as the chief magistrate of this ancient city—an I can assure you it has been a source of much gratification to us who are Masons to find that one of our Order has thus been selected to fill so high and honourable a position. The next capacity to which I allude is that you appear as the Past Master of the oldest lodge in the city of Canterbury, the United Industrious, 31. The lodge has now been established in this city for more than half a century, and its position reminds one of the sturdy oak, which having withstood many a wintry blast, still raises its head erect after having come unscathed out of it all. Representing as you do, sir, two such exalted positions, I am sure that the brethren around will agree with me that the honour of laying this foundation stone could not have been entrusted to more worthy and competent hands. And I may say that we feel highly the honour you have done us this day, by consenting to perform this ceremony. Standing here as I do, in the midst of an assembly of Masons, it will be quite unnecessary for me to dilate upon the excellences of our institution. But I may say that we are not of those who compass the land and sea to make one proselyte, and whether we are anathematised by the Pope of Rome, or by popes of inferior degree, of whom I regret to say there are many, we are perfectly content, through evil report and through good report, to pursue the even tenour of our way. "Deeds and not words" are our motto, and by our acts, or rather the results of those acts, we are perfectly willing at all times to be judged. Worshipful Sir, permit me to present you with this trowel. Intrinsically it is of little value, but consecrated as it will be with the ceremonies of this day, I am perfectly sure that you will in after years, if it should please the Great Architect of the Universe to preserve your valuable life, look upon it with no small amount of pleasure, and to those who value it after your departure from this world, it will serve to remind them of the excellent service you will have this day rendered to the Masonic cause in this ancient city of Canterbury. (Applause.)

The Mayor having been presented with the trowel spread the mortar, and declared the stone duly laid.

Bro. Dr. Mangan, who wore his D.D. robes, then proceeded to deliver the following oration:—

Mr. Mayor, Right Worshipful Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Brethren all: I have been desired to address you in reference to the interesting and important ceremony which has gathered us together this day; and if I happen to fail in acquitting myself as the dignity of the occasion would require of me, it will be in consequence of certain embarrassing circumstances by which I happen to be surrounded. I am reminded of inexorable trains which will not wait even for Free and Accepted Masons; of imperative duties yet to be discharged by one of our three lodges; of imperative punctuality for the banquet which will call many of us by-and-bye from labour to refreshment; above all, of the restrictions necessarily imposed upon me by the ancient landmarks of our Order. These various reasons

remind me that I must be brief in what I have to say. We have assisted at the laying of the corner stone of our Masonic temple, and to you, my friends of the outside world, this event cannot be less interesting than to my brethren who have carefully observed the ceremony and been able to interpret the meaning of its various details. We have witnessed an event which is rarely the privilege of even a Mason to look on; and if—by the permission of our Great Architect—we are some time later on to see our temple in all its completeness, we shall be able to say that in this ancient city of Canterbury we have made an indelible stamp and impress of Masonry; have made a lasting home for our Order, in which its wisdom, strength, and beauty shall be exhibited to many generations of our brethren. For, you will observe, the formation of a lodge is easy, and the up-rise and extension of lodges is now so common an event that it is hardly commented upon. But the erection of the material edifice; the setting up and setting apart of a consecrated structure in which the ceremonies and traditions of our Grand Master, King Solomon, are reverently enshrined; this is not very usual, and, therefore, when it takes place it testifies to the enthusiasm and self-devotion of our brethren. And yet, when I consider the history of the past, I feel it is but in the fitness of things that the Masons of Canterbury should possess a temple as such. Thereby they are but perpetuating the influence of Masonry, which seems to demand its suitable home in its historic city. Here, 400 years ago, a lodge was held, in which in 1442 King Henry VI. was made a Mason. And here, 150 years ago, a lodge started again into existence, and after the vicissitudes of a century-and-a-half, now finds itself under the style and title of the United Industrious Lodge. Now, as Masons cultivate brotherly love, relief, and truth, I know I shall strike no chord of envy in the breast of any brother who does not hail from the old Canterbury Lodge when I say that we are mainly indebted to the zeal and energy of brethren belonging to the United Industrious Lodge for the work which we have begun to-day. The two other lodges have nobly co-operated, so, too, have the Royal Arch and Rose Croix chapters; but the honour of originating the idea will be ungrudgingly given to Lodge 31, and the representative names will be inscribed in our records as the names of Bros. Sankey, Wiltshier, Pilcher, John Green Hall, John R. Hall, and Ward. Much as these brethren have done, and are yet to do for the Masonic temple, amid the grave anxieties inseparable from such an undertaking, they have the proud reflection that they found local Masonry as brick and will leave it as marble. No one can but congratulate them most heartily for the place they occupy so worthily in the esteem and gratitude of their brother Masons. But I pass on to answer briefly the question which many of our non-Masonic friends may be asking with renewed emphasis to-day—"What is the meaning and the benefit of all these mysterious ceremonies, a few of which you have allowed us to witness now?" As to the meaning of them my mouth is closed, especially to my lady hearers—and I apprehend that my fair countrywoman, Lady Elizabeth Aldworth, must stand alone as a lady Mason; but my hearers of the sterner sex, who are as yet beyond our charmed circle, may learn what they mean if they will be as docile as those warriors whom Queen Elizabeth sent in December, 1561, to break up the Grand Lodge in London. The Grand Master, Sir Thomas Sackville, prevailed on the officers to be initiated; and they made such a report to their Royal mistress that good Queen Bess gave Masonry no further interruption. As to the benefits, I do not point so much to our schools for boys and girls, to our almshouses, and pensions for decayed brethren, to the hand ever stretched forth to aid the needy. But I appeal to the spirit of brotherly kindness which is fostered in the place where brethren of all social grades meet on the level; to that reverence for the name of God, and the Book of God, which is inculcated on all Masons; to that spirit of enthusiasm which is engendered in our hearts as we remember that by the sole power of morality and virtue our ancient Order has been reigning and prospering when dynasties and peoples have passed away for ever. Believe me, that must trace its origin to a Divine source which is found among the dark races of Hindostan and the Red Indians of North America; which on the battle fields reconciles enemies, and gives the all but dead to life again; which makes the stranger find himself no longer a stranger in a strange land; which draws to itself the allegiance of wise men, statesmen, princes; which is invulnerable to anathemas; which, amid the discordant cries of the age for new truths, new opinions, yet calmly holds the traditions of King Solomon, and tires not of those observances which bear the impress of hoar antiquity upon them. It is to help in perpetuating these benefits and privileges of our ancient Order that we lay the corner stone to-day of our future Temple. May we be permitted to help in the consecration of it; if not, we no less hope and pray that peace may ever abide within its walls; and that the brethren who shall be privileged to labour therein may be cemented and united together by every moral and social virtue.

The procession having returned to the lodge room in inverted form, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was performed by the W.M. The lodge was then closed down according to ancient custom. "Hearty good wishes" having been offered by the various visitors present, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in the Madrigal room, adjoining the Guildhall Hotel, to which between seventy and eighty of the brethren sat down.

Among those present were Bros. the Rev. J. B. Harrison, P.G.C.; the Rev. Dr. Mangan, P.M.; the Hon. A. E. Gathorne Hardy, P.P.G.D.C. Oxon; H. T. Sankey, P.M.; W. Tice, W.M.; W. H. Longhurst, S.W.; F. Finn, J.W.; A. W. Cattelle, J.D.; F. Horner, I.G.; P. Higham, P.M. and Treas.; H. Ward, P.M.; C. Holtum, P.M.; J. E. Wiltshier, P.M.; J. G. Hall, P.M.; A. J. Beer, P.M.; J.

Plant, P.M.; W. D. Young, Steward; P. H. Knight, P.M.; F. W. Cross, R. Rhodes, J. Coppin, P.M.; J. Hemery, P.M.; F. Wachter, M.M.; J. Bateman, E.A.; W. H. Vile, W.M.; H. Miskin, W.M.; W. Plant, G. Pilcher, S. Newman, H. Muiell, P.M.; E. Plume, P.M.; J. Vantier, S.D.; T. B. Rossetter, J.D.; A. Potter, J. F. Cozens, P.M.; S. F. Pringuer, S.D.; J. Suttie, S.D.; T. Blamiers, S.W.; W. Price, Sec.; and others.

After the removal of the cloth the toast list was proceeded with, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ACCOUNT OF MASONIC EMBLEMS AT THE BASE OF CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

COMMUNICATED BY BRO. J. NUNN, P.G.S.B.

Note upon the Masonic construction or rather the Masonic emblems discovered by Commander Gorringe. The following is the result of the researches made by the *New York Herald*:—

1° Mosaic pavement. This pavement indicates the variety of races, religions, States, &c., &c. It is found at the base of the obelisk, and is formed of eighteen stones, united by cement of two different colours. This pavement is the emblem of the union which binds together all Masons, and makes of them one homogeneous force. The number 18 is a . . . Masonic number which leads to the belief that the ancients knew the Degrees above that of W.M. In the mosaic pavement a stone is found of a perfect whiteness and purity. We have never seen a stone approaching this one in these two respects. This stone is, doubtless, not only the emblem of purity, but also of Masonic light, which, buried in the earth, is the symbol Masonic of truth; it may be the Masonic emblem of the primary solar religions which had for their object the worship of the Divinity in all that it possessed of brilliancy.

2° The Masonic cubic stone is found in the mosaic pavement.

3° The perfect Masonic ashlar. To the east . . . was found a stone in shape a rectangular Masonic cube. This stone was most carefully finished. From its position in the foundation, and from its shape, there is no doubt but that this is a Masonic sign. It is the figure of a L . . . On this . . . rectangle the . . . Masons to-day place three points to designate a lodge. Loga in Sanscrit signifies the world, and this was in ancient times represented by a stone of the same as the one above described. The ancients did know that the earth was round, they did not know of the existence of the Poles, and they consequently divided the earth into length and breadth—longitude and latitude—terms which continue to be improperly used to the present day.

4° Rough ashlar. On the opposite side—that is to say the west—that is the side of the night in opposition to that of day, of light, of science, and of the perfect ashlar, is found the rough ashlar; this is the stone of the apprentice. It represents the imperfect state of human nature.

5° Emblem of the Temple. Two stones placed in the direction of west . . . to east . . . clearly represent a temple. The first stone represents on its western side the two columns J . . . B . . . The shape of this stone is also that of a rectangle. Behind this another stone has cut upon one of its corners next the first stone the capital of an . . . Ionic column. On the upper part of this capital is cut a right angle which is evidently the sign Masonic of D . . . "delta," in the middle of which in all the temples of the present day is emblazoned the name of the G . . . A . . ., &c., Yod, God, Gott, Dieu, Character, Unity.

6° Mason's square. The Mason's square found on the base is also a clear proof of the intention of the builders of the base and the dedication of the obelisk, and here I will observe that the priests were the architects of the great monuments of Egyptian antiquity. This square bears upon its inside base in miniature the three Masonic Degrees, which are found again at the foundation of the edifice.

7° The trowel. The trowel is united by a complete oxydisation to the stone upon which it rested for nearly two thousand years. This is still the emblem of . . . indulgence. To pass the trowel is to forgive an injury or fault.

8° Three . . . Degrees. These three Degrees, which are found at the base of the obelisk, and form part of the foundation, are composed of two stones. The first represents the Degree of App . . .; the second represents the Degrees of Comp . . . and M . . . The union of the Comp . . . and M . . . is intimate, consequently these two stones are formed of but one stone. Moreover the step of Comp . . . is not so large as that of M . . . and that of App . . ., because the Comp . . . has less time to perfect himself than the App . . . has to become Comp . . .

NOTE.—We will not speak here of the symbolic branches of the Lotus, the Heliotrope, or the Acacia, Masonic emblems of the present day, or of other Masonic emblems. But we believe that these are to be found under the bases of other obelisks which have fallen by time, and not by the hand of man. Evidently the cubic stone will furnish indications and signs which may lead to new light upon ancient organisations, and consequently upon the origin and consequences of the discovery made by Commander Gorringe.

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Monmouthshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at two p.m., and presided over by Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G.H., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Col. Lyne, P.G. Superintendent, and attended by Comps. W. Pickford, P.G.T.; Dr. Brown, P.S.S.; Capt. Perkins, P.Z., &c., and several P.Z.'s of the province.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter were read and confirmed, after which M.E. Comp. Dr. Brown was installed into the chair of P.G.J., and the following officers were appointed:

Comp. C. Rowe	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Capt. Perkins	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" C. Bailey	...	...	Prov. G.S.
" W. Banning	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" W. Davies	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" R. B. Evans	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. Gorvin	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Bradley	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. J. Groves	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Orders	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Haskens	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" H. Fletcher	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor

The P.G. Chapter was then closed. Afterwards the St. Woolos Chapter was opened, and M.E. Comp. Walter West was installed as M.E.Z.; Comps. Samuel Davies, as H.; and W. Richards, as J.; and the ceremony was performed by M.E. Comp. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G.H., in his usual effective and impressive manner.

After appointing the officers the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Castle Hotel, under the presidency of Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Reviews.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF FREEMASONRY IN CANTERBURY, FROM 1730 TO 1880. Reprinted from the Canterbury Press. Cross and Jackman, Canterbury.

By the kindness of Bro. J. R. Hall we have been favoured with a copy of this neatly printed little pamphlet which we have read with pleasure, and which we trust will be largely perused by our brethren. It is a modest but lucid account of Masonic life and progress in the good town of Canterbury, and remembering how the guilds of operative Masons in England were increased by the bringing over by St. Augustine of a Christian Guild of Masons, we always regard with much interest all that appertains to the Canterbury Masons. There is also in the Bodleian an important register—that of Wm. Molash, Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury—which records the names of the Master, Wardens, Masons, and Apprentices of a "Loge Latomorum," to which the convent gave "livery" of "murrey cloth" in 1426-7. In "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia" the matter is fully stated, and to that we refer our readers. In the older books the name is given as Wm. Molart, but the real name is Wm. Molash. There is no other evidence that we are aware of of the connexion of Henry VI. with Freemasonry and Canterbury.

THE SECRET OF A GOOD MEMORY. By J. MONTIMER GRANVILLE. David Bogue, 5, St Martin's-place.

This is a very striking little book and can bear both to be read and thought over. We do not profess quite to agree with the undoubtedly clear and able writer in all his arguments and conclusions. But then he writes upon a most recondite subject—a truly "vexata questio," and thus touches upon some of the most abstruse and difficult matters with which scientificists and specialists, professors and physicists, have to deal. We, however, gladly accept many of the propositions of the author, and feel strongly that all for whom such "problems" of "humanity," such mysteries of mental organization have a concern or interest, may do very well in investing a shilling in the purchase of this little book, which might afford them an hour of careful thought and studious reverie.

THE OBERAMMAGAU PASSION PLAY. REV. M. McCALL. Rivingtons, Waterloo-place.

This is a revised edition of an interesting little book. Those who are thinking of seeing the "Passion Play" in "propria persona" should not fail to obtain the book, for, apart from the subject with which it primarily deals, it contains much useful advice and information, and the subject itself has some interest for us all.

THE LIFE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE CONSORT. By THEODORE MARTIN. Smith, Elder, and Co.

The fifth and last volume of this remarkable work is now before us, and most interesting and affecting it is. Unfortunately, we cannot do more than mention it, and recommend our readers earnestly to peruse it for themselves. It is indeed a revelation in more ways than one. The Princess Royal sends the following beautiful lines (as we have but feebly translated them from the German), which constitute the "motto," so to say, of Vol. V.:

"Living with God, but looking on to the unknown
In all self-sacrifice, building on Him alone;
Ever upwards liting, with thoughts sublime,
The spirit and wisdom of his time.
His strife is o'er, his warfare done,
Heaven and eternity are won."

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.—[Advrt.]

To Correspondents.

Bro. BROUGHTON.—Many thanks. In our next.

The following communications and reports stand over :—
Great City Lodge, No. 1426.
Lodge of Hospitality, No. 1697.
Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586.
Arboretum Lodge, No. 731.
Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.
Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75.
St. John's Mark Lodge, T.I.
Howton Mark Lodge, No. 100.
K. T. Precep. Royal Naval, No. 2.
Truro Cathedral.—Correspondence.
The City Masonic Benevolent Association.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Masonic Advocate," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Western Daily Mercury," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Bye-Laws of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1723, Bolton," "Minutes of St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton, by G. V. Brockbank," "Jewish Chronicle," "Keystone," "Memorandum of the Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepte," "The Freemason," Sydney, "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance News," "New York Sunday News," "Chemist and Druggist," "Dr. Hayman: Bible Wines and the Temperance Bible Commentary," "Extracts from the Proceedings of Grand Lodges anent the Invasion of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

DIXON.—On the 13th inst., at Darlington, Mrs. Henry Ernest Dixon, of a daughter.
SCOTT.—On the 13th inst., at Penge, Surrey, the wife of Mr. Walter Scott, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HOLL.—GIBBS.—On the 11th inst., at St. John's, Hampstead, Edgar, son of Mr. Francis Holl, to Ellen Sara, daughter of the late Mr. Duddridge Gibbs.

DEATHS.

BEACH.—On the 11th inst., at Cerne Abbas, Dorset, Mr. Wm. Beach, in his 76th year.
PICKARD.—On the 1st inst., at Cannes, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Arthur F. Pickard, C.B., V.C., R.A., aged 39 years.

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 *Three pence*, 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 Continent, &c.	India, China, Australia, New Zealand, &c.
13s.	15s. 6d.	17s. 6d.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

It having been forcibly represented to Bro. George Kenning that the present price of his "Masonic Cyclopædia" has acted as a "deterrent" to many of the Craft, and that a lower amount might induce many brethren to purchase so compendious and complete a work of Masonic reference, he has determined, in order to meet these representations and extend the study of Masonic Literature to make a considerable sacrifice as well as a liberal offer to the Cosmopolitan Craft.

If he can receive the names of 2000 brethren at 5s. 6d. each, he will issue, early in May, the "Masonic Cyclopædia," in a plain cloth binding, and post free to all such subscribers.

The subscription list will remain open until May 1st. As this is a *bonâ fide* offer it will not be repeated, for the advantage to the subscribers is so great as not to require further remarks.

Bro. Kenning has still copies of the 10s. 6d. issue on hand in the original binding. A circular will, in proper course, be sent to all the lodges, and names may be transmitted forthwith to Bro. W. Lake, 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

If the applications for the new issue should render it necessary, the book may be delivered even before May.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAR. 20, 1880.

AFTER the meeting on Thursday week, and the remarks of the D.G.M. and Bro. Lord Rosslyn, we confess that, in our opinion, as regards this new association, call it by what name you will, "Othello's occupation's gone." We have always seen the difficulty of a fourth Masonic Charity, and have realized the danger of these enlarged beneficiary schemes as making our Order a great benefit society. We cannot be insensible to the fears and objections of so many leading brethren and old Masons, and must, therefore, be understood as withdrawing all that we have said in favour of a scheme which has so outrun its originally modest dimensions, and its avowed object. We cannot now profess or propose to support it.

THE observations of the D.G.M. and Lord Rosslyn, and the communication of the Pro G.M. at the recent meeting for the proposed Pupils' Assistance Fund at Freemasons' Hall deserve very serious consideration. The enlarged basis of the so-called "Pupils' Assistance Fund" is, in our opinion, a very great mistake. To grant subsidies to all unsuccessful candidates is an incentive to an increased number of cases, and the difficulty that both looms in the distance and confronts us even more closely day by day is the great evil of Freemasonry becoming an enormous benefit society. Against such deteriorating influences we ought all carefully be on our guard. We think that the scheme must soon fall through, and had better be given up. Having said what it seems our bounden duty to say, we cannot pass over Bro. Dick Radcliffe's exertion without a word of praise. He deserves much sympathy for his zeal and efforts, and though the "verdict" of the Craft is undeniably adverse to his scheme, of his good intentions no one doubts.

It will be remembered that we originally supported the scheme of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, on the only, in our view, defensible ground, that of scholarships and exhibitions to deserving candidates, but we cannot approve of a scheme now which, as we see it, must weaken the other Institutions, and tend to "pauperize" our candidate, and seriously to affect the whole system of Masonic Charity.

THE facts recorded in this paper relative to the Masonic emblems on the base of Cleopatra's Needle, as mentioned by Lieut. Gorrings, and kindly forwarded to us by Bro. Joshua Nunn, deserve to be carefully conned over and considered by all Masonic students.

In the "Masonic Magazine" for April will appear an interesting paper relative to Masons' Marks in China.

As regards Masonic Halls, we have for long years advocated their erection, and we congratulate the Canterbury Freemasons on the fact. We think, however, that the proposed accommodation is too limited, as there should always be provision for a hall or lecture room, so as to retain the lodge room as dedicated to the service of Masonry, for Masonry alone.

OUR readers will peruse elsewhere with much pleasure the eloquent oration of Bro. Rev. Dr. Mangan at the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall at Canterbury.

IT is amusing to note how perseveringly errors in our Masonic history are perpetuated, and even with the best intentions in the world. Bro. Mangan states that Henry VI. was initiated in a lodge at Canterbury in 1447. Unless the reverend doctor is in possession of documentary evidence of which we are ignorant, no historical proof is available of such a statement. There was a "Loge Latomorum" attached to Christ Church, Canterbury, as appears by the register of Wm. Molash, in the Tanner MSS. Bodleian Library, Oxford, and we know the names of the Master, Wardens, and the members.—See "Kenning's Cyclopædia." The story of Sir Thomas Sackville is undoubtedly a myth.

OUR readers will note with pleasure that Her Majesty has graciously signified her intention of conferring the honour of knighthood on one distinguished brother, the President of the Board of General Purposes.

THE prompt action of our excellent Grand Treasurer in taking upon himself the payment of £500 voted by Grand Lodge to the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund deserves to be noted in the *Freemason*, and realized by those many brethren who hailed his fitting re-election to the high and honourable office he holds, and which we hope he may be spared so worthily to fill many years.

WE have thought it well to publish elsewhere a communication signed "S. M. M. C. O.," from an esteemed brother, in relation to the "Qualifications of a Grand Treasurer," because we were unwilling to seem to stifle free discussion in the *Freemason*, though not insensible to the inconveniences of a correspondence which, local as it is, verges very closely on the "personal." It is but right and fair to remark, that "S.M.M.C.O." is hardly correct in terming the brethren alluded to "servants of the Craft." They are, no doubt, paid Secretaries of Masonic Institutions, but as members of Grand Lodge, by virtue of their Masonic qualification, have equal rights as to speaking and making motions with all other members. No doubt, in this special instance, something might be said on the score of "good taste."

AT the Boys' School election, April 12th, there are twenty vacancies and seventy-nine candidates. These are the sons,—and the contrast is most striking, and we beg our readers to note it—of one clerk in holy orders, one commander in the merchant service, three surgeons, three solicitors, seven master mariners, two chemists, four contractors and builders, one planter, three commercial travellers, one superintendent of police, five licensed victuallers, one marine engineer, one ecclesiastical glazier, two hotel keepers, one schoolmaster, one tallow chandler, four merchants and agents, one inspector of police, one railway guard, one watchmaker, one printer and stationer, two pilots, one auctioneer, one farmer, two house decorators, one fly master, one confidential clerk, one ironmonger, one commissioner, one draper, one grocer, one assistant clerk, one gas engineer, two millers, one professor and teacher of music, one preserver of meat, one chief carpenter's mate, one jeweller, one coal agent, one ship's upholsterer, one brewer, one tea dealer, one mariner, one provision dealer, one

butcher, and one accountant. Of these cases sixteen are London and sixty-three provincial and colonial.

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So many reckless statements have been made, so many unwise remarks put forward in re the "Ritual Question," that we feel sure we are exercising a wise discretion, in the best interests of Masoury, and meeting the wishes of many zealous friends, in keeping for the future the the subject altogether out of the columns of the *Freemason*. We shall not henceforth encourage any discussion as to "what is this use" or "what is t'other," or "what is correct" or what is "vice versa."

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MANY objections are made to a Masonic press, mainly on the ground of the publication of "aporreta," of things which only concern the lodge, and ought not to be dealt with out of lodge. No one who has not had to do with the conducting of a Masonic paper, especially in this age of free discussion,—and following the bad example originally set, be it remembered, by Dr. Oliver,—can realize the difficulty of excision or suppression. But we fully admit we have long felt that "ritually" we are publishing far too much, and greatly against the laws of Masonry and even good taste.

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.]

BRO. J. B. MONCKTON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

To answer individually the mass of congratulatory letters I have received and am receiving from brethren all over the country, except in the unworthy form or a circular, is impossible within the limits of time that courtesy would prescribe.

Allow me to say in your columns how very much I appreciate the "Hearty good wishes" thus conveyed.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON.

Queen Anne's Mansion,
Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.

18th March.
QUALIFICATIONS OF A GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to a letter from "Lex" on the qualifications of a Grand Treasurer, I think it might be well just to point out that for a salaried official of the Craft, for such I take Bro. Binckes to be, to bring forward any motion whatever in Grand Lodge is a very great impropriety, as it shows that he, and in a less degree the brother who seconded his proposition (and whom I was very sorry to see did so), fail to understand the relation in which they stand to the Craft at large. They are its servants, and as such have no business to express opinions unless they are called upon to do so, and then only upon their own special subjects.

I am, yours fraternally, S.M.M.C.O.

[We publish this letter on the principle of "free discussion," always upheld in the *Freemason*, but we note that "Lex's" letter alluded only to "principles;" this letter bears rather on "persons" and not principles. See our remarks in leader.—Ed.]

CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly correct the following misprint which appears in my letter in your last issue, viz., in the third paragraph, eighth line, read "Board of Past Masters" instead of "Board of Installed Masters."

Yours fraternally,

MANCUNIAM.

March 15th.

MASONIC REGALIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you or any of your correspondents inform me why Masters and Past Masters disregard the instructions contained in the last paragraph on page 125 in our Book of Constitutions?

It is there stated, "The Masters and Past Masters of lodges to wear in the place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches-and-a-half each and of the perpendicular lines one each; these emblems to be of ribbon, half-an-inch broad, and of the same colour as the lining and edging of the apron."

At the last Quarterly Communication I noticed that, instead of conforming to these simple instructions, at the least computation, 80 per cent. of the brethren wore on their aprons chased initial emblems.

A notice has been issued by Grand Lodge relating to certain irregularities which have taken place with respect

to the Charity jewel, but the point I have raised appears to have escaped attention.

The matter may not be of very great importance, but as we have a rule to guide us, would it not be better to adhere to it?

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1768, 421, &c.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have pleasure in sending you a list of amounts subscribed to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund to the present time; also copy of a letter from Bro. Meggy, both of which I shall be glad to see published in the next issue of your paper.

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

129, High Holborn,

London, W.C., 11th March.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.
11th March, 1880.

The following is a list of the amounts subscribed:—

DONATIONS.		£	s.	d.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales	...	26	5	0
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught	...	20	0	0
H.R.H. Prince Leopold	...	20	0	0
Rosslyn, Right Hon. the Earl of...	...	26	5	0
Clarke, Hyde	...	10	10	0
Egerton, the Hon. Wilbraham, M.P.	...	10	10	0
Ferrieres, Baron de	...	10	10	0
Guest, Montague J.	...	10	10	0
Martyn, Rev. C. J.	...	10	10	0
Tew, T. W., J.D.	...	5	5	0
Adams, Herbert J.	...	5	0	0
Bagshawe, Rev. Augustus H.	...	5	5	0
Barfield, A.	...	1	1	0
Blackburn, George	...	10	10	0
Bodenham, J.	...	5	5	0
Clarke, Stephenson	...	10	0	0
Constable, John	...	10	10	0
Cronin, D.	...	5	5	0
Cronin, F.	...	5	5	0
Cousins, C.	...	1	6	0
Davy, C. R.	...	1	1	0
Gibb, T. Eccleston	...	10	10	0
Godfrey, Henry	...	5	5	0
Greenfield, John	...	5	5	0
Higham, P.	...	13	13	0
Higham, Mrs. P.	...	5	5	0
Hopkirk, W.	...	1	1	0
Howkins, Thomas	...	1	1	0
Jacobs, J.	...	6	5	0
James, W. H.	...	1	1	0
Johnson, E.	...	5	5	0
Morris, Rev. R.	...	1	1	0
Neilson, James Horner	...	5	5	0
Pears, Andrew	...	5	5	0
Robinson, Rev. George	...	1	0	0
Short, Rev. W. F.	...	5	5	0
Spice, R. P.	...	5	0	0
Storr, E. F.	...	5	5	0
Wentworth, T. J.	...	5	5	0
Winkfield, A. P.	...	5	5	0
Woodward, E. C.	...	10	10	0
Woodward, Mrs. E. C.	...	10	10	0
Anness, S. R.	...	2	5	0
Morgan, jun., W. W.	...	10	10	0
Radcliffe, Dick	...	20	0	0
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight	...	10	10	0
Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, Wood Green	...	5	5	0
Lodge of Economy, No. 76, Winchester	...	5	5	0
		£377	10	0
Donations (as above)	...	£377	10	0
Annual subscriptions (as other list)	...	27	9	6
		£404	19	6

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Hickman, W.	1	1	0
Ayling, T.	1	1	0
Bagshawe, Rev. Augustus A.	1	1	0
Challen, Charles	1	1	0
Davy, C. R.	1	1	0
Eynon, R.	0	10	0
Frere, E. T.	0	5	0
Godfrey, Henry	1	1	0
Hodges, H. Howard	1	1	0
Hopper, W.	0	10	0
Johnson, H. J.	1	1	0
Miskin, H.	0	10	0
Petts, E. J.	1	1	0
Pollitzer, S.	1	1	0
Ravenshaw, Rev. F. F.	1	1	0
Shaw, Rev. R. D.	1	1	0
Smith, H. R. Cooper	1	1	0
Snelling, W. Walton	1	1	0
Taylor, T.	1	1	0
Thiellay, E. H.	0	10	6
Wentworth, T. G.	2	2	0
Adair Lodge, No. 936, Aldborough	1	1	0
Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096, Deal	1	1	0
St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225, Ipswich	2	2	0
Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, London	3	3	0
	£27	9	6

22, Bedford Place, Russell-square,
London, W.C., 11th March, 1880.

I hereby certify that I have examined the receipt books

of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund and compared them with the bankers' pass book, and that the total receipts to this date amount to £110 2s. (say one hundred and ten pounds two shillings), of which £108 6s. is paid into the bank, as well as a country cheque for £1 1s., and that 15s. has been received in postage stamps.

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY,

Public Accountant.

Rev. C. J. Martyn announced at the meeting that nothing had been drawn out from the bank.

D. RADCLYFFE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to see that the promoters of the new Charity Fund have published a list of subscriptions and donations, which is satisfactory; the difference between the total and the amount paid into the bank would, I presume, be accounted for by sums not yet paid.

It would have completed the satisfaction of that large section of the public who are always "wanting to know" if a statement of the liabilities that had been incurred up to the date of the meeting had also been published.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It will have been seen by your report, that when I challenged the proposals of this expansive "fund" I was met with cries of "No, no." In the interests of truth, I beg to inform you that in the hands of those who cried "No, no" was a list of the supposed necessities of the pupils who leave the Masonic Boys' School, and this list distinctly laid down that the proposed "fund" was to stand as the parent and guardian, not only to the youths, but even to watch over them "through life," to find them the means of learning professions, of actually "later in life" (I quote the exact words of the programme) purchasing businesses for them, and of creating scholarships, maintaining them at universities, and of "obtaining" for them commissions in the army and navy. Your faithful report of the proceedings will show that the proposals were not even "damned with faint praise," for the common sense of every one plainly expressed that, when not Quixotic, the proposals were idiotic.

There is one point to which I should like to call Lord Rosslyn's attention. He expressed his astonishment at the proposals, and virtually withdrew from them. I was aghast at hearing this, for I had received a circular in which I was particularly requested to favour "Lord Rosslyn personally," by allowing my name to appear as a supporter of the proposed "fund." Having a keen sense of the great responsibility attached to those who start a new "Charity," I had no idea of connecting myself with any cut and dried organisation, in which, as I have seen before, all the Committee are merely so many puppets for some clever manipulator to conjure with; but it is worth while directing Lord Rosslyn's attention to the fact that the large "Committee" appear to have given their names because they were given to understand that Lord Rosslyn "personally" desired them to assist him in doing some charitable work which he thought necessary to be done.

It is now seen that the extent of the work is to assist a few boys who may be friendless. The question is, how far any boys can be absolutely friendless when they have conquered the difficulty of an election to a Charity like the Masonic Boys' School. To attain this initial success in life requires many and influential friends, and if the education given in the School does not fit the boy at sixteen to commence the start in life, well, then I consider it is so much the worse for the School, and that it is time to consider whether a less expensive and more useful education could not be given—an education which would not be "wasted." When a school so educates the boys that on the threshold of life they are helpless unless a new "fund" is created to carry them on to universities, and to "obtain" for them commissions in the army or navy, it is time to consider whether the whole itself is not a mistake.

Then, too, what about the Masonic girls? Is there to be a similar "fund" for the girls, to provide them with marriage portions; to look after them through life; to see to the vaccination of their children, &c., &c., &c.; to stand in the position of mothers-in-law to them, simply because they, like the boys, were lucky enough to commence their career in life with many friends who voted them into the School, and then were cruel enough to desert them, leaving them still dependent upon the Masonic brotherhood? We want no such "fund." If there are any cases which require help, it will be forthcoming, but we want no irrationally enthusiastic brothers advocating that we should go without great coats for a winter, or breakfasts three times a week, or installation banquets, and other means of "saving," in order to endow with the blessings of a paid Secretariat a new fund with a charity-run-mad programme.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN WHILE, P.M. 228.

MASONIC CHARITY.

The following appears in Saturday's *Times*.

To the Editor of the "Times."

Sir,—Reading the paragraph hereon in *The Times* of today, I beg the favour of a few words.

A very old Mason myself and an ardent supporter of our Benevolent Institutions, I earnestly deprecate this new movement as unnecessary and uncalled for. Lord Rosslyn's good-natured remarks a year or two since have been strained into far more than was intended, and a little personal vanity has done the rest.

Anything in the semblance of a fourth charity will inevitably damage the three that exist and prosper, and I trust that those high in the Craft who have kindly, but,

perhaps, unthinkingly, lent their names to the new movement will inquire the views of the existing Committees before proceeding further. Obediently yours,
March 12th. P.M.

BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a member of the same profession as Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, and a Mason, I greatly regret the difference that has arisen between him and the House Committee of the Boys' School with respect to his account, and have taken the trouble to call on the solicitor to see the account in question, and have no hesitation in saying that it is not a detailed account, such as the Committee, as men of business, have the right to require; it is simply a statement setting forth at some length that Bro. Wilson had instructions for this or that matter, and that he had made certain plans and estimates, and had carried out certain works—for all of which he charges one lump sum. Now, I do not for one moment mean to suppose or insinuate that Bro. Wilson has charged one penny more than he is fairly entitled to, and, therefore, cannot understand his objection to show the Committee how he arrives at the amount of his claims. He must have made it up in some sort of way for his own guidance. I cannot suppose that he jumped at it, then why does he not give the Committee the same details for their guidance?

There is a scale of charges recognised by the Royal Institute of British Architects, comprehensive enough for all purposes, on which any architect can take his stand. It is in no way unprofessional for an architect to make out an account in detail on the basis of this or any other scale he may choose to adopt, and every client has a right to know how and at what rate he is paying for the architect's services. It is, however, most certainly unprofessional, as, I believe, is the practice of some, for an architect to take out the quantities of the work on which he is engaged, and to be paid for the same by the builder who has to work under him—unknown to his client.

Surely it would be better for Bro. Wilson to send in a fresh account, in accordance with the wishes of the Committee, showing the proper charges for the different items thereof, than to keep on airing an imaginary grievance, for then there would be a reasonable probability that the matter would be speedily and amicably settled.

F.R.I.B.A.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

What is the custom as regards the opening of new Lodges of Instruction? Is there any ceremonial proper for the occasion?

A YOUNG ENQUIRER.

[None as far as we know, and we should greatly doubt the propriety of it. A lodge of instruction only exists under resolution of a warranted lodge. The lodge of instruction is generally opened with the appointment of officers and the rehearsal of a portion of the ceremonies. All the work of the lodge of instruction is purely preparatory.—Ed.]

THE APRIL ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I am much obliged by the promises and voting papers, and will only add that I shall hope yet to receive many more similar kind tokens of fraternal good will.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W.
March 13th, 1880.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

INSTALLATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The lodges and chapters of instruction which are beginning to be held in our railway carriages are waxing warm on the subject of uniformity, and much of "Old Mancunium" is somewhat jubilant—such is human infirmity—upon the way in which the proposed Committee of ritualistic uniformity has been "sat upon" in your pages, as well as in the more sacred precinct of Grand Lodge.

Personally, for a long number of years, I have considered "uniformity" a very desirable thing, but I could never define where the operation was to begin, for as a matter of archaeological interest the style of the Scottish and Irish ritual seems superior to our own; and the "uniformity" of English ritual a very trivial matter until it has settled the question of ritualistic precedence with the other two Masonic kingdoms.

However, as a twenty-five years' student of the two systems of instruction alluded to by "Bcs Albus," I may be able to throw some little light upon the discussion which is proceeding, and becoming somewhat heated.

At the period mentioned all the Manchester installations were conducted by the aged Bro. P.M. Wm. Pitt, who had been sent by our mother lodge (Integrity, 163, 189), in 1813 to the Lodge of Reconciliation. There was, hence, in his hands a general uniform work.

But there was in the country districts a much older form of working, which I may explain was identical with an ancient Degree of Past Master, which was required as brevet rank by the "Ancient" Masons before a candidate was received into the veils of the arch, and which was so worked in Lancashire within my recollection. These country Masons declined to follow the dictum of the "Emulation," and, considering that there was a deal of value in what had been rejected for brevity's sake, continued to work the old system to which they were attached, and so it spread back again gradually to Manchester. Precisely

the same thing exists in the Royal Arch installations in Manchester.

I now see where the shoe of uniformity was to pinch the toes of "Mancunians," and realise that the judicious tolerance of Grand Lodge has stayed strife. The Uniformity Committee, it seems, was to have been a dictatorial cabal to coerce Emulative dissenters.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN YARKER, P.M., P.Z., &c.,

Past Senior Grand Warden of Greece.

[This discussion, we think, had better now close, as it is clearly unadvisable to continue it. We have had even to "excise" a passage from our correspondent's letter.—Ed.]

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You will be rather surprised to learn that in answer to my suggestion that a Royal Arch Chapter should be formed to perpetuate the name of Comp. John Boyd only two names were sent in.

Should any lodge in Middlesex wish to take the matter up, I shall be glad to receive communications addressed as before to "Royal Arch," care of C. Young, Esq., 2, Dowgate-hill, E.C.

Nothing so stops the progress of the Royal Arch Degree as the absurd regulation of the Grand Chapter, that new lodges cannot have a chapter attached until after the expiration of three years. During the second and third years of the existence of a lodge most of the members take the Arch Degree in another chapter, and when in due course a chapter is formed, others, not members of the lodge, are brought into it, and the bond of unity between lodge and chapter is broken.

Yours, &c.,

SCRIBE.

THE "KNIFE AND FORK" DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am not one of those who object to a banquet after the conclusion of the business of the lodge, but I am convinced that great injury is done to the Craft by excessive indulgence in the pleasures of the table.

Most of the older lodges have subscriptions sufficiently high to cover any expenses of banquets, but many of the younger London lodges have many banquets and very low subscriptions. Now, to meet the expenses, initiates are introduced without much enquiry into character or position, and if four or five can be found for such meeting so much the better for the funds and so much the worse for Freemasonry. In these lodges too the initiation fee is absurdly low, generally five or seven guineas. The result is that the new lodge soon rapidly increases in numbers, but there are many who never pay a second subscription, and so cease to be of any use or credit to the Craft.

It is possible that the time has arrived to put a limit to the number of new lodges formed in a given time.

Several lodges and chapters in the London district have adopted a system of keeping the lodge funds and the cost of banquets quite distinct, charging a certain amount as subscription, and making each member attending the banquet pay a certain fixed charge for same. This appears to be a sensible method unless the subscriptions are large, and it would interest many of your readers if some brethren would give information as to the working of the system.

Yours truly and fraternally,

W.M.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sure Bro. Emra Holmes will excuse my putting him right respecting the mallet he refers to in the letter published in this day's *Freemason*, bearing his name.

The mallet referred to was used by the Earl of Zetland, G.M., on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the Royal Albert Asylum, at Lancaster, June 17th, 1868, also by Earl de Grey and Ripon, G.M., on laying that of St. James's Church, Thornton (near here), 26th September, 1870. I was present on both occasions.

On a silver plate affixed to the mallet is the following inscription:—

"By order of the M.W. the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, &c., and W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, and with the concurrence of the brethren of this lodge, this plate has been engraven and affixed to this mallet, A.D. 5831, A.D. 1827, to commemorate that this being the same mallet with which His Majesty King Charles II. levelled the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral, A.D. 5667, A.D. 1673, was presented to the late Lodge of St. Paul, now the Lodge of Antiquity, acting by immemorial constitution, by Bro. Christopher Wren, R.W.D.G.M. and Worshipful Master of this lodge, and architect of that edifice."

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

J. RAMSDEN RILEY, P.M. and Z. 387.

Heath House, Bradford,
13th March, 1880.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me in your next edition if it is Masonic etiquette for a W.M. to wear his collar when visiting other lodges, either within or outside his province? Fraternally yours,

W.M.

[There are two views on the subject. Some think the collar ought not to be worn in lodge, P.G. Lodge, or G. Lodge, others that it ought to be worn on such occasions and on all Boards of Installed Masters. There is no law, and we have no authoritative decision on the subject. We ourselves incline to the latter view.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the meeting of the Lodge of Faith, No. 484, Ashton-in-Makerfield, held in November last, the W.M. proposed that a Past Grand jewel be presented to a Past Grand Officer, to the value of £8. It was not put on the circular with the other business calling the meeting that this would be done, and no notice whatever of the motion had been given. The members were taken by surprise, and the vote was taken quickly, but not without a protest being made as to the illegality of the vote from a P.M.

At the meeting in January the vote was declared to be illegal, and a vote passed that the money be refunded.

At the meeting in February the question was again discussed, and a vote passed that it remain as passed at the November meeting. And as it is to come on again at the meeting on Tuesday next, would you kindly say in your next issue what your views are as to the legality and wisdom of the proceedings?

The argument on the one side is that there is nothing in the Book of Constitutions or rules of the lodge against such a vote, and the lodge can spend its funds as it likes, and the other side says, even if this be the case, custom makes it illegal, taking the practice of the House of Commons and all other public bodies as an example throughout the land, where no money votes can be taken without notice of motion. Besides, if this thing be allowed a few members could meet at any time and vote the lodge funds away for any illegal purpose.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN ADAMS.

[It must all depend upon the bye-laws of the lodge; if notice is required by those bye-laws for the payment of money, the original proceedings were clearly illegal. The only proper way to test the question is to give fresh notice, and have the matter fully discussed as we understand now to be the case. There is nothing to prevent a lodge voting such a sum of money unless forbidden by the bye-laws.—Ed.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN AND THE FREEMASONS.

Bro. Emra Holmes' assertions in regard to Wren's connection with the Craft will be found difficult to prove. The only real evidence we possess as to the architect of St. Paul's being a Freemason at all is to be found in the writings of John Aubrey, F.R.S. (1691), and James Anderson, D.D. (1738). Aubrey's allusion to Wren's adoption was, however, only published in 1844 (second edition Halliwell's Masonic Poem), and consequently exercised no influence whatever in shaping or fashioning the common belief previously held in Wren's membership of the Craft. To Dr. James Anderson belongs the distinction of first notifying that Wren was a Freemason, which he did in the Constitution of 1738, the English Grand Lodge having desired that he would ascertain what great people had presided over the fraternity, a commission in the execution of which his zeal outran his discretion, since in the Constitution Book of 1738 every considerable personage of ancient or modern times is stated to have been Grand Master. It is noteworthy, however, that in the earlier Constitution Book of 1723, likewise edited by Anderson, though he takes particular care to cite as Masons most of the celebrities named therein, Wren is only styled "that excellent architect Sir Christopher Wren." Up to, and inclusive of, 1736, as may be confirmed by examining the Pocket Companion of that year, Wren's association with the Craft remained unknown. The author of "Multa Paucis" (1763) copied from Anderson, and Preston improved on both. The "Candlesticks," and all the rest of it, which are now supposed to identify Wren with the Lodge of Antiquity, represent the growth of Preston's imagination, as successive editions of his famous work saw the light.* As regards Aubrey's statement (1691), it must be recollected that he places on record a prediction, not a fact, viz.:—"This day Sir Christopher is to be (not was) adopted a Mason." Aubrey's memorandum was first penned in 1691, and interpolated in his "Natural History of Wiltshire" (Oxford copy), which he some years afterwards fair copied and deposited the MS. in the library of the Royal Society. I have carefully examined the Aubrey MS., in the Bodleian and Royal Society's libraries respectively, and, having regard to the general features of the case, am of opinion that there is not a particle of historical evidence to support the theory of Wren having been at any time a member of the society. It is impossible to discuss this question within the limits of "Masonic Notes and Queries," but as Bro. Hughan has reminded me that some time ago I announced a forthcoming pamphlet, to be entitled "Was Sir Christopher Wren a Freemason?" I take the opportunity of stating that I shall deal with the subject in some form shortly, and will then cite the various authorities bearing upon the inquiry, which, occupying much labour in investigating, will, I trust, be found useful, even though my own conclusions should fail to meet with acceptance. According to my view, if Wren had been but a humble Entered Apprentice (to say nothing of being Grand Master), his membership of the society would assuredly have been noticed in the Constitution Book of 1723, whereas he is only alluded to

*Bro. Emra Holmes omits to mention which of the seventeen editions of Preston he quotes from? The author of the "Illustrations of Masonry" in the third and fourth editions (1781 and 1788), states:—"The mallet with which the foundation stone (of St. Paul's) was laid is now in the possession of the Lodge of Antiquity, and preserved there as a great curiosity." In the 1796 edition, however, he says:—"The mallet, &c., was delivered by Sir Christopher Wren to the old Lodge of St. Paul, now the Lodge of Antiquity," &c.

in a professional capacity, as also in the Constitutions of 1726 and 1730 (Dublin), and in Smith's Pocket Companion for 1735 and 1736. The Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of York (Drake), in his discursive address of 1726, does not mention his name. If, as predicted by Aubrey, Wren was adopted a brother in 1691, we are confronted by the following facts:—1. No record whatever of remarkable an occurrence as the initiation or affiliation so remarkable an occurrence as the initiation or affiliation of the "King's Architect" is to be found in the newspapers of that year. 2. All recollection of the circumstance had died out amongst the members of a strictly architectural society within the short space of twenty-six years (1691-1717). 3. Desaguliers, Martin Folkes, Martin Clare, and Richard Rawlinson, all of them enthusiastic Masons, were Fellows of the Royal Society, and, as I contend, could not fail to have been acquainted with the Aubrey MS. in the library of that institution. 4. Joseph Ames, F.R.S., upon whom devolved the task of preparing "Parestalia" for the press, would certainly have quoted Aubrey had he credited his statement respecting Wren. It is tolerably clear that the foundation stone of St. Paul's was laid by Wren, but the honour has been claimed for Edward Strong, the master mason (or superintendent of work), as well as for King Charles II. Two of our leading newspapers (*The Times* and *Pall Mall Gazette*) in the course of 1879, whilst mildly ridiculing the pretensions of the Freemasons, admitted that at all events they were fully entitled to claim Sir Christopher Wren as *Grand Master*. They thus rejected the Andersonian tradition of Moses, Solomon, and Nebuchadnezzar having filled this high station, whilst, however, blindly accepting the equally untenable theory of Wren having been "Grand Master" many years before Grand Lodges or Grand Masters were invented.

R. F. GOULD.

MASONIC HISTORY.

Bro. Findel has admittedly given us the best and most comprehensive work on Freemasonry. I propose, however, to demonstrate that this excellent Masonic historian has been a little "at sea" as regards the proper construction to be placed upon our early English statutes.

It has been the habit of all writers alike to regard many of these venerable and now, happily, obsolete enactments as the basis and foundation of British Masonic history.

A careful examination of the statute book will, however, clearly show that no entry whatever on the rolls of Parliament, prior to the reign of George the Third, contains any allusion which by the greatest latitude of interpretation can be twisted or converted into a reference or recognition of the society of Freemasons.

With the terms of the famous statute, 3 Henry VI., cap. 1 (styled by Preston "An Act to abolish the Society of Masons"), most brethren are conversant, and it will be sufficient in this place to remark that the familiar superstition of a "Grand Lodge" or governing body of the entire fraternity in the middle ages, originally put forward by Dr. James Anderson in the Constitutions of 1723, has been blindly accepted by the *critical* as well as by the imaginative interpreters of Masonic history.

I have elsewhere treated this subject at length,* and may hereafter (if permitted so to do) recur to it in the *Freemason*; meanwhile, to revert to my text, "Masonic History" (as propounded by Bro. Findel), I will now essay a brief examination of two statutes, altogether misunderstood by that worthy brother, who has been followed, or copied from, almost word for word, by Bro. G. F. Fort, author of "The Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," according to the Philadelphia "Keystone," "the best history of the Craft ever published."

In his "History of Freemasonry," Bro. Findel says:—"As in the case of the German stonemasons, so did the English Masons at an early period form Fraternities, or Associations, the members of which recognised each other by secret signs and tokens" (p. 78).

"In 1495 all artisans and workmen were again forbidden to use liveries, signs, and tokens." In 1548 all the building crafts were permitted freely to practise their art in all the kingdom; but this licence was again revoked in the following year, except so far as concerned the city of London" (p. 80).

Bro. Fort in his "Antiquities of Freemasonry" (at p. 130) reproduces the foregoing in almost identical terms.

The first statute cited by Bro. Findel (that of 1495) was passed in the eleventh year of King Henry the Seventh (11 Hen. VII., cap. 3.), and is entitled "An Acte agaynst unlawfull Assemblages and other offences contrary to former Statutes."

Acts of Parliament against giving liveries begin in the reign of Richard II., and enactments of a similar nature were passed in the reigns of Henry IV., Henry VI., and Edward IV. During the reign of Henry the Seventh no less than three statutes were enacted to further cope with this growing evil.

Of the Tudor policy against liveries, tokens, retainers, &c., Mr. L. O. Pike observes:—"Nothing indicated more clearly that the elements of society were about to be thrown into new combinations than the perseverance with which previous statutes against giving liveries and tokens were enforced, and with which their deficiencies were made good by new enactments. All the considerable landholders still regarded themselves as chieftains. All their inferiors in their neighbourhood were their retainers, to whom they gave liveries and tokens, and who, in other words, wore their uniform, and rallied to their standard. A common gift from chief to retainer seems to have been a badge [sign †] to be worn in the

cap. Thus one of the Stanleys was in the habit of giving to his followers 'the eagle's foot,' and one of the Darcies 'the buck's head.' These tokens were sometimes of silver and sometimes gilt, and were, no doubt, highly prized by those who received them." The law of 1548 (2 and 3 Edward VI., cap. xv.), next referred to by Bro. Findel, has been similarly misinterpreted by him, the meaning and effect of this statute being precisely the opposite of the construction placed upon it by Bros. Findel and Fort. Instead of "permitting the building crafts to freely practise their art," &c., the enactment was a renewed attempt to check the Craft guilds in their restraint of skilled labour from a free participation in the privileges incident to the mechanical trades. Both historians go on to say "that the licence accorded to the building crafts was revoked in the following year, except so far as concerned the City of London," the fact, however, being that the statute of 1549 (3 and 4 Edw. VI., cap. xx.) simply restored to the craft of builders the monopoly of which the previous enactment had deprived them, and was in effect a removal from trade or craft guilds in all cities, boroughs, or towns corporate, of the restrictions imposed upon them by the legislation of 1548.

R. F. GOULD.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY WILLIAM LINDUS.

Bro. Henry William Lindus, who died on the 31st of January last, at the age of 52, was the founder, in 1869, of the Stanhope Lodge, No. 1269, and at the time of his decease he was one of the most esteemed Past Masters and also the Secretary of that lodge. Bro. Lindus was also the founder of the Stanhope Chapter. In 1875 he was M.E.Z. of that chapter, and from 1876 to the time of his death he was Scribe E. Bro. Lindus was also one of the Past Masters of Lodge La Tolérance, No. 538, and P.Z. of the Vane Chapter, and up to the period of his lamented decease he zealously performed his Masonic duties both in lodge and chapter. Recently the Lodge La Tolérance presented to his bereaved family a most cordially fraternal address of condolence, which is highly prized by them, and has been gratefully acknowledged. Bro. Lindus was a solicitor, carrying on his profession at 156, Cheapside, and at Penge, but we are informed that his almost sudden death has made the realisation of his estate one of considerable difficulty, and we therefore call our readers' attention to an advertisement which appears in another column of the *Freemason*. Bro. Henry Windybank, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, is the solicitor for the executrix, and in his hands the utmost will be done to successfully administer the estate of Bro. Lindus for the benefit of his family, and any information from members of the Craft as to the property of our deceased brother, or the debts due to him, will be, we are certain, thankfully received and duly acknowledged by Bro. Windybank. We feel sure that the numerous brethren who knew and esteemed Bro. Lindus will, for the sake of his family, give every information in their power in response to the advertisement to which we have referred.

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. ARTHUR F. PICKARD, C.B., V.C., R.A.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Arthur F. Pickard, C.B., V.C., R.A., which took place at Cannes, on Monday, the 1st, inst. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, on the 27th July, 1872, but he was not appointed to any office in the lodge. He remained a member till his death. He always took a deep interest in the Craft, though unable, from his constant attendance on H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., and afterwards on Her Majesty the Queen, to take an active part in Freemasonry. He was, however, present at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, in 1875, being one of the few who were admitted though not members of Grand Lodge. Born in 1841, the son of an officer in the Royal Artillery, he passed through Carshalton and Woolwich with distinction, and obtained his commission in the Royal Artillery in 1858. After serving for some little time in Ireland and elsewhere, Lieutenant Pickard went out in 1860 with his battery to New Zealand, and at Rangariri, in 1863, behaved most gallantly in twice crossing a deadly fire from the natives in their pah while he fetched water for the wounded, when none of the men could be induced to perform that service,* and also in assisting Surgeon Temple to carry Captain Mercer, R.A., when wounded, out of reach of the enemy's fire. For this "golden deed" he was recommended for the Victoria Cross, which he received in 1864. In 1867 he had the honour of being appointed to attend upon H.R.H. Prince Arthur during his studies at the Academy at Woolwich, and remained with the Prince until about two years ago, when, on the death of Sir Thomas Biddulph, Major Pickard became Assistant Keeper of the Privy Purse, and Assistant Secretary to the Queen, and was also made Groom in Waiting. His health, however, had become so extremely delicate that he was obliged

part of the sixteenth century (circa 1519). According to the *Englished* version of the law of 1468 (8 Edw. IV., c. ii.) previous statutes and ordinances against the giving or receiving of liveries or badges are confirmed, and it is further enacted "That no person, of what estate, degree, or condition that he be, by himself, or any other for him, from the Feast of St. John Baptist shall give any such livery or badge," &c. The passage just cited is, however, thus given in the Norman-French of the actual statute:—"Et outre ceo qe null persone de quell estate, degre, ou condition qil soit par soy mesme ou ascun autre purluy a le fest del Seint Johan Baptist done ascun tiel liverye ou signe," &c. In the numerous statutes bearing on this subject the French term "signe" is always used in the sense of "badge." * See *London Gazette*, September 22nd, 1864.

to pass the winters of 1878-9 and 1879-80 at Cannes, from the climate of which delightful place he seemed to derive great benefit; but on the 12th February an attack of hemorrhage came on and congestion of the lungs followed rapidly, so that in little more than a fortnight he fell asleep. His funeral on the 4th inst. was attended by many friends, to whom he had endeared himself during his sojourn at Cannes, the Vice-Consul representing the Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge. In other carriages were Sir John McNeill, G.C.B., Sir Fenwick Williams, Mr. Bonham-Carter, Sir David Russell, Lord Raglan, Lord Sudeley, Sir Walter Farquhar, Gen. Sir Edward Ward, Col. Farquharson, Col. Vyse, Mr. Sandars, and the immediate relatives of the deceased. The coffin was covered with wreaths and bouquets—H.M. the Queen sent one to which an inscription was attached, "A mark of high esteem, gratitude, and friendship from Queen Victoria." H.R.H. Prince Leopold, H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught also sent wreaths. Lady Emma McNeill contributed one composed wholly of bays, well befitting a hero's tomb. The service was read by the Rev. W. Brookes, Chaplain of Holy Trinity Church. The deep interest and sympathy felt by a large circle of friends for the mourners was increased, if possible, by the knowledge that the day of the funeral had been the day fixed for our deceased brother's marriage.

We cannot close this brief notice without an expression of sympathy and condolence with his only surviving brother the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G. Chaplain, in which we feel sure large numbers of the Craft will join.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We understand our old and well conducted contemporary the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce*, one of the most influential provincial shipping and commercial newspapers, has recently changed hands, and that Mr. Charles Birchall has become the new proprietor. Mr. Birchall has had great experience in journalistic matters, having for nearly a quarter of a century had the management of the advertising department of the well-known advertising agent, Mr. Greenwood, of Liverpool. Under the new proprietorship we expect great things from the *Journal of Commerce* for the future.

Truth says that Bro. Colonel Buller has been seriously ill of inflammation of the lungs, and instead of going to Scotland on duty has gone to recruit at Downes. He originally caught cold in Crediton Church, which is well known as one of the coldest and most draughty in the county.

The cost of the Great Eastern Railway Company's new station at Bishopsgate is set down at over £250,000.

In the presence of a large number of City gentlemen, Mr. Deputy H. Lowman Taylor, Chairman of the General Markets' Sub-Committee of the Corporation of London, laid the foundation stone of the new London Central Fruit and Vegetable Market on Wednesday last.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., will preside at the annual dinner of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, to be held at Willis's Rooms on Friday, April 23rd.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Bro. Horace Jones (architect to the Corporation) submitted, for the Prince of Wales's inspection, at Marlborough House on Friday last, the model of a memorial which it is proposed to erect on the site of old Temple Bar.

We have much pleasure in stating that the Queen has graciously announced her intention of conferring the honour of knighthood upon Bro. J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), President Board of General Purposes, and W.M. Lodge 1827, and Mr. W. T. Charley (Common Serjeant).

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited the Folly Theatre on Wednesday evening last to witness Bro. J. L. Toole in "Bardell v. Pickwick" and "Our Clerks."

A testimonial to Bro. Frank Toole, the well-known City toastmaster, and brother to Mr. J. L. Toole, the comedian, is being well supported by many of the City merchants. The testimonial is to be in recognition of Bro. Toole's long and honourable connection with the East and West India Dock Company, a connection extending over a period of forty-five years. As a member of the omnipresent fraternity of Freemasons he has become widely known, and can always depend upon receiving not only the conventional grip of brotherhood, but also the hearty assurance of true friendship. The Toole Testimonial Committee-rooms are at the Bridge House Hotel.—*Citizen*.

The Messrs. Roberts, of the St. James's Hall Restaurant, Regent-street, being about to enter upon their third year of tenancy, a dinner will be held in celebration of the occasion on Friday, April 2nd, when Mr. H. D. Rawlings will take the chair.—*City Press*.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. Bros. John Soper, 55, W.M.; H. G. Gush, I.G. 1541, S.W.; J. S. Brown, J.W. 862, J.W.; John Soper, Honorary Secretary. The lodge will be opened at six p.m.

We hear that Bro. Wellsman, No. 8, P.M. 858 and 1589, and Z. 1589, the well-known editor of "The Newspaper Press Directory," has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

Mr. Alderman Lawrence has become a freeman and liveryman of the Loriners' Company, on the nomination of the Master, Bro. J. Walford, C.C., seconded by Mr. Alderman Fowler.

* "The Four Old Lodges," pp. 23-26.

† "History of Crime in England," Vol. 1, p. 7.

‡ The "statutes of the realm" prior to the accession of Henry VIII. were drawn up in Norman-French or Latin, of which no English translation appeared until the early

The St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, meets every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate Station Restaurant.

Bro. Edward Terry took his annual benefit at the Gaiety Theatre on Friday evening last, when the programme consisted of "Sweethearts and Wives," "Kerry," an original address written for the occasion by Mr. Burdand, and the burlesque "Robbing Roy."

We regret to learn that Col. Peard, D.P.G.M. of Cornwall, and Provincial Prior of Knights Templar, had an attack of paralysis at his house, Trenythron, on Monday last. The gallant old soldier, so well-known as "Garibaldi's Englishman," lies in a precarious and speechless condition, but in spite of his advanced years it is hoped he may recover.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post-free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, March 26, 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, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H. Camberwell New-rd.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1767, Kensington, King's Arms Hot., Kensington.
- Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.

MONDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
- " 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
- " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
- " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
- " 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- " 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Victoria Station.
- " 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Richmond Hot., Shepherd's Bush-rd.

- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

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-rd, Dalston, 7.30
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.

Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas-rd., N., at 8.
Board of General Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
- " 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
- " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
- " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 788, Crescent, Island Hot., Twickenham.
- " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
- " 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., 38, Regent-st.
- " 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- " 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
- " 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace.

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., Willians-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., 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, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.
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 7.30.
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 24.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- " 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
- " 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
- " 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
- " 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., 38, Regent-st.
- " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1820, Sir Thomas White, 101, Queen Victoria-st
- Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart T., Abchurch-lane
- Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew's, 8, Air-st., Regent-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 Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, N.
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 25.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
- " 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 706, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.
- " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Moorgate Stn. Restnt.
- " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park.
- " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 538, Vane, F.M.H.

- Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- " 118, Northumberland, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-st., W., at 7.45.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 90.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

GOOD FRIDAY.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- " 569, Fitzroy, Hd. Qrts. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
- " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- K. T. Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

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 27, 1880.

MONDAY, MARCH 22.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
- " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
- " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
- " 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
- " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Prince Arthur L. of I., 89, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
- " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
- " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
- " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
- " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
- " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
- " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 1052, Calendar, Public H., Rusholme.
- De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
- " 1032, Townley Parker, Howards Arms, Whittle-le-woods.
- " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
- " 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
- " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
- Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Wm. de la More Encamp., Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.
For the Week ending Saturday, March 27, 1880.

MONDAY, MARCH 22.
Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hot., Oldham.
" 999, Robert Burns, M.H., Manchester.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23.
Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Exchange Hot., Burnley.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.
Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hot., Colne.
" 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.
" 277, Friendship, M.H., Oldham.
" 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hot., Mossley.
" 1392, Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury.
" 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., W. Gorton.
" 1633, Avon, Denmark Hot., Greenheys.
" 1723, St. George, Commercial Hot., Bolton.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25.
Lodge 78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton.
" 283, Amity, Swan Hot., Haslingden.
" 286, Samaritan, Green Man, Bacup.
" 344, Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe.
" 346, United Brethren, Windmill Inn, Samlesbury.
" 348, St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton.
" 350, Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough.
" 369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.
" 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreave Arms, Accrington.
" 816, Royds, Spring Garden's Inn, Rochdale.
" 935, Harmony, M.H., Salford.
" 1322, Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-U.L.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26.
Mark 32, Union M.H., Manchester.
K.T. Precep., Plains of Mamre, Bull Hot., Burnley.

Chap. 152, Virtue, M.H., Manchester.
K.T. Precep., Edmund Plantaganet, Knowsley Hot., Bury.

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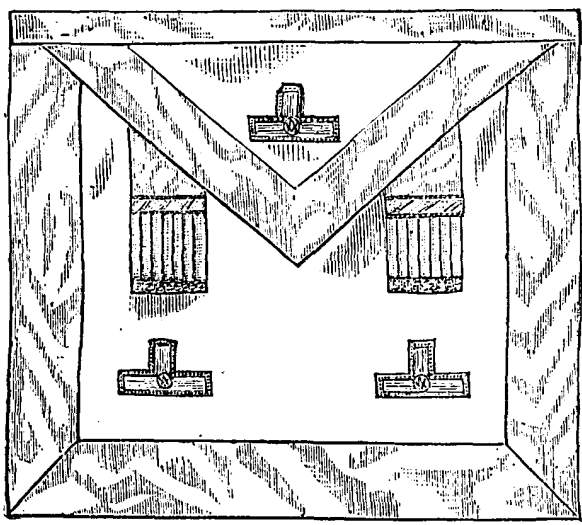
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