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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. J. Duff Filer, G. Bolton, Don. M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Raynham W. Stewart, F. Adlard, J. C. Chancellor, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Saunders, Leopold Ruf, George Cooper, Thomas Meggy, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, the minutes of the Quarterly Court of October and of the House Committee were read for information.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., gave notice of motion for next meeting, "That it be an instruction to the House Committee to obtain plans and estimates for the erection of a school house, with convenient offices, on the vacant space of ground in front of the present building, for the purpose of ultimately accommodating 150 children, but that only so much as will accommodate 50 children be erected at present." Bro. Stewart said he placed this notice on the paper in consequence of the great number of candidates constantly on the list for admission to the School. Although sixteen were elected at the last Quarterly Court there yet remained something like 60 who were unsuccessful, and there were five or six petitions of additional candidates to be considered that day; besides which there was another month or two for further candidates for the April election. It was quite clear that the Institution should do something to satisfy the demands made upon it by the Craft who so liberally supported it. The Institution had reduced the age for retaining the boys in the School from sixteen to fifteen, and as they save thereby a whole year's expenses for every boy in the School he thought some of the income saved should be appropriated for the advantage of other children. His idea was that they should build a school on their own land that would accommodate ultimately 150 children. At present, however, he would have them erect so much as would accommodate 50, and that this school should be a preparatory school, in which the children should be placed for two years and then draughted over to the senior or existing School. It should be a distinct building, but the children taught in it might be educated by ladies, by which scheme there would not be the expense of head and assistant masters. Ladies were quite capable of teaching and controlling children up to eight, nine, or ten years of age. As the Institution already had the land and the money necessary he believed his proposition was one that was worthy of consideration, and that it would meet with the approval of the Craft. To meet the growing requirements of the Craft he thought the scheme should be considered and entered upon at once. At next meeting he would bring it forward.

Bro. BINCKES then read the minutes of the Audit Committee for information. He also informed the brethren that the investment of £5000 in Consols which had been authorised at a former meeting had been made.

With respect to the enquiry which had been appointed to take place into the case of Collingwood, who was elected at the October Quarterly Court, Bro. BINCKES said the Special Committee to whom the matter was referred had met that day at two o'clock, and, after a long sitting, the enquiry was adjourned for a month, for the production of further documents and evidence.

Petitions on behalf of four candidates were then read. Three of the candidates were placed on the list, and the case of one was deferred till January for better reading.

Outfits of £5 each were granted to five boys who had been educated in the Institution, and obtained situations in

which they had since conducted themselves with satisfaction to their employers.

Sanction was given to the transfer of £100 from the General to the Sustentation Fund, on the application of Bro. BINCKES, who stated that nothing had yet been transferred from the one to the other during the present year, while the usual custom was to transfer £500 in one year.

The motion was proposed by Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART and seconded by Bro. J. G. CHANCELLOR.

The Chairman was then authorised to sign cheques required for payment of accounts.

The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons was held at the Town-hall, Bridgwater, on Friday, the 29th ult., under the banner of Lodge "Perpetual Friendship," No. 135, whose head-quarters are established at the Royal Clarence Hotel in this town. The hall had been elaborately and very tastefully decorated by some of the brethren of the "Perpetual Friendship" Lodge, coloured drapery, flowers and plants in pots, statuary, &c., being brought into requisition for the purpose, and the banners of the respective lodges, suspended from the balcony around the hall, added greatly to the effectiveness of the display. It was, in fact, generally acknowledged by the brethren that no Grand Lodge-room in the province had been so well fitted up before. Although a statement had appeared in the metropolitan and other journals two or three days previously that the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, had left England for Madeira, there was a large muster of brethren. The Council-chamber had been set apart for the use of the P.G. Officers, and the police court below for the use of the brethren generally. At one o'clock the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, was escorted by the P.G.L. Officers into the hall, where he took his seat on the handsome dais that had been erected, and was supported on either side by Bro. Col. Alexander W. Adair, P.P.G.M. of Somerset, and Bro. Homfray, D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire.

At intervals during the lodge business several of the local brethren, under the conductorship of Bro. Charles Lucette, J.W. 291, sang very effectively a couple of anthems, "Behold how good and joyful it is to see brethren dwell together in unity," and "The spacious firmament on high," and also a couple of hymns.

The following is as complete a list as could be obtained of the brethren present:—

Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath, No. 41.—Bros. Thomas B. Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.P.G.S.W.; T. G. Mitchell, P.M.; Philip Braham, I.P.M.; Edward J. B. Mercer, S.D.; Albert Holmes, J.D.; S. Bigwood and J. W. Murlis. Royal Sussex Lodge, Bath, No. 53.—Bros. T. H. Stothert, P.P.S.G.W.; R. D. Commans, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Collins, P.M.; W. F. Collins, S.D.; E. Turner Payne, P.G. Treasurer. Perpetual Friendship, Bridgwater, No. 135.—Bros. Rev. F. S. P. Seale, W.M.; P. G. Chaplain; J. Cook, junior, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Knight, P.M.; G. Ricks, P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Hunt, P.G. Secretary; J. B. Soper, P.P.G. Purst.; J. C. Small, I.P.M.; J. R. Treliving, S.W.; W. Lowe Leng, S.D.; W. Hickman, R. Stuckey, B. C. Caffin, W. Porrett, S. Chapman, R. Brodie, W. Webber, Tyler. Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton, No. 261.—Bros. Dr. Woodforde, P.M.; W. Adams, I.P.M.; F. T. Elworthy, G. Strawbridge, R. Bell, W. Bidgood, R. U. Hartnell, Henry Allen, Robert Cousins, and G. Saunders. Love and Honour, Shepton Mallet, No. 285.—Bros. A. A. Hill, I.P.M. Rural Philanthropic, Highbridge, No. 291.—Bros. R. C. Else, V.W.D.P.G.M.; H. M. Kemmis, W.M.; J. B. Marwood, P.M.; B. S. Fisher, I.P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Monmouthshire; W. M. Forty, P.M.; R. Brodie, P.M.; H. W. Batten, P.M., Treas.; C. Lucette, J.W.; J. T. Dunsford, Sec.; Matthews, S.D.; S. Chapman, J.D.; Thomas Floyd Norris, Org.; G. Ricks, Dr. Wybrants, H. B. Hurman, W. J. Horsey, A. G. Pitts, P. Parsons, E. F. Wade, G. C. Wade, J. Parker, F. A. E. Withers, A. Woodhouse, J. Channon, A. Bayliffe, W. Kellaway, W. Hickman and W. Woodward, P.G.T. Brotherly Love, Yeovil, No. 329.—Bros. J. Nosworthy, P.M., P.P.G.O., and E. Howell, J.W. Lodge of Honour, Bath, 379.—Bros. H. Culliford Hopkins, P.G.D.C., and Rev. H. E. Sanderson P.W. Benevolent Lodge, Wells, No. 446.—Bros. A. Palmer P.P.J.G.W.; W. Drayton, J.W., P.P.G.O.; Lewis E. Newnham, I.P.M.; J. Matthews, Sec.; and J. T. Knight. Pilgrims' Lodge, Glastonbury, No. 772.—Bros. L. W. Ruegg, P.P.S.G.W. Dorset; Edward Bath, P.P.S.G.D.; H. J. Taylor, P.M.; W. Hawkins, S.D.; and Edward J. Palmer. Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne, No. 814.—Bros. J. Budge, jun., P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. W. Tompsett, P.M.; and E. W. Coombs, J.W. Royal Albert Edward, Weston-super-Mare, No. 906.—Bros. W. Williams, P.P. Asst. G.D.C.; J. Stuckey, W.M.; Thomas B. Moutrie, P.M.; W. H. Dill, P.M.; W. H. Young, S.W.; H. I. Freeman, J.W.; and Lawson Howes. Royal Somerset, Frome, 973.—Bro. G. R. Wilson. Royal Clarence, Bruton, 976.—Bros. F. Stuart Boyd, W.M.; T. E. S. Jelley, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Huntley, P.M.; and H. Harold, S.W. Nyanza Lodge, Ilminster, No. 1197.—Bros. S. Toms, P.M.; Jno. Hughes, W.M.; J. E. Coombs, J.D. Lodge of Agriculture, Congresbury, No. 1199.—Bros. W. Long, W.M.; Charles L. Edwards, Wm Reece, Edgar Thatcher, St. Kew, Weston-super-Mare, 1222.—Bros. Sidney Lewis, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. James, P.P.G.S.D.; W. E. Perrett, S.W.; Ernest Baker, and George H. Perrett;

Lodge of Science, Wincanton, 437.—Bros. Reginald R. Hutchings, W.M.; and J. Wybrants, P.M. Vale of Brighthelm, 1296.—Bros. James W. Evens, P.M.; R. Cripps, P.M.; and Henry K. Cripps, S.W. Eldon Lodge, Portishead, 1755.—Bros. W. Minns, W.M.; C. E. Daniel, P.M.; T. M. Hardwick, P.M.; G. W. Rice, S.W.; and Lionel A. Wheatley, J.D.

Several visiting brethren belonging to lodges outside the province were also present.

After the lodge had been duly opened,

The V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. ELSE stated that his first duty was of a very painful nature, namely, to read a letter from the R.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, whose absence they all so much regretted. In the letter read, his lordship asked Bro. Else to express to the Prov. G. Lodge his extreme regret that he was unable to be present, adding, "I am, as you know, advised, on account of ill-health, to spend the winter abroad, and I hope to embark shortly for Madeira." The D.P.G.M. remarked he was sure this was a great and bitter disappointment to one and all of them; but he assured the brethren that to none of them was it so great a blow as it was to himself. He then called on the Prov. G. Secretary to call the roll of the lodges, and every lodge in the province was found to be represented.

The P.G. Secretary (Bro. J. C. HUNT, P.M. 135) next read the minutes of P.G. Lodge at Weston-Super-Mare on the 11th December, 1879, which were confirmed and signed. He also read a list of the names of brethren who had sent letters and telegrams expressive of regret at their inability to be present.

Bro. E. TURNER PAYNE, P.G. Treasurer, who was next called upon to read the financial statement, first expressed his sincere thanks for the kindness shown him during the past two years when he had been prevented, through indisposition, from being present at P.G. Lodge to attend to his duty. It was a matter of sincere regret to him that he could not be present, and he was sure that he had the sympathy of all. The receipts during the past year had been unprecedentedly large, and so also had been the expenditure; in fact, the latter was considerably in excess of the receipts. The balance in hand last year amounted to £69 10s. 5d., but this year only £23 10s. was left in hand, being an excess of expenditure over receipts of £46 0s. 5d. He added that the number of brethren in the province now numbered as nearly as possible about one thousand. During the year thirty-two brethren had joined, and seventy-eight brethren had been initiated in the various lodges of the province, and he found that in one lodge alone—that of "Unanimity and Sincerity," at Taunton, as many as fourteen had been introduced.

Bro. Dr. HUGHES, Nyanza Lodge, having certified to the accounts having been audited and found correct, they were adopted on the motion of Bro. ASHLEY, P.P.G.J.W.

All offices having been declared vacant, Bro. JELLEY, P.P.S.G.W., proposed the re-election of Bro. E. Turner Payne as P.G. Treasurer, speaking in highly eulogistic terms of his past valuable services in that capacity, and the motion having been seconded by Bro. STOTHERT, was carried by acclamation.

Bro. E. T. PAYNE having returned thanks for the honour again done him for the twenty-first time,

The V.W.D.P.G.M., on behalf of the R.W.P.G.M., appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

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| Bro. J. C. Small, 135                                                                                                   | ... | Prov. G.S.W.      |
| " C. Collins, 53                                                                                                        | ... | Prov. G.J.W.      |
| " Rev. Prebendary G. Knowling, Wellington                                                                               | ... | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| " Rev. H. Sanderson, 379                                                                                                | ... | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| " E. Turner Payne, 53                                                                                                   | ... | Prov. G. Treas.   |
| " Dr. Wybrants, 291 and 437                                                                                             | ... | Prov. G. Reg.     |
| " Jno. C. Hunt, 135                                                                                                     | ... | Prov. G. Sec.     |
| " R. Cripps, 1296                                                                                                       | ... | Prov. G.S.D.      |
| " Jno. Tompsett, 814                                                                                                    | ... | Prov. G.J.D.      |
| " A. A. Hill, 285                                                                                                       | ... | Prov. G.S. of W.  |
| " William Adams, 261                                                                                                    | ... | Prov. G.D.C.      |
| " Lawson Howes, 907                                                                                                     | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C.    |
| " J. Hughes, 1197                                                                                                       | ... | Prov. G.S.B.      |
| " Philip Braham, 41                                                                                                     | ... | Prov. G. Org.     |
| " H. J. Taylor, 772                                                                                                     | ... | Prov. G. Purst.   |
| " A. Huntley, 976                                                                                                       | ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| " W. Woodward, 291                                                                                                      | ... | Prov. G. Tyler.   |
| " Salter, 53                                                                                                            | ... | Prov. G.A. Tyler. |
| " Lionel A. Wheatley, 1755; E. Thatcher, 1199; Edward Howell, 329; G. R. Wilson, 973; M. Gibbons, 1833; Dr. Kemmis, 291 | ... | Prov. G. Stewds.  |

Bro. W. WOODWARD, P.G. Tyler, in returning thanks for his re-election, said he had now been P.G. Tyler for ten years, and Tyler to the "Rural Philanthropic" Lodge at Highbridge for thirty-eight years, and that he had never once absented himself from a lodge meeting or lodge call.

The P.G. SECRETARY next read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee, which was of a very satisfactory character.

Bro. COMMANS, P.M. 53, proposed that the report read be adopted, printed, and circulated, and remarked that their thanks were especially due to the D.P.G.M. for his zealous and successful efforts in connection with the Charities.

Bro. STOTHERT, in seconding the motion, also referred in very praiseworthy terms to the efforts referred to, observing that the success they had met with was, in the opinion of the D.P.G.M., the best and most substantial reward he could receive.

The following resolutions were next proposed and unanimously agreed to:

Proposed by Bro. E. TURNER PAYNE, Prov. Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. G. RICKS, P.M. 135, P.P.G. J.W.—“That the sum of £21 be contributed from the funds of this Prov. Grand Lodge in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in order to complete the qualification of the R.W. the Prov. G. Master as Vice-Patron, and that the same be placed upon the list of the brother who may represent the province at the next ensuing annual festival of this most deserving Institution.”

Proposed by Bro. W. ADAMS, I.P.M. Lodge 291, Taunton; seconded by Bro. Col. ADAIR, P.P.G.M.: “That an educational grant of £15 each be made to Rose Baker Oakley, aged fifteen-and-a-half years, and Florence Baker Oakley, aged thirteen-and-a-half years, orphan daughters of the late Bro. W. Oakley, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who died at Taunton on the 6th May, 1880, leaving the children totally unprovided for.”

Proposed by Bro. NOSWORTHY, P.M. 815, P.P.G.O.; seconded by Bro. Dr. WOODFORDE: “That for the benefit of Freemasonry in general, and this P.G.L. in particular, it is advisable there should be a more definite time fixed for the annual meeting of P.G.L., and the R.W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Master be asked to take the matter into his favourable consideration.”

Proposed by Bro. COMMANS, P.M. 53 (on behalf of Bro. Inskip); seconded by Bro. Col. ADAIR, P.P.G.M.: “That the members of this P.G. Lodge desire to place on record their deep regret at the loss sustained by the decease of Bro. Dr. Samuel Bryant, P.P.G.S.W., and their fervent hope that the example of so bright an ornament to Freemasonry may stimulate younger members of the Craft to follow in the footsteps of such a distinguished and zealous Mason; that a copy of the resolution be entered in the minutes of this P.G.L., and sent to the representatives of the deceased brother, with an assurance of their deep sympathy.”

Proposed by Bro. E. TURNER PAYNE, P.G. Treasurer seconded by Bro. ASHLEY: “That inasmuch as the chair of the R.W. the P.G.M. for Somerset has now been endowed with the full sum qualifying for vice-patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, it is in the opinion of this P.G. Lodge advisable that the future donations of the province to the said Institution should be applied in the endowment of the chair of the D.P.G.M.”

The V.W.D.P.G.M. announced that Bro. Capt. Perkins intended going up as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution, so that the Province of Somerset would now have a Steward for each of the Charities.

The customary alms were then collected, and amounted to £7 10s. 5d.

Bro. E. TURNER PAYNE, P.G. Treas., proposed that this sum should be placed in the hands of the W.M. (Bro. F. Seale) of the Lodge of “Perpetual Friendship,” in Bridgwater, to be devoted to the fund now being raised for the building of a mission church in his large and populous parish, which he understood comprised the poorest district in Bridgwater.

Bro. J. C. SMALL, P.G.S.W., seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Rev. F. S. P. SEALE, in returning thanks, observed that the alms had been given directly in charity. The people who would receive it were certainly the poorest and most needy in the town; and, as regarded himself, as the W.M. for the time being of the lodge which had had the honour of entertaining them that day, he could not but feel that it was a great privilege to have their alms given to that which at the present time was the nearest and dearest object of his heart.

The V.W.D.P.G.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. Homfray, D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire, and Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Capt. PERKINS seconded the vote of thanks, which was agreed to with acclamation, and Bros. HOMFRAY and TERRY suitably acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. COMMANS, P.M. 53, next proposed a resolution expressive of the deep regret with which the brethren of the Prov. G. Lodge had learnt the cause of the enforced absence of the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon; their sincere hope that his lordship would speedily be restored to health, and also that they would have the gratification of welcoming him amongst them next year.

Bro. JELLEY, P.P.S.G.W., seconded the motion, and it was unanimously agreed to, after which the lodge was closed.

The banquet was afterwards held in the Assembly-room of the Royal Clarence Hotel, and the brethren who partook of it, numbering about one hundred, spoke in very praiseworthy terms of the excellent catering of Bro. James Leaker, of the Perpetual Friendship Lodge, and not only of the quality of the viands and wines supplied, but likewise of the efficiency of the staff of waiters engaged. Great appreciation was evinced of the admirable performance of some selections of music with which the company was favoured at intervals until the commencement of the toast-list. The chair was occupied by the V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. E. ELSE, who first proposed the toast of “The Queen and Craft,” and afterwards “The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales,” making special allusion to the fact that several of those present had the gratification recently of witnessing the grand ceremony in which His Royal Highness took part in laying the foundation-stone of the Truro Cathedral, and to the ease, sublimity, courtesy, and every other fraternal attribute which His Royal Highness had displayed on that and many other occasions.

The V.W.D.P.G.M. next submitted “The Pro G.M., D.G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past,” remarking that the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, occupied much the same position with regard to the Provincial Grand Lodge as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales did with regard to the Grand Lodge, his numerous and important duties being of such a nature as sometimes to preclude the possibility of his attending the lodge meetings. They were fortunate, however, on that occasion in having present a very worthy and excellent member of the Grand Lodge in the person of their much-esteemed P.P.G.M., Colonel Adair. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Colonel A. W. ADAIR said he was very sorry that the Grand Officer who was referred to was unable to be present to respond to the toast himself. They heard with much regret of the cause of his absence, and they, one and all, he was quite sure, cordially hoped he would be present with them at that annual gathering. (Applause.) He was afraid that the D.G.M. was not so well known amongst Masons in that province as in the North, and in places

more nearly bordering on the metropolis, but he could assure them that to know his lordship personally was to love him, and to see him discharging his Masonic duties was to admire him. His lordship was admirably backed up by a very efficient body of officers, who did their duty well and efficiently. His (the speaker's) position in Grand Lodge, which he attended only in his capacity of P.P.G.M., was now only that of a spectator of the work done there by others; but if at any time he could render any small service there to the Province of Somerset he should only be too happy to do so. (Applause.)

The V.W.D.P.G.M. in proposing the next toast, “The Health of the R.W.P.G.M., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon,” again referred to the much regretted absence of his lordship, and remarked that they were all deeply sorry for it, first, because the brethren of the province knew very well in how excellent and efficient a manner his lordship discharged the duties of his office, that they had that day missed the eloquence of his lordship, and also the instruction which he had always given them at the banquet; but more than all they regretted that the cause of his enforced absence was that of somewhat serious illness. Unfortunately, that was not the first occasion when his lordship had been attacked with illness about the time the Prov. G. Lodge was about to be held, for they would remember that last year he was so severely attacked with gout as to be unable to leave his bed. His lordship's present condition of health was, he regretted to learn, very unsatisfactory. It was his lordship's intention to have left this country in November, and the P.G.L. meeting was fixed for that day in the hope that his lordship would have attended it, as he at one time fully intended doing. The weather had, however, been so very inclement lately that it was no doubt found necessary to hasten his lordship's departure, and he had gone to Madeira. He sincerely trusted that the Great Architect would ere long renew his health and strength, and that it would be the last occasion for many years to come when he (Bro. Else) would have to occupy the seat he then did.

The V.W.D.P.G.M. said he was sure he would be excused for taking a liberty with the printed toast list, and asking them at that stage to drink the health of one to whom some reference had just been made in connection with the Grand Lodge, but who was far better known amongst them in connection with the Province of Somerset. Need he mention the name of the brother to whom he alluded? (Cries of “No,” followed by loud applause.) He would not venture to say more in his presence than that he proved to be one of the most popular Grand Masters ever appointed in any province in England. (Hear, hear, and loud applause.)

The toast having been responded to with great enthusiasm, Bro. Colonel ADAIR, P.P.G.M., responded. He remarked that nothing would have induced him to have given up the collar he once held but that he felt he could not do as much work in connection with the office as he wished to do. It afforded him great delight to be amongst them again in Prov. G. Lodge, and especially under the banner of the Perpetual Friendship Lodge; for having attended one of its installation banquets, it reminded him of old days, and he had great pleasure in revisiting them that day. He assured them that he felt very deeply their kindness towards him, and the cordial welcome he had received, and he thanked them for it from the bottom of his heart. He now wished to ask them to drink, with the enthusiasm it merited, “The Health of the Deputy,” who had so admirably and efficiently on that day, as on previous occasions, discharged the duties that had been entrusted to him. (Loud applause.) Whilst they all much regretted the absence of the R.W.P.G.M., it must be a source of comfort and consolation to them all to know that his lordship's duties never failed to be most zealously and ably performed by his Deputy, for whom they all entertained the greatest esteem. (Loud applause.)

The V.W.D.P.G.M., who was heartily applauded, in responding, said he could not lay the flattering unction to his soul that he deserved anything like that which had been spoken in his praise. One of the greatest distresses, to him, was to know that when the R.W.P.G.M. was not present his lordship would be represented by so unworthy a Mason as himself. (Cries of “No.”) He should be happy at any time to stand aside for one who would more fittingly and more worthily fill the position—[A voice: “He can't be found”]—but, on the other hand, so long as the P.G.M. willed that he should occupy so proud a position, so long would he endeavour to discharge his duty zealously and faithfully. (Loud applause.) Bro. Else proceeded to allude in feeling terms to the loss of one of their old cornerstones of Masonry in the decease of Bro. Dr. Bryant, and to their ranks having been thinned by other eminent brethren having gone to the Grand Lodge above. He also alluded to the regretted absence through ill-health of their illustrious brother, General Doherty. In conclusion the D.P.G.M. proposed the toast of “The Provincial Grand Officers.”

Bro. J. C. SMALL, P.G.S.W., Bro. J. C. HUNT, P.G. Secretary, and Bro. Dr. WOODFORDE, Taunton, responded.

Bro. Col. ADAIR next proposed the toast of “The Visitors,” which was acknowledged by Bro. PLATT.

The D.P.G.M. then submitted the toast of “The W.M., Officers, and Members of the Receiving Lodge, ‘Perpetual Friendship,’ No. 135,” and alluded to the perfection of the arrangements made both in connection with the fitting up of the Town-hall as a lodge-room and the banquet. Alluding to the fact that the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in Bridgwater a few years ago, he stated that two other lodges in the province had applied in the first instance, but afterwards withdrew the applications. Bridgwater was centrally situated, and after the capital reception given them that day he had no doubt that the Provincial Grand Lodge would some day or other be held there again, especially when the town was possessed of the additional railway accommodation which was being applied for, and which he understood there was now a good chance of being soon obtained. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. Rev. F. S. P. SEALE, W.M. No. 135, in responding to the last toast, observed that it had given the brethren of the Perpetual Friendship Lodge great pleasure to entertain them there that day, and it was especially gratifying to him that they had done so during his year of office. He must not, however, take credit to himself for the preparations made for their reception, and which the D.P.G.M. had been pleased to say had so nearly reached perfection, and he ought to mention that the work had for the most part been undertaken by Bros. Small and Ricks. They were also indebted to Bro. Lucette for conducting the

music. Allusion had been made to the railway accommodation to Bridgwater, and he was certainly afraid that a large number of people, judging from the appearance of the railway station, must form a very poor opinion of the town. They had had a most happy, genial gathering there that day, and from all they had heard he thought it might fairly be said that in every sense Masonry was prospering.

Bro. G. RICKS also responded.

The D.P.G.M. next proposed “The other Lodges of the Province,” and

Bro. H. M. KEMMIS, W.M. of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, Highbridge, suitably responded.

The remaining toasts were “The Health of Bro. Leaker, the Host,” with thanks to him for his excellent catering; and “The Brethren who took part in singing the Anthems, &c.,” in lodge. The D.P.G.M. also acknowledged the indebtedness of the brethren to those gentlemen who had favoured them that afternoon with the instrumental music.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF KENT.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Kent held its annual meeting, under the auspices of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 226, of which Bro. J. Smyth is W.M., being also W.M. of the Florence Nightingale, No. 44, at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., and we are pleased to say that the attendance of the brethren, both those residing in the neighbourhood and from different parts of the province, was fully commensurate with the expectations of the promoters of the festival, and, as will be seen by the following list of those present, there is every prospect of the Degree becoming even more popular than it is now in this old county of Kent—the Garden of England.

The chair was filled by Bro. the Rev. J. T. Robinson, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M. of Kent, who opened the Grand Lodge in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and then the following brethren were appointed by the Grand Master as his officers for the ensuing year:

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| Bro. J. G. Podevin, P.M. 152                                               | ... | Prov. D.G.M.     |
| ” C. Coupland, P.M. 226                                                    | ... | Prov. S.G.W.     |
| ” Dr. E. Fenn, P.M. 152                                                    | ... | Prov. J.G.W.     |
| ” G. Kerr, W.M. 255                                                        | ... | Prov. G.M.O.     |
| ” Major Gordon, R.A., S.W. 44                                              | ... | Prov. G.S.O.     |
| ” Captain E. Sweney, J.W. 44                                               | ... | Prov. G.J.O.     |
| ” Rev. C. A. Solbé, Chap. 226                                              | ... | Prov. G. Chap.   |
| ” L. Finch, P.M. 129                                                       | ... | Prov. G. Treas.  |
| ” J. Hancock, S.W. 6                                                       | ... | Prov. G.R. of M. |
| ” H. M. Baker, W.M. 152                                                    | ... | Prov. G. Sec.    |
| ” W. Watson, Sec. 237                                                      | ... | Prov. S.G.D.     |
| ” Dr. F. P. Davies                                                         | ... | Prov. J.G.D.     |
| ” L. B. Biggs, S.O. 237                                                    | ... | Prov. J.G.D.     |
| ” T. W. Kirkbride, 226                                                     | ... | Prov. G.D.C.     |
| ” C. J. Long, Sec. 255                                                     | ... | Prov. G.S.B.     |
| ” C. Buckland, 226                                                         | ... | Prov. G. St. B.  |
| ” J. G. Kerr, S.D. 235                                                     | ... | Prov. G.I.G.     |
| ” W. H. Hodgkin, W.M. 267; T. J. Pulley, W.M. 266; Dr. C. Holtum, S.W. 262 | ... | Prov. G. Stwds.  |
| ” R. T. Rolfe                                                              | ... | Prov. G. Tyler.  |

Bros. Eastes, Page, and Ellerm were elected Auditors, and Bros. Fenn, Luckey, Smith, and Lester, the Committee for General Purposes.

The sum of £10 10s. was then voted to the funds of the Boys' School, and there being no further business before Grand Lodge it was closed in due form.

Among the brethren present, not above mentioned, were Bros. F. Binckes, G. Sec. England; D. Dewar, A.G. Sec.; J. Smyth, W.M. 226 and 44; R. Brown, G; G. Page, 129; G. Kennedy, 226; W. Moulds, 26; J. Scully, 226 and 44; C. H. Godwin, 44; T. Alexander, 44; T. Holleyman, 226; S. Clarke, 44; J. Lackland, 226; E. Denton, 44; W. A. Weston, S.W. 226; D. C. Capon, 226; T. Ovenden, 226; T. Hosegood, 226; A. Penfold, J.W. 226; G. R. Nicholls, 226; and C. Jolly, 226 (*Freemason*).

The banquet took place at Bro. De Grey's house, the Freemasons' Arms, and was most elegantly served, the menu comprising all the delicacies of the season.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER. “The Health of the Grand Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge of England” was coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes, the Grand Secretary, whose name, Bro. Robinson said, was a household name in Masonry. He was not only Grand Secretary of the Mark Degree in England, but Secretary of the Boys' School Institution. He was the mainspring of Mark Masonry, and with the toast he coupled his name, and also that of Bro. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary. (Applause.)

Bro. BINCKES, after referring to the eloquent and eulogistic terms in which the Grand Master had spoken of him personally, said that in the earlier times, when the onus of the work of carrying on the Degree in the face of great opposition was laid on the shoulders of a few earnest Masons, who were determined to do that work, he had, perhaps, borne with them the heat and burden of the day, but that did not entitle him to claim the title of “mainspring of the Degree,” so eulogistically accorded him by the Grand Master, although, when he looked back a quarter of a century and remembered the work done then and since then, he could not help thinking some of the eulogiums were not altogether out of place. (Hear, hear.) He was proud to say that year Mark Masonry was increasing in popularity and in numbers; and so long as he was spared he should do all in his power to make it a position second to none of the grades in Masonry, and make it strong, healthy, and prosperous. (Applause.) He must not, however, forget the subject of the toast, and was extremely sorry to say how much they missed the services of the late Deputy Grand Master, Lord Donoughmore, who was at present deeply engaged with his estates in Ireland, and could not, therefore, undertake the responsible duties of that office. They had an excellent substitute in the person of Lord Henniker, who was doing his duty in such a manner that he felt sure they would hear something grand of him before long. The Province of Kent always gave him (Bro. Binckes) a warm welcome, and he had for many years felt a great gratitude for the reception he always received from the “Men of Kent” and the “Kentish Men.” He did not know which was which of his good friends of the Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry of the “Garden of England.” (Loud cheers.) After paying a graceful tribute

to the memory of the late G.M.M. of Kent, Bro. the Rev. G. Sicklemore, he concluded by proposing "The Health of the Present Grand Master, Bro. Robinson," in eulogistic terms, and the toast was drunk with acclaim.

Bro. ROBINSON, in reply, thanked them for the hearty reception the toast had met with at their hands, and Bro. Binckes for the kindness of heart that had prompted the eloquent terms in which he had proposed it. He could only say, in reply, that he knew they loved him as he loved them and Mark Masonry. They always gave him a right royal reception, as right loving subjects did those who ruled over them; and he felt that something must take place in Grand Lodge very wrong before that loyalty and love of, and to, one another would be done away with. (Cheers.) During the time he had been a Mason—now some forty years, thirty-seven of which he had been a Past Master—he had visited a great number of lodges, and done a great deal of work. He believed that during that time he had done something to show his regard for the Mark Degree. (Hear, hear.) When he took possession of the Grand Master's chair of the Grand Mark Lodge of Kent there were six Mark Lodges in the province, and he had during his first year of office visited four of the six, and had tried to visit them all. He had not had an opportunity of visiting before this occasion the Excelsior, but had during that time consecrated four out of five new Mark Lodges in the province—making in all eleven lodges now, instead of six when he first took the reins of power—and the fifth new lodge he hoped to consecrate at Canterbury on the 12th inst. (Cheers.) He asked all his officers to be present on that occasion and lend him their assistance to make the ceremony a success. The number of Mark Masons in the province when he took office was 264, to which must be added 92 new ones in the past year, and 15 from the returns last week, being 371 fully registered upon the books of Grand Lodge at the present time. (Applause.) He then spoke highly of the military brethren of the military lodges. He had seen them at work in the lodges at Dover, Chatham, Plumstead, Woolwich, and also at Jamaica, where he had passed twenty years of his Masonic life, and had seen the working of the good old service men. He then concluded by proposing the toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Officers and Mark Masters of the Lodges for the Year," coupled with the name of Bro. Coupland, P.G.S.W. (Applause.)

Bro. COUPLAND said that he was sorry the D.P.G.M., Bro. PODEVIN, had left, because he would have been able to do justice to the toast, and even if it was a part of his (Bro. Coupland's) duty to respond, the fact of there being so many Grand Officers in the room took from his mind all that he might have intended to say. (Cheers.) The Provincial Grand Officers were very grateful for the honours conferred upon them that day by the Grand Master, and would all do their best to sustain the credit and honour and increase the prosperity of Mark Masonry in the Province of Kent. In their name he thanked the Grand Master and brethren for the warm reception the toast had received at their hands.

The GRAND MASTER then proposed "Success to the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund." It was a fund the success of which entailed upon them a grave Masonic duty, and he wanted to know, as no doubt many of those present did, more about its organisation and work. Bro. Binckes was a great authority in the matter, and he asked him, in responding to the toast, to enlighten them as to its principles. Bro. Hodgkin, the founder and first W.M. of the new lodge at Tunbridge Wells, King Charles the Martyr, had undertaken to stand Steward at the festival in July next, and he had no doubt that he would be well supported by the brethren of the province. He felt great pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. Binckes with the toast.

Bro. BINCKES, in responding, said, he only wished he could find some new terms to place before them this grand principle of charity, but so often had he spoken upon the subject, that he felt at a loss to find words sufficiently strong to show how deeply he felt upon the matter. For many years he had had to respond to that toast, and he felt the difficulty every succeeding time to put the grand objects of their Charities, more especially the Mark Benevolent Fund, before them in new terms, and, as he had said before, sufficiently strong to touch their hearts afresh. The Mark Benevolent Fund had existed only for the last five or six years, and the subscriptions were entirely voluntary. Out of the funds in hand they had been able to do a great deal of good to the widows and orphans of deceased Mark Masons, and still had funds in hand for any claim that might be made upon them. During the last two years it had occurred to some of the members that they might put aside a portion of the funds for the purpose of education, apart from the Charitable Institutions of the Craft in existence for this purpose. The portion put aside was not intended especially for distressed Mark Masons, but for those of the Degree who had large families, and were unable to afford that amount of education to their children their circumstances required, and it was intended by the promoters of the fund to take one or more of the children of a good working Mark Mason, who was not in an entirely dependent position, and educate them in such a manner as would not only be a godsend to them, but would relieve the purse strings of their parents, and place them in a good grammar school, and so make them fit by their education to fight the battle of life at least upon a par with those who could afford to educate their children from the means at their command. (Cheers.) He trusted the next festival of the fund, in July next, would be as successful as it deserved, and worthy of the intentions of the promoters. After a few further remarks of the same nature, he thanked them for their kind expression of regard for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

In reply to a call of the W.G. Master, Bro. HODGKIN said that it was with very great pleasure that he undertook the post of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and he trusted the brethren would support his endeavours. He then went round the room and collected the sum of £15 odd for his list.

After an eloquent address from the GRAND MASTER in proposing "The Health of the Entertaining Lodge," in which he dwelt on the unusually generous hospitality shown by Bro. Smyth, the W.M., and his officers and brethren, and a reply from Bro. SMYTH, the Grand Master retired amid the demonstrations of the brethren.

Bro. SMYTH then took the chair and proposed several toasts, among others that of the "Masonic Press," to which Bro. JOELLY replied.

Bro. SMYTH also read the following letter received from

Miss Florence Nightingale on his informing her of the consecration of the Florence Nightingale Mark Lodge at Woolwich, in June last:—

"London, June 26th, 1880.

"Sir, "I have first to offer my earnest apologies for most unwilling delay in answering your kind note of some three months ago, informing me of the foundation and consecration of the Florence Nightingale Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 44.

"And then to thank you, and to beg you to offer my thanks, my deepest and most cordial thanks, to the other members of the lodge for the honour they have done me, which I greatly value. After twenty-three years of over-work and increasing illness, my, at all times, very pressing business correspondence must be my excuse to your kindness, for my seeming neglect.

"Again thanking you, and bidding 'God Speed' to your lodge, and all your good works,

"Pray believe me, ever your faithful Servant,  
"FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

"Bro. Jas. Smyth."

The company then separated after a most successful gathering.

The musical arrangements were under the control of Bro. C. Buckland, who not only engaged the services of Miss Bessie Royd and Madame Marie Belval, but also a portion of the choir of the Royal Arsenal Philharmonic Society, of which he is the conductor, and these ladies and gentlemen sang a splendid selection of songs and part songs during the evening.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, James Brett, J. G. Stevens, Richard Hervé Giraud, C. G. Dilley, Frederick Adlard, Charles G. Hill, C. A. Cottebrune, S. Rawson, J. Newton, John Henry Leggott, Thos. Cubitt, E. J. Barrow, W. Stephens, C. H. Webb, C. J. Perceval, A. H. Tattershall, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Atkins, James Terry (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. TERRY informed the Committee that Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart, D.L., Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, had kindly consented to preside at the next annual festival of this Institution, which had been fixed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to be held on Wednesday, the 23rd of January, 1881. Bro. Terry also informed the Committee that he had already obtained the names of 150 brethren who would act as Stewards on that occasion, which number was fifty more than the Institution had at this time last year for the festival of 1880.

Bro. TERRY announced the deaths of three annuitants—Bro. J. Moore, of Huddersfield; Mrs. Margaret Stewart, of Bridlington Quay; and Mrs. Eliza Williams, of West Yorkshire. He also reported the receipt of £300 Stock from Grand Chapter; and that, on the 5th October, Dr. Adams, of Croydon, the partner of Dr. Strong, Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, presented eighteen fruit trees to the Institution for the Asylum at Croydon. He stated that he had acknowledged the gift. Bro. Terry reported that Messrs. Hall, on the 2nd inst., sent in sixty-two sacks of coals to the Asylum; also that there was not enough money on current account to pay the quarter's bill by £1800. In April last £3000 was placed on deposit at the bank. Therefore, he would ask that £2000 be withdrawn from the deposit account and placed to the General Fund.

On motion duly made and seconded, this proposition was carried.

It was afterwards resolved "That £1000 be invested in Consols."

The Chairman was then authorised to sign cheques for quarter's annuities for 136 males at £10 each; 150 widows at £8 each; and for half their late husband's annuities for other widows—in all £1265. In addition to this amount, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for salaries, &c.

Nine petitions of candidates were then examined and approved, and the candidates were placed on the list for the election of May, 1881.

Before the brethren separated Bro. TERRY said that he should be glad to place on the list of Stewards for the next festival the names of any brethren who would be willing to act in that capacity.

The proceedings then closed.

### CONSECRATION OF THE SHAKESPEARE MARK LODGE, No. 40.

This Mark lodge was consecrated on Tuesday, the 26th ult., by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Grand Mark Master of England. The Prov. Grand Lodge of Warwickshire and Staffordshire was opened in the lodge room at the Masonic Hall, Warwick, by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. W. K. Ryland Bedford, assisted by the V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Lodge. The Grand Master and a deputation from the Grand Lodge were then received, and the ceremony of consecration duly performed by the Grand Master.

The ceremony of installation of the W.M., Bro. A. F. Godson, was then proceeded with, Bro. Howkins being the Installing Master, and the officers appointed and invested were Bros. S. W. Cooke, P.M.; P. Sidney Harris, M.A., S.W.; G. S. Phillips, J.W.; J. W. Margett, M.O.; N. Merridicio, S.O.; T. H. Kendall, J.O.; Rev. W. H. Cole Webb, Chap.; and R. Whitehouse, I.G.

At the request of the W.M., the Earl of Lathom consented to become a honorary member of the lodge.

The brethren present were Bros. Earl of Lathom, G.M. M.M.; W. K. Ryland Bedford, P.G.M.M.M.; Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M.M.; J. Beresford, P.G.S.; W. F. Belcher, D.Mus., P.G.M.O.; A. Horrook, P.P. G.M.; J. Fenn, P.G.N.; C. J. Pulley, P.G.S. Berks and Oxon; J. Gill, P.G.S.B.; F. Binckes, P.G. Sec.; D. Rose, P.G.S.W.; G. S. Sudor, P.G.S. Cheshire and N. Wales; E. Worrell, P.G. Std. Br.; G. King Patten, P.G.N.S.; F. Howkins, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. W. Randell, P.G.M.C.; W. Roebuck, P.G.M.O.; J. Stevens, P.G.

M.J.O.; D. M. Dewar, G.A. Sec.; Baron de Ferriers, G.M.O.; R. Berridge, G.D.C.; J. M. Dormer, Prov. G. A.S. Berks and Oxon; H. Sanderson, P.G.M.S.W.; A. F. Godson, W.M.; P. S. Harris, S.W.; G. S. Phillips, J.W.; S. W. Cooke, P.M.; and others.

### CONSECRATION OF THE OKEOVER CHAPTER, No. 1324, AT RIPLEY.

A new chapter attached to the Okeover Lodge, No. 1324, was consecrated on Thursday, 28th November, at the Public Hall, by Comps. H. C. Okeover, P.Z. and P.G.H.; assisted by T. Cox, P.P.J.; T. Horsley, P.G.J.; W. Naylor, P.G.S.E.; Sir J. G. N. Alleyne, P.Z.; Frank Campion, P.G.O.; Jas. Crossley, P.Z.; G. A. Rooth, Z.; Comp. Scarsdale, 681, acted as Director of Ceremonies.

Among the other companions present were Comps. Fitzherbert Wright, J. J. Bingham, P.Z.; A. Schofield, J. Clark, 804; H. Cupit, G. J. Wood, Scarsdale, 681; W. C. Haslam, Justice, 253; Arthur Scubbs, Truth, 731; J. E. Russell, S. E. Truth, 731; W. Knight, Truth, 731; W. Wilson, Justice, 253; J. C. Merry, P.Z. 731; W. H. Marsden, P.Z. 253, P.G. 1st Asst. S. Derbyshire; Jas. Mascrop, Z. 731; W. Milligan, 253; J. Smith, P.Z. 253; A. A. Bagshaw, P.Z. 1235; F. Iliffe, Z. Justice, 253; D. Stone, Truth, 731, P. G. Jan., as Janitor.

The founders of the chapter were Comps. Fitzherbert Wright, Sir John G. N. Alleyne, J. J. Bingham, W. C. Haslam, Jas. Crossley, Henry Cupit, John Clarke, Alfred Schofield, Thos. Horsley, Thos. Cox, Frank Campion, and Wm. Naylor.

After the chapter had been formerly opened and the companions below the chair admitted, Comp. H. C. Okeover, addressing the companions, said they were met together for the purpose of adding one more Royal Arch Chapter to the roll of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. He felt sure from the character which the Okeover Lodge and its members had already obtained in the Craft, which he had the honour of consecrating ten years ago and which bore his name, that the chapter which was then going to be inaugurated and attached to them would have a bright future. He was also quite sure the proceedings of the chapter would be conducted in every way befitting the dignity and honour of the Order. He felt no doubt on this point had promised Comp. Jas. Crossley, to whom they owed so much, as his kindly interest and advice, and if anything was likely to go wrong he would set his companions right again. It also gave him great pleasure to be called upon to consecrate this chapter, and especially from the confidence he had in his friend Comp. Fitzherbert Wright, who was about to be installed the First Principal. His year of office as Master of his lodge which was about to expire had been most satisfactory. The petitioners of the chapter had full confidence in him by electing him for the proud position of first M.E.Z., for the chapter.

Comp. the Rev. A. A. BAGSHAW afterwards delivered a most earnest and impressive oration, at the conclusion of which the chapter was formally consecrated and dedicated. When the consecration was completed, Comps. Fitzherbert Wright was installed in the three chairs, J. J. Bingham in the chair of H., and Alfred Schofield in the chair of J.

The following companions were then invested as the other officers of the chapter: Comps. H. Cupit, S.E.; J. Clark, P. Soj.; J. Crossley, P.Z., Treasurer. A number of propositions for joining and exaltation were given in. The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Cock Hotel. At the close of the banquet the usual toasts were proposed.

The M.E.Z., in acknowledging the toast of his health, said he had every confidence in the prosperity of the chapter, and by a singular coincidence the application for the chapter was sent on his birth-day, and the warrant was signed on his wedding day; he had also much pleasure in presenting the furniture, &c., to the chapter.

Comp. J. J. BINGHAM, H., said it was a pleasing duty to him to reply to the toast of himself and the officers of the chapter, and had no doubt they would do their best to support the M.E.Z., to whom they tendered they best thanks for his magnificence in presenting the splendid furniture to the chapter.

The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

### Scotland.

#### GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.]

A quarterly communication of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall—the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., on the throne. Bros. William Hay, Grand Architect, acted as Senior Grand Warden; and R. F. Shaw Stewart was in his place as Junior Grand Warden. The other officers of Grand Lodge were:—The Grand Secretary, Bros. D. Murray Lyon; Grand Cashier, David Kinnear; Grand Chaplain, the Rev. T. N. Wannop; Junior Grand Warden, James Caldwell of Craigielea; Grand Jeweller, F. L. Law; Grand Bible Bearer, Thomas Halket; Grand Director of Ceremonies, John Coghill; Grand Sword-Bearer, H. Y. D. Copland; Grand Director of Music, C. W. Maxwell Müller; Grand Organist, Robert Davidson; Grand Marshal, Captain W. Hills. There were also present Bros. Captain Charles Hunter, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of the West India Islands; Alex. Hay, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and Greytown; Dr. Falconer, Proxy District Grand Master of New South Wales; and the following representatives of foreign Grand Lodges:—Bros. Lindsay Mackersy, Canada; William Officer, Egypt and Pennsylvania; E. W. Nightingale, New York; R. S. Brown, Kentucky; Geo. Fisher, Florida; Thos. Swinton, Liberia; Jas. Crichton, New Jersey. The Grand Lodges of England, "The Three Globes" of Prussia, Germany, Saxony, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Greece were also represented. Major R. Rintoul, 16th Lancers, No. 4, E.C., was received on the dais as a visitor; and amongst others present were Bros. Captain Crombie, Aberdeen; Elliot, yr., of Wolfelee; and others. Apologies for absence were submitted from Bros. Lord Mar and Kellie, Depute Grand Master; Dr. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire; Captain Clayhills Henderson, Prov. Grand Master of Förfarshire; James Wolfe Murray,



Provincial Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirkshires; F. A. Barrow and William Mann, Past Grand Wardens; Sir John Don Wauchope, the Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, G. Chaplain; Captain G. F. Russell Colt of Gartsherrie, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Trinidad; and J. H. Neilson, Proxy District Grand Master of Venezuela.

Grand Lodge having been properly constituted, Bro. Captain Charles Hunter presented his commission as representative of the Grand Lodge of Greece, and was congratulated thereupon from the throne. The Grand Secretary submitted a portrait in oil of King Oscar II., Grand Master of Sweden, with several maps and lithographic views of Masonic interest—the gift of Major Jacob Alf G. Bjorkman, representative of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Sweden; and Grand Lodge received these with thanks. Presents also, being reports of their proceedings, were received with thanks from the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Washington, France, Iowa, Dakota, Montana, Philadelphia, and California. A vidimus prepared by the Grand Cashier of the income and expenditure for the quarter ending 23rd October was submitted, from which it appeared that the income of Grand Lodge during that period had been £586, and the expenditure £433. There had been during the quarter nearly 800 entrants to the Craft. A statement regarding the Fund of Scottish Benevolence showed that during the three months ending 27th October grants had been made by the Committee to the extent of about £90. It was reported that Grand Committee had elected Bro. John Wilson, R.W.M. No. 8, as an interim member of that body, in place of Bro. Alexander Hay, resigned. Permission was granted to Lodge St. Leonard, Loanhead, No. 580, to hold meetings for Masonic purposes at Lasswade as well as at Loanhead; and interim permission to Lodge St. Cyre, Auchtermuchty, No. 120, to meet for Masonic purposes at Strathmiglo. Directions were given for the issue of charters to lodges The Lorne, Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, and St. John's, Davenport, Charters Towers, Queensland. Grand Secretary reported that he had issued a duplicate charter to Lodge Pioneer, Iquique, No. 643, in place of one which had been irrecoverably lost through the war between Chili and Peru; and to another lodge, Lithgow Kilwinning, New South Wales, No. 638, whose charter had been stolen. Grand Lodge unanimously expressed their thanks to Bros. Col. Montgomerie Nelson and C. H. Todd Connor, on their resignation, for their services as Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow and District Grand Master of South Australia respectively. Grand Committee reported that as Bro. Dr. George Baynes, District Grand Master of Montreal, had been a party to an arrangement under which the Scottish holding lodges were asked to resign their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to come under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, they recommended Grand Lodge to recall and cancel Bro. Baynes' commission, and to suspend the operations of the District Grand Lodge of Montreal. This proposal was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Grand Committee reported a resolution of one of their meetings to cordially recommend Grand Lodge to express its respectful congratulations to the Grand Master and Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart on the auspicious nuptials of their eldest surviving daughter, Miss Shaw Stewart, with Viscount Newark—one of whose wedding presents, by the way, was a gold bracelet set in diamonds, the gift of office-bearers and members of Grand Lodge—and also that Grand Lodge "record its heartfelt prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless the newly-wedded pair with long life and every happiness, and cause their union to promote the continuance of that felicity which has so long characterised the domestic circle of Ardgowan.

Bro. W. OFFICER moved and Bro. CALDWELL of Craigielea seconded, in a few graceful sentences, the adoption of this resolution. It was at once carried with acclamation; and the GRAND MASTER thanked the brethren for this kindly expression of their goodwill.

The GRAND MASTER moved the adoption of a recommendation which had been made on his motion by Grand Committee, to the effect that the annual salary of the Grand Secretary should be increased by £100 and that of Grand Cashier by £50. In doing so he reminded Grand Lodge that a short time before Grand Secretary was appointed, in March, 1877, Grand Lodge was deeply in debt. They had negotiated a cash credit for £1000, which had never been operated upon. They owed at that time about £10,500, on which sum about £600 was paid for interest. At the present time, with the sums already paid in liquidation of the debt, the amount temporarily invested, the money on hand, and which would be on hand by May next, it was estimated that the debt would at that date be reduced to £3500. (Applause.) Besides payments to the bonded debt, upwards of £1000 had been paid on account of other responsibilities incurred under the old system; and he would further remark that about £1500 had been given in grants to the Benevolent Fund during the last three years. (Applause.) No brother would deny that the Grand Secretary was a hard-working and very deserving officer, and in these circumstances he had much pleasure in moving the adoption of the recommendation.

This was seconded by Bro. FISHER, and at once agreed to.

The next business was the nomination of office bearers for next year, in regard to which Grand Committee submitted a list of names which they recommended for appointment. It appeared that at their meeting Bro. Mann, who was in the chair, had referred at length to the eminent services which the Grand Master had rendered to the Craft, and stated that it would have given great satisfaction to all the Craft if the Grand Master could have seen his way to hold the chair for at least another year; but that he was afraid it might be too much to press upon him again his acceptance of office, much as they all desired it. On the motion of Bro. Officer, seconded by Bro. W. Hay, it was, however, agreed to recommend the re-election of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart as Grand Master Mason of Scotland. In acknowledging receipt of an intimation to that effect, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart afterwards wrote:—"I cannot but consider this decided expression, in the face of my repeated and earnest statement, to be of great weight. I should ill requite the kindness and consideration I have always received from Grand Lodge, and after this expression of opinion probably feel that I might not be acting loyally towards the Grand Lodge itself, if I permitted my own wishes to guide me in this matter. I have new duties in England; these and other circumstances will, I fear, prevent my being in Edinburgh as frequently as I have been, on account of Grand Lodge, for some time past. If the Grand Committee and Grand Lodge will kindly remember that it is at their

special wish that I am re-nominated, and if I am elected and do not appear so often as I could wish, it will not be thought that I have become slack or lukewarm as to the interests of Grand Lodge and the Craft in general, then I will accept the nomination, proposed in a manner so gratifying to me, and shall feel, if possible, an increased attachment to the Grand Lodge and its members."

Bro. OFFICER moved the re-election of the Grand Master. He had stated in Grand Committee that it was most desirable that the throne should be occupied by a Craftsman of distinguished social and Masonic eminence, in middle life, possessing a knowledge of business and experience in the Order. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart had all these qualifications in an eminent degree, and the Craft could scarcely hope to get another Craftsman possessing similar abilities and qualifications. Besides, he knew the character and leanings of the leading members of the Fraternity taking an interest in its administration, and likewise valued the exalted position. Sir Michael had often at great inconvenience discharged the duties of the throne, and invariably with marked acceptability, and that, too, at a time when the affairs of Grand Lodge were not only in a complicated, but what might be termed a disastrous state. These affairs had been now placed in a satisfactory condition mainly through the exertions of the Grand Master. The debt of Grand Lodge had been materially reduced, and to all appearance in two or three years it would be entirely extinguished. It was, then, in the circumstances, but a graceful act on the part of the Committee unanimously to recommend Sir Michael's re-election, and the recommendation being unanimously made by the Committee so numerously attended, would, it was hoped, be favourably entertained by the Grand Master, as it would be by the whole Craft at home and abroad—the desire of the brethren being for Sir Michael to occupy the throne until the whole debt of Grand Lodge was discharged. He referred to the practice of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland in re-electing their Grand Masters for a long period of time, and saw no reason why the Grand Lodge of Scotland should adopt a course different to what these Grand Bodies so advantageously followed, and which enhanced the value of the office not only to its present occupants, but in the eyes of future aspirants. In moving the re-election in Grand Lodge, Bro. Officer said he only re-echoed the universal sentiments of the Craft in asking the brethren to support the motion. (Applause.)

The nomination was seconded by Bro. Wm. HAY, and carried with acclamation.

The GRAND MASTER, in intimating his acceptance of office, said he certainly had had every wish and intention to retire at this time, grateful to Grand Lodge and the Masons of Scotland. He was not one of those persons who would wish to stand in the way of anybody who might desire to come forward to take his turn at the wheel—(Applause)—but seeing the resolution which was unanimously come to by Grand Committee and transmitted to him, he thought that perhaps it would have seemed ungrateful, not to say ungracious, on his part if he had not acceded to the wish expressed in so hearty a manner towards him, and, therefore, he would endeavour to serve Grand Lodge during the ensuing year to the best of his ability. (Applause.) The Grand Master then re-nominated the Earl of Mar and Kellie as Deputy Grand Master, and Colonel Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, as Substitute Grand Master, which was received with applause; and concluded by expressing his hope that the good feeling and friendship which had always subsisted between himself personally and Grand Lodge would never be dimmed. (Applause.)

The nominations for the other elective offices were then made as follows:

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| Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart            | ... G.S.W.           |
| " Rt. Hon. the Earl of Haddington  | ... G.J.W.           |
| " the Rev. T. N. Wannop and the    | } G. Chaplains.      |
| Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, B.A.,      |                      |
| " Rt. Hon. the Earl of Breadalbane | ... G.S.D.           |
| " Capt. John Crombie               | ... G.J.D.           |
| " Andrew Kerr                      | ... G. Architect.    |
| " George Fisher                    | ... G. Bible Bearer. |
| " Capt. William Hills              | ... G. Dir. of Cer.  |
| " H. Y. D. Copland                 | ... G. Swd. Br.      |
| " Capt. Farquhar M'Gillivray       | ... G. Marshal.      |
| " J. S. Matheson                   | ... G. Jeweller.     |
| " Carl Hamilton                    | ... G. Dir. of Mus.  |
| " R. Davison                       | ... G. Organist.     |

The former Grand Stewards were then re-elected, with the addition of Bros. William MacLean, David Hume, John Morgan, James Craig, Charles Sphepherd, Henry Doig, William Cuthbert, and John Wilson.

On the occasion of his retiring from the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies, a position which he had held for forty years, and has retired from on a salary being attached to it, Bro. JOHN GOGHILL thanked the brethren for the honour they had so long conferred upon him; and the G.M. expressed a hope that Bro. Goghill would yet for many years be seen at the meetings of Grand Lodge.

Some unimportant business was disposed of, and thereafter Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The regular quarterly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. Wm. J. Easton, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the absence of Bro. Wm. Pearce, Provincial Grand Master, who is at present abroad with the Emperor of Russia's yacht Livadia; Bros. Colonel Stewart, P.G.S.W., and J. M. Oliver, P.G.J.W., in their respective places. There were also present Bros. J. Dalrymple Duncan, S.P. G.M.; Dr. G. S. Burns, Chaplain; W. H. Bickerton, Secretary; J. Morgan, Treasurer; J. Booth, S.D.; J. Findlay, J.D.; W. Phillips, Architect; A. Bain, B.B.; J. Balfour, D. of C.; T. Halkett, D. of M.; A. Holmes, I.G.; G. Sinclair, Treasurer of Benevolent Fund, and a very large attendance. The Provincial Grand Secretary and the Treasurer of Benevolent Fund read the minutes for the quarter, which were adopted, the Treasurer and the Benevolent Fund Committee receiving the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge for their services during the past year. A report in regard to a proposed Masonic Festival under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held this year, was approved of; it was remitted to a committee to make the necessary arrangements. Under the new arrangements of Grand Lodge it was resolved to submit

bye-laws for the use of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge for approval. The nomination of elective office bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, there being more than the usual interest on this occasion, nearly every office being contested. The following brethren were successful for the various offices: Bros. J. Morgan, Treasurer; D. Ronald, S.D.; D. Mearns, J.D.; G. B. McNaught, Architect; G. McLeod, Jeweller; W. McDonald, B.B.; D. Reid, D. of C.; A. Myles, D. of M.; J. Kinnaird, S.B.; C. Cranston, Marshal; A. Holmes, I.G.; R. Gardiner, Tyler; G. Sinclair, Treas. of B.F.; J. Balfour, Pres. of Stewards; Auditors, Bros. W. Pitt, J. Sharpe, and A. Campbell.

#### REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

##### Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The members of this old lodge mustered in strength on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, it being installation night. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. Rumball, W.M.; Morrison, S.W., W.M. elect; Themans, P.M., acting J.W.; C. Dairy, I.P.M.; Carter, Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Tisley, I.G.; Jordan, W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; and Cobham, P.M.

The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Morrison was presented by Bro. Hopwood, P.M., to receive from the hands of the W.M. the benefits of installation. The Board of Installed Masters was shortly afterwards formed, and the W.M. appointed Bros. Carter, as S.W.; Hopwood, as J.W.; Dairy, as D.C.; and Stuart, as I.G., to assist him therein. It—the ceremony—was Bro. Rumball's maiden effort, and it reflected great credit upon him. The officers invested were Bros. Rumball, I.P.M.; Heaphy, S.W. (by deputy); Walls, J.W.; Carter, Treas. (22nd time); W. Stuart, Sec.; Clark, S.D.; Tisley, J.D.; Jordan, I.G.; Kendall, W.S.; Fromholz, D.C.; and Longstaffe, Tyler (by deputy). Previously to the lodge being closed, the I.P.M. was invested with a jewel, and several communications were read apologising for non-attendance. Among them was one from the S.W., Bro. Heaphy, who had but recently recovered from a severe attack of fever.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and their visitors adjourned to the banquet, which was elegantly served in the Pillar Room. Among the latter were Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Heyworth, 144; More, Gibon; Eatray, 177; Abrahams, 511; Wood, 829; Easler, 874; Digby, P.M. 933; Heffrey, 1158; Simmonds, P.M. 1159; Higgins, 1563; Howes, 1623; Sleaf, Duke of Connaught; Wiffin, 1815; and Coleman, St. John of Wapping. Upon the removal of the cloth, the Royal and Craft toasts were briefly proposed, and heartily drunk. Bro. Cottebrune replied upon behalf of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M. tersely, but to the point. "The W.M. in reply stated that he felt exceedingly proud in occupying the chair of so distinguished and important a lodge as No. 141 undoubtedly was. He had endeavoured whilst filling the minor offices of the lodge to discharge their responsibilities as far as in him lay. He was one of those who believed that the "work" of Masonry should be carried out creditably by every one holding a position in it. (Hear, hear.) It was only by attention to the minor offices that brethren could hope to fill satisfactorily the higher grades. He hoped during his term of office to be well employed. The Faith was a large lodge, but fresh blood was always welcome, and highly necessary to make good deficiencies; therefore, he trusted that there would be no dearth of candidates in the coming session. "The Visitors" followed, and drew from Bro. Simmonds a very interesting reply. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that he should rely a great deal upon the brethren composing that body during his tenure of the chair. Some of them had been connected with the lodge upwards of twenty years, and were still capable and willing to assist in the well-ruling and governing of the lodge. He would not at that late hour of the evening call upon each to respond, but he would couple the toast with the name of Bros. Rumball. The I.P.M. having replied, "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order. In proposing this toast, the W.M. dwelt upon the long services of Bro. Carter, who had been that evening invested as Treasurer for the twenty-second time. (Applause.) He hoped that he would be spared many years yet to come to extend the sphere of his usefulness. He was glad that the brethren had determined to present their veteran Treasurer with some substantial token of regard. In respect to their worthy Secretary, he could only say that a better could not be found. Bro. Stuart, in the absence of the Treasurer, having replied, "The Health of the Officers" followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. Themans, the acting S.W. Much praise was due to Bro. Coleman, P.M. St. John of Wapping, who, instrumentally, rendered great service, both in and out of the lodge.

##### LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).

A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. W. T. Rickwood, W.M.; S. T. Lucas, S.W.; J. G. Chillingworth, jun., J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Hon. Secretary; Charles Arkell, P.M.; H. A. Pratt, J.D.; H. A. Carter, I.G.; W. Williams, W. White, G. W. Gilham, William Fox, Thomas Fisher, Cobb, Henry Norris, and Barclay Perkins. Visitors: Bros. W. White, Kingsland, 1693; W. G. King, Freedom, 77, P.G. Organist, Kent; W. Warren, Industry, 186; and J. H. Webster, Acacia, 1309. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Fox was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Richard B. Hann and Mr. W. H. Dowland, and the latter gentleman being in attendance, he was duly initiated. A notice of motion as to the changing of one of the nights of meeting was withdrawn. The brethren afterwards dined together, and separated at an early hour.

##### WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the East-hill Hotel, Wandsworth, on Monday evening, the 1st inst.

when Mr. George Manning, of Clapham Park, who is about leaving for abroad, was initiated by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Walker, who performed the ritual to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Bros. J. G. Kewney was S.W., and J. J. Holland, J.W., while F. Reed was J.D. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Past Master J. G. Carter, W. P. Bell, R. Walker, Denham, and others.

**SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE (No. 1539).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. A. Martin, W.M.; E. Seale, S.W.; J. W. Allen, J.W.; M. S. Larlham, Treas.; F. J. Tims, Sec.; W. Holland, S.D.; W. G. Cannon, J.D.; G. Taylor, I.G.; J. Parkinson, Tyler; T. L. Green, P.M.; E. Clark, P.M.; Wells, Oliver, Pratt, Richardson, Waterman, Harrison, Hugall, McLean, and J. J. Allan. Visitors: Bros. E. Smith, P.M. 1441; Earney, J.D. 511; Stevens, P.M. 1426; Ohrens, J.D. 452; Whiddington, 1827; Holt, P.M. 235; Bull, 1624; Sloman, 1624; Watts, P.M. 507; Masson, 627; Walker, 1558; Batty, P.M. 22; Maddick, 171; Knight Smith, I.P.M. 1441; and Coe, P.M. 1339.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. E. Seale, S.W., was installed as W.M. by Bro. Larlham, P.M. The W.M. having invested Bro. Larlham, P.M., as Treasurer, he duly appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Allen, S.W.; Holland, J.W.; Tims, Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Cannon, J.D.; Wells, I.G.; Hugall, W.S.; and Parkinson, Tyler.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The second winter gathering of this prosperous lodge took place on Monday evening last, the 5th inst., at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, at which the following brethren attended: Bros. George Kenning, W.M.; A. J. Altman, C.C., I.P.M.; Dr. H. Alder Smith, S.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chaplain; Thomas Jones, Secretary; Alfred Brookman, S.D.; Dr. Samuel Benton, J.D.; S. White, I.G.; E. Y. Jolliffe, W.S.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; George Vickery, W. H. Froom, E. Anderton, Thomas Benskin, H. Matthews, and P. Saillard, to which must be added the following eminent visitors: Bros. Fred. M. Anderton, 42, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. East Lancashire; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1308, P.G.J.D. of the Punjab; W. L. Sindall, W.M. 1293, P.G.S.B. Middx.; Herbert F. Pratt, 181; James Holah, 1; H. Ormond, 927; Walter F. Fitch, 1541; Charles E. Power, S.W. 1558; Thomas Cox, 1204, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas E. Lucy, 1204, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. G. Lund, P.M. 1460; H. Wilkinson, M.M.; A. Great Rex, P.M. 22; William Roebuck, 29 and 778, S.G.W. Middlesex; and H. Alpeter, 1671.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Anderton, having passed at the last lodge meeting, and having answered the preliminary questions preparatory to being raised, passed through that solemn function. Bro. Vickery was duly passed in the Second Degree, and Mr. Joseph Renals was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Upon the motion of the I.P.M., Bro. Albert J. Altman, seconded by the Worshipful Master, Mr. Matthew Webb, the newly-appointed solicitor to the parish of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, and Mr. William Hudson, the newly-appointed surveyor to the same parish, were duly proposed, seconded, and unanimously accepted as candidates for admission into the lodge. The attention of the brethren was then directed to the appointment of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren eligible for this high post of distinction were Bros. John Derby Alcroft, J.P., P.M.; the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; Albert J. Altman, C.C., P.M.; George Kenning, Dr. Herbert Alder Smith, and W. S. Chapman, of Aldersgate-street. Unfortunately ill-health precluded the latter from serving for the forthcoming year, and the pressure of many professional engagements hindered the equally popular Bro. Dr. Smith from doing due justice to the duties of such an exalted post; the other Past Masters declined out of deference and honour to Bro. George Kenning, the occupant of the chair, and the lodge amid much acclamation and good wishes unanimously resolved that its interests could not be better protected, or its deliberations presided over more ably, than by re-electing Bro. Kenning. Bro. Kenning is the founder of the lodge, has liberally supported its efforts in the cause of charity, and promoted goodwill and fellowship among its members. Most unanimously and gratefully the services towards the lodge of Bro. John Derby Alcroft, J.P., P.M., the Treas. of Christ's Hospital, were recognised as its Treasurer, and he was unanimously re-appointed. Bro. Steedman was re-elected as Tyler.

The brethren adjourned to refreshment under the charge of the W.M. The toast of honour of the evening was in favour of the initiate, Bro. Renals, who, in reply to a cordial welcome, made a short and happy speech. Bro. F. Anderton, East Lancashire, and other brethren, were equally felicitous in speech and song. A most agreeable and pleasant evening was spent under the care of the W.M., and the brethren separated at ten o'clock.

**ROYAL HANOVER LODGE (No. 1777).**—The installation meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd ult., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, when there were present among others Bros. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S. of Works Middx., W.M.; George Clark, jun., W.M. elect; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.W. Middx., I.P.M. and acting Secretary; H. Clark, J.W.; Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., V.P. of the three Masonic Charities, Treasurer; Cruikshanks, S.D.; Perks, J.D.; Dunkley, jun., I.G.; Dunkley, P.G. O. Middx., Organist; Wood, W.S.; and Larlham, P.M. (hon. member). The visitors were Bros. Stedwell, P.G.S., P.P.G.W. Middx., &c.; T. C. Walls, P.M. 1381, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Wuest, P.M. 753; Taylor, P.M. 1201; Stiles, I.P.M. 1732; Baldwin, 103; Fox, 857; Larwen, 858; Massie, 993; Grout, 1507; Groves, 1589; Navarre, 1 (France); Voel, Fortitude and Cumberland; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received, passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. H. H. Room was then impressively raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. Edward Clarke initiated into Craft mysteries. The ceremony of installing Bro. George Clark, jun., into the chair of K.S. was also ably carried out by the retiring Master, who was assisted by Bros. Dubois, P.M.; Larlham, P.M.; Wuest, P.M.; Taylor,

P.M.; and Walls, P.M. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Lovegrove, I.P.M.; H. Clark, S.W.; Cruikshanks, J.W.; H. B. Marshall, Treasurer; Baldwin, Secretary; Perks, S.D.; Dunkley, jun., J.D.; Wood, I.G.; Dunkley, Organist; Axted, D.C.; Holliday, W.S.; and Daly, Tyler. Bro. Marshall was unanimously elected by the lodge to represent it as Steward at each of the festivals in 1881 in connection with the Charities. Bro. Marshall, in returning thanks upon his re-appointment as Treasurer and election as Steward, said that although his numerous engagements had prevented him from giving that attention to the lodge which his position in it demanded, yet he had endeavoured to enhance the interests of the Royal Hanover in other ways, and he believed he had succeeded. (Hear, hear.) In concluding his remarks he said that he felt highly honoured with their renewed mark of confidence, and he trusted that in the ensuing year he would be able to attend the lodge more frequently than he had hitherto done. Previously to the lodge being closed a vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M. for the efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were done full justice to. "The Provincial Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Stedwell, P.P.G.W., who responded in a speech of some length. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that the Royal Hanover Lodge was to be congratulated upon the advent that day of a Master who was thoroughly conversant with the "working" of the Craft Degrees, and who would in other respects add lustre to the position which he occupied. In concluding his remarks he called upon the brethren to join with him in wishing the W.M. a most prosperous and happy year of office. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. made a brief reply. "The Health of the Initiate" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. expressed his gratification that the lodge that day had enrolled under its banner a gentleman who had the distinguished honour of holding the position of a gold medalist of the Royal Academy of Arts. He believed that Bro. Clarke would also make his mark in Masonry, and he, the W.M., hoped that at no very distant period their newly-admitted brother would occupy the Master's chair in his mother lodge. The initiate having modestly expressed his acknowledgments, the toast of "The Visitors" followed. This pledge having been enthusiastically drunk, Bros. Taylor, Massie, and others, responded in appropriate terms. In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that he was sorry that Bro. Dubois, one of the founders and first Master of the lodge, had been compelled to leave at an early period of the evening, but, nevertheless, they would drink his health none the less heartily. Bro. Lovegrove, however, was present, and as he had done a great deal of work that evening, and, moreover, had done it well, he trusted that they would give him also a bumper. In the concluding portion of his speech he touched upon the very artistic and handsome Past Master's jewel which he had had the pleasure of presenting Bro. Lovegrove, who he hoped would be spared many years to wear it. The I.P.M. having replied, "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toasts brought the proceedings to a conclusion. We may add that a very choice selection of music was performed by several professional brethren and others whose names we regret we are unable to furnish.

**ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).**—PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR J. B. MONCKTON.—The installation meeting of this and young prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Few lodges have made such rapid progress in the Craft, in so short a time, as the Alliance, for immediately upon its consecration, some fifteen months ago, it took a leading position in the City of London. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Sir John Monckton (Town Clerk of London), P.M., P.G.D., and President of the Board of General Purposes, supported by the following officers, viz., Bros. Noah Johnson (C.C.), P.M. 1, P.G.S., I.P.M.; L. F. Littell, P.M. 860, S.W., and W.M. elect; Frank Green, P.M. 1567 (Board of General Purposes); R. J. Pawley, Treas., J.W.; D. H. Ashford, S.D. 1441, S.D.; Willey Wright, J.D.; Wm. Handell Cannon, I.G.; C. W. Bowley, Stewd.; Barrow Emanuel, D.C.; Henry Wright, Asst. Stewd.; W. W. Brown, P.M. 214, P.P.G. Org. Essex, Org.; and A. B. Church, Tyler.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened, and Bro. Whiddington passed to the Third Degree, and then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. with great skill and ability. Bro. N. Johnson, P.M., P.G.S., then presented Bro. Littell to the Worshipful Master for installation, and he was, according to ancient custom, inducted into the chair of K.S. The new Master having been saluted in due form, immediately proceeded to invest his officers, viz., Bro. Frank Green, S.W.; D. H. Ashford, J.W.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; Willey Wright, S.D.; Cannon, J.D.; Bowley, I.G.; Barrow Emanuel, D.C.; W. W. Brown, Org.; H. Wright, Stewd.; Pearce Morrison, Asst. Stewd.; and A. B. Church, Tyler. Mr. F. S. Jackson and Mr. W. J. Soulsby were then proposed, and seconded, for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they found an elegant banquet awaiting them. During the evening a beautiful clock, bearing a suitable inscription, was presented to Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, I.P.M., in acknowledgment of his services as W.M. for the past year, as well as in token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge. The harmony of the evening was enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. Seymour Smith and Pearce Morrison. Miss Perkins gave some capital selections in a masterly style upon the violin, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Jewson. The following members of the lodge were also present, viz., Bros. J. Perkins, Capt. T. Davies Sewell, E. G. Man, J. C. Whiddington, E. F. Fitch, H. H. Cooper, H. Squires, J. Percy Godfrey, P.M.; and visitors: Bros. S. Mullens, P.G.S.B., 735; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M. 1657, P.G.C. Middx., 1460; A. Williams, P.M. 49; C. Monckton, S.W. 753; G. T. Peall, D.C. 1278; Seymour Smith, Org. 742; and J. W. Bleck, 1727. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren, the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to an end.

**DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).**—This young lodge met for the dispatch of business on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. The officers present were Bros. T. C. Corpe, W.M.; J. W. Brooke, I.P.M. and Hon. Sec.; Dr. Bott, S.W.; G. F. Smith, jun., J.W.; A. Stokes, S.D.; Dr. Wilkins, J.D.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas. and I.G.; A. Williams, Asst. Hon. Sec.; Capt. Furse, W.S.; Goddard, P.M., Tyler. Members: Bros. W. Gaspey, H. Auerbach, H. Jenkins, A. H. Jakins, M. Keith-Frith, and H. Cattermole.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the installation meeting of September 30th were read and confirmed. Mr. James William Hayton, being a candidate for initiation, the ballot was then taken, which proving unanimous in his favour, and that gentleman being in attendance, he was duly and impressively initiated into the Order, and the W.M. was congratulated on the excellence of his working, this being the first meeting of the lodge since his installation.

There being no other "work," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, provided by Bro. Best. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, which was much enhanced by recitations and songs from the following brethren—the W.M., Bros. W. Gaspey, M. Keith-Frith, Cattermole, Hayton, Brooke, I.P.M.; and Stokes.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 4th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, W.M.; Philip Braham, I.P.M.; W. Hunt, S.W.; C. W. Radway, J.W.; T. A. Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; R. B. Cater, Sec.; E. J. B. Mercer, S.D.; A. Holmes, J.D.; T. Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cer.; T. Ames, I.G.; W. Peach and T. E. Wilton, Stewards; F. Wilkinson, P.M.; John Robbie, P.M.; J. B. Moutrie, P.M.; J. Clark, P.M.; W. B. Gregory, James Robinson, and many others, likewise several visitors. The lodge opened in the First Degree, minutes were read and approved, and a vote of thanks passed to the Secretary for the able manner he had recorded the minutes of the previous lodge, on which occasion the centenary of the Freemasons' Hall Medal of 1780 was celebrated. The Secretary suitably responded. A letter was read from Mrs. Carey, widow of a deceased P.M., acknowledging a vote of condolence. The ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, which was successful. Bros. Brown and Reynolds were then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The W.M. presented to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. J. W. Hughan, P.G.D., a scarce book published in 1735, which proves the existence of No. 41 from 1724, also copy of a book giving an account of Bro. Kenning's reception of American Freemasons in 1878. A vote of thanks to Bro. Hughan, which was carried by acclamation, and a grant of £10 was voted to the Sussex Lodge towards purchasing a new carpet, &c. A discussion took place upon the application of Bro. Tudor Trevor for assistance to the "Unmasonic Trial," and the question was referred back. The W.M. was to have read a very important paper, but the hour being late it was unavoidably postponed. Bro. Wilton, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for the hospitality he had shown the brethren at the last lodge meeting, and hoped he would be spared for many years to assist with his great Masonic knowledge, and instruct the brethren, which was carried by acclamation. Dr. Hopkins, W.M., suitably responded. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

**RINGWOOD.**—Unity Lodge (No. 132).—This old Hampshire lodge to mark the commencement of its 104th year was, on the invitation of the Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Brouncker, P.G.J.W. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, visited at its last meeting by several brethren from a distance, both from the Dorset and Hants side. A gentleman having been initiated by the I.P.M., Bro. A. W. Ward, the W.M., in an impressive manner, explained the First Tracing Board. Several propositions for joining and initiation having been received, the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, served by Host Low, of the White Hart, following which there was an interchange of much fraternal feeling and good fellowship.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. The following members were present: Bros. J. E. Williams, W.M.; Alfred Heald, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, J.W.; Henry Walley, I.P.M., Treas.; W. D. Waddell, Sec.; J. Senior, S.D.; Geo. A. Smith, J.D.; B. Williams, jun., I.G.; G. F. East, P.M.; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; W. Rome, P.M.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. H. Warburton, P.M.; R. Nield, P.M.; J. Chemmy, W. Siddeley, J. Studd, A. Saarabach, J. H. Wolfensberger, B. B. Dakeyne, Phillip Casper, J. Sparrow, G. B. Kershaw, J. F. R. Johnstone, J. Quance, W. Cowell, J. Hilton, J. Lowndes, W. Livesay, J. R. Taylor, J. B. Sumner, D. D. Macpherson, G. Lowenthal, R. McMellan, and M. Owen. Visitors: Bros. G. M. Fitton, P.M. 1056, 1613; Dr. Brennan, 993; C. Cox, 375; Arthur Middleton, W.M. 645; G. A. B. Cooper, 999; and G. D. Williams, 724.

The brethren met at six o'clock to tea. At seven o'clock they assembled in the lodge room, and the lodge having been opened, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. After an unsuccessful attempt to ballot for a candidate, Bro. W. Rome, P.M., assumed the Worshipful Master's chair, and raised the lodge to the Second Degree, after which Bro. Henry Walley, P.M. and Treas., presided, and passed Bro. Saarabach to the Degree of F.C. At the conclusion of this ceremony, Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., assumed the chair, and passed Bro. Lowenthal to the Second Degree. Bro. H. Walley reassumed the Worshipful Master's chair, and presented the working tools to Bros. Saarabach and Lowenthal, and this ceremony concluded the evening's "work." When the lodge had been duly lowered to the First Degree, Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C., proposed "That the sum of £20 should be granted to the widow of a deceased member," which was unanimously carried. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.45. At the social board Bro. Henry Walley presided, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. E. Williams, who was indisposed, and a pleasant two hours were passed in social enjoyment.



**CROYDON.**—East Surrey Lodge of Concord No. 463).—A meeting of this old established lodge was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 3rd, at the Greyhound Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. R. W. Price, W.M., assisted by Bros. J. S. Streeter, S.W.; J. Hooks, J.W.; G. Price, Treas.; H. B. Podmore, Sec.; Byron Ridge, J.D.; and W. Nicholls, I.G. There were also present Past Masters Bros. J. Close, F. West, C. H. Woodward, and about twenty members of the lodge. One gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, Bro. Barwell, host of the Greyhound, was passed into the Second Degree, and another brother was proposed as joining member. A petition was presented to the W.M., duly signed, praying the W.M. of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord to sanction a recommendation for establishing a new lodge at Wallington to be called the Wallington Lodge, the meetings of which are proposed to be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton. After transacting the ordinary lodge business, the members adjourned to the banqueting room, where an admirable repast was served up, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Barwell's catering abilities. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and a pleasant evening was spent.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The usual monthly meeting of this ancient and well known lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Hope-street, on Monday, 25th ult., instead of Wednesday, (that day being fixed for the re-union and opening of the Banqueting Hall). There was a goodly number of the brethren and visitors, the following being present:—Bros. Trevitt, W.M.; T. Chesworth, P.M. and P.P.G. Officer of Cheshire; J. Cain, P.M. and Treasurer; J. Crispe, I.P.M.; M. Hart, S.W.; G. Gordon, J.W.; J. Pendlington, Sec.; J. Comins, S.D.; J. Humphreys, J.D.; D. Davies, I.G.; Thomas and Ellis, Stewards; and Williams, Tyler. Also Bros. Ramery, Queale, Stones Heaton, Griffiths and others. Visitors: Bros. R. B. Deuchar, J.W. 786; J. M. King, S.D. 823; Wm. Cattrell, P.M. 823; John Molloy, 249, and others. After the usual preliminaries the ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Williamson, and upon approval that gentleman was initiated into the Craft, the impressive ceremony being worked by the W.M. and his officers in a most complete and efficient manner. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. D. Stones duly passed as F.C.; the lecture on the Tracing Board of this Degree was also admirably rendered by the W.M. The working tools were presented by the J.W., and the lodge was resumed to First Degree. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned for a time. On reforming the W.M. gave the customary toasts. The rest of the evening having been spent most agreeably, the brethren separated after the final toast.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first meeting of the above lodge after the installation in July last took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road. Unfortunately, the W.M., Bro. Chapman, was unable to attend, so that the excellent working anticipated by the brethren, so far, at least, as the esteemed W.M. was concerned, did not come off, but Bro. P. M. Lloyd filled the vacancy, and carried out the duties in a manner worthy of the lodge and the occasion. The only work before the lodge was the passing of Bro. Maling and the raising of Bro. Hosegood, which being happily effected, Bro. Coupland introduced the subject of the testimonial now in formation for presentation to Lord Holmesdale, Grand Master of the Province of Kent, at the forthcoming Grand Lodge meeting next year; and, on his proposition, the sum of five guineas was voted to the testimonial from the funds of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent dinner, at which Bro. T. D. Hayes, P.M., presided. Among the other officers of the lodge and visitors present were Past Masters Bros. Charles Ellis Fermor; H. J. Butter, G. St. Br. Kent; A. Penfold; J. McDougall; T. Hastings, P.P.G.D. Kent; W. T. Vincent; R. J. Cook, S.W.; H. Mason, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M.; P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec.; P.P.G.P. Kent; H. Edmonds, S.D.; H. Pryce, J.D.; T. Reed, I.G.; W. Rees, W.S.; H. Mabbett, Tyler; J. Wilkins, W.M. 700; J. Warren, P.M. 700; R. Anson, S.W. 829; G. Kennedy, S.D. 1536; J. Jacobs, I.G. 829; G. Tedder, 11; H. Hiscock, 700; E. Crews, 13; H. Prestige, 1278; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by Bro. Hayes in good style. In proposing "The Health of Lord Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master," the W.M. spoke in flattering terms of his lordship, and trusted the brethren would subscribe heartily to his lordship's testimonial fund. Bro. Butter, P.M., responded, and, as a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, did so with a great deal of satisfaction. He felt almost ashamed to be in the position among such good Masons as Bros. Fermor, McDougall, Penfold, and Vincent; but when he remembered how kindly they had put aside their claims to the honour of the purple and assisted him, he felt that they did not begrudge him the proud position he now occupied. Their Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, was well worthy of the exalted position he held, and the feeling of respect and admiration that was entertained for him in the province would find a fitting response in the testimonial they were about to present him with. He thanked them cordially for the toast. Bro. Ellis Fermor then proposed the toast of "The W.M., *pro tem.*, Bro. Hayes." It was a toast that was always received in the Pattison Lodge with brotherly goodwill, and although it had not been his privilege for many years past to propose the toast, yet he felt that night as if it renewed his connection with the chair, and brought him nearer to the position he remembered to have filled in that lodge with so much pride to himself and, he trusted, satisfaction to the brethren. After referring to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Chapman, the W.M., and paying a high compliment to Bro. Lloyd, who had so nobly stepped into the vacant position and carried out the duties and work of the lodge at a minute's notice, he asked them to drink the health of Bro. Hayes heartily. Bro. Hayes returned thanks, and said he felt in a very awkward position, as he was really the second in the chair that night, and had done nothing to earn the earnest and hearty response the toast had met with at their hands. They all knew how willing he was at all times to do his best for the interest of the lodge, but he hardly thought he could have emulated the capital working of Bro. Lloyd had he been as suddenly called on. He certainly would have tried, but they would have found

him rather hazy in the ritual. They might depend upon it that, whether in cloud or sunshine, the Past Masters would always do their duty. Bro. Fermor replied for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Wilkins, Hanson, and Tedder for "The Visitors." "The Officers of the Lodge" were toasted, and Bro. Mason responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**WOOLSTON.**—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—Bro. Captain Evans, a retired commander in the P. & O. service, and one of the oldest Masons in this neighbourhood, has been unanimously elected W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year. At the previous meeting held for this purpose the lodge entertained a number of visiting brethren, including Bro. Cole, W.M. Royal Gloucester Lodge; Bro. Le Feuvre, P.M., P.P.G.S.; and several officers of the Royal Gloucester and Southampton Lodges.

At the post-banquet proceedings Bro. Le Feuvre, in proposing "The Health of the Outgoing Master of the Clausentum Lodge," took occasion to make a feeling reference to the loss the Craft had just sustained in the death of Bro. Edward Coxwell, Clerk of the Peace, and Coroner for the neighbouring borough of Southampton, and one of the oldest Past Masters of the district, the speaker paying a high tribute to the character of the deceased, whether as a private citizen, a public officer, or a Freemason. Bro. Le Feuvre's remarks were supplemented by a few observations from Bro. Saunders, P.M., a visiting brother from one of the Cape Lodges, who said he initiated Bro. Capt. Coxwell at Cape Town, and it might interest the brethren to know that in the Colony the son held the same high reputation for public and private worth that his late father did in England. Bro. Rosoman, in responding to the toast of his health, said he had hoped during his two years' occupation of the chair that the new lodge room which the increasing strength of the Clausentum Lodge so much required would have been built, but technical difficulties had prevented the conveyance of the land, which had delayed the commencement of the work. These were now, as he believed, happily surmounted, and he hoped the members would occupy their new home under the presidency of Capt. Evans, to whom in his own name, and that of the lodge generally, he wished a happy and successful term of office. Bro. F. H. McCalmont, the W.M. of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, with his Past Masters and officers, had been invited to attend the gathering, and several of his officers were present, but he himself, being at an hotel in Southampton, where he slept, was prevented from so doing at the last moment, but sent a telegram to Bro. Bowyer, the Secretary, explaining his absence, and forwarding "Hearty good wishes." His brother Masons, and especially those of the lodge over which he was presiding, were, in common with the whole town, shocked the following morning to hear of his untimely death after visiting a friend on board his yacht in the river. It was at first thought that he had taken an overdose of chloral, which he took occasionally for sleeplessness, and a bottle of which he had purchased in Southampton the same night, fifteen out of sixteen of the doses it contained having disappeared. A post mortem examination, however, by several doctors of the town, two of the Professors from Netley Hospital being present, failed to discover chloral in the body, which showed fatty degeneration of the heart and diabetes. In accordance with the medical testimony a verdict was returned of death from syncope, probably from diabetes. The deceased, who was the second son of the late Rev. Thomas McCalmont, of Highfield, Southampton, was B.C.L. and M.A. of Oxford (Oriel College); a member of the Middle Temple; practised as a barrister in the Western Circuit; and several years since, following a Masonic experience in Oxford, of which province he was Past Provincial Grand Registrar, joining the Craft in Southampton, he was elected the Worshipful Master of the Shirley (a neighbouring) Lodge for the year 1879-80, leaving that chair at the end of his year of office only to preside over the Southampton Lodge, of which he was at the time of his death Master for the current year; and on Tuesday last (the 9th inst.) he was to have been installed 2nd Principal of the Royal Gloucester Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry. He also held the honourable distinction of being a member of the central Masonic Board of General Purposes.

**LYMM.**—Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 1565).—This picturesque village was *en fête* on Thursday, the 4th inst. The occasion was the annual meeting of the lodge, which included the installation of the W.M. elect and the St. John's Festival. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the proceedings passed off with considerable *clat*. Bro. Parker, W.M., opened the lodge with the usual formalities, when the minutes were read and confirmed, and after opening in the Second Degree, he invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. then presented Bro. George Richardson, W.M. elect, and he was installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient form. The Board of Installed Masters was numerously attended, and the whole of the ceremony, including the address, was worked by the Installing Master. Refreshment followed labour, and great credit was due to the caterer. After the cloths were withdrawn a long toast list was gone through, and while all the sentiments were well received, "The Healths of the W.M. and Installing Master" were especially so. Some excellent songs were well sung during the evening.

**MANCHESTER.**—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. Arthur Painter, W.M.; A. B. Whittaker, S.W.; G. Macfarlane, J.W.; Wm. Bostock, P.M., Treas.; Arthur Yates, Sec.; S. D. MacKellen, S.D.; W. Brown, J. D.; H. Bracewell, I.G.; G. Burrows, Tyler; T. Cavanah, P.M.; W. H. Leigh, P.M.; J. Lyttle, W. Y. Martin, W. T. Allett, J. D. Curtis, B. Peacock, W. Craven, A. F. Forrest. The lodge was opened at 7.35, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. W. T. Allett to the F.C. Degree, assisted by Bros. S. D. MacKellen and W. Brown, H. Bracewell delivered the charge in good style. This being all the business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.45.

**GOSPORT.**—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1705).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th of October, at the Star Hotel. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. Grant, supported by Bros.

C. B. Whitcomb, I.P.M. and Treas.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D.; Count Des Geneys, J.W.; T. Batchelor, Sec.; C. J. E. Mumby, J.D.; G. Darby, I.G.; A. T. Cave, D. of C.; A. Knight, Org.; and J. S. Senior, Steward. Among the brethren present were: Bros. A. Cudlipp, P.M. 487 (Mayor of Portsmouth); Colonel J. H. Inglefield, R.A. (Commanding Hants Artillery Militia); Captain A. Balliston, R.N. (Commanding H.M. Yacht Alberta); R. W. Mitchell, W.M. 903; W. Dart, W.M. 804; R. Barnes, W.M. 342, P.G.D.C.; A. R. Holbrook, W.M. 309; Valentine Brown, P.M. 903; A. Joliffe, I.G. 257; H. W. Townsend, P.M. 1428; J. Wallingford, P.M. 903; Rev. P. H. Good, 1069; J. Wilson, P.M. 903; R. W. Downing, S.W. 903; S. W. Misselbrook Org., 903; G. Pearman, Org. 487; A. Westaway, Org. 1834, and others. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Bro. C. Whitcomb having been re-elected Treasurer, presented Bro. the Count Des Geneys to the W.M., Bro. G. Grant, for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was most ably carried out. Upon its conclusion the Installing Master received a unanimous vote of thanks to be recorded in the minutes of the lodge. The officers invested were: Bros. G. Grant, I.P.M.; Captain A. Balliston, R.N., S.W.; T. Batchelor, J.W.; C. B. Whitcomb, P.M., Treas.; C. J. E. Mumby, Sec.; G. Darby, S.D.; A. Knight, J.D.; A. T. Cave, I.G.; J. S. Senior, D. of C.; W. C. Webb and W. M. Chalcraft, Stewards. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the India Arms Hotel. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and drank, also "The Health of the W.M.," proposed by the I.P.M., and "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. G. Grant," proposed by the W.M., Bro. the Count Des Geneys, were most cordially received and duly acknowledged. The W.M. then had the pleasant duty of presenting a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. G. Grant in the name of the lodge, as a token of esteem in which he was held by his brethren, and in recognition of the zeal with which he had carried out the duties of his office during the year 1880 as W.M. A choir under the direction of Bro. Misselbrook carried out most efficiently the musical portion of the installation ceremony and the graces before and after the banquet. At the conclusion of the banquet "God Save the Queen" was sung, and the brethren separated after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening in fraternal amity and converse.

**CROYDON.**—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, near Thornton Heath, Croydon, Bro. W. Foulsham, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland, I.P.M. and Treas. officiated as W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. B. Buckworth; Bros. Sheadd, P.M., officiating as S.W.; and C. Daniel, P.M., as J.D. The officers of the lodge present were: Bros. F. C. Pascall, J.W.; E. Whittaker, S.D.; J. Sargeant, I.G.; W. P. Robinson, Secretary; and Basin, Tyler. The brethren present comprised Bros. H. Baber, H. Gates, J. H. Gillingham, W. R. Ranson, P. T. Shonfeld, T. Young, and T. Astington. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; these contained, amongst other matters, a resolution that in future the meetings of Old England Lodge should be held on the second Monday in each month, instead of the first Thursday, as heretofore. The next meeting will therefore be held on the second Monday in December. Mr. Robert John Smith, Mr. Thos. G. Gurney, and Mr. F. Redpath were balloted for, and having been unanimously elected, Messrs. Smith and Redpath underwent the ceremony of initiation, which was performed in his usual clear and impressive manner by Bro. Foulsham, and Bro. T. Astington was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. H. Gates and P. T. Shonfeld were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. A brother was proposed as a young member, and another gentleman for initiation. The W.M. congratulated the members on the progress which Old England Lodge was making. Although established only about a year and a-half, the members had discharged their liabilities and had got a little in hand, which was a great thing to say of a lodge that had been established for so short a period, and had had, moreover, exceptional disbursements to meet. To attain so gratifying a result the members had exercised to a great extent a spirit of self-denial, and on behalf of the W.M., he would ask them to extend that spirit a little longer, in order to enable them to completely furnish their lodge, and make it worthy of a visit from members of any other lodges, and this could in a great measure be accomplished by the sacrifice of creature comforts. At the same time he had been authorised by the W.M. to invite them to a banquet of humble pretensions at their next lodge meeting, as a kind of inauguration of their change of meeting night; and he would personally take this opportunity of thanking his brethren for the kind indulgence and self-denial they had already extended. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the brethren from other lodges who were present, the lodge was closed in due form.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE** (No. 1585).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, at eight o'clock, when a large number of the members assembled to hear the installation ceremony worked by Bro. Charles Digby, P.M. of No. 933. Amongst the brethren present were the following P.M.'s, viz: Bros. W. H. Perryman, 3; W. Carter, 141; E. Hopwood, 141; J. G. Carter, 1044; James Garner, 1622; W.M. 975; and W. Alfred Dawson, 1768.

The ceremony was rendered in a very impressive manner by Bro. Digby, Bro. P. M. Dawson being installed, and appointing and investing his officers in the usual course. At the close Bro. Digby was by a unanimous vote elected an honorary member of the lodge, as a mark of appreciation of the very able manner in which he had rendered the ceremony and of his prompt and kindly response to the invitation sent to him by the lodge. Bro. Digby in a few feeling words acknowledged the vote, and the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until the next Monday evening at eight o'clock.

**CREATON LODGE** (No. 1791).—A most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent by the brethren of this young, but rising, lodge of instruction, who assembled in considerable numbers on Wednesday evening, the 20th

ult., the occasion being the first working of the Fifteen Sections by its members. The lodge has only been established four months, and the fact that a sufficient number of brethren, so competent to perform the task, attended to assist the W.M., reflects the highest credit upon the manner in which the brethren attend to the instruction given to them by their able Preceptor. The chair of the W.M. was occupied by the Preceptor, Bro. George Davis, that of S.W. by Bro. W. G. Reynolds, and that of J.W. by Bro. Rogers. The answers to the various Sections were given by Bros. Smout, jun., H. Taylor, Collings, Rogers, Foskett, Reynolds, W. Williams, Webster, J. Davis, Dutton, and Adkins. The duties of W.M. were most ably discharged, and the answers given with an amount of elocutionary ability, deserving the highest praise, and affording great satisfaction to all present. The occasion was marked by conferring an honorary membership upon the W.M., who acknowledged the compliment in appropriate terms, and a vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted him closed a very pleasant evening.

**CROYDON.**—East Surrey Lodge of Concord (No. 463).—The meetings of this lodge, which have of late been held at the Crown Hotel, Northend, are now removed to the Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, where the meetings of the mother lodge are held. Bro. Sheadd, P.M., is the Preceptor, and on Tuesday last Bro. J. Bennett, an old and experienced Mason, who for many years presided over lodges in India, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on "The Point within the Circle."

**Royal Arch.**

**PANMURE CHAPTER** (No. 720).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 8th inst. In the absence of the M.E.Z., the First Principal's Chair was occupied by Ex. Comp. Henry Smith, P.Z., who was supported by Ex. Comps. R. H. Field, H.; and S. Poynter, J. Amongst the companions present were Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E.; Comps. T. Meggy, Scribe N.; B. R. Bryant, P.S.; Ex. Comps. Larham, P.Z.; J. S. Terry, W. Harrison, King, and others.

After confirmation of the minutes of the previous convocation, Bro. John Daniel Arnold, of the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, was introduced to the chapter, and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in a most able manner by the acting M.E.Z. and his colleagues, the Historical, Symbolical, and Mystical Lectures of the Degree being most correctly and effectively delivered by the Three Principals respectively. Before the closing of the chapter a member for joining was proposed, and others were named as being likely to keep the chapter in full work for some time to come. We are not surprised at the popularity this chapter enjoys when we observe the admirable manner in which each officer performs his duty. After labour the companions adjourned to refreshment, and another happy and genial evening was added to the numerous gatherings of the past. The companions separated shortly before midnight in "peace, harmony, and good fellowship," with hearty wishes for a happy re-union in February next.

**WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER** (No. 1623).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, E.C., on the 28th ult. The Principals are Comps. T. W. Adams, Z.; G. S. Elliott, H.; and J. B. Shackleton, J. The chapter was opened in due form by Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z., hon. member, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. This being the election meeting, the ballot was taken for the various officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: Comps. Shackleton, Z.; Adams, H.; Butt, J.; Mallett, S.E.; and Lardner, S.N. There were no Exaltees present. A vote of thanks was proposed, to be entered on the minutes, to the esteemed Comp. W. Stephens for so kindly attending and assisting in the labours of the evening, which was duly carried. Comp. Stephens returned thanks, and said he had great pleasure in coming and assisting at one of his youngest chapters; and anything he could do for the chapter he would; he also hoped that the next time he visited them they would have a more numerous attendance. The chapter was then closed. Comp. J. J. Marsh was re-elected Janitor.

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The companions of this chapter held their quarterly meeting at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Comp. W. Gamble, M.E.Z., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, when the following were duly elected, viz.: Comps. W. Weston, P.M. 1536, and P.G.S.B. Kent, M.E.Z.; E. West, P.M. 1472, H.; H. Shaw, P.M. 1536, J.; C. Coupland, P.M. 913, P.P.G.J.W. Kent, and P.Z. of the chapter, Treasurer; G. Kennedy, S.D. 1536, Scribe E.; J. S. Mutch, P.M. 706, Scribe N.; D. Deeves, W.M. 1536, P.S.; and J. Lackland, Janitor. The following companions were present: Comps. E. Denton, P.Z., and P.P.G.P.T. Kent; J. McDougall, P.Z. and P.P.G. St. Br. Kent; C. S. Boardman, H. S. Syer, J. Purnell, W. G. Lock, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). The companions afterwards sat down to an elegantly served dinner at Comp. De Gray's establishment, the Freemasons' Arms, Dockyard Station.

**YORK.**—Zetland Chapter (No. 236).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult. There were present E. Comps. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Z.; Sir James Meek, P.Z., as H.; J. M. Meek, J.; J. Todd, P.Z., as S.E.; M. Rooke, S.N.; T. B. Whythead, Z. 1611; A. Buckle, P.S.; J. S. Rymer, J. Fairburn, C. Palliser, G. Kirby, and others. The business consisted of the exaltation of three brethren, and was performed by the M.E.Z. in good style. Subsequently the companions met at the supper table, and some of the principal toasts were duly honoured.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's thirty-ninth birthday was celebrated with the customary public illuminations and social private gatherings on Tuesday last. At Sandringham the workmen were entertained at a substantial dinner, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and other of their Royal Highness's guests being present.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. JOSEPH CLEGG, P.M. 1299.**

On Thursday week, the 4th inst., the grave closed over all that was mortal of the late Bro. Joseph Clegg, a much esteemed P.M. of the Pembroke Lodge, meeting at West Derby, near Liverpool, whose loss will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of Masonic and other friends, and whose always ready charity will be missed by many of the poor and distressed in the great city in which he lived. Bro. Clegg died at his residence, 62, Upper Parliament-street, Liverpool, on Sunday, the 31st ult., and the tidings of his sudden and unexpected decease, at the early age of thirty-five, caused intense regret amongst those who knew him best and appreciated him most. Death was the result of typhoid fever, from which he suffered only a few days. Bro. Clegg was universally respected by those with whom he was more immediately associated in Masonry, and also amongst those with whom he had been allied in various paths of active business during his brief existence. Whilst largely engaged in commercial affairs, for which he had a special aptitude and energy, Mr. Clegg found occasion to devote himself with considerable success to literary pursuits, and for some time before his death he was intimately connected with journalism. During his brief life, also, he entered into several important dramatic enterprises both in Liverpool and London, and he numbered amongst his friends most of the leading actors and actresses of the day. He was kind, generous, and genial in manner, and his death is regretted beyond the circle of his family connections. The service at the grave in Anfield Cemetery was conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon Bardsley, of whose church the deceased was a member. The chief mourners were—First coach: Mrs. Joseph Clegg and children, Mr. James Clegg, Mr. John S. Clegg; second coach: Mr. James Clegg jun., Mr. W. H. Tiplady, Mr. John Marshall, Mr. James Marshall, Bro. George Lunt; third coach: Mr. W. Burgess, Mr. W. Durant, Mr. Peter Wright, Bro. F. Wilkinson, and Mr. K. C. Spier. Amongst those at the cemetery were—Bro. Major Turner, Bro. J. Houlding, Bro. T. Ockleshaw, Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, Bro. R. R. Martin, Bro. R. Washington, Bro. W. Savage, Bro. R. C. Yelland, Bro. J. W. Winstanley, Bro. James Pyer, Bro. Lindo Courtenay, C. Courtenay, Mr. Dennis Grannell, J. S. Chamberlain, R. Crompton, Bro. J. Atkinson, S. Brand, W. Clarke, H. Byrnc, James Wallbridge, J. F. M'Arde, James Andrews, A. Russell, A. Crilly, J. Kelly, Bro. Tempest Fozzard, A. M'Kee, J. Galloway, H. Mills, W. K. Millar, Bro. D. W. Winstanley, G. Wynne, E. H. Edwards, F. Cooper, Bro. S. J. Hess, J. N. Petrie, J. Dunne, J. S. Campbell, W. I. Argent, John Thomson, C. M'Ilvenna, H. Corney, Bro. Martin Browne, J. L. Dobson, and D. Crilly. At the grave the venerable Archdeacon said that in the name of the widow and family of the late Bro. Joseph Clegg he had to thank the large number of people who had so kindly attended there that day to shew their sympathy and regret for the memory of the deceased. Bro. Clegg, in his short life, had accomplished a good work, as was amply testified by the large assembly at his grave. All they could do now was that every one should offer up a prayer to the Almighty that He would be a father to the fatherless, a husband to the widow; and might the late Bro. Joseph Clegg render this additional mark of kindness to each one of them present—that from his grave he should bid them all "be ready," because like him they knew not in what hour they might be called.

**BRO. WILLIAM SMALLEY.**

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have this week to record the melancholy fact that another worthy member of our Craft has been taken from us by the unrelenting hand of death, leaving a void, not only amongst the body of Freemasons to which he belonged, but in other institutions with which his name has been long and honourably associated, and whose memory will ever be loved and revered. Our Bro. William Smalley, the esteemed Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' School, during the whole of a long life, carried out in practice a useful, honourable, and benevolent career, and was the foremost promoter of any action which might tend to the advantage and happiness of his fellow creatures. In the homes of the widow and the fatherless children his name was a "household word," and his munificent donations in the cause of charity have built up for him a lasting monument which will never decay, and the name of "Smalley" will be cherished and honoured in those enduring records of his goodness which will never fade, but be preserved gratefully in the heart until time shall be no more. His association with the trade with which he was mainly and most immediately connected began with his birth, and ended only with his death, and with him it may truly be said, that he was never weary of well-doing, but made it the entire and guiding principle of his life, and one or two instances of his munificence need only be cited to show how he practically carried that into effect, for to him it was a real labour of love. In 1863, he made the splendid donation of 1000 guineas to the Licensed Victuallers' School, in which he himself received his education, and was instrumental in supplementing that gift with £1300 more, which he handed over at the same time as ladies' subscriptions, in recognition of the noble example he had set on that occasion. Subsequently to that he presented a further donation of 1000 guineas to the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, but in doing this he even eclipsed his former princely gift by supplementing his own with no less a sum than £5000. These are only a few, however, of the many acts of benevolence which flowed from his generous heart, for in numerous instances he "did good by stealth," and his unostentatious manners and genial habits made richer the gifts than even their money value, and hundreds who now receive a solace in their homes have good reason to bless his name. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, during the mastership of Bro. Henry Thompson, in 1864, then being proposed by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P. and P.M., and was seconded by our late Bro. William Carpenter, P.M., whose literary fame as the author of "Carpenter's Letters," and editor of the *Sunday Times*, the *True Sun*, and other papers is well known; and we have the assurance of Bro. Thompson that no one whom it was his privilege to introduce into Freemasonry during that year ever paid a greater amount of attention to the ceremony of his initiation, was more thoroughly impressed with the importance of the step he had taken, or more earnestly endeavoured to carry out, not only in the lodge, but in his everyday life, those

noble principles upon which our Order is founded. In consequence of his numerous duties, and the unceasing calls upon his time and attention, he was unable often to be in his place in the lodge, but it is almost needless to say that the tenets inculcated in his mind at his initiation were never forgotten, and he was a subscribing member to his lodge up to the hour of his death, which took place on the 5th inst., at the office of the *Morning Advertiser*, in the seventy-first year of his age. He lost his wife about three years ago, leaving an only daughter, who appears to inherit all those good qualities which endeared her father to all who had the honour of his acquaintance, and his loss to all is one that will never be forgotten.

**BRO. McCALMONT.**

We regret to announce the death, by misadventure, of Bro. Bro. Fredk. Haynes McCalmont, B.C.L. and M.A. of Oriel College, which sad event took place on Thursday week, the 4th inst. Bro. McCalmont was a member of the Board of General Purposes, and Worshipful Master of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394. The sad intelligence of his death was received at Oxford with great regret, the deceased brother having been one of the most popular members of his college, and, indeed, of the whole university. Bro. McCalmont during his residence at Oxford, occupied the chair of W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge No. 357. His funeral, which took place on Monday, was attended by the Mayor and Corporation of Southampton, of which town Bro. McCalmont was alderman.

**BRO. COL. WILLIAM MURE, P.G.M. AYRSHIRE.**

We regret to announce that Bro. W. Col. Mure, of Caldwell, Ayrshire, M. P. for Renfrewshire, who had been suffering from serious illness for some time past, and of whose recovery little hopes were entertained, died at an early hour on Tuesday morning at his own residence in Hamilton-place, Hyde Park, at the age of 50. The deceased gentleman, who was the eldest son of the late Colonel William Mure (who represented Renfrewshire from 1846 till 1856), of Caldwell, J.P. and D.L. and Vice-Lieutenant for the county of Renfrew, by Laura, daughter of Mr. William Markham, of Becca Hall, Yorkshire, was born at Edinburgh in 1830, and educated at Eton. He entered the 60th Rifles in 1847, and served with that regiment in the Kaffir war of 1851-3, exchanging into the 79th Highlanders in 1854. With this distinguished regiment he went through the Eastern campaign of 1854, and until the 9th February following, and took part in the battles of the Alma and Balaklava and the siege of Sebastopol, received the Crimean medal with three clasps and the Turkish medal for his services, he having previously received the medal for his participation in the Kaffir war. In December, 1859, he retired from the service by the sale of his commission with the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the Scots Fusilier Guards, having in that year married the Hon. Constance Elizabeth, third and youngest daughter of George, first Lord Leonfield. Colonel Mure, who was a deputy-lieutenant for the county of Ayr and a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant for the county of Renfrew, and since 1860 commandant of the 2nd Battalion of the Renfrewshire Rifle Volunteers, unsuccessfully contested Renfrewshire in August, 1873. At the general election in the following February he was successful, defeating his Conservative opponent, Colonel Archibald Campbell, by eighty seven votes. At the recent general election the same two candidates again contested the constituency, the numbers on this occasion showing a far greater majority for Colonel Mure—viz., Mure, 2815; Campbell, 2341.

**Reviews.**

**SELECTED READINGS.** Part I. Edited by H. L. Sweeting and Co., Dyer's-buildings, Holborn.

This is a good idea, and seems well carried out. The readings selected—"Christman Eve in a Belfry," "A Melting Story," "The Cry of the Clerk," (poetry)—are judiciously chosen, and blend sentiment with amusement. We think the series will be a very useful one for intending lectures and evening readings; and we wish it all success. The printing is all that can be desired, and meets, as the "preface" truly puts it, an obvious want.

**WHERE SHALL I GET THE MOST FOR MY MONEY?** By JOSEPH ALLEN. Smart and Allen, 5, London House-yard, Paternoster-row.

This most important question for most of us is partially answered in this pamphlet, which is a statistical survey of all the insurance offices having agencies in the United Kingdom—eighty-six in number. It is, no doubt, a very useful and valuable collection of figures and information. Mr. Allen's view as to "which offices are unquestionably safe" is represented by the following conditions: (1) That the office has an accumulated premium fund of £40,000 and upwards. It may be added here that by an Act passed in 1870 no new life insurance shall commence business without first depositing with the Board of Trade £20,000, to be held by the Board, in trust for payment of policies, until the accumulations of the office from policy holders' premiums amount to £40,000. (2) That ordinary care has been exercised in the selection of the lives. (3) That the "outgo" for purposes other than claims on policies has not exceeded the amount received on "loading." (4) That the office has not assumed too high a rate of interest in making the valuation of its business. "It is most satisfactory," adds Mr. Allen, "that the majority of the British life offices are in a thoroughly sound position, and are, therefore, worthy of the most implicit confidence of the public."

**A VISIT TO WAZAN.**

By a little misprint, the acting "Cherif of Wazan" is said to be a son of the present "Cherifa," whereas he is the second son of the "Cherif" by a former wife.

At the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, Shakespeare's historical play of "King Henry V." has been played throughout the week by Mr. George Rignold and his numerous company. Every care and attention was brought to bear on this production, and the play was put upon the stage in the most elaborate manner, and gave the utmost satisfaction to all who witnessed it.

### To Correspondents.

We quite agree with Bro. THOMAS DAY. The paragraph is very bad taste and not worth notice. A review of Bro. NEWMARCH'S "Three Grand Epochs of Freemasonry" in our next.

Owing to pressure on our columns the following reports, &c., stand over:—

Lodge St. Peter and St. Paul; Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611; Strong Man Lodge, No. 45; Rose Lodge, No. 1622; Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769; Hilda Chapter (A. and A. Rite); Freemasonry in Jamaica.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Bro. J. H. Southwood.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Hull Packet," "Masonic Age," "The National Baptist," "Boletin Oficial del Gr. Or. De España," "Croydon Guardian," "Orient Amtliches Organ der Johannis-Grossloge Von Ungarn," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Jewish Chronicle," "Keystone," "Egyptian Gazette," "Weekly Register Guide and Circular of the American Exchange in Europe," "The Independent," "A Lecture on the Three Grand Epochs in Freemasonry."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOV. 13, 1880.

WE rejoice in noting the prosperity and advance of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It seems from some recent remarks of the Grand Master, SIR MICHAEL SHAW STEWART, that its onward progress is most marked and satisfactory. In 1851 the number of "Intrants" was 1429, in 1879 it is 3985. In 1851 the number of lodges was 362, in 1879 it is 647. The financial position of the Scottish Grand Lodge was as follows: In 1851, in clear funds, £2129; in 1879, in clear funds, £16,704, besides £5845 as a Fund of Benevolence. The income of the Grand Lodge in 1851 was £1229, in 1879 £4822. CAPTAIN CROMBIE, Sen. Prov. G. Warden of Aberdeen, "hit the nail on the right head" when, in accounting for the altered state of affairs, he said: "He was sure that while every Freemason under the Scottish Constitution appreciated and was very thankful for the very great and successful efforts made by the MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER to bring Grand Lodge affairs from a state of confusion to one of order and regularity, and from the brink of bankruptcy to a very satisfactory financial position, they recognized that in Bro. MURRAY LYON he had an efficient and faithful lieutenant and henchman. Instead of the dissatisfaction that formerly existed and the well founded complaints that were daily made, there was now at home and abroad a universal feeling of confidence in the ability and integrity of Grand Lodge Officials." We sincerely congratulate our excellent brethren in Scotland on the "facts" thus made patent to all, and are truly pleased to learn that SIR MICHAEL SHAW STEWART still continues to fill the post of G.M., for the best interests and increasing welfare of the Scottish Craft.

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THE extract from the *Globe* we called attention to in our last, relative to "Masonic marriages" in France, has more importance in it than might at first sight appear. For some time the French Freemasons have sought to withdraw their lodges and brethren almost from the influence of "religion." To them Freemasonry is to be "in loco religionis," a very, very great mistake. So they have Masonic baptism, and Masonic adoptions, and Masonic marriages, and Masonic burials—a whole code of Masonic morality—until a division is made as between Masons and Religionists, which works very badly indeed in France, and keeps out from Freemasonry the very classes which Freemasonry attracts and enlists in England. We cannot repeat too often that Freemasonry is not "religion," nor ever was intended to be a "religio" to any. It is a friendly, philanthropic, beneficent society, uniting in one firm and universal chain of sympathy, toleration, and brotherly goodwill, men of different classes, views, nationalities, colours, religions, to work together with the common ties of kindness, for the common welfare and relief of mankind, as represented by its Cosmopolitan sodality. It abjures sectional controversies and political differences, and holding fast, by the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, since the GREAT ARCHITECT has made of one blood all the nations of the earth, it leaves each man to his convictions, as

each man to his "own Maker standeth or falleth." And while Freemasonry respects religion, honours religion, helps religion, collaterally and indirectly, it imposes tests or articles on none, and in no way professes, except inasmuch as it bases its morality on GOD'S Inspired Word, to become a religion, (we repeat), to any, though it is ever religious, most religious, in all its professions and proclamations, its theory and practice, the reverence it manifests, and the prayers it enjoins.

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WE note among the items of the relief granted from the "Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence" for the quarter ending October 27th, that two English brethren have received "casual relief" at Edinburgh, one a brother of No. 730, and another a brother of No. 972. We beg respectfully to call the attention of the W.M.'s of those two lodges to this, to us, somewhat startling statement. Have we English brethren who are going from lodge to lodge on this side the Tweed and across it? or is this a state of things over which as Masons "we can have no control," altogether accidental or exceptional? We shall be glad if special attention is paid by those concerned to these remarks of ours.

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THE reports of the Provincial Grand Lodge meetings are very interesting, and denote remarkably that active life of Freemasonry in this country, which is so distinguishing a characteristic of the age in which we live, and which, as we hold, is so helpful to the goodly cause of Charity, and the development of kindly principles, of humanitarian good will, toleration, sympathy, and lasting friendships.

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WE have been appealed to by a worthy correspondent to express our opinion respecting a wine circular which is going the round of our lodges, with the Arms of the Grand Lodge emblazoned on it. We have been long among those who regret to see Masonic emblems used as trade marks, or Masonic mottoes employed for business purposes. If our memory does not deceive us a well-known special agent once took our motto "Audi, Vide, Tace," certainly a very debasing employment for our familiar Masonic adage. In the present case, we think that such use of our Masonic Arms is not in "good form," though we are not aware at the moment of any law to prevent it. The mere question of a "puff" for a certain "brand" of Champagne, is, after all, a matter of degree in respect of countless similar trade advertisements, and it is just possible that too much has been made, if very loyally and honestly, of an ingenious suggestion to attract business and ensure a sale for this special "cuvee." Honestly we deplore this unbecoming use of Masonic emblems for purposes other than those purely Masonic, and we also think that the offered charity coupons, though clearly "a tub for the whale," are very objectionable "per se," and are neither respectful to the Charities, nor helpful to true Charity, rather the reverse. But having said this, and while we fully recognize the "first principles" as laid down by our esteemed correspondent, we go with him and others a long way very entirely in their depreciation of similar proceedings, by whomsoever carried on or carried out. But may we not after all be taking too much notice of what is in itself not of any very great moment? May we not advance the object of the ingenious advertiser by the very attention we pay to his advertisement? As a rule all such things and all such "puffs" sooner or later find their level. It is not forbidden for any one to praise his own commodities; let us be thankful that he does not abuse his neighbour's. The latter is an occurrence of which some of us can recall notable instances. We hope our kind correspondent "Yurrd" will enter into and appreciate all we say. As regards "brands" and the like, we quite agree with our correspondent. Every one of us has probably his "peculiar vanity," and has a perfect right to believe in, to commend, and to enjoy what he thinks "by far the best," whether "sweet" or "dry Roederer," or "Moet," "Cli-

"quot," or Freminet, "cum multis aliis." We are surprised, we confess, to hear that any W.M. should read the "circular" in open lodge. It will be seen by our readers that we do not deem the subject one on which we can altogether write "quite seriously" in the *Freemason*, which is "Cosmopolitan" in this as in all other matters, and with all respect to our esteemed and able correspondent.

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THE grant of £100 by BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS to the Truro Cathedral Fund is accompanied by a most kindly letter, and a just appreciation of Masonic teaching. We are pleased to have been able to record such friendly sentiments from so benevolent a lady, and one who on several occasions has evinced her friendly feelings towards the Masonic Fraternity.

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BRO. SIR FRANCIS WYATT TRUSCOTT, when these lines meet the eyes of our readers, will have ceased to be LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, and have given way to LORD MAYOR M<sup>C</sup>ARTHUR. But the memory of the admirable manner in which he has discharged the duties of his high office will long endure among his fellow citizens. Our exalted Bro. PRINCE LEOPOLD, who having spoken so well at the Vintners' Company on Saturday, unveiled the Temple Bar Memorial on Monday, used the following words at the short ceremonial, which are not only most appropriate to the occasion, but the best evidence of what all must feel as regards the remarkable Mayoralty of Bro. SIR FRANCIS WYATT TRUSCOTT, J.G.W.: "My LORD MAYOR,—I am glad that, by the QUEEN'S permission, it has fallen to my lot to unveil this Memorial. The proportions of this handsome structure and the beauty of the statues which adorn it will, I hope, be admired by many generations of dwellers in this great City. I congratulate you, my LORD MAYOR, and, through you, the City of London, on the completion of this work. It is well worthy of the great Corporation which has erected it, and this ceremony forms a fitting conclusion to the already felicitous record of your Lordship's year of office."

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A VERY excellent and practically useful institution, and which commends itself, we think, to the "Masonic mind," is the "Leicester Square Soup Kitchen and Refuge." This excellent charity during the year ending October 31 gave away 1,49,824 meals to the destitute poor—over 20,000 more than in the preceding twelve months. This institution is the only one in London where food is daily distributed gratuitously during the year, and as the distribution is carried on mainly through the medium of tickets, the really deserving receive the benefit of assistance. Thus 95,310 meals of soup and bread were taken home, and 44,576 consumed in the kitchen. Christmas dinners were given to 1080 families, 60 tons of coals were distributed between January 1 and March 31, and 2034 nights' lodgings, with suppers and breakfasts, were provided in the Refuge. Contributions are greatly needed, and will be received by the Secretary and Superintendent, Mr. W. STEVENS, at the Refuge, Hayyard, Great Windmill-street, St. James's, W.

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WE are happy to note that the tension and unpleasantness between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec are passed away, and that there is "peace" between them and in their jurisdictions. What the actual terms of the agreement or "concordat" are we do not quite gather. Perhaps our esteemed Bro. OFFICER, of Edinburgh can tell us.

The experiment of growing French grapes in Cashmere has been highly successful. M. Ermens, who was chosen by the Société Horticole for the purpose, selected the land for the planting of the vine cuttings. Under his direction regular terraces were cut on the side of a hill, and a canal was made to run along the top of the vineyards so as to keep up a supply of water. In January, 1877, he imported two kinds of white grapes for Sauterne and four kinds of black grapes for Bordeaux wine. The wine produced is said to be excellent, and in a few years M. Ermens hopes to be able to send table grapes to all the principal towns in India.



Original Correspondence.

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

THE STATUS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The able and lucid letter of "Lex Scripta" in your last does not, as I venture to think, alter the "facts of the case," or the "conditions of the argument," and I, therefore, trouble you only with a very few more lines on this now well-worn subject. We cannot, as it appears to me, however interesting the question may be archæologically, go into any "items" of usage or form previously to the Constitutions of 1815, as such represent the "outcome" of the Union of 1813. If it were permissible to do so, I might use my able opponent's own words as to the Constitutions of 1784, which carefully guarding the "precedence" of the Prov. Grand Masters, distinctly declares them also "Officers of Grand Lodge." And though "Lex Scripta" seems to imply that, by the words he quotes, and which I assume to be correct, there is a position of inferiority assigned to them in respect of the other Grand Officers; yet he forgets that in expounding laws it is a well known axiom of construction, never to allow a distinct provision to be overruled by an inferential interpretation.

2. In 1815 the position of Prov. Grand Officers was practically the same as now, inasmuch as their rights were guarded and their precedence established by distinct legislative enactment.

3. If "Reviresco," and "Lex Scripta," and "Bayard" give up the argument as it affects Prov. Grand Masters, I am perfectly satisfied.

4. I see a great deal of force in "Lex Scripta's" observations as regards District Grand Masters, and think that we might well amend the Book of Constitutions in that respect.

5. But "Lex Scripta" is aware that the whole of this discussion arises out of two things, first, a quasi-dilemma at a famous dinner, and, secondly, the view propounded by the Editor of the *Freemason* when asked his opinion informally on the subject.

6. I think that those who have followed this discussion will note that the one point to which the Editor has adhered all along is the simple question of the legal interpretation of the Book of Constitutions.

Originally he stated, perhaps too broadly, and without sufficient explanation of his meaning, that Prov. and District Grand Masters were "Grand Officers" in the sense evidently of the clause in the Book of Constitutions, which regulates the precedence of members of Grand Lodge, but he never could have meant to contend that they were "invested officers." But as Grand Officers—whether "Grand Master's Officers" matters nothing—they take precedence in all Masonic official gatherings, in Grand Lodge and out of Grand Lodge, and nothing could take away their rank.

As the discussion has progressed it is clear that the position of Prov. Grand Masters and District Grand Masters is hardly the same, either in reality or as regards their position in Freemasonry, and perhaps one result of this animated and friendly contest will be to make a difference as between Prov. and District Grand Masters.

At the same time I say this, I do not shut my eyes to some very serious questions which may arise from such alterations, and which at present do not lie on the surface. One point is both amusing and refreshing in this extended discussion, that both sides equally appeal to the Book of Constitutions. I do not allude to the alleged difference as between "Grand Officers" and "Officers of Grand Lodge," as my whole contention is satisfied and covered by "Grand Officers."

Yours fraternally, NOT INFALLIBLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you have the kindness to allow me to point out that the Book of Constitutions, at the commencement of the "Regulations for the Government of the Craft," most unambiguously declares Provincial and District Grand Masters and Past Provincial and District Masters to be, respectively, "Present and Past Grand Officers;" in other words, to be members of the class of brethren specially named to succeed, in their specified order, to the government of Grand Lodge, whenever the Grand Master may be absent.

The Book of Constitutions at pp. 16, 17, and 18, gives a detailed list of the various descriptions of brethren who are members of Grand Lodge. In this list Provincial and District Grand Masters and Past Provincial and District Grand Masters are highly placed. At p. 16, we also learn that the members of Grand Lodge consist of four classes, viz:—

1. A general representation of all private lodges on record.
2. The Grand Stewards of the year.
3. The Present and Past Grand Officers.
4. The Grand Master.

In one or other of these classes the Book of Constitutions certainly includes Present and Past Provincial and District Grand Masters. That class cannot be the first one; it is neither the second, nor the fourth one; it must be the third one. Indisputably, therefore, the Book of Constitutions affirms Present and Past Provincial and District Grand Masters to be Present and Past Grand Officers, with rank and authority before Grand Wardens.

The Book of Constitutions furnished no ground for the distinction sought to be set up between officers in Grand Lodge, and officers of Grand Lodge. A Provincial Grand Master or a Grand Sword Bearer is each alike the Grand Master's Grand Officer, though the tenure of office be different.

Yours fraternally, PAST DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

8th November.

THE ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Pray excuse a suggestion—Do you not think that the letter from Bro. Sandeman should close the correspondence re Ancient and Primitive Rite and Ancient and Accepted Rite?

I think, in fairness to the Proprietor of the *Freemason*, that the Ancient and Primitive Rite should no longer be allowed to advertise in the *Freemason* free of expense.

Yours fraternally, 32°.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Had I not been so pointedly referred to by you in your leader of last Saturday, the 6th inst., in reference to the Ancient and Primitive Rite I do not think it would have been necessary for me to swell the volume of the correspondence, but I think it as well to set one point right. In my "Royal Masonic Cyclopædia" I was bound to give as full and faithful an account of both the Ancient and Accepted Rite and the Ancient and Primitive Rite as was possible, and the articles containing these accounts were submitted, read over, and returned by the respective authorities of these Rites, and, therefore, I regard my impartial duties as having been severally performed.

But if I am asked, as I have been, which of these Rites has the greatest authority, I am bound to answer—neither. It is idle for the Ancient and Accepted Rite, founded by an expelled Craft Mason in 1845-6, to claim sovereignty over this country. And, as the Rites do not resemble each other, it is absurd to say they are infringing upon each other's jurisdiction. How in the case of the Ancient and Accepted Rite the pretensions founded on a charter of questionable origin can be maintained I cannot see; and as to the Ancient and Primitive Rite, with widely different and far more perfect ceremonies, it should take its proper place as was intended—as a system of educational Masonry. But the latter is quite as respectable as the former, although it does not boast such great names. My uncle, Bro. Hervey, thought, like Uncle Toby with the fly, that there was room enough for both—and he said so.

So let us hope they will drop a foolish contention and agree to stand each on their own merits, when these merits are fairly ascertained.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours sincerely and fraternally, KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

Clyde House, Hounslow, Nov. 8th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The question may be asked in what way and under what authority the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" claims a sovereign jurisdiction over the Scotch Rite, because it is well known that there are several time-immemorial chapters and councils in England and Scotland who ignore this claim of the Golden-square authorities, and who confer the same Degrees under their own ancient warrants. It is easy then to understand why the "Ancient and Accepted" view with a jealous eye the advance of the "Ancient and Primitive Rite" to the front; they know that a large body of Craft Masons have cause to be dissatisfied with the constitution of their Rite, and they fear that the Ancient and Primitive Rite, which opens its doors to all learned and worthy Masons, exacting only a belief in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, will command the respect and support of all who desire advancement in Masonry. Such being evidently their view of Masonic duty, the less they expose their opinions the more they will be esteemed by the Craft. They are not asked to pay the cost of the Ancient and Primitive system, and so long as its neophytes will not have their grades, or belong to their Rite, and are satisfied with their own, it is difficult to understand why those whom you bespatter with praise in your leader should visit their rheum upon others.

Yours fraternally,

HERMES.

[We publish this letter with some reluctance and more reserve, on account of its exaggerated tone and un-Masonic temper, which have led to the needful excision of several improper passages. Indeed, we might properly have taken out more. But we wish to be "open" to all, and allow all a fair hearing, "barrin' personality."—ED. F.M.]

THE GRAND LODGES OF SCOTLAND AND QUEBEC.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. J. Nesbit Robertson's letter in this day's *Freemason*, but regret he did not wait until the matter had been finally approved of by our Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec. The Quebec official papers only arrived in Edinburgh on the day of the meeting of the last Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The following are the terms agreed upon at Montreal on the 29th September last at the meeting of the Joint Committee—

"The three lodges now working in the Province of Quebec under warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to resign allegiance to that Grand Body, and to come under jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec under the following conditions—

"The said lodges to retain their present warrants, which shall be endorsed by the Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Their mode of work, the rank of their officers (who will bear the same titles as officers holding similar rank in the Grand Lodge of Quebec), their clothing and lodge property, and said lodges to be put to no expense in joining said Grand Lodge of Quebec."

A copy of these have been in my possession for nearly a month, but I did not feel justified in making them public, and do not now intend making any remarks as to the matter, but may add that I am happy to be able to state that the members of the Scotch and Quebec lodges at Montreal all met as brothers in lodge on the 14th ult. and afterwards dined together.

Yours fraternally, JAMES H. NEILSON, P.P.G.M. G.L. Scotland, Hon. G.S.W. G.L. Quebec.

32, Leeson-street, Lower, Dublin, November 6th.

THE UNMASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some little time ago Bro. Voigt stated in your columns that "before even issuing the writ in this action he had the express permission of the Provincial Authorities for doing so," and this, he added, he was "ready to prove whenever called upon." I beg, therefore, now thus publicly to challenge Bro. Voigt to abide by his words, and to prove the truth of that statement. I have a letter dated

1st inst., from R.W. Bro. Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M. for the N. and E. Ridings of Yorkshire, in which he says that "he had in the Hornsea case made every friendly effort to prevent litigation, and that the institution of the late lawsuit received from him neither permission or encouragement," thus bearing out my surmise on this subject. R.W. Bro. Dr. Bell further adds that "Bro. Voigt declared that he felt his character as a merchant and citizen to be at stake; that he had in the printed adjudication termed 'dishonourable;' that no Masonic adjudication could possibly satisfy him, and that he should not be content with anything short of the verdict of a public tribunal." Whilst thus speaking in his own name, I presume R.W. Bro. Dr. Bell also speaks on behalf of Lord Zetland, the P.G.M., whose Deputy he is; and the question naturally arises, therefore, who were "the Provincial Masonic authorities" who gave Bro. Voigt their "express permission" to issue his writ of action against Bros. Carr, Laking, and myself? Common justice to Lord Zetland and Dr. Bell, and to my co-defendants and myself, as well as the credit of our common fraternity, demands, I think, the instant clearing up of this scandal. The latter part of Bro. Dr. Bell's letter seems to me a grim commentary on the innocent Masonic forbearance in this matter, which some of Bro. Voigt's admirers have attributed to him, and for which, if I mistake not, he has himself publicly taken credit.

Your fraternally, TUDOR TREVOR.

Kendal, 3rd November.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY, NO. 48.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe that Bro. R. F. Gould asks for further particulars respecting the early history of this lodge. It would have been a pleasure to me if I could have given Bro. Gould and your readers any accurate information about the lodge prior to the year 1725, but unfortunately we have no written records of the proceedings before that date. What is known anterior to that year is traditional, though we have no reason to disbelieve the unwritten traditions of our forefathers, that the lodge existed as an operative one at Swalwell in the seventeenth century. In 1690 Sir Ambrose Crowley transplanted his Cyclopean Colony from Sunderland to Swalwell and Winlaton, both in the county of Durham, at both of which places he built chapels, schools, and houses for his workmen.

A stone fixed in the milldam at Swalwell, dated 1691, remained for many years to affirm this. Surtees, in his admirable history, states that "a code of laws was drawn up which, in a great measure, superseded the general laws of the land, and became locally established."

In the first minute book of our lodge, which was bound up with the "Constitutions," printed in the year 1723, and dedicated by Deputy Grand Master J. T. Desaguliers to his Grace the Duke of Montagu, Past Grand Master, we have manuscript codes of laws as follows:

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| Orders of Antiquity ... .. | 21 sections. |
| Apprentices' Orders ... .. | 8 sections.  |
| General Orders ... ..      | 8 sections.  |
| Penal Orders ... ..        | 26 sections. |

which may or may not have been transcripts of this code of laws.

The last entries of these rules are dated in the years 1733-34-35. From this I naturally infer there is reason to expect that the lodge was in active operation from 1690, the time that Sir Ambrose Crowley established his manufactory at Swalwell, and that it was continued down to 1725, when our written testimonies commence.

Our traditional history points to some privileges which the Lodge of Industry was supposed to have in former ages, for instance, the appointment of P.G.M.; the wearing of hats at P.G. Lodge; and it is also asserted that the clothing of the Craft as at present worn was copied from the ancient dress of the members of the Industry Lodge. I mention this, however, with reservation.

I regret my inability at present to give Bro. Gould anything more definite about the beginnings of the old lodge, and, in conclusion, I may add that it would be interesting to myself and others if we could obtain some absolute data as to the time of our birth as a lodge.—Yours fraternally,

ROBERT WHITFIELD, I.P.M. 48.

PERSONALITY IN MASONIC CONTROVERSIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have seen by mere accident a letter in a Scottish paper called the *Glasgow Herald*, which I regret to have read, feeling sure the evil it will do is very great, as exhibiting a sad want of self control by professed Masons in "controversy" about "things Masonic."

This discussion is headed "Masonic Rites," and one long letter appears in the *Glasgow Herald* of Thursday, the 28th ult., signed "John Yarker," and dated from "Withington, Manchester," which, as far as I know, is, and I hope will be, "unique" in its use of terms of opprobrium and contempt for those who differ from him. It seems that a Mr. Duncan, (Bro.?) has doubted the validity of the pretensions of the "Ancient and Primitive Rite," and prefers those of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and Bro. Yarker proceeds to pour forth his ardent indignation against the said Duncan and a good many others, contemners of the "sacred sanctuary." Judging from the opening sentences, Bro. Yarker's previous remarks in respect to Bro. Duncan must have been "rather lively," for he withdraws gracefully "any imputations" on his "character," (all this in a controversy), and then proceeds to fall foul of Dr. Mackay in America.

Albert Mackay is well known to many in England as the Editor of the "Masonic Encyclopædia," a very striking work, and certainly does not merit such a "bespattering" of "hard words" and unpleasant epithets as he is favoured with.

Bro. Yarker says, on an American-alleged authority, that he is "peddling Masonry," for which pursuit, whatever it may be, he has "given up medicine;" and then he mentions his "disgusting mendacity," terms him a "pirate," and makes use of this most unjust expression—"Of Masonic liars a Yankee unquestionably bears the palm unblushingly."

I might quote many other singularly violent and incoherent remarks, but I forbear, for fear of exhausting your patience, and hurting the feelings of your readers. But I ask you, "Is this Masonry?" Can the sublime and charitable precepts of Freemasonry be rightly understood by any one, be he who he may, "Sublime Sage of the Shrine, &c."

a "Knight of Shota," "Adept of Truth," who thus forgets the unceasing duty of a Freemason—careful consideration for the feelings of another? You will say, I fear, that you know, as I can read, many instances daily where Freemasons in print are sometimes the most reckless of writers, and the most uncharitable and intolerant of controversialists. But I would fain hope, dear Sir and Brother, that there are in our Order very many, like myself, who deplore such a proof of the weakness of our own professions, and the hollowness of our own theories of brotherly sympathy and goodwill.

I believe, indeed I know, that Bro. Yarker is an able writer, and a Freemason who has read and studied much, and, therefore, I should not have troubled you with my short letter had I not feared that this, to me, pernicious example of a "ready pen," and of a "Masonic author," might have an evil effect on many of our younger brethren, who, when they rush into print, write oftentimes impetuously, impulsively, and excitedly, without measuring their words, or remembering the need always of "self control."

I need only remind you of some letters which appeared a short time back relative to that melancholy blackballing case, and which so startled some of us by their tone and temper as to warrant both my hasty remarks and my imperfect letter.

With many apologies, I am, yours fraternally,

SCOTUS.

#### A LORD MAYOR'S MASONIC BANQUET IN 1802.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In view of the recent Masonic Banquet at the Mansion House, the following extract from the *Gentleman's Magazine* for June, 1802, describing a somewhat similar entertainment may be deemed of sufficient interest to warrant reproduction.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

A most splendid entertainment was this day given at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the brethren of the Britannic Lodge of Freemasons. After the lodge had been opened in the Egyptian Hall by the Prince, as Grand Master, attended by the greater part of its members, the company were conducted by a band of music into an adjoining apartment, where dinner was served up, consisting of the greatest delicacies of the season, and decorated with many appropriate emblems of Masonry, tastefully designed, and correctly executed.

On each end, and sides, of the table were six ornamental dishes, formed of a variety of Masonic hieroglyphicks. In the centre was placed a large Masonic Temple of white and gold, six feet high, raised upon eight elegant pillars, supporting a light dome, and glory, with Masonic arms. Adjoining to it were two large globes in a line with four marble pillars, upon which were the letters J. and B. suspended.

On their base were figures representing Faith, Hope, and Charity, with the Sun, Moon, and Stars, and other emblems of Masonry connected together, with the Prince's plume as Grand Master; the arms of the Britannic Lodge, and a scroll recording its motto,

"Nil desperandum, auspice Teucro."

The smaller and other ornaments were equally well arranged, and not only gratified those who were most learned in the Craft, but also others who were unacquainted with its mysteries, and had been permitted to see the tables. Among the noble personages who partook of this Masonic feast were the Swedish Ambassador, Earls Harrington, Moira, Mountmorris, Sirs Hyde Parker, Hayes Macnamara, S. Lushington, L. Darell, Colonels Stewart, Porter, Harnage, the two Sheriffs, Messrs. Hesletine, Marsh, Meyrick, Harrison, Ommenez, Shum, Wilkinson, Dawes, Galloway, Grenfell, Cassell, Blackman, Barnard, and others.

#### SWIMMING BATHS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to find that our W. Bro. Col. Creaton is "fully alive to the importance of" the establishment of a swimming bath at Wood Green for "Our Boys"—but, reversing the old proverb, I say—"what is good for the Gander is also good for the Goose"—will he also think of "Our Girls"? I will gladly subscribe to both.

Yours, faithfully and fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN.

Sydenham, S.E.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

If I may interest Bro. Gould to know that in a fine copy of the "Aurea Legenda," printed 1496, the "Quatuor Coronati," Severus, Severianus, Corpophorus, and Victorianus, are said to have been "canonized" by Pope Melchisedes, and ordered thenceforward to be called "Coronati." Pope Melchisedes, or Miltiades, lived at the end of the third century, was elected Pope A.D. 311, (early in the fourth century), and died A.D. 314. Thus the "Legend" is really a tale of the third century, or early fourth century legend—a very respectable antiquity. Diocletian, it will be remembered, abdicated the Empire in 305 A.D., and died in 315 A.D. In the legend the four faithful Craftsmen are ordered to be cast into the "sea," (Mari), not into the "Tiber" as it generally runs.

#### THE RITE SO-TERMED OF ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE MASONRY.

As a good deal of discussion has lately arisen relative to this "Rite," now working in England under the appellation "Antient and Primitive Rite," I think that a few "notes" anent it may be seasonable and suitable for the *Freemason*. There is no Rite, however, in the 18th century which bears that name, and, therefore, it is in its nomenclature of 19th century formation. There was a "Rite Primitif des Philadelphes," or "Rite Primitif de Narbonne," but that is now absorbed in the Grand Council of the Grand Orient of France. The so-called "Rite Primitif Ecossais" of Namur, is clearly only in its entirety of 19th century formation, probably from 1818 to 1820. It is possible, I think, that some such so-called Rite existed at Namur, towards the end of the last century, but only composed of a few grades, either of "Perfection"

or the like. Indeed, strictly speaking, there is no legal use that I am aware of of the term "Antient and Primitive Masonry," and no rightful claim to it except as a "good name" per se before this nineteenth century.

For the so-called "Antient and Primitive Masonry" as it is now practised mainly at Manchester under Bro. Yarker, who is its chief exponent in this country, seems to be a combination of the alleged Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, and a reduction, as is well-known, of the original Ninety-seven Degrees of Memphis and Ninety of Mizraim to Thirty-three in America, about 1865, and this is it which is now worked from the "Sovereign Sanctuary of Antient and Primitive Masonry."

The Rite of Memphis is said to have been established at Montauban in 1814, though this fact is doubted by many Masonic writers. The Rite of Mizraim is said to have been founded at Milan in 1805, and introduced into France also in 1814. Great doubts exist also as to it.

Indeed, it seems most questionable how far either "Memphis" or "Misraim" deserves the title of a "Rite" at all. The legend of Memphis of "Ormus," &c., is really too absurd and unhistorical for criticism; and if Memphis has any connection with Egyptian Masonry, it is quite overlaid by the nonsense of its numerous and meaningless Grades, clearly all of modern terminology. Under what circumstances Sam Uonis founded it, or who he was, or where he got his ritual from, no one has ever affected to tell us; even Marconis, its great champion, is reticent on all such points, and probably wisely. "It is because it is," seems to be his position. I have looked into his entire works, (I fear a sad waste of time), and can find nothing that will either stand the test of historical criticism or serious investigation.

I do not profess to see how it is a "Rite" properly so-called, or much less how it can be metamorphosed into "Antient and Primitive Masonry," as it is clearly not "Antient," and certainly not "Primitive." In fact, the appellation is a misnomer. You will remember I am only speaking as a "student," with facts and notes and books and MSS. before me. The Rite in England is based, I believe, on a "charter" given to Bro. Seymour, signed, in 1862, by the younger Marconis, at Paris, and confirmed, it is alleged, by a charter signed by Marshal Magnan, and countersigned by Bros. Heuillant and Thevenot, in 1862, also at Paris.

There has been some controversy on this head, but these documents have been formally published, and I presume are authentic. Looking at the whole question very calmly and carefully, I confess that I cannot, for one, look upon the history of Memphis and Misraim as either satisfactory or trustworthy. What does Bro. Hughan think about the matter?

MASONIC STUDENT.

#### CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

There is a curious little astrological work of 1668, called "Observationes Astrologice" or "Edlin's Conjunctiones." It is written by Richard Edlin, and published by J. W. for B. Billingsly and O. Blagrave, at the sign of the Printing Press, in Broad-street. My copy is a rough, dirty, little one, much used and carefully read. Its price has varied from 5s. to 7s. 6d. I mention this to point out how very difficult it is to price such books as these. Here is a curious looking, small, badly-bound book, which seems to be worth 1s., and yet is assumedly worth even at its common market price a good deal more. To some astrological adepts and collectors its value would be high.

M. S.

"The Last Will and Testament of Basil Valentine, &c.," is now somewhat rare. It was published in 1671, and is a purely alchemical work, dealing with the "Philosopher's Stone," and the transmutation of metals. There is no mention in it of the Rose Croix Fraternity.

M. S.

One or two errata in last week's issue require notice. "Explications," in "Curious Old Books," is, of course "Explicatio." "Eminic of Idleness" is the "Enimic of Idleness."

M. S.

### Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

Gold and silver work in the South Kensington Museum is to receive a valuable addition of copies, the fruit of a journey to Russia by Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen and some of the officials, to inspect the collections in the Imperial Palaces, and the treasures of churches and monasteries. The contents of many of these are not shown to the ordinary public, but the Museum authorities have been allowed to obtain copies of about 250 interesting objects, ranging from goldsmiths' work of early Greek art exhumed at Kertch, through mediæval times, to English plate of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and pieces of French art of the Louis XV. period. These *fac-similes* are exceptionally valuable for provincial and branch museums, either as loans or purchases.

The *Athenæum* says that a new volume of ballads and other rhymed poems by Mr. Tennyson will be published by Messrs. C. Kegan Paul and Co. during the present month. It will contain various "English Idylls" and poems in the northern dialect, after the manner of "The Northern Farmer."

The *Athenæum* announces "The Letters and Memorials of Cardinal Allen" (1532-1594). It will contain all the letters of Cardinal Allen which are obtainable, as well as letters addressed to him, and other documents calculated to illustrate his life and actions. They are principally derived from the archives of the Vatican, of the English College at Rome, of Stonyhurst College, and of Simancas, as well as from the Public Record Office. There will be an introduction by Father Knox and a complete index.

Mr. R. B. Knowles having concluded his final report to the Historical MSS. Commissioners on Lord Denbigh's family papers, has been actively occupied during the year with a preliminary survey of Lord Ashburnham's MSS., the results of which will, it is hoped, shortly be made public.

Old Matured Wines and Spirits.—J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—[Advrt.]

According to the *Academy*, Messrs. Trübner and Co. will shortly publish "Dr. Appleton—his Life and Literary Relics," by John H. Appleton, M.A., late vicar of St. Mark's, Staplefield, Sussex, and A. H. Sayce, M.A., Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, and Deputy Professor of Comparative Philology.

Considerable works have lately been in progress in the interior of the National Gallery. The floor of the Wynn Ellis Room has been relaid with oak; the pictures have been temporarily placed in an adjacent gallery. The students practising in water colours now work in the Rembrandt Room. Many of the English pictures have been advantageously re-arranged.

M. Charles Yriarte has commenced the publication of a work on Florence, which will be for the city of the Medicis what his book on Venice is for that famous city of the sea. It is to be brought out in the most luxurious style of French art, and will contain over 500 engravings.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

A second Masonic Lodge is to be opened at Winchester, where Economy, No. 76, has for more than a century past done, and continues to do, a good work—among other things glorying in having abolished supper as necessarily a part of Masonic work, and, therefore, dissociating it from Masonic subscriptions and accounts. The new lodge, while making the 33rd in Hants and the Isle of Wight, and adding to the unwieldiness of Bro. W. W. B. Beach's province, is to be called after William of Wykeham, and Bro. Everett, P.M., is to be its first Master. The original intention was to hold it at the George Hotel, but there being a Masonic Hall in the town, and some objection under these circumstances being raised in high quarters to granting the warrant, the Masonic Hall has accordingly been adopted as the place of meeting.

Bro. Nelson Reed, P.M. 1601 and 167, H. 1572, was elected Worshipful Master of the Carnarvon Lodge, 1572, at its monthly meeting at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday last. His installation will take place on the 4th prox.

The *Graphic* of last week contained an illustration of the Masonic banquet at the Mansion House, with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Lord Mayor at the table.

Bro. William Nicholas, F.R.G.S., delivered his lecture, "On Kindness to Animals," illustrated by anecdotes of dogs, to the children of the Fatherless Asylum, at Reedham, on Monday evening last.

Judgment in the Worcester election petition was delivered on Thursday week. Lord Justice Lush and Mr. Justice Manisty held that the allegations against the return of Mr. Rowley Hill, and Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, the Liberal members for the city, had failed in every particular, and dismissed the petition with costs.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Robinson, P.M. of the Lodge of Integrity, 163, Manchester, who has held the mayoralty of the borough of Salford for two consecutive years, has been offered, and accepted, that honourable position for the third time.

Our readers will learn with regret that Edith Annie Beauchamp, daughter of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, died on Thursday week last, the 4th inst.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft (Hon. Secretary) has placed in the hands of Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, and Co., to the credit of the Bishop Ryle Testimonial Fund, the sum of £1250.

We regret to hear that Lady Monckton has sprained one of her feet. Although not attended with any danger, the accident will, of course, produce inconvenience and pain.

We understand that in consequence of the illness of his mother, Alderman Sir Francis W. Truscott will not make his contemplated tour in the Australian colonies.

It is proposed that a portrait of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., should be painted for the purpose of being placed in the City Carlton Club, of which he is the chairman.

Bro. Alderman Ellis has sent Mr. Dereuth, the Secretary, a donation of five guineas in aid of the funds of the City Orthopædic Hospital.

Bro. Whichcord delivered the inaugural address to the Royal Institute of British Architects on Monday.

Bro. S.C. Hall, for forty-two years editor of the *Art Journal*, in retiring from that post, has issued to his friends "a respectful, an earnest, a grateful, and an affectionate farewell." In it he says: "I shall not be altogether idle, though I may 'rest from labour' before a final removal. From 'the loophole of retreat,'

'To see the stir  
Of the great Babel, and not feel the crowd,  
I shall have ease and leisure to complete a work on which I have been some years engaged, *Recollections of a Long Life*."

The will of Bro. Samuel Snell, Past Grand Deacon, has been proved under £30,000.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will preside at the eighteenth annual dinner of the United Waiters' Benevolent Association at the Holborn Restaurant.

Bro. Sir Charles Legard, Bart., has written to the papers, asking the benevolent public to raise the sum of £5000, which will be required to meet the calamities of the late storm on the East Coast from Whitby to Bridlington Quay, and to provide for the fatherless children and widows.

The installation meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1612, took place on Thursday last, at the Lad-broke Hall, Notting-hill. Bro. Samuel Smout was installed W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

An interesting review of the most prominent events during the Mayoralty of Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, jun., Grand Warden of England, appeared in the *City Press* of Wednesday last.

Bro. James Willing's drama, "Delilah," produced at the Royal Park Theatre early in October, has been transferred to the "Olympic," where, judging from the hearty manner in which the performance is received, the result of the change must be most satisfactory to both the author and management.

Mr. J. E. Harting will shortly issue a work on "British Animals which have become Extinct within Historic Times."

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 26th inst, commencing at six o'clock in the evening.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR JOHN MONCKTON. -At the meeting of the Alliance Lodge a beautiful clock, bearing a suitable inscription, was presented to Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton in acknowledgment of his services as W.M. for the past year, and in token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

An amateur concert on an extensive scale is arranged to take place at the Opera Theatre of the Crystal Palace, on the 22nd inst., for the benefit of the widows and orphans of all our soldiers who have fallen or may yet fall during the Afghan campaign. J. Stanley Little, Esq., has initiated the undertaking, and he is supported by many highly-talented amateurs, while the list of patrons and patronesses is numerous and influential. The directors of the Crystal Palace have very liberally consented to allow visitors to the concert to pass the turnstiles free. With these aids, and an attractive programme, it cannot be otherwise than successful.

Bro. W. Malthouse is, for the third time, a candidate for the Ward of Farringdon Without.

"CIVIC CHARITY." -The Worshipful Company of Mercers have voted the sum of twenty guineas in aid of the funds of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square.

In our notice of the volume of music and recitations, entitled "The Masonic Muse," a short time since, we gave Bro. Crozer as the author; it should have been Bro. F. J. Croger.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold unveiled the Temple Bar Memorial on Monday last, and honoured the Baroness Burdett-Coutts with his presence at luncheon in the afternoon.

The meetings of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, will in future be held on the second Monday in the month.

The funeral of Bro. Wm. Smalley, an obituary of whom appears in another column, took place on Thursday last at Kensal Green Cemetery. The funeral procession, which started from the offices, 127, Fleet-street, at twelve o'clock, consisted of twenty-five mourning coaches and upwards of seventy private carriages. At the grave stood a very large number of friends of the deceased, who in attending, paid their last respects to our brother, so universally honoured and beloved.

At the installation meeting of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, Bro. J. A. Hammond, Junior Warden, was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. the Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., Grand Chaplain of Middlesex. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. H. H. Prince John of Glücksburg left Charing-Cross Station by the South-Eastern Railway Company's mail for Brussels on Monday last, travelling via Dover and Ostend.

Bro. George Kenning, Past G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 192, 1293, has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, for the second year in succession. Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, J.P., P.M., has also been re-elected Treasurer.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS. -During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for. -[Advrt.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, November 19, 1880.

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13. Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H. 1328, Granite, F.M.H. 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot. 1446, Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hot., Battersea. 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew-bridge. 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct. Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green. Mark 234, Brixton, S.M.H., Camberwell.

- 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. Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15. Lodge 8, British, F.M.H. 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street. 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav. 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham. 862, Whittington, F.M.H. 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav. 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H. 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Regent M.H. Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. K.T. Precept. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. 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 to 10. Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30. 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. 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. 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. Kilburn, South Molton Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 7.30. Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, 8. Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, at 7.30.

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16. Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4. Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot. 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 162, Cadogan, F.M.H. 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot. 435, Salisbury, F.M.H. 704, Camden, Guildhall Tav. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell. 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan H., Battersea Old-bridge. Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond. 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot. 1348, Ebury, 58, Grosvenor-rd. 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H. Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 244, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W. Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7. Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30. Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8. Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7. Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30. Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7. Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd. Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., 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 Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement. Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bernondsey, at 8. Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st-rd., at 8. St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8. Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton. Islington, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury Pavement, at 7. Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17. Gen. Com. Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6. Grand Stewards' Lodge, F.M.H. Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich. 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav. 190, Oak, F.M.H. 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich. 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot. 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth. 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H. 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars. 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town. 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot. 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-sq. 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-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, S. Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8. Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30. La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8. Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N. Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. 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, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30. Thistle, M.M.M., The Haro Tav. at 8. Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton. Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8. Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30. Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8. Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18. House Com. Girls' School, at 4. Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H. 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav. 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot. 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford. 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot. 181, Universal, F.M.H. 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav. 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood. 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.

- 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H. 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton. 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 1623, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., W. Smfld. 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. Chap. 507, United Pilgrim's, Horns Tav., Kennington. 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley. 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith. 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell. K. T. Precept. 45, Temple Crossing, Ship Hot., Greenwich. Rose Croix 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-sq.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30. Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30. Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8. Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd. Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank, at 8. Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8. Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue. 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. 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. 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 8. St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8. Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton. Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19. House Com. Boys' School, at 4. Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 201, Jordan, F.M.H. 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond. 1118, University, F.M.H. 1704, Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hot. Chap. 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly. 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq. 1320, Granite, F.M.H. K. T. Precept. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

- 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 Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8. United Pilgrims, S.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. William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill. 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. Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30. Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 20, 1880.

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15. Lodge 613, Unity, M.H., Southport. 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool. 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool (Installation). Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool. 1051, Rowley, M.R., Athenæum, Lancaster. Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16. Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool. 807, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's. 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston. 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow. 1276, Warren, Concert H., Liscard. Lodge 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., So N. Hill-st., L'pool. Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17. Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan. 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich. 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool. 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles. 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster. 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk. 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson, N. Urmston. Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston. De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool. Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18. Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool. 343, Concord, M.R., Preston. 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester. 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe. 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby. 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool. Chap. 349, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool. St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19. Mark 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry. Jacques de Molay Encamp., M.H., Liverpool. Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.



**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

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

**BIRTH.**

SPRATLING.—On the 2nd inst., at Wickham-road, Brockley, S.E., the wife of W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., F.G.S., of a daughter.

**MARRIAGE.**

BROWN—CRUMP.—On the 30th ult., at St. Mark's, Lewisham, Mr. Charles Edward Brown to Ellen Crump.

**DEATHS.**

MACKIE.—On the 5th inst., at Park-place, Cheetham, Manchester, after a short attack of bronchitis, Bro. J. Mackie, P.M. of the Architect Lodge, Didsbury, and a member of the Lodge of Integrity, Manchester, in his 43rd year.

McCAlmont.—On the 4th inst., Bro. F. H. McCAlmont, W.M. 394, member of the Board of General Purposes, by misadventure.

MURE.—On the 9th inst., at 2, Hamilton-place, Piccadilly, London, Bro. Col. Mure, M.P. for Renfrewshire, Past Grand Master of Ayrshire, aged 50.

SIMPSON.—On the 4th inst., Edith Annie Beauchamp, daughter of the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Incumbent of Curzon Chapel, Mayfair.

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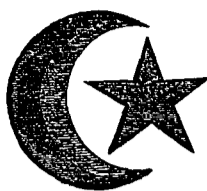
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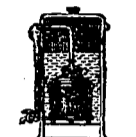
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