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## LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters and monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President, occupied the chair of President; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President, took the chair of Senior Vice President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., took the chair of Junior Vice President. There were also present: Bros. Henry Garrod, Charles Frederick Hogard, W. H. Perryman, R. F. Gould, Griffiths Smith, John Constable, S. Rawson, W. Mann, William Clarke, G. P. Britten, William Stephens, James Kench, Charles Atkins, Thomas Cubitt, J. D. Collier, George Burt, S. Lindner, R. Atkins, Charles Dairy, John Docker, J. H. Matthews, W. Ingram, Robert Harrison, P. McCarthy, W. Kipps, G. Smith, G. Adamson, W. Groome, A. Cooper Bradley, W. T. Clinton, P. Jagsilski, M.D., George Boulton, Robert Snare, G. H. Köhler, N. W. Fenner, J. Squire, J. H. Smith, E. West, T. N. Marshall, J. Lazarus, H. B. Dunn, N. Green, W. Vandy, W. Sutherland, J. R. Stacey, W. Radcliffe, W. M. Kitson, H. Shaw, Albert Fish, W. H. Dean, John Ledger, John Henry Leggott, J. Perkins, Edmund Mackney, James Weaver, R. S. Waylett, M. Maybrick, James Blyth, H. A. Lovett, Henry Turner, M. D. Loewenstark, M. Rickwood, Thomas Cull, and F. C. Wemyss. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury; H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey (Freemason), also attended.

The agenda paper for next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was settled by the Board of Masters, and the Lodge of Benevolence was then opened. There were thirty-five cases before the lodge. The brethren first confirmed grants made at the last meeting to the amount of £680, and then proceeded with the new list. Out of the thirty-five cases three were deferred for completion. The remaining thirty-two were relieved with a total sum of £925. This sum was composed of one recommendation for £100 (£100); two for £75 each (£150); three for £40 each (£120); six for £30 each (£180); one for £25 (£25); eight for £20 each (£160); one for £15 (£15); seven grants of £10 each (£70); and one of £5 (£5). Lodge was then closed after sitting four-and-a-half hours.

## EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE BALL.

The fourth annual ball of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, was held in the Town Hall, Kensington, on Thursday, the 4th inst., a large and brilliant company being present. The programme, which was exceedingly well-arranged, consisted of twenty-four dances, all of which were entered into with great spirit to the strains of Bro. Charles Godfrey's well trained string band of the Royal Horse Guards. Mr. Sheridan Lings was an able M.C. The success of the ball was great, and we congratulate Bros. W. J. Murlis, P.M., Hon. Sec., and George Penn, Hon. Treas., upon the fact. These brethren, doubtless, will have the pleasure of handing to Bro. James Terry, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a handsome donation as the financial result of the ball. We take this opportunity of wishing every success to the fifth annual assembly, which will, we understand, be held in February next, the whole of the proceeds in this case being given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HEREFORD.

The auspicious and imposing ceremony of installing Sir Joseph Russell Bailey, Bart., of Glausk Park, Crickhowell, Breconshire, Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Brecon, senior member for the county of Hereford, as Provincial Grand Master of the Herefordshire Province of Ancient and Loyal Freemasons, took place at the Shire Hall, Hereford, on Thursday, the 11th inst., and drew together such a body of the Craft as never assembled in the "City of the Wye" within the memory of man; while the influx of friends was signified by the crowded state of the city thoroughfares throughout the day.

At 12.15 the members of Palladian Lodge, No. 120, assisted the W.M. Bro. Smith, in opening a Craft lodge, and at 12.30 a vast body of Freemasons from the several provinces of Hereford, Worcester, Monmouth, Brecon, Salop, and the Eastern Division of South Wales, entered the hall, wearing their aprons, jewels, and other insignia of the Order, and making a brilliant and imposing sight.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, Royal Body Guard, Grand Secretary of England, obeying the command of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, came down to perform the solemnly grand ceremony of installation, and was received by the brethren with every mark of decorum, pleasure, and true brotherly Masonic feeling. Having robed, he with the other Grand Officers, Past and Present, entered in procession, and then opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Installing Master being saluted according to ancient form. The members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire and South Wales, E.D., were announced and entered, each headed by its P.G. Master, and were duly saluted. The Installing Master then addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge and stated the object of the gathering. The Right Worshipful Grand Master designate of Herefordshire, having arrived in the interval, was announced and was requested to send in the patent of appointment, which having been examined by the Installing Master, he directed a deputation of seven Past Masters to retire with the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and introduce the R.W. Prov. Grand Master (designate) and place him before the pedestal. The P.G. Secretary then read the patent aloud, after which a prayer to the Great Architect of the Universe was devoutly offered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain. The Installing Master then addressed the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master as to the high and important duties of his office, and asked him if he could conscientiously undertake their due and faithful performance. Hereupon the Provincial Grand Master knelt and took the O.B. He was then invested with the apron, chain, and jewels of office, and placed in the P.G. chair, and the ceremony of installation having thus been performed in a most impressive manner, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke was conducted to the chair on the left of the R.W.P.G.M., who was thereupon proclaimed, upon which the R.W.P.G.M. was saluted by the Craft. The D.P.G.M. (Bro. Jowett) was then conducted between the Deacons to the front of the pedestal, where he was obligated, invested, proclaimed, and saluted. The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed and invested the P.G. Officers, who were also duly saluted. The usual votes of thanks having been made, and a Committee to revise the bye-laws appointed, P.G. Lodge was closed in solemn and ancient form.

The R.W.P.G.M. made the following appointments:

Bro. T. Jowitt .....	Prov. D.G.M.
" Rev. J. Buckle .....	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. E. S. Hewett .....	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. T. T. Smith .....	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. Daggs .....	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. R. Dillon .....	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Hampden .....	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Hurst .....	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. B. Lewis and W. Earle .....	Prov. G.D.C.'s.
" Hayes .....	Prov. G. S. of W.
" A. W. Bezzant .....	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Smith .....	Prov. G. P. at A.

It was originally intended that one portion of the ceremony (the offering of thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for all His blessings to mankind) should have taken place in that venerable and fitting memorial to the labours of the Craft, the Cathedral, but, unfortunately, the Dean and Chapter having what is termed an "audit" and an installation of their own—of a new prebend—on hand on Thursday, it was found impracticable to hold both ceremonies in the same building on the same day. Somehow or other the fact that the beautiful Ladye Chapel in the Cathedral is set apart for the worship of the parishioners of St. John's seems to have been overlooked, and also that the vicar, the Rev. A. J. Capel, is a member of the Craft, and from his otherwise kindly disposed nature would probably have been too happy to have seen the brethren within his church. The consequence was that at 3.15 the brethren walked in grand procession from the Shirehall to All Saints' Church, and the pageant was such a one as is rarely seen in this country, to witness which the streets were thronged by hundreds of well-dressed citizens and persons who had come from distant towns and cities. The sacred building, capacious as it was, was densely crowded. An admirable choir had been composed by drafts from several musical sources, and Bro. W. Mason, Organist of the Palladian Lodge, who presided at the organ, rendered a voluntary ("Benedictus," Haydn) before the commencement of the service, which included Psalms civ. (Robinson), the Magnificat (Goss), and Nunc Dimittis (Jones). After the third collect came the anthem, by Bro. the Rev. Sir Frederick Ouseley, Bart., "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in

every place incense shall be offered up unto My name, for My name shall be great among the heathen. Thus saith the Lord," which was beautifully rendered. The hymn before the sermon was 166, "All people that on earth do dwell," tune 100th. During the collection another voluntary ("Ave Maria," Cherubini) was played, and after the collection hymn 273, "O! Lord, how joyful 'tis to see," tune Melcombe, was sung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. T. Smith, rector of Thrupton, and Prov. Grand Chaplain, who took as the basis of his discourse the words "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Proverbs xv., 3). The preacher, of course, adapted his subject to the circumstances of the gathering, and his sermon, couched in impressive language, was listened to throughout with marked attention. He did not speak from the pulpit, which stands almost in the middle of the congregation, but from the lectern in front of the communion table. In concluding his discourse, he referred to the fact that a collection was to be made at the close of the services, and that the offertory was to be given to the Hereford Infirmary, and he made an appeal on behalf of that institution, remarking that the offerings of the congregation could be dedicated to no more worthy object. By the collection the sum of £11 was received. The voluntary after the benediction was Mendelssohn's "War march of the priests."

On leaving the church the Masonic body returned to the Shirehall, where they divested themselves of their aprons, emblems, &c., and then walked to the Palladian Chambers at the Green Dragon Hotel, to the banquet, which took place at 4.30, in the Assembly Room, in which the Palladian gatherings are generally held. The tables were decorated with consummate taste, and bearing as they did, a superb collection of fancy-leaved and exquisite flowering plants in full bloom, solitaires, and a miniature bouquet for every brother, had a most charming appearance, and realising in a most eminent degree the conception embodied in a *diner à la Russe*. Covers were laid for nearly one hundred and fifty, and there was not "a vacant chair." A few Masonic emblems decorated the walls, and conspicuous amongst the portraits of the distinguished Most Worshipful Grand Master of England were those of the Duke of Cumberland and the Earl of Zetland, while local Masonic work was well represented by those of the late Rev. Richard Underwood, M.A., and the late Ven. Archdeacon Lane Freer, M.A., two deservedly popular Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of Herefordshire.

"To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, or throw a perfume o'er the rose,  
Is wasteful and ridiculous excess."

The dinner was admirable and the dessert magnificent. The venison and game were presented by Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey, the R.W.P.G.M. The wines were of the finest bouquet.

The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey, was supported by Bros. Colonel Lyne, R.W.P.G.M. for Monmouthshire; Sir George Elliot, R.W.P.G.M. for the Eastern Division of South Wales (Swansea); Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Sec.; Captain J. M. P. Montague, P.G.D.; Joseph Pulley, M.P.; Thomas Duckham, M.P.; Captain Ferguson; Captain Homfray; Smith, W.M. 120 and P.P.G.P.; Theo. Lane, I.P.M. 120, P.P.G.P.; W. Earle, P.M. 120, P.P.G.D.C.; Kerbey, P.M. 892, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Miller-ship, 1333; James Williams, P.M. 120, P.M., P.P.G.T.; William Davies, S.W. 120; A. F. Godson, P.M. 1097, P.P.G.S.W. (Worcester); E. Shaw, J.W. 120; Rev. J. Buckle, P.M. 751, P.Z., P.G.S.W.; J. Cheese, 120, P.P.G.O.; M. J. Scobie, 120; J. C. Russell, 120; W. Edward Groom, 120; W. Clarke Whitfield, 120; Charles Rootes, P.M. 338; H. Horton, J.W. 180; Watson Morrison, 49; John Morgan, P.M., P.G.S.D., 1098; T. Maund, 120; James Pembroke, 120; William Thomas, 120; E. J. Baker, 120; Thomas Harrihy, P.M. 810, P.P.G.P. Mon.; A. W. Townsend, 117; G. T. Howan, P.M. 818, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Grenville Myer, P.M. 120; John W. Hallam, P.M. 237, P.P.G.S.W.R.; F. R. Dillon, P.M. 120, P.G.R.; A. Shipton, P.J.W. (Light of the North); J. R. Smith, W.M. 751; G. E. H. Piper, P.M. 751, P.P.G.R.; J. J. Roberts, S.D. 751; Henry Morgan, Secretary 751; G. Cole, 120; H. Fragg, 120; A. J. Whittle, S.W. 651, and Sec. 1807; G. J. Caldwell, 751; Lawrence Lewis, Organist 651; W. Knill, 862, W.M. 1471; H. S. Marchant, 120; W. H. Oswin, 120; W. H. Caldwell, 751; Henry James Smith, I.G. 737; W. Barber, 120; Henry Gurney, P.M. 120; William Prosser, 120; J. J. Kerr, S.W. 751; J. G. Davies, I.P.M. 457; Thomas Cadle, I.P.M., P.G.P., 1067; T. J. A. Williams, W.M. 457; W. Sandbrook, P.M., P.P.S.P., 1258; John South, 751; A. A. Hancock, 377, Faith, Hope, and Charity; C. Morgan, 457; T. Hyam, P.M. 457; J. R. Oakley, S.W. 457; T. Blinkhorn, 120; J. O. Marsh, P.M. 818; D. Hopkins, P.M. 960, 1754, and P.P.G.J.D.; R. Rice, W.M. 36; Colonel Jones Thomas, 552, Morning Star, I.E.I.; T. Walters, J.W. 1573, P.G. Chap. Eastern Division of South Wales; J. H. Berkeley, J.D. 751; T. H. Perkins, J.D. 457; Rev. J. W. Sawyer, P.P.G. Chap. 335; J. Cox, P.M. 751; H. C. Rich, jun., 651; E. H. Teale, O. and S. 651; J. Lane, J.W. 751; J. Pugh, 1089; S. J. Facey, P.M. 818; R. N. Thomas, P.M. and Prov. Grand S.W., 344; R. W. Eames, 818; J. Jones, 818; T. Morgan, 818; C. Rowe, Prov. Grand J.W., 491; J. L. Stone, P.P.G.R.; W. Hitchcox, 471; C. F. Gooch, J.W., P.G.S., 683; J. P. Swier, J.W. 475; E. George, 120; J. Horner, P.M. 1429; H. R. Barrett, P.M. 818, P.J., G.D. Mon.; W. J. Hands, 818; S. A. Ryder, 818; C. Howells, P.G.O., 818; J. Thomas, 241; Thomas Handford, S.O. 338; Bro. J. Hards, Sec. 338; Octavius Wm. Hoffman, 522; Thomas Jones, 687;

Gregg, 751; J. A. White, P.M. 892; W. S. Boyce, 892; C. J. Saxley, S.W. 892; G. W. Shackleton, 818; T. Butcher, I.P.M. 661; R. J. Griffiths, 260; J. Phidstone, 1807; Thomas Sulser, 241; John Morgan, S.D. 651; George Pratt, 651; James Jones, 651; C. A. Stephens, 33, (United States of America); Joseph Greene, 818; John Davies, 120; R. Chitson, 120; R. Owen, 651; Tom Oliver Hunt, J.D. 892; W. R. Stafford, 892; J. P. Hitchings, S.W. 1752; H. W. Davies, 651; C. Weaver, 892; Thomas Phillips, 364; Charles Frederick Grey, 892; George Preece, P.G.T. 751; H. Bond, 120; G. James, 120; W. Rowe, I.G. 120; M. Tennant, D.P. G.M. Eastern Division S. Wales; John Jones, P.G. Sec. Eastern Division S. Wales; G. Davies, P.P.G.Supt. of Works Eastern Division S. Wales; R. D. Burnie, P.G. Treasurer Eastern Division S. Wales; D. Hopkins, P.P.J.G.D., and P.M. Eastern Division S. Wales; Rowland Thomas, P.M., and P.G.S.W., 364; Orlando Shellard, P.M. and P.Z. 1201, and P.P.G.S.W. Herefordshire; John Morgan, P.M., P.Z. 1098, and P.G.S.W. Monmouthshire; John Cheese, P.P.G.O., 120; J. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and P.P. G.W. Herts; W. Williams, P.P.S.G.W. Monmouthshire; Buckle, P.S.G.W., and P.G.C., 751; Hartley Feather, P.M. 1258, and P.P.G.P. Monmouthshire; J. E. Hewitt, P.M. 338, and P.G.J.W. Herefordshire; H. Griffiths, P.M. 1258, P.P.G.J.W. Monmouthshire; W. H. Haslins, P.M. 1258, P.P.G.O. Monmouthshire; Joseph Coates, P.M. 457 and P.P.G.S.D. Mon.; R. H. Price, P.M. 457; Charles Rootes, P.M. 338 and P.G. Steward Hereford; F. Binckes, Past Grand Steward; W. J. Burville, P.M. 120 and P.G.O. Hereford; Edward J. Scarlet, W.M. 892; H. Moore, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Herefordshire; W. Dagg, P.G.T. and P.W.M. 892; Edwin Clegg, P.P. G.S.; H. J. Bailey, P.M. 1097 and P.P.G.S.B. Worcestershire; W. Bristow, P.M. 252 and P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Secretary Worcestershire; Hubert C. Ingram Rich, W.M. 1807; T. Butcher, Loyal Brecknock Lodge; J. Jowitt, P.P.D.G.M. Herefordshire; John Marchant, 120; G. Cullis, 120; J. Barnes, Sec. Palladian; A. W. Bezant, P.G.O. Palladian; H. Clarkson, P.M. 130; J. Bosley, G. C. Haddon, and others.

The P.G. Chaplain, Bro. T. B. SMITH, invoked the Divine blessing on the repast, and afterwards offered thanks.

The lodge having been duly tiled, the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER rose to give the first toast, and said: Brethren, as loyal men, having regard for the welfare of all mankind at heart, we commence our proceedings with a loyal toast—"The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER again rose, and said: Brethren, I rise to give the next toast. Brethren, it is "The Health of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." (Applause.) I may say that excellently well as he does all the work his high station brings upon him I do not believe any man ever did the work of Grand Master of England better than his Royal Highness. (Applause and Masonic honours.)

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER rose for the third time, and said, Brethren, the next toast I have to give you is that of "The Grand Officers of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.P.G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, R.W. D.G.M.; and Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past and Present." I am sure I shall be acting in accord with the feelings of every brother who hails from this province of Herefordshire in connecting with that toast our worthy brother the Prov. Grand Master of Monmouthshire, Bro. Colonel Lync. I repeat, brethren, that we are rejoiced to see so many brethren from the sister county of Monmouth with us here to-day. (Masonic honours.)

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER FOR MONMOUTHSHIRE said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, on behalf of the Grand Officers of England I thank you very much indeed for the cordial manner in which you have responded to the highly complimentary toast so kindly given by your illustrious chief. I hope and trust that the good feeling which exists between the Grand Officers of England and the lodges of this province and the other provinces of this kingdom may long continue as the result of the very responsible duties they have to perform. It is true that those entrusted with the discharge of high offices in Masonry have but few prizes to award, and it is a difficult thing where there are so many worthy, able, and deserving brothers, to know how to distribute them without of necessity creating a feeling of disappointment in the breasts of some; but I am sure that every brother will give those Grand Officers all the credit they deserve for the ability and the conscientiousness they display in making those awards. Right Worshipful Sir, I am sure the Grand Officers of England have been very happy in their selection of the distinguished brother whom they deputed to perform the services of to-day. I most heartily congratulate you, sir, upon the position you have attained: I congratulate you, Sir, upon having so worthy a province as that over which you have been selected to preside. May you long be spared to occupy that distinguished position you now do, and long may it be that happy family I now see around me. (Great applause.)

The Grand Secretary of England, Bro. COL. CLERKE, said: Brethren, I am proud to be present on this occasion, and to have the permission of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master to propose the next toast, for it is "The Health of Your Newly-Installed Provincial Grand Master." (Applause.) Brethren, at the opening proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge to-day, I ventured, in the temporary absence of the Worshipful Grand Master, to make some few remarks about him. Although inclined to repeat them, I will not do so in his presence, for I know that Sir Joseph Bailey is a modest man. You will, however, remember that I said that, in having such a brother to preside over your province, you should consider yourselves very lucky indeed. (Applause.) Sir Joseph Bailey is so well known for his many excellent traits of character in Herefordshire, that I think His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England could not have been more fortunate than he has been in appointing him to the charge of this province. (Applause.) There is, I am sorry to say, no doubt that for some years past the Province of Herefordshire has not made any very great advance in Masonry; but I sincerely and heartily hope that a new era has now dawned upon it. (Applause.) Indeed, I have great confidence that in the next few years great progress will be made in the spread of Masonic feeling, and that many new lodges will consequently be opened in Herefordshire, and that my working

staff will have to be very much augmented in order to fill up the new certificates required. (Laughter.) Altogether I am quite certain that a new state of things has commenced, and that brighter prospects are about to dawn upon the Province of Herefordshire. (Applause.) I congratulate the Provincial Grand Master and the province very sincerely, brethren, upon the events of the day and upon the fraternal feeling which they have evoked. I ask you, brethren, to drink to the health and happiness of your new Provincial Grand Master, and I hope he may live many, many years to rule over the Freemasons of Herefordshire. (Prolonged and enthusiastic applause and Masonic honours.)

The R.W. THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said: Brethren of the Province of Herefordshire, I have in fact dwelt amongst you so many years that there are not many old countenances not familiar to me, and for so many years have I had to return thanks in one form or another that it is no new thing to me to have my health so cordially given and received. I may say that although I do not know what Colonel Clerke said about me in my absence, I think that he has in my presence praised me far more than I deserve. (No, no.) I, however, admit freely that I have not had the experience in Masonic work which you may reasonably have expected of one about to be presented to so responsible a position as that of Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire; but I can assure you, that in the distinguished position in which I have been placed I will do my best (and no man can say more) to make matters in this province pleasant, comfortable, and happy, though I much regret to say that in this, as in all human affairs, there are constantly some little difficulties cropping up in the way. Even to-day, for example, the ceremony was surrounded by difficulties. Our Ross brethren have come here at the greatest possible inconvenience to themselves, this being the only business day of the week. Indeed, every other day except Monday was open to some local objection, and on Monday they could not have the services of the distinguished representative of the Grand Lodge of England, the Installing Officer. Then we hoped to have the one portion of the service performed in the Cathedral, but we found that our fixture fell foul of certain functions performed by the Dean and Chapter, who had an audit which appears to be held within the walls of the Cathedral. The Dean expressed the deepest regret that upon this day it was impossible for him to set apart the Cathedral for our gathering, and he suggested that we should change the day, but among the difficulties by which we were surrounded I found that the Grand Secretary's time was not at his own disposal. From this dilemma we had to fall back upon All Saints' Church, and I regret that in doing so I wounded the feelings of one of our brethren, for the vicar of St. John's, the Rev. A. J. Capel, reminded me that the portion of the Cathedral set apart for the worship of the people of that parish was most suitable, and could have been had. However, I think I ought to express my thanks to the Vicar of All Saints for his kindness in lending us his church, while thanks are also due to the Provincial Grand Chaplain for his excellent arrangements, for the capital choir brought together, and for the sermon prepared by him for our edification. (Applause.) In conclusion, I can only express (as I did before) the esteem in which I hold your fraternal regard, and the satisfaction I feel that every brother will do his best to promote the welfare of Masonry in Herefordshire; and if that is done, who can tell the amount of profit and pleasure that will result therefrom? (Loud applause.)

The RIGHT WORSHIPFUL P.G.M. again rose and said: Brethren, there is one other toast which I think should come from the chair, indeed, it is a toast which, under any circumstances, I should desire to propose myself, because it is that of a gentleman who has come a great distance, and at a great deal of trouble to himself, to do honour to Herefordshire and myself. It is "The Health of Colonel Clerke, the Grand Secretary of England," who has come down here to assist us to-day. (Applause.) I need not tell you, brethren, of the admirable manner in which he performed the installing service, to which I must say I listened with great feelings of pleasure, and which I hope will prove of advantage to me in the future. I give you "The Health of Colonel Clerke."

The toast was received with Masonic honours.

The GRAND SECRETARY OF ENGLAND, who on rising was enthusiastically welcomed, said: Worshipful Sir and brethren, I thank you all for the kind way in which you have received my health. There is only one word in the Worshipful Master's speech which I can find fault with, and that is the word "trouble." I therefore beg you will read the word "pleasure" for it, as it was with a large amount of sincere pleasure that I came down here to take part in the ceremony of to-day, and I regard it as a great honour to have installed Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey as the new Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire. (Applause.)

Bro. JOSEPH PULLEY, M.P., rose and said: Brethren, your Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has asked me to propose the next toast, and it is one that needs no preface. I assure you that I regard it not only as a privilege but as a pleasure, because I am glad to have an opportunity of recording the gratification I felt myself in witnessing the interesting ceremony of this morning, which was the first of the kind I have ever attended—one, indeed, well fitted to impress upon the mind those sentiments all true Freemasons entertain. The toast I have to propose is that of our "Visiting Brethren." (Applause.) I am sure we consider it an honour to have at our table brethren who have come considerable distances to pay a well-deserved compliment to the Provincial Grand Master. I ask you to drink their very good health, and I will couple with it the name of Bro. Sir George Elliot. (Cheers.)

Bro. SIR GEORGE ELLIOT briefly acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the pleasure he felt in witnessing the installation of Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey.

The R.W.P.G.M. introduced the name of Bro. Captain Homfray, who had rendered good service as acting Director of the Ceremonies.

Bro. CAPTAIN FERGUSSON, whose name had also been mentioned, said he and other visitors were delighted to see the manner in which the Freemasons of the Province of Herefordshire rallied around and supported their new Provincial Grand Master. He regarded it as an outburst of grand Masonic feeling, and as indicative of the existence of a new era in Freemasonry in Herefordshire. (Applause.)

Bro. CAPT. HOMFRAY said nothing could have afforded him greater pleasure than to assist in the ceremonies of the day, and he was proud of the manner in which the visitors had been received by the Freemasons of Herefordshire. If

at any time he could render them assistance he should be most happy to do so. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers." He said he had done all he could to show care in the selection of those who he thought would assist in carrying on the work of the province. It was a great source of gratification to him to have one so well skilled in Masonry as Bro. Jowitt for his deputy, and the manner in which they had received the toast assured him that he had done his best in selecting those who would assist him in his provincial duties. (Applause and Masonic honours.)

The D.P.G.M., Bro. JOWITT, tendered his hearty thanks for the kind way he had been spoken of, and the hearty way in which the toast had been received. He would only repeat that he would use his utmost endeavours to do all he could to help the Prov. G.M. in the discharge of his duties.

Bro. JOWITT then gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities." They all felt that although they might be at convivial meetings like that they must not forget those important Institutions, the Masonic Charities. (Hear, hear.) They had that day among them Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, in whose presence he should not presume to say anything upon the subject, for Bro. Binckes could tell the brethren much more about them than he could. He was, however, of opinion that they had not quite done their duty in this province. It was true there had been some sort of an organisation among a few brethren to afford assistance to the Schools, but he hoped that the effort would be renewed, and with greater success next time. (Applause.)

Bro. BINCKES said he was admonished to be brief on this occasion. He fully appreciated the kindness which had invited him and Bro. Terry to the proceedings of that day, and he should be guilty of a gross injustice if he did not acknowledge his cordial reception here, and their kindness in the past. He was glad to hear the brethren felt an interest in the success of the Masonic Charities, which he felt sure would not be forgotten. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then gave "The Lodges of the Province," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Smith, the W.M. of the Palladian Lodge.

Bro. SMITH, W.M. of the Palladian Lodge, in response, said: Provincial Grand Master and brethren, I thank you most sincerely, Right Worshipful Sir, for the great honour conferred upon the lodge, of which it is my good fortune to be W.M. upon this auspicious occasion, for electing to be installed and to hold your first Provincial Grand Lodge under its ancient banner; and also for having so kindly coupled my name with the toast. In the name of the Past Masters, officers, and members of the Palladian Lodge, and in my own, permit me to offer you our most hearty congratulations upon your appointment by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, to the high office of Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, and to assure you that we shall always deem it a great privilege to co-operate with you in carrying on the great work of Freemasonry in this ancient province. In conclusion, allow me, in the name of the Worshipful Masters of other lodges of the province and my own, to tender you our hearty thanks for the kind manner in which you proposed the toast, and to you, brethren, for the very cordial way in which you received it. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then bade the Tyler, Bro. Emmanuel Jones, leave his post and give the last toast—"To all poor and distressed Masons, wherever they may be dispersed over land and water, we wish a speedy relief out of all their afflictions, and a safe return to their native countries, should they so desire it."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Oxford was held in the Apollo (University) Lodge Room, at Oxford, on Wednesday afternoon, the 10th inst. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the Provincial Grand Master, was unable to be present, and in his absence Bro. Reginald Bird, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided. He was supported by Bros. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, Past Grand Chaplain of England; F. P. Morrell, Past Grand Deacon of England; the Chaplains of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and many Past Masters and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master read the report upon the various lodges of the province, and expressed himself satisfied at the progress that Freemasonry was making therein. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's report was read, and showed the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be in an excellent state. Bro. F. P. Morrell, P.G.D., proposed the re-election of Bro. Randall as Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Randall has held this appointment for upwards of a quarter of a century. Bro. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C., read the report of the Charity Committee, and Charity jewels were presented to Bros. T. E. Withington, No. 357; J. M. Dormer, 340; and S. P. Spiers, 340. Bars of the jewels were presented to Bros. R. Bird, D.P.G.M., 357; the Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C., 357; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D., 357; F. Hedges, 478; J. Potts, 599; H. R. Cooper Smith, 357; Rev. H. Deane, 357; T. E. Withington, 357; and C. Park, 340.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then invested the appointed officers as follows:—

- Bro. W. Parratt ... .. Prov. G.S.W.
- „ C. A. Galpin ... .. Prov. G.J.W.
- „ Rev. J. H. Jules and „ S. C. F. Angel Smith ... } Prov. G. Chap.
- „ T. Randall ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- „ E. L. Hawkins ... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- „ A. Winkfield ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- „ W. N. Glencross ... .. Prov. G.S.D.
- „ J. M. Dormar ... .. Prov. G.J.D.
- „ L. H. P. Symonds ... .. Prov. G.S. of W.
- „ J. J. Colcutt and „ J. Calcult ... .. } Prov. G.D. of C.
- „ W. Whatcoat ... .. Prov. G.Swd. Br.
- „ W. R. Bowden ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- „ S. Salter ... .. Prov. G. Purs.
- „ Thomas Eley ... .. Prov. G.A. Purs.

Bros. W. P. Ellis, W. Adkins, J. R. Maguire, H. G. W. Drinkwater, E. R. Baynes, and M. H. Humphries... ..	} Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. Norwood and Biggs ... ..	
	} Prov. G. Tylers.

**FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.**

The Masonic Lodges in this district have been going through the process of election of a brother for recommendation to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the office of District Grand Master, which became vacant by the death of the much lamented Right Worshipful the Honourable Dr. Robert Hamilton. The nomination will be decided on at the meeting of the District Grand Lodge, to be held on the 27th October, but in the meantime all the private lodges have met and instructed their representatives.

The candidates for the office are the Right Worshipful A. De Cordova, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Worshipful Dr. Thos. Allen, Immediate Past Master of the Jamaica Lodge. The brother whom the Fraternity in general (as far as Jamaica is concerned) desires to see fill the office is the Right Worshipful Bro. J. W. Whitbourne, Past Deputy District Grand Master, a brother who for very many years during the absence of Dr. Hamilton conducted the affairs of the district to the entire satisfaction of Grand Lodge and the brethren in this island, as is amply testified by the numerous testimonials in his possession. From an hasty expression of that brother, that he had no desire or ambition to fill the office, and therefore would not allow himself to be nominated against the candidates who had been put forward, the Craft in general have been deprived of the services of the only brother who could have secured us unanimity, and Masonry in Jamaica, as far as unity and harmony is concerned, promises to degenerate to an extent that cannot be conducive to the interest of our noble and honourable Institution. The candidature of Bros. De Cordova and Allen have aroused dissensions that will not be easily reconciled, and must be aggravated by the appointment of one or other of these brethren to the office. Feelings other than Masonic have been provoked, the friends of Bros. Allen have resorted to open electioneering tactics, have imported religious and commercial matters in the contest, and in many instances have not failed to express their determination to secede from the district if Bro. De Cordova is appointed. On the other hand the friends of Bro. A. De Cordova modestly threaten that they would not work under the selection of such an insignificant minority.

The newspapers of Kingston some weeks ago afforded an opportunity for rather free expressions on the coming contest, and in the *Budget* of the 26th August a suggestion was made "that both Messrs. De Cordova and Allen be asked to sacrifice their Masonic ambition to the welfare of the Fraternity, thus securing a continuation of that peace and brotherly love that ought always to exist, and enable them to join the brethren of the English Constitution in asking Bro. Whitbourne (who has served this province as Deputy Worshipful Grand Master for years and given great satisfaction) to allow himself to be recommended for the appointment. This is the only step that I feel can arrest the impending danger."

Bro. Allen has been most truthfully described by the editor of the *Budget*, in the following extract from that paper: "There is one fact that the Masons must bear in mind before they consent to the advancement of Dr. Allen to the highest position in Masonry in the colony, and that is the certainty that in him they will have an absentee Grand Master, and therefore cannot make sure that, after all—that individual who in degradation of the spirit of Masonry they hesitate not to affront, will not *de jure* become the District Grand Master. Fussy and vain-glorious, the author of exclusiveness in the lodge, arrogant, conceited and altogether overweening, Dr. Allen is just the man to play any card to get the coveted honour, and about the last man to resign the post whilst it can give him honour, although the conviction might be forced upon him that its retention would be to the detriment of the Craft."

The few supporters of Bro. Dr. Allen calculated on his supposed influence with the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, to get him the appointment in spite of his insignificant support in the district, whilst we, who hold the interest of the Craft above that of individual friendship or personal gain, feel that supposing the nomination of Bro. De Cordova did not meet with approval (a fear that is not generally shared in), the selection would again be referred to the district, when some brother more popular than Dr. Allen would be recommended.

The following are the instructions given to the representatives of the lodges, after numerous expressions of regret that Right Worshipful J. W. Whitbourne could not permit his nomination on the present occasion:

Royal Lodge	to vote for	Rev. A. DeCordova.
Friendly Lodge	" "	" A. DeCordova.
Phoenix Lodge	" "	" A. DeCordova.
Westmoreland Lodge	" "	" A. DeCordova.
Collegium Laborum Lodge	" "	" A. DeCordova.
Sussex Lodge	" "	Dr. J. Allen.
Jamaica Lodge	" "	" J. Allen.

Hamilton Lodge, to mark their regret that Bros. DeCordova and Allen did not retire, thereby enabling Right Worshipful Whitbourne to consent to his nomination, by a very large majority elected Bro. Whitbourne so as to have the matter discussed by their representatives in District Grand Lodge, this action is somewhat to be regretted, as it conveys on the face of the returns to the Grand Master that only one lodge voted for Bro. Whitbourne, when as a fact only a single word from him would have secured his unanimous selection. We shall endeavour to supply you with the result of the meeting of the District Grand Lodge.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—A Cure for Abscesses, Piles, Fistula, and Sores.—The many satisfactory cures resulting from the use of this invaluable Ointment in cases where patients have been suffering from these complaints have induced many medical practitioners to introduce them into the hospitals and their private practice; and in many instances where the sufferer was considered incurable, Holloway's Ointment, in conjunction with his Pills, healed the most desperate wounds. These medicaments are unequalled for the cure of scrofula and diseases of the skin. In all cutaneous affections incidental to children, from the simple red gum to the complicated scorbutic disease, Holloway's Ointment exercises a remarkably beneficial influence, cooling inflammation, relieving irritation, and giving ease to the impatient little sufferer. —[Adv't.]

**LADY FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.**

In reference to the statement which recently appeared in the *Chaine d'Union*, and to which attention was drawn in a late number of the *Freemason*, we have received from our brother the writer of the articles "Freemasonry in Spain" the following explanation—

"That ladies have been, and are being, initiated in Spain is perfectly true, but not under the auspices of Bro. Grand Master Sagasta or of the Grand Orient of Spain. It is Bro. the Marquis de Seoanes, the so-called 'Grand Master' of the 'National Orient of Spain,' whose proceedings were thus chronicled in the *Chaine d'Union*. He lately initiated, with much open display, the wife of a brother, in proof of the activity and development of his Orient.

"But the 'National Orient of Spain' is not the only Masonic body in the peninsula who thus seeks to make our ancient and honourable Order the laughing stock of the non-Masonic world. Bro. Juan Antonio Perez, who calls himself 'Grand Master' of 'The Grand Orient of Perez,' is Worshipful Master of the female lodge, 'Las Hijas de Memphis' ('The Daughters of Memphis'), and amongst the lady members of this lodge are the wife and daughters of Bro. Perez himself, all 'initiated' by him. These facts have also been previously chronicled in the pages of the *Chaine d'Union*.

"It is due to Bro. His Excellency Grand Master Sagasta and to the 'Grand Orient of Spain' that this explanation, in regard to Lady Freemasonry in the peninsula, shall be as widely circulated amongst our British brethren as was the purposely vague (and thus misleading) paragraph which appeared in the *Chaine d'Union*.

"It is worthy of remark that the *galant* and noble brother, the Marquis de Seoanes, through whose veins circulates the *sangre azul* of a Grandee of Spain, has lately distinguished himself by his *pro-slavery* proclivities. From his senatorial seat in the 'Upper House' at Madrid he delivered a very pronounced speech in opposition to the proposed abolition of slavery throughout the Spanish Colonial Dependencies. He also recorded his vote *against* the measure. Being well known in Cuba, and having 'property' there, and having, moreover, made repeated efforts to secure partisans in Havana in support of his 'National Orient' pretensions, his speech and his vote were very strongly commented upon at the time, and very naturally aroused a deep feeling of indignation on the part of our Spanish West Indian brethren, who forthwith issued a *printed proclamation*, dated 'March, 1880,' a copy of which we have now before us, in which the Marquis is roundly stigmatised as 'el moderno Pedro Torrubia,' and is accused of being neither more nor less than a *feint spy within the Freemasonic camps*. How far our Cuban brethren allowed their Freemasonic zeal, in favour of their enslaved brethren, to overstep the bounds of strict truthfulness, as regards these very grave accusations, it is not for us to decide. We simply record the fact that such have been made (they now lie in a printed form before us). We can, however, join in the exclamation of surprise therein expressed—that there should be 'un *Mason esclavista!*—*Un Gran Maestro de la Orden, partidario del mas criminal de los comercios!*' It is, indeed, contrary to English Freemasonic ideas to find 'a *Mason* who is a pro-slavery man, a pretended *Grand Master* of our Order who is a partisan of those who traffic in the most criminal of all trades,' viz., *the traffic in human flesh and blood!* And, furthermore, 'que entenderá el Senor Marqués por libertad? que por igualdad? que por fraternidad? Entenderá tambien ese *libre Mason* que los *hombres de color no son hombres?*' What, indeed, can the Marquis understand by the word liberty? by equality? by fraternity? Does he think, moreover, that to be a Freemason is possible whilst denying that people of colour *are men?* Few people will deny the force of these remarks, and especially the force of a subsequent paragraph contained in this manifesto, viz., 'Es, pues, incompatible con la institucion Masónica el Senor Marqués de Seoanes.'"

**Scotland.**

**CRYPTIC MASONRY.**

At a meeting of delegates from the several councils of Royal and Select Masters in Scotland, held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 4th inst., the following Illustrious Companions were unanimously elected the first office bearers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for Scotland, viz.: Capt. Chas. Hunter, 32°, P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East, M.P., Grand Master; John Crombie, 30°, P.G.S.W. Aberdeen City, R.P. Dep. G. Master; Jas. Dalrymple Duncan, 30°, P.S.G.M. Glasgow, R.P.G. Principal Conductor of Work; Geo. Dickson, M.D., 31°, R.P.G. Treas.; Robert S. Brown, 30°, R.P.G. Recorder; the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, B.D., R.P.G. Chaplain; Jas. Todd Stewart, 30°, P.G.S.W. Glasgow, R.P.G. Capt. of the Guard; Edward Savage, 31°, P.D.G.M. Aberdeen City, R.P.G. Lecturer; Francis Law, 30°, G. Jeweller, G.L. of Scotland, R.P.G. Marshal; James Webster, 30°, R.P.G. Marshall; James Melville, R.P.G. Steward; William Edwards, 30°, R.P.G. Stwd.; and Alex. Robertson, G. Sentinel.

Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Scotland.  
Cryptic Council, No. 1, Edinburgh—Robert S. Brown, T. Ill. Master; Geo. Dickson, M.D., R. Ill. Dep. Master; and Francis Law, R. Ill. Prin. Cond. of Work.

Bon Accord Council, No. 2, Aberdeen—John Crombie, C.A., T. Ill. Master; Edward Savage, R. Ill. Dep. Master; and Alex. J. McConnochie, R. Ill. Prin. Cond. of Work.

Glasgow Council, No. 3, Glasgow—Jas. Dalrymple, Duncan, T. Ill. Master; Jas. Todd Stewart, R. Ill. Dep. Master; Geo. Miller, C.A., R. Ill. Prin. Cond. of Work.

In recognition of his recent reception by the Corporation of the City of London, His Majesty the King of the Hellenes has been pleased to confer upon Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Junior Grand Warden, the grade and decoration of Commander of the Order of the Saviour, and the grade and decoration of officers upon the following gentlemen, viz., Bro. Sir John Bennett, the mover, and Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, the seconder, of the resolution for presenting the address to His Majesty, and Bro. Ex-Sheriff Woollaton, Ex-Sheriff Bayley, and Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes.

**REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.**

**Craft Masonry.**

**STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. S. H. Halle, W.M.; Cordingly, S.W.; Humphries, J.W.; Follett, P.M., Treas.; Wing, P.M., Sec.; Ball, S.D.; Brown, J.D.; H. R. Symons, D. of C.; Defriez, I.G.; Jones and H. J. Symons, Stewards; Steed, Tyler; Driver, P.M.; Defriez, P.M.; Moss, P.M.; Voss, P.M.; G. G. Symons, P.M.; Dyer, P.M.; Herbert, Fountaine, Lacey, Packe, John Cubbon, Wood, Curtis, Coulden, Dean, Thomas, King, Hunt, Callow, Heale, and Ayres. Bro. Murrow, 1269, was a visitor. The lodge was opened in due form, according to ancient custom, and the minutes read and confirmed. There being a vacancy for two Deacons, the W.M. invested the following brethren: Bro. Ball, S.D. and Bro. Brown, J.D. Bro. Mill being unavoidably absent, the office of Inner Guard was reserved for him, and Bro. Defriez, P.M., kindly offered to officiate in his place; Bro. H. N. Symons, D.C.; Bro. F. M. H. Jones, S.S., and H. J. Symons, J.S. Bro. King was unanimously elected a joining member. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Messrs. Lyons and Heale. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Coulden and Ayres, candidates for the Second Degree, were examined and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bros. Coulden and Ayres were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Mr. Heale was initiated into Freemasonry.

**WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last. There were present Bros. S. Godden, W.M.; R. P. Tate, S.W.; J. S. Brown, J.W.; A. J. Bolton, S.D.; C. E. Packer, J.D.; T. Kingston, P.M., Treas.; J. Weaver, P.M., Sec.; J. Collinson, D.C.; T. Richardson, I.G.; D. J. Ross, W.S.; W. J. H. Jones, P.M.; A. P. Moore, P.M.; C. Brothers, J. K. Ward, W. Devine, G. T. Cox, T. F. Lee, W. W. Coates, W. Hill, C. H. Pike, Guignard, J. Irvine, W. Jones, R. T. Rosenberg, W. A. Parlett, J. Pottle, F. France, H. Brocklehurst, and F. Brown.

Visitors: Bros. W. H. Marston, W.M. 55; Ansell, P.M. 30; Carnaby, P.M. 1382; Tremere; Dickens, W.M. 860; Larchin, S.W. 1541; T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860; Gates, S.W. 1599; Fox, J.D. 201; Kennard, 1415; W. W. Morgan; Hyde; Rudderforth, P.M. 1668; T. W. C. Jones, P.M. 259; J. Hayes, 619; J. Smith, 127; W. M. Stiles; and W. Lake, P.M. 131 (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes Bro. F. Brown was duly raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Godden. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented, and the following is an extract from the minutes: "Accounts certified by the Auditors as being kept in a highly satisfactory and clear state by Bro. James Weaver, P.M., &c., Secretary." After some other formal business the W.M. elect, Bro. R. P. Tate, was presented to the W.M. for installation, and Bro. Godden in a very impressive manner proceeded, in accordance with the Constitutions, "to instal his successor." On the re-admission of the brethren the new Worshipful Master was duly saluted, and then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. S. Brown, S.W.; A. J. Bolton, J.W.; J. Weaver, Secretary; T. Kingston, Treasurer; C. E. Packer, S.D.; T. Richardson, J.D.; J. Collinson, I.G.; D. J. Ross, D.C.; J. K. Ward, W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The sum of ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund to Bro. Irvine's list for the Girls' School.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The W.M., Bro. Tate, filled the chair, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. Godden, I.P.M., in a few well-chosen words, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Tate." He felt sure that he would be equal to everything required of him as W.M.; he had proved his fitness by discharging his duties in other offices ably and well. Bro. Tate, in reply, said that he had always done his best to promote the interests of the Whittington Lodge, and if he had pleased the brethren by his attention to his duties in the past, he hoped still to retain that esteem and goodwill in the future. The toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Godden," was next proposed by the W.M. He remarked that Bro. Godden had introduced him into Freemasonry, and he had endeavoured to follow him closely. Bro. Godden had all the ceremonies at his fingers' ends, and had proved himself a very able worker. In recognition of his merit, he had then, in the name of the lodge, to present him with a Past Master's jewel, which he had much pleasure in pinning on his breast, with the hope that he would live long to wear it. Bro. Godden, in returning thanks, said that it was very difficult to speak of one's self, but he could assure them that it had given him much satisfaction to fill the chair of that lodge, and to be of service to them. He knew that he possessed the goodwill of everybody in the lodge; the jewel that had just been placed on his breast was an evidence of that, and he should always value it as such. The toast of "The Visitors" followed. The W.M. said that the Whittington Lodge desired always to be hospitable; they had a goodly number of visitors that evening, and they were all very glad to see them. He coupled with it the names of Bros. Ansell and Stiles. Bro. Ansell, in response, said that he had known the W.M. from his Masonic infancy, and it was very gratifying to him to see him placed in the chair of the Whittington Lodge. Bro. Tate had become, by attendance at lodges of instruction, a very proficient worker, and he trusted he would have many opportunities during the year of showing such proficiency. Bros. Stiles and Marston also replied. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and, in response, Bro. Jones said that, so far from the past year being unsuccessful, he thought it had been the best the Whittington Lodge had experienced. They had spent more in charity



and less in eating and drinking, and he did not think any of the brethren were the worse for it. Bro. Moore also responded. Bro. Tate next proposed the toast of "The Treasurer of the Lodge and the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund." Bro. Kingston, P.M. and Treasurer, replied, thanking the W.M. and brethren for the confidence they continued to repose in him by again electing him to the office of Treasurer. Bro. Pike, as Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, also replied, and said that during the past year they had spent an amount from that fund that any lodge might well be proud of, but reminded them that it was necessary to keep up this fund, or they could not go on in the same course. It was announced that the list for the Girls' School, which had been handed around during the evening, amounted to £87 13s. 6d. The toast of "The Officers" was the next on the list, the W.M. remarking that he was sure they would assist him in every way during the year, and he saw no reason why the working should not be among the best in the Craft, for they had all worked hard to attain proficiency. Bro. Brown thanked the W.M. for placing him in that position. He hoped that his working would give satisfaction, and be a passport to further advancement when the time came. The Junior Warden, Bro. A. J. Bolton, also responded. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing and recitations by Bros. Irvine, Hill, Dodson, and other brethren.

**THE CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).**—The installation meeting of the above powerful and popular lodge took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Guild-Hall Tavern, Gresham-street, and was attended by some sixty brethren of the lodge and visitors. We may here mention that this lodge inaugurated a most admirable Benevolent Fund some two years ago, having for its object the support of the Masonic Charities. It was introduced by Bro. G.M. White, who is now in Australia, and was enthusiastically supported by the now I.P.M., Bro. P. McCarthy, and the majority of the Past Masters, and members of the lodge. The system simply consists of every member paying 10s. 6d. per year over and above his usual annual subscription, and so successful has been the result, that at the present time a Vice-Presidency of one of the Charities, "The Old Men and Widows," we believe, is the property of the lodge. They are also in a fair way to give fifty guineas to the Boys' Institution at next election, and it is calculated that within a few years, the lodge will have three Vice-Presidents and every member will also have a life governorship in one or more of the Charities. This, however, by the way. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. McCarthy, shortly after 2 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Mr. Christopher Robt. Sayers, clerk to the Admiralty, was unanimously accepted as a candidate for Freemasonry, and initiated into its mysteries and privileges. Bro. Henry Taplay, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. McCarthy for the benefit of installation, and was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted by the brethren. He then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. T. K. Job, S.W.; Jas. Mitchell, late Secretary, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. Pitt, Sec.; W. Dorton, S.D.; W. Nevins, J.D.; A. Mason, I.G.; R. Brown, D.C.; W. H. Harris, first W.S.; W. Watkins, second W.S.; Mat. Sherwin, Org.; and A. W. Page, Tyler. Bro. McCarthy then gave the three addresses and the ceremony closed. It has been our privilege to be present at a great number of installations during the last ten years, but we can safely say that we have never heard the addresses more eloquently or impressively rendered than on this occasion, and the Installing Officer at its conclusion was warmly applauded and congratulated by all present for his masterly handling of a very difficult subject. After several propositions for both initiates and young members at the next meeting had been seconded, the W.M. said he had now a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present their I.P.M., Bro. McCarthy, with the jewel of a Past Master. They all knew how unanimously that jewel had been voted, and they also knew how well and ably it had been earned. The duties of W.M. had been so ably carried out under the rule of Bro. McCarthy, that he felt how hard a task was in store for him to follow in that brother's footsteps. The rule of Bro. McCarthy had been firm, yet gentle, and the outcome of that rule had been perfect peace and harmony; nor had that alone been the result, for the lodge had progressed in number under him and not only in number, but in works of charity. (Applause.) He, therefore, as he had previously observed, felt the difficult part cut out for him in following Bro. McCarthy in the chair. Turning to the I.P.M., and pinning the jewel on his breast, the W.M. said, "Bro. McCarthy, in the name of myself and the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Capper Lodge, I present you with this jewel of your office, and in so doing, I need hardly tell you that with it comes to you the heartfelt interest of every one of us, that the G.A.O.T.U. may long spare you to wear it with honour and dignity, and that you may continue in health and strength for many years to still be in the future, as you have been in the past, an honour to and supporter of the prosperity of the Capper Lodge." (Loud cheers.) Bro. McCarthy in returning thanks said "Words cannot give utterance to my feelings, nor do I expect to be able to find them sufficient to thank you for this token of your regard, which you have presented me this night. Your W.M. has expressed his and your approbation of the manner in which I have carried out the duties entrusted to me during my year of office. I can only say that I have always endeavoured to do them to the best of my abilities, and with but only one desire, namely the comfort and happiness of the brethren, and the prosperity of the lodge. (Applause.) During my year of office I have had, in conjunction with some of my Past Masters, to make several representations to the Lodge of Benevolence, and I am happy to say that we have always been successful in our applications. (Cheers.) I have also initiated seven candidates, which means seventy guineas to the funds of the lodge, and have, in consequence, been enabled to dispense the hospitality of the lodge with a liberal hand, but that which I prize much more highly than the money part of the question in my initiates, is the fact that there is not one of them that the lodge is not proud of, or that any lodge in the Craft might not be proud of." (Applause.) He then referred to the Charities, and spoke enthusiastically of what the lodge had been enabled to contribute to them, through the founding of the Benevolent Fund of the

lodge. They had one Presidency and some £36 towards another. Their Bro. P.M. Brian had kindly undertaken to stand Steward at the next Boys' Fund Festival and would take up fifty guineas from the lodge, (Cheers,) and in conclusion he assured them that he did not prize the jewel so much for its intrinsic value, as for the fact that it had been unanimously voted him by the members of the Capper Lodge. He should while he had life always remember that evening as one of the most pleasant of his life, and also do everything in his power to promote the interest and harmony of the Capper Lodge. (Loud applause.) The W.M. then proposed, and it was carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks, engraved on vellum, should be presented to Bro. McCarthy for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer that day, and further that the vote of thanks should be recorded in the minutes of the lodge. Bro. McCarthy thanked the brethren for this further token of their approbation, and said he should treasure the vote of thanks, and place it in a conspicuous place in his dwelling, for although the magnificent jewel given him might be his own herald among the brethren of the Craft, yet it had its legend of esteem and respect on the back of it, and could not be readily seen, whereas the illuminated vellum might be seen by all who entered the room in his house where it would hang, and he felt just as proud, or even prouder, of the last of their handsome testimonials than he did of the first, [although he thanked them for both. (Cheers.)

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was superbly served, and of the choicest of the season, nor did Bro. Harris, the principal Wine Steward, carry out his duties with a niggardly hand, but sent the champagne round merrily. Among those present, beside the W.M. and officers above named, were Bros. Past Masters B. B. Brayshaw, P.P.G.P. Essex; T. G. Day, P.P.G. Sd. Br. Essex; J. Gaskell, H. B. Holliday, and F. Brian. Bros. T. Davis, T. Mills, W. J. Callcutt, R. Harris, T. Vincent, E. Brian, R. Brown, B. H. Spencer, B. Johnston, P. Scolson, T. Spencer, J. Tytheridge, W. Walker, J. Still, and T. Simpson, all of No. 1076; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1472, and P.P.G. Officer for Essex; T. Butt, P.M., and Treas. 700; H. N. Taylor, W.M. 1421; W. J. Burgess, S.W. 1472; J. Elder, J.W. 1472; W. Boulton, S.W. 1055; G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623; E. Benjamin, J.W. 1766; S. J. Fryer, J.D. 1303; C. Mansfield, 1421; J. King, 174; C. J. Browne, 174; H. Balls, 77; J. Wilson, 1155; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The first toast was "The Queen and the Craft," followed by a verse of the "National Anthem," and then "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Grand Master of the Craft," fairly woke up the enthusiasm of the brethren, and the first verse of "God bless the Prince of Wales" rang through the room in one grand volume of harmonious sound. The other Masonic toasts were also duly honoured. Bro. McCarthy, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of the evening, that of their new "W.M., Bro. Taplay." He said he now asked them to drink the health of one who would have to rule and govern them for the next twelve months as Master of the lodge. Considering what he, and they, knew of their W.M.'s career during the time he had been a subordinate officer, he felt that he would be a credit to both the lodge and the Craft at large; and that the sustained zeal, and assiduity, so evident during those years, would still be his guiding star in the management of the lodge during his term of office. He asked them to do honour to the toast. (Loud applause.) Bro. Taplay, after thanking the I.P.M. and brethren, for the warmth with which the toast was received, said he could assure them that they might rely upon him using his best endeavours for the prosperity of the lodge, and the comfort of the brethren, so that when he had finished his duties at the expiration of the term, they might be able to say to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." (Applause.) The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters of us, and belonging to the Lodge," which was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. McCarthy in returning thanks said that after the many honours showered on him that evening he hardly knew what to say, but could not sit down without, in that his last speech, thanking them again and again for their many kindnesses to him individually. So far as the Past Masters of the lodge were concerned, there was not one of them who had gone before him that was not worthy of every honour the brethren could pay them, and their conduct would stimulate him to imitate them in their arduous duties. He would now make way for the more experienced Past Masters to say something about themselves. Bros. Gaskell, Holliday, Day, and Brian, severally returned thanks. "The Health of the Initiate" followed, and Bro. Sayers returned thanks. "The Visitors" were next honoured, and Bros. Wilson, Butt, Manning, Taylor, Burgess, Tyer, Mansfield, and Elder, returned thanks. The toast of the "Masonic Press" followed, and Bros. Jolly and Stephens returned thanks. The toast of "The Officers" came next, and Bros. Job, Mitchell, Nevins, Mason, Brown, and Harris, severally returned thanks. The Tyler's toast then concluded an exceedingly pleasant, and harmonious gathering.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—The members of this lodge met in good numbers on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. Among those present were Bros. Köhler, W.M.; Speedy, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Bolton, D.C.; and H. Higgins, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several communications from absent members were read. There being no business on the agenda, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The W.M.," were duly honoured. The W.M. having briefly responded, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Thomas Harvey, W.M., and the following officers were present: Bros. C. Taylor, S.W.; W. Kibble, J.W.; N. B. Headon, Treas.; George Blackie, Sec.; F. Keeble, S.D.; T. Baber, J.D.; F. W. Potter, D. of C.; J. Jenkins, Org.; Steedman, Tyler, and the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. Stevens, Seex, and Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the

minutes of the former lodge read and confirmed, Bro. J. Matthews, initiated at the last meeting, was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Stevens, P.M., gave the lecture on the Tracing Board in the First Degree. Bro. N. B. Headon, the Treasurer, then, in very feeling and appropriate terms, brought under the notice of the lodge the domestic affliction into which Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson the Chaplain of the lodge, had been plunged by the loss of his daughter, and moved that the lodge should present to him an address of condolence on his bereavement. The motion was seconded by Bro. Taylor, S.W., and on being put from the chair, it was unanimously agreed to. A petition from a distressed brother was considered, and on a satisfactory investigation having been made as to the accuracy of his representations, a liberal donation was made to him from the Samaritan fund. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for a light refreshment. The W.M. proposed the formal first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly responded to. He then, with great judgment, and with a view of saving time, brought into one toast, "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," which was equally honoured. Bro. G. Blackie, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he felt sure that the brethren were highly pleased with him up to the present time, and he had no doubt that as he went on he would still merit their good opinion of him. He also wished to say that they must all have derived a great amount of information and pleasure in listening to the explanation of the Tracing Board given that evening by Bro. Stevens. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. said: Permit me to thank Bro. Blackie for proposing my health, and you, brethren, for receiving it with so much cordiality. This is an off night, but I must say that, with Bro. Blackie, I have much enjoyed the lecture on the Tracing Board by Bro. Stevens, and the delivery of that lecture may induce many members of our Great City Lodge to attend lodges of instruction. Possibly at another meeting we may have a lecture on the Tracing Board of the Second Degree. This I look upon as a very pleasant way of spending our time, and I also think that as more is done in lodges of instruction so much the better for the Craft. I am glad to see many members turn up at the lodge this evening as there is no banquet, but at the next meeting I hope to give them better hospitality; and I thank all the brethren for the cordial manner in which they have drunk my health. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Visitors, Bros. Blackie and Stevens." Bro. Blackie, in returning thanks, said he had thoroughly enjoyed that very jolly gathering, and seeing their good working in Freemasonry. That was the first time that he had heard the lecture on the Tracing Board, and he was sure that there was a large amount of information to be obtained from it. Bro. Stevens also briefly returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and said that it was impossible for him to speak too highly of their merits, and especially as regarded Bro. Blackie, for the very creditable manner in which he had instilled into them the ritual of Freemasonry. To him he felt indebted for what he knew, and the credit of anything he (the W.M.) might do in the chair was rather due to Bro. Blackie than to himself. As regarded the other Past Masters, he could speak of them with equal confidence—that they were all most assiduous in the performance of their duties. The Past Masters severally returned thanks. The final toast brought the proceedings to a close. Some capital songs were sung in the course of the evening.

**WHITE HORSE OF KENT LODGE (No. 1506).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. There were present Bros. H. Sutherland, W.M.; J. J. Hamilton, S.W.; R. P. H. Caird, J.W.; S. G. B. Wollaston, Sec.; F. A. Janson, S.D.; E. Dent, J.D.; D. S. Baynes, I.G.; Roe, Tyler; J. E. Linklater, P.M.; F. H. Janson, I.P.M.; G. J. Goodhart, L. Hansard, and G. F. Beck. After confirming the minutes of the last meeting, Bro. G. F. Beck was passed to the Second Degree; a short lecture on the Tracing Board being given by the W.M. The ballot for the election of W.M., Treasurer, Tyler, and Auditors was next proceeded with. In the course of the business of the evening, it was suggested that there should be a re-joining fee for those who wished to return to the lodge. The lodge having been closed, the brethren afterwards dined together at the hotel, the usual loyal toasts being drunk.

**ROSE LODGE (No. 1622).**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The lodge was opened at six o'clock p.m. punctually by Bro. Henry Vickery, W.M., supported by Bros. W. Pritchett, S.W.; G. P. Coltar, J.W.; T. N. Kirby, Treas.; John Loader, Sec.; W. C. Page, Org.; W. Hamblin, S.D.; S. H. Goldschmidt, J.D.; F. Hilton, I.G.; G. H. Atkinson, D.C.; R. Challoner, W.S.; A. B. Church, Tyler; W. Clauson, I.P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; and J. Garnar, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Bell, W.M. 1178; J. W. Moore, P.M. 13; Jackson, J.W. 1475; T. Grumant, S.D. 1539; W. G. Sayer, I.G. 1475; and F. J. Scotts, 1475. The minutes of the installation meeting, held October 2nd, were read and confirmed, and a ballot was then taken for the admission of Messrs. J. S. Vineall and G. J. Etheridge, which being declared unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. There being no other business before the lodge it was closed in due form.

The brethren then repaired to the banquet, which was served in a very excellent manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received most heartily; the toast of "The Visitors" being responded to by Bro. J. J. Bell, W.M. 1178, and Bro. Jackson, J.W. 1475. During the evening some capital songs were rendered by Bros. C. Page, W. Pritchett, W. Hamblin, G. H. Atkinson, R. Challoner, and others; Bro. C. Page presiding at the pianoforte. The Tyler's toast was called for about eleven o'clock, which brought to a close a most successful meeting.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A large number of brethren assembled on Thursday last, the 11th inst., in Bro. Linscott's handsome hall, the "Ladbroke," Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, to do honour to the occasion of Bro. Samuel Smout's installation

as W.M. of this flourishing lodge, which ceremony was performed in a masterly manner by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, I.P.M. Among the brethren present we noticed, in addition to the two already named, Bros. E. M. Lander, W.M.; C. Darby Reade, S.W.; George Penn, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; S. Smout, jun., S.D.; F. Frye, J.D. Woodward, P.M.; E. Rogers, H. Foskett, J. S. Adkins, J. T. Wood, John French, H. Taylor, Jos. Pushman, R. Reid, G. A. Williams, L. Lichtwitz, F. J. Crabb, F. Ernest Pocock, Robert King, R. C. Green, James Flood, Thomas W. Heath, M. Rubenstein, C. Manchester, W. Binns, H. Hart, W. R. Hatton, C. Rowlands, and others. The visitors present were Bros. James Kench, Grand Pursuivant, H. C. Levander, P.M. 142, &c., Grand Secretary Middx.; John Mason, P.M. 1567, &c., Past G.D. Middx., Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Lewis Bryett, W.M. 1628, Past G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; George W. Dixon, 1871, Past G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks; Edwin Howard, W.M. 181; W. Side, W.M. 1507; Charles Davey, P.M. 30; Wm. Handover, P.M. 144; S. Elborn, P.M. 511; George Read, P.M. 511; George Draper, P.M. 1305; H. Dehane, S.W. 1543; James B. Cuff, S.W. 1608; C. Thompson, S.W. 1769; E. K. Kendall, J.W. 100, 1635; E. Arrowsmith, S.D. 733; C. J. Biorn, 733; S. J. Humphreys, 733; R. Jackson, 733; R. F. Whurr, 901; H. Wilkinson, 933; E. Monson, jun., 1104; J. Gillingham, 1238; W. W. Morgan, jun. 1385; F. Chandler, 1656; John McLaren, 1805, and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. C. B. Broad, F. J. Broad, and G. Wilkinson were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, Mr. Philip H. Hardcastle afterwards being initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The installation business was then proceeded with. The brethren below the degree of Installed Master having retired, Bro. Samuel Smout was duly inducted into the chair in a most able manner by Bro. Parkhouse. On the re-admission of the members, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner, the addresses being delivered clearly and impressively by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse. Bro. Smout then appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. C. Darby Reade, S.W.; S. Smout, jun., J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; George Penn, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; F. Frye, S.D.; J. Bartle, J.D.; J. Woodmason, I.G.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., D. of C.; W. W. Buckland, Asst. D. of C.; F. Delevanti, Org.; J. H. Wood and F. Crabb, Stewards, and R. Schofield, P.M., Tyler. These brethren, with the exception of Bro. Holden, who was not present, having been invested with their collar and jewel of office, the Secretary, after mentioning several minor matters, proposed that a vote of condolence be passed to the S.W., the Rev. C. Darby Reade, on the great loss that had occurred to that brother and his family by the death of his son-in-law, who was killed by the terrible landslide in Naini Tal, India, some two months since. The vote, which was seconded by Bro. J. Pushman and supported by Bro. Parkhouse, it is needless to say, was carried unanimously. Bro. Reade having replied in feeling terms, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, which was handsomely decorated, where they partook of a choice repast, admirably prepared and served by Bro. J. Linscott. At its conclusion the W.M. gave, in the usual loyal terms, "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by the "National Anthem," ably sung by Bro. Pushman. In introducing the next toast, that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. truly remarked, that the toast needed but few words from him to ensure its being heartily received. He had had the pleasure upon several occasions of seeing His Royal Highness perform the duties appertaining to his office, and he thought that no officer accomplished them in a more masterly manner. After "God bless the Prince of Wales" had been sung, the W.M. proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. James Kench, Grand Purs., who, in reply, expressed his regret that the present occasion was his first visit to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, notwithstanding the many kind invitations he had received. He had been much impressed by the able manner in which Bro. Parkhouse had performed his duties as Installing Master, and whom he considered a credit to the lodge. With regard to the Grand Officers, he could only say that they were always anxious to discharge their duties to the best of their power.

Bro. Lander, I.P.M., then in complimentary terms proposed "The Health of the W.M." to whom he wished health and strength during his year of office so that he might—as he was quite able to do—fulfil the duties of the chair in a manner second to none. The W.M. in the course of his reply thanked the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the proud position in which they had placed him. He should always endeavour to carry out the duties of his office to the utmost of his ability for the interest of Freemasonry in general and this lodge in particular. The next toast, which was loudly cheered, was that of "The I.P.M., Bro. Lander," who the W.M. said had proved himself to be a good Mason and fully equal to perform the duties that had devolved upon him during the preceding year. The W.M. then attached a handsome P.M. jewel to Bro. Lander's collar, at the same time observing that it gave him very great pleasure indeed to present it, it having been unanimously voted to him by the brethren of the lodge. He sincerely wished him the best of health and trusted he might be long spared to wear the jewel among them. An illuminated vote of thanks, in a richly gilt frame, was also presented to Bro. Lander, who in reply acknowledged that he thought the remarks made by the W.M. were sincere. His year of office had been one of great enjoyment. Much of the success that had attended his term of office was mainly due to the strong support that he had always received from the Past Masters, to whom he tendered his best thanks. Actions spoke louder than words, and receiving the handsome jewel voted him by the members, proved to his mind that his efforts for the welfare of the lodge had been successful. The jewel was handsome enough for a Prince to wear. He was sure a man receiving a jewel from the Queen herself could hardly feel greater pride at the gift than he felt that evening. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiate," to which Bro. Philip Hardcastle replied, thanking the members for having so kindly and graciously received him into their midst. Nothing should be wanting on his part to become a worthy

member of the Craft. He had no hesitation in saying that he was a domesticated man, and that his greatest pleasure was derived at home, but he thought he might safely say, that next to home Freemasonry would occupy his mind.

The W.M. then gave in happy terms "The Visitors," wishing them a hearty welcome, and called upon Bro. H. C. Levander, the Prov. Grand Secretary for Middlesex, to respond on their behalf, which that brother in due course did. He thanked the W.M. first for coupling his name with the toast and next the lodge generally, for himself and the rest of the visitors, for the welcome accorded them that evening. He must also mention with what pleasure he had witnessed the ceremony performed in the other part of the building. He was quite sure there was no other lodge in which the ceremony could be performed better. He had visited a great many lodges, and had been present at many installations and consecrations, and of course had noticed the progress of lodges, but he could safely say that he knew of no other lodge that had made a greater name on the roll than the Earl of Carnarvon, No. 1642. Upwards of £2000 had been contributed to the charities during a short existence of four years, a fact highly creditable to every one connected with the lodge. If every lodge did this, it would relieve the Secretaries of the three Institutions of a great deal of trouble.

"The Past Masters" were next honoured, the W.M. remarking what excellent supporters they had been to the charities, each one having in turn represented the lodge at one or other of the festivals. Bros. Lander, Murlis, Penn, and Parkhouse acknowledged the toast, the last mentioned brother urging the brethren to support Bro. Lander, who represents this lodge as Steward at the Girls' Festival in May next, in the same liberal way as they had him (Bro. Parkhouse). Bros. George Penn and W. J. Murlis acknowledged the toast of the Treasurer and the Secretary; the former expressing the great pleasure the duties of Treasurer had always been to him, the latter, Bro. Murlis, the pleasure in replying to the toast of the Secretary, but who felt far greater gratification in seeing his dear old friend Bro. Smout in the chair, who he was sure would prove a good Master. He had had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Smout, a fact perhaps not generally known. He sincerely hoped the same feeling of friendship that had existed so long between them would always continue. The W.M. in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said that he in union with the rest of the brethren felt much pride at what had already been done for the Institutions by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. The toast was coupled with the names of Bros. Lander and Mason. Bro. Lander in reply said he intended to act as Steward for the Girls' School, as he thought it was their duty to help the girls first, as they could not so well help themselves. His own immediate predecessor (Bro. Parkhouse) took up the enormous sum of four hundred guineas, the Steward of the preceding year (Bro. Penn) having secured a still larger amount, five hundred and thirty guineas. He (Bro. Lander) would be satisfied if he took up four hundred pounds. He had commenced his list at the summer festival of the lodge in July last, since when he had collected the sum of £75 10s. and he hoped that evening to secure a similar amount. Bro. John Mason, who also replied, said he should be very sorry indeed to stop the flow of money or the pleasing rivalry between the members as to who should give the largest sum for the Girls' School. He thought he might safely prophecy that the sum of Bro. Lander's list would exceed those previously taken up. Several other toasts were proposed, and duly responded to. The amount of thirty-seven guineas was added to Bro. Lander's list during the evening.

**WOLSEY LODGE (No. 1656).**—The first meeting of the season of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, when there were present Bros. John Bond, P.P.G.P. Surrey, W.M.; Ashton, S.W.; John Hurst, P.G.P. Middx., 1512, J.W.; the Rev. C. DeCrespigny, P.P.G.C. Middx., I.P.M.; T. O. Ockenden, W.M. 1512, Secretary; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S. Middx., S.D.; Featherstone, J.D.; J. Piller, D.C.; R. Forge, W.M. 1793, I.G.; Duffell, W.S.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx.; F. Honeywell, P.P.G.O. Middx. (Hon. Organist); J. Gilbert, Provincial Grand Tyler Middx., Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Belbin and Perkins were passed to the Degree of F.C., and Mr. T. J. Lamb initiated into Craft mysteries. In consequence of the indisposition of the W.M. the ceremonies were ably performed by W. Bro. W. Hammond, P.M. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The customary preliminary toasts having been duly honoured "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. Middx.," and the rest of the P.G. Officers" was enthusiastically drunk. The toast was coupled with the name of W. Bro. the Rev. C. DeCrespigny, who replied in an able speech, and subsequently he gave "The W.M." Bro. Bond having briefly responded then proposed in fitting terms the health of "The Initiate." This pledge having been warmly received Bro. Lamb in a neat speech expressed his acknowledgments. In giving the health of "The Officers" the W.M. expatiated upon the services of Bros. W. Hammond, the founder and first W.M. of the Wolsey, and T. O. Ockenden, the indefatigable and amiable Secretary. He felt sorry that both those brethren had been compelled to leave early in the evening, but their health in their absence would be drunk none the less warmly. In concluding his remarks he touched upon the services of the other members composing the working staff. The toast was acknowledged very briefly by the S.W. upon behalf of himself and colleagues. The proceedings were agreeably diversified by the musical abilities of W. Bro. Frank Honeywell and others.

**TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE (No. 1765).**—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was originally founded for the members of the Trinity College, London and consists principally of brethren connected with music and arts, was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at Trinity College, Mandeville-place, W. The brethren present included Bros. the Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., P.M. 1635, Grand Chap. Middx., W.M.; J. A. Hammond, J.W., W.M. elect; Rev. G. T. Handford, M.A., Chap.; E. M. Lott, I.P.M., P.M. 245, P.G.W. Jersey, P.G.O. Surrey; John Stedman, Sec.; Humphrey J. Stark, S.D.; Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt, J.D.; A. W. Sebastian Hoare, Org.; E. J. Hoare and Bradbury Turner, Stewards; G. F. Hammond, D. of C.; G. Harrison, Tyler; James Keene, P.M. 1635 (hon. mem.); M. Robson, W. J. Jennings,

Arthur Thwaites, F. Clark, G. Temple, F. W. Plant Martin, A. F. Howard, E. Burritt Lane, J. S. Gabriel, and H. Evill. Among the visitors were Bros. W. T. Morphew, W.M. 1585; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; H. Reed, P.M. 733; E. J. Scott, P.M. 749; W. Henry Thomas, I.P.M. 1491; B. H. Swallow, P.M. 1563; Henry Cross, P.J.W. 586; A. C. Tanqueray, 33; Thomas Lornig, 171; T. C. Venables, 263; T. H. Tate, 1563; A. J. Mucklow, 1658, and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

The only business before the lodge previous to the installation was the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the passing of the Auditor's report, and the raising of Bro. Thwaites. After the despatch of this business, Bro. J. A. Hammond, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented in proper order to the Installing Master, Bro. the Rev. Dr. J. Robbins, and on the retirement of the brethren below the chair, was installed into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was duly proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees. Bro. J. A. Hammond then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. the Rev. Dr. Robbins, I.P.M.; H. J. Stark, S.W.; Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt, J.W.; Joseph S. Gabriel, Treas.; John Stedman, Sec.; E. J. Hoare, S.D.; Bradbury Turner, J.D.; G. F. Hammond, I.G.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.M., Org.; A. W. S. Hoare, W.S.; F. Clark, D. of C.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, to which full justice was done. At its conclusion, and after grace, the W.M. proposed, in creditably brief terms, owing to the lateness of the hour, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Dr. Robbins replied to the toast of "The Installing Master," which was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. J. A. Hammond, W.M., and Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180, on behalf of "The Visitors." Between the toasts some excellent vocal and instrumental music was given, the whole programme being performed, almost without exception, by members of the lodge, a fact we deem worthy of special mention.

**CLARENDON LODGE (No. 1769).**—The installation of Bro. Thomas Grove, C.C., as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. J. Cooper, the outgoing W.M., in the presence of a large assembly of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Stephens, P.G.D.C. Middx.; E. C. Mather, P.M. 23; J. Farmaner, P.M. 28; D. Crombie, P.M. 28; J. C. Dwarber, P.M. 55; J. T. Robertson, P.M. 55; H. C. Soper, P.M. 704; J. F. Stone, P.M. 1033; O. S. Oxley, W.M. 1237; S. J. Cook, 95; E. Bumpus, 28; W. J. Heath, 766; R. H. Johnson, 1348; W. Green, I.G. 1364; H. G. Gush, J.W. 1541; H. Dehane, S.W. 1543; M. S. Rubenstein, 1642; and A. J. Archer, 1801. Bros. C. W. Thompson was invested at S.W.; H. W. Mayes, J.W.; J. Stanley was invested Treasurer and re-appointed and invested as Secretary. The assistant officers appointed were Bros. Soper, S.D.; G. Croxton, J.D.; T. Linscott, I.G.; Thomson, D.C.; and Thomas, re-instated Tyler.

In consequence of its being Lord Mayor's Day, the installation banquet was deferred until the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern.

**LIVERPOOL.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).**—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, where there was an excellent attendance of brethren. Bro. Dr. D. Costine, W.M., presided, and, ably seconded by his officers, he performed the ceremony of the Third Degree in a remarkably effective manner. In the course of the evening, Bro. D. S. Davies, P.M., proposed "That votes of condolence should be sent to the widows of the late Bros. John Jones, P.M., and T. J. Hughes, both connected with the Harmonic Lodge, who had died since the previous meeting of the lodge." The motion was seconded by Bro. Costine, W.M., and unanimously agreed to. Ten guineas were voted for the relief of a deceased brother's widow and family, and, on the motion of Bro. Gill, I.P.M., it was unanimously resolved to vote the sum of thirty guineas out of the lodge funds to complete the amount required to constitute the Treasurer and Secretary Vice-Presidents of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

**LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).**—The usual monthly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst., at six o'clock p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Whalley, supported by the following officers: Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; John Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Robinson, P.M.; F. Barrett, P.M.; W. H. Vernon (acting) S.W.; J. Jeanaway, J.W.; M. Davis, S.D.; B. Parry, J.D.; R. Collings, Sec.; D. Cangley, I.G.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Pemberton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; and R. H. Evans, P.M. 1393, P.P.G.J.D.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. James Speke, who had been balloted for at the last meeting, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools were presented and explained by the J.W., the ancient charges being delivered by the S.W.; the whole of the impressive ceremony being well rendered by the W.M. and his officers. After the sum of five pounds had been granted towards a fund for the relief of a widow, the W.M., in feeling terms, referred to the recent bereavement of Bro. Dr. Smith—he having lost two of his children within a month—and concluded by moving a vote of sympathy, which was seconded and carried. The Secretary was duly instructed to write a letter of condolence to the niece of the late Bro. Hugh Edwards, P.M. Three gentlemen having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the new banquet room for refreshment. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed; Bro. Pemberton responding for "The P.G. Officers." Bro. Ewart, Org., then played the "Dead March" upon the piano, and the brethren drank to the memory of Bro. Edwards, P.M., in solemn silence, and after the Tyler's toast the brethren separated.



**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate. Bro. Warbrick, the W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., supported by his respective officers. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. B. Hamer, who was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft by the W.M. in an admirable manner, the working tools being presented by the J.W. (Bro. Atkinson). Several communications were read, and two candidates were proposed for initiation. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge was subsequently closed with the formalities of the Craft.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. Mark Vickers, W.M.; Wm. Nicholl, S.W.; Henry Walmsley, J.W.; Robt. Tomlins, Sec.; John Church, S.D.; Jas. Wilson, J.D.; W. J. Cunliffe, Org.; P. Holmes, I.G.; W. Eckerley and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), Stwds.; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; Jas. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; John Roger Lever, P.M.; J. Howarth Clark, P.M.; J. Sly, Tyler; Edward Smith, G. D. Wenham, Francis Hilton, R. B. Harper, Wm. Henry Hughes, Ezra Cohen, Dr. Chas. Jas. Rix, J. Smith, and R. Bradshaw. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Bostock, P.M. 1633; W.M. 1633; J. D. Curtis, 1633; J. E. Steward, W.M. 336; W. Corbett, P.M. 249; W. P. Husband, 1611; and M. Lugay, formerly 317.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edward Smith being present, was raised to the Third Degree. The W.M. then raised Bro. Edward Smith to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., assisted by Bro. Bladon, P.M., who gave the traditional history. On the conclusion of the ceremony, a proposition was made, seconded, and carried, that a petition for the widow of a deceased P.M. of the lodge be presented to the Board of Benevolence. The petition was afterwards signed by members of the lodge. A proposition, after some discussion, was put and carried, to the effect that the attention of the Directors of the Masonic Hall Company should be directed to the present state of the lodge room, which sadly required beautifying and cleansing. The proposition further set forth that the feelings of other lodges meeting at the hall should be consulted on the subject, and the signature to a memorial from each W.M. be requested, desiring immediate action by the directors. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.15.

At the social board the brethren honoured the usual toasts, and spent a pleasant hour and a half, their numbers being augmented by the appearance of two distinguished brethren, in the persons of Bro. Charles Matier and Bro. J. L. Hine, whose healths were proposed by Bro. W. Nicholl, duly drank by the brethren with Masonic honours, and afterwards acknowledged in suitable terms by the two brethren before mentioned.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when amongst those present were Bros. A. Frazer, W.M.; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. Naylor, P.G.S., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Brown, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Bennett, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Merry, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Taylor, P.M.; W. Cooper, I.P.M.; Whittaker, S.W.; Bland J.W.; Burton, Treas.; Cay, Secretary; Day, S.D.; Webster J.D.; Copestick, I.G.; Lewis and Tyler, Stewards; Coulthurst, Humber, Fone, Ball, Ascott, Stevens, Chadwick, A. Woodiwiss, jun., and the following visitors, Bros. Brown, 1167; Martin, Moore, and Bull, 624; Coulson, W.M. 253; Glover, 802; and others.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for a candidate, who was elected, and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the charge in that Degree was given by the S.W. Bro. A. Woodiwiss, jun., was examined by the W.M., and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Woodiwiss was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in ancient and solemn form. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, when, nothing further officing, the meeting was brought to a close in the usual way, and an adjournment made to the supper room, where the W.M. took the chair, and was supported by nearly the whole of the brethren attending lodge.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," expressing the pleasure that he personally had in meeting the visiting brothers that evening, and that it was always a source of gratification to the members of the Arboretum Lodge to meet the members of other lodges, and he hoped that the visiting brothers would consider this a standing invitation, as he would be pleased to see them as often as they could make it convenient to attend. Bro. Brown, in responding, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the hearty reception given to him, he being a comparative stranger to them, and intimated his intention of accepting the invitation so heartily given. He referred briefly to the great advantages to be derived from a conformity with, and a practical exercise of, the great principles of Masonry, and stated that if these principles were more carefully observed by the brethren, not only would the benefits bestowed in their immediate sphere, but society generally would be improved thereby. Bro. Martin also responded, and in doing so congratulated the W.M. on the work of the evening. He was glad to be present that evening, because he felt that the more the members of lodges visited each other the greater would be their opportunities for detecting their imperfections, and thereby improving their work, as he was quite sure that no one could be so proficient in the grand ceremonies connected with Masonry as not to be able to learn something by the means he had referred to; he concluded by inviting the Arboretum brethren to visit the lodge with which he was connected. The toast of "The W.M." was next proposed by the S.W., who ventured to hope that the brethren would permit him on their behalf and his own to compliment the W.M. on his admirable rendering of the ceremony they had witnessed that evening. He felt that it was in a great measure due to the example of the W.M. that the officers were able, as he thought they were, to perform their duties with some slight degree of satis-

faction to the W.M. and the brethren. Bro. Frazer, in responding, thanked the brethren for the kindly way in which they had received the toast of his health. He was proud of the position he occupied, and so long as he filled it he would continue to do all in his power to contribute to the well being of the lodge. He begged to propose "The Health of the P.M.'s of the Lodge," and in doing so he had to give them his warmest thanks for their continued support and assistance to him since he took the chair. It was peculiarly gratifying to him that so many of the P.M.'s had favoured him with their attendance on every occasion; he found that he had had an average attendance of seven P.M.'s since his installation, which he considered was indicative of the large interest they took in the work of the lodge. He coupled the names of Bros. Wright and Brown with the toast, who, in responding, expressed the pleasure they had in attending the meetings of their lodge, and adding to its harmony and prosperity by any means in their power. The toast of "The Officers" was proposed by Bro. Merry, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Copestick, I.G., after which the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful meeting.

**SALFORD.**—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 41, Crescent, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Joseph Hardy, W.M.; Joseph Heyworth, S.W.; James Corney, J.W.; J. G. Edge, Treas.; Joseph Young, Sec.; G. Bingham, S.D.; W. Naylor, J.D.; C. H. Wheeler, I.G.; S. W. Ballantyne, Chap.; W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; Samuel Heathcote, P.M.; W. Lee; J. T. Watts, P.M.; G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; W. Carter, E. A. Lowndes, William Mason, John Blackwell, Peter Hacken, Thomas Cooke, John Barnes, C. Chapman, Walter Briggs, T. G. Alcock, W. T. Thorp, John Westall, James Smith, Thos. Susan, and R. W. Bowring. Visitors: Bros. J. Dennage, 144; A. Sutton, 491; F. Armstrong, W.M. 325; Thomas Powers, I.P.M. 325; M. Dutton, P.M. 361; John W. Squirrell, 1387; Rev. E. B. Bagot, S.W. 1357; William Jones, Sec. 1055; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at half-past five, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for five gentlemen, severally to become members of the lodge, viz.: Mr. John Knott, Mr. Thomas Pike, Mr. Bradley Seymour Smith, Mr. William Greenlees, and Mr. J. Bairston, who were all declared unanimously elected. The ballot was also taken for two brethren as joining members, viz., Bros. C. Chapman and Robert Hall, both of whom formerly were members of this lodge, and resulted in their election. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. John Knott into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and Bro. M. Dutton, P.M. 361, delivered the charge to the candidate. Bro. Samuel Heathcote, P.M., assumed the W.M.'s chair, and initiated Mr. Thomas Pike into Freemasonry. The next candidate, Mr. B. S. Smith, was initiated by Bro. G. A. Packwood, P.M. P.G.A.D. of C., whilst William Greenlees and J. Bairston were respectively initiated by Bro. M. Dutton, P.M. 361, and Bro. J. T. Watts, P.M. of this lodge. The working tools were presented and explained to the five brethren collectively by Bro. G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.G.D. of C., and a grand conclusion to a formidable programme was made by Bro. the Rev. E. B. Bagot, S.W. 1357, who delivered the lecture on the first Tracing Board in line style, after which "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at twenty minutes past nine.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The members of this lodge held their monthly meeting on the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. W. Taylor presided, and was supported by his respective officers. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Herbert Cecil Moore, who was a candidate for being passed, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Moore re-admitted, and passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., the ceremony being gone through in an excellent manner. The working tools were presented by the S.W., Bro. J. Aldous. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and the W.M. gave the Lecture on the First Tracing Board. Subsequently the congratulations of the lodge were accorded to Bro. Longman, P.M. and Sec., on his appointment as Prov. G. Supt. of Works for West Lancashire, at the meeting held at Chorley on the 1st ult. Regret was expressed at the continued illness of Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, and his brother, the newly-passed F.C., was requested to convey to him the feelings of the lodge. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Fermor Hesketh Lodge (No. 1350).—The usual monthly meeting of this admirably conducted lodge was held on Monday evening, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Titherley, W.M., occupied the chief place of honour, and during the evening he raised a brother to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., in a manner which could hardly have been excelled. Amongst those present were Bros. Johnson, P.M. 1350; Dr. Costine, W.M. 216; Dr. Bailey, P.M. 786; Mackenzie, I.P.M. 1609; and others.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this provincial lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Albany Hotel. Amongst those who attended were Bros. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., P.M. 1505, &c., who presided in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Taylor; Ashley, S.W., W.M. elect; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; the Rev. D'Orsey, Chap.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., acting I.P.M.; Artus, P.M., acting S.D.; Kennedy, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., acting J.D.; Clark, acting I.G.; Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Weaver, P.M. 820; Saunders, S.W. 1869; Turner, S.D. 2; Burll, 105; Snow, 357; and S. T. H. Saunders, S.W. 551.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Ashley, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. W. H. Saunders, to the Installing Officer, W. Bro. Wigginton. The entire ceremony was most ably carried out by the Installing Officer, assisted by Bros. Artus, as S.W.; Walls, as J.W.; Saunders, as I.G.;

Kennedy, as D.C.; and Snow, as Organist. The officers appointed, and invested, were Bros. Walls, S.W.; Saunders, J.W.; The Rev. D'Orsey, Chap.; W. H. Saunders Treas.; W. Wigginton, Sec.; Artus, S.D.; Kennedy, J.D.; Williams, I.G.; Powell, W.S.; Harrison, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Several communications from absent members having been read, and a vote of thanks passed to the Installing Officer for his services, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was elegantly served, and reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Baylis. The Royal and Craft toasts having been loyally honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by Bro. Wigginton. The W.M., in his reply, dwelt upon the prosperous state of the lodge. He said it was a matter of great importance to find that during the past year, under the able Mastership of Bro. W. Taylor, the sum of thirty guineas had been given to the Masonic Charities. He hoped that his year would be equally as successful, as he intended to do his utmost to further the interests of the lodge and its members, and he believed that in that endeavour he would have the hearty co-operation of them all. "The Visitors" followed, and this hospitable toast having been warmly received, it was acknowledged by Bros. Weaver, Turner, Snow, and others. "The Health of the Past Masters" came next in order, and it was responded to at length by W. Bro. Wigginton, who in his speech regretted that the I.P.M., Bro. W. Taylor, had not been present to reply to the warm, but thoroughly deserved, encomiums that had been passed upon him by the W.M., and endorsed by every brother present. In concluding his speech, he expressed his personal acknowledgment to the W.M., and the brethren, for the hearty manner in which the toast had been given, and received. The toast of "The Officers" came next, and was acknowledged by Bros. Walls, D'Orsey, and Artus, in appropriate terms. The pleasure of the brethren was greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bro. Snow, and others.

**LEICESTER.**—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1560).—One of the most enjoyable Masonic gatherings which have been held in the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland was that which assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. It was the annual festival of the lodge, the proceedings including the installation of the much respected Bro. J. F. L. Rolleston, at the conclusion of his year of office as S.W. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, P.P.G. Chap., the vicar of Belgrave, Leicester, and the ordinary business, which included several matters of interest in reference to the affairs of the lodge, was disposed of in due form. The Treasurer's report was submitted, and was regarded as eminently satisfactory, indicating, as it did, continued steady progress, both financially and with regard to the number of members. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect was afterwards most ably and effectively performed by W. Bro. George Toller, jun., D.P. G.M., and the new W.M. subsequently appointed and invested the following as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, I.P.M.; the Rev. C. Henton Wood, S.W.; A. H. Burgess, J.W.; the Rev. A. P. Dawson, of the Wyggeston Hospital, Chap.; W. Sculthorpe, P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; the Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. Dove Harris, S.D.; J. A. Macdonell, J.D.; W. J. Freer, D.C.; W. A. Burnaby, I.G.; H. Clough Taylor, Steward; Thos. Dunn and J. Janser, Tylers.

After the transaction of the remaining business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a grand banquet, which, whether for the excellence of the catering or the elegance of the arrangements, has rarely been surpassed in Leicester. It included all the choicest dainties of the season, and it is but justice to say that it was all prepared on the premises by Mrs. Janser, the wife of one of the Tylers, who is the keeper of the hall. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Rolleston, presided, and amongst the other brethren present were the following members of the Albert Edward Lodge: Bros. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, P.P.C. Chap., I.P.M.; the Rev. A. P. Dawson, Chap.; the Rev. Chas. Henton Wood, P.G.C., S.W.; A. H. Burgess, J.W.; W. Sculthorpe, Treas.; the Rev. W. Langley, P.M. 50 and 1130, P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. D. Harris, P.G.S., S.D.; J. A. Macdonell, J.D.; W. A. Burnaby, I.G.; W. J. Freer, D.C.; H. C. Taylor, Steward; T. A. Wykes, P.M. 523, P.P.G. Treas.; Major-General Burnaby, W.M. elect of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge (1007), Loughborough, 279, and 1560; Captain J. G. F. Richardson, J.P., P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; J. Hunt, P.M., I.P.P.A.G.D.C.; Major W. Millican, J.P., P.M.; Albert Stretton, Jas. Neale, J. B. Fowler, H. Deane, C. S. Rolleston, Miles J. Walker, T. Macaulay, M.D., Prov. G.D.C.; W. Wartnaby, R. S. Symington, E. H. Griffith, and R. H. Watson. The following brethren were also amongst the visitors: Bros. Jos. Young, W.M. 1523; J. Vaughan, 279, P.M. 86; R. H. Gibson, W.M. 1007; Dr. Johnston, 279; W. T. Blastock, S.W. 50; W. T. Rowlett, P.M. 523, P.P.G.O.; W. Beaumont Smith, P.M. 523; A. Chamberlain, W.M. 1391; Thomas Wright, 1391; Robert Waite, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Meadows, 523; Joseph Farndale, S.W. 279, P.G.A.D.C. (Head Constable of Leicester); Robert Michie, J.D. 279; E. W. Potter, S.W. 523; A. P. Brown, I.G. 523; and others. A letter was read in the lodge from W. Bro. W. Kelly, F.R. Hist. S., Past Prov. G.M., expressing his inability to be present, and Bro. Clement Stretton, J.P., P.M., P.S.G.W., the Deputy Mayor of Leicester, though present during the installation, was unable to remain for the banquet. The menu card was a very beautiful and artistic production, and was greatly admired. The two beautiful loving cups presented to the lodge by Bros. Dr. Hunt and General Burnaby, M.P., were filled and duly passed round. At the close of the feast the W.M. rose to propose "The Queen and Craft." He said: "The first toast this evening, brethren, is that of the Queen and Craft. In an institution so loyal as that of Freemasonry the health of the first person in the land and head of the constitution, be it monarch or president, is that which, of course, always commends itself to the first consideration of assembled brethren in all parts of the world. The conjunction of the two heads of this toast is a happy one, as to the sovereign and ordinances of the realm all Masons have sworn especial allegiance. With regard to our Queen, whose reign over us has been a happy and glorious one, and may it long be continued, her many good qualities have alike endeared her to her own people and caused her name to be regarded with reverence and

respect throughout the world; but in addition to this, as has often been remarked before on these occasions, but the remarks being so forcible, it is not mere repetition to repeat them, there is a reason why the toast of our Queen has a particular interest for British Freemasons, which is that she is the representative of a family which has produced in the past many zealous and distinguished Masons, and is herself the mother of several others, amongst them no less a person than our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales; the connection, therefore, brethren, between our sovereign and Masons is, so to speak, a private and personal, as well as a public, one, which renders this toast an especially pleasing one, and causes it to be received with particular enthusiasm in Masonic lodges in this country. I ask you, therefore, to drink to the long life and prosperity of Queen Victoria, the head of the country, coupled with that of the institution of Freemasonry; may the fame and glory of the one, and the honour and prestige of the other, always co-exist, and be transmitted unimpaired from generation to generation. It is hardly necessary to say the toast was drunk with much enthusiasm. The Worshipful Master then said: The next toast this evening is that of our "M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales." It has always been the practice in our Craft to appoint a highly distinguished brother as its official head, and it must be somewhat pleasing to Masons to be now represented by our Prince of Wales, the most distinguished person that could possibly hold that appointment; our Grand Master is moreover, brethren, distinguished not only on account of possessing a manly and amiable disposition, which has earned for him his well merited popularity in this country, although it is necessarily a very limited number of his subjects that have the privilege of personal communications with his Royal Highness, yet his presence is known, and felt, far beyond that circle, as he has placed himself, as it were, in personal contact with every class of the inhabitants of Her Majesty's dominions; he with other members of his family forms a part of those glorious institutions our army and navy; he is a member of, and takes an active part in, numberless peaceful associations, founded for the purposes of benevolence, art, or industry; and lastly, perhaps I should have said firstly, he is the G.M. of English Freemasons. As Masons we especially feel this contact with our Prince, as we know that he has gone through the same ceremonies, taken the same obligations, and no doubt takes a more active interest in the well being of the Craft than we are able to do. We, therefore, regard him with feelings, not merely of conventional reverence and respect, but of affection and regard, as a man and a brother. This being the birthday of our Grand Master, brethren, I ask you to drink to its happy returns, may he enjoy long life and prosperity, and may every blessing attend him in his several capacities as a Prince, a Mason, and a man. (Applause.) This toast was likewise drunk with much enthusiasm. The next toasts were those of "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Lodge of England," and "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl Ferrers, the R.W.P.P.G.M., Bro. Wm. Kelly, the W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. George Toller, jun., and the other Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," both of which were duly honoured, and suitably responded to. W. Bro. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, I.P.M., in eloquent, and highly eulogistic terms, then proposed "The Health of the New W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. J. F. L. Rolleston." The toast was very cordially drunk, and the W.M. on rising to respond was greeted in the heartiest manner. He said, I am extremely obliged to you, W.I.P.M., for the kind terms in which you have proposed my health, and to you, brethren, for your cordial reception of it. I can assure you I am highly sensible of the honour you have done me in placing me in the chair of this lodge. I may say that from the time that I joined the number of brethren who were its promoters, that I have felt a great interest in it, and must admit that it was my hope and ambition to sit one day in the chair; that hope has been realised by your kindness at our last meeting, and consummated this evening, and I can assure you, brethren, that as far as my ability will allow me, no endeavour on my part shall be spared to fit myself for the position, and to justify the confidence you have placed in me. Amongst the number of old and distinguished Masons who are members of this lodge, I cannot, and do not pretend to have any special qualification for the office of Master. One of Dr. Oliver's Masonic aphorisms is, "A young Mason should never pretend to a knowledge which can only be gained by experience. The higher the aspires the more effectually he exposes his posterior deficiency," and I am sure I feel painfully sensible that in the position in the lodge that I now hold my shortcomings may be exposed and possibly magnified, and that hemmed in as I am by most able brethren, both gone by and closely coming on, I may be subject to the odium of comparison and contrast. I ask you, therefore, brethren, bearing in mind that I am here not by any act of my own, but, I am proud to say, by your unanimous vote, to extend to me not only your assistance, but your forbearance and consideration, which I trust, combined with patience and diligence on my part, will enable me to fill this chair in a manner satisfactory to you. It must be a gratification to every Mason, apart from the pleasure of experiencing the goodwill of his brethren, to sit for the first time in a chair traditionally deriving its origin from thousands of years ago; it invites reflection on the antiquity and perpetuity of Freemasonry, and the cause of that perpetuity; for apart from tradition there is historical evidence from Masonic symbols found on ancient monuments of the existence of Masonry in remote periods, and more recently mosaics found in what is shown to have been a lodge room at Pompeii prove it to have been in full bloom eighteen centuries ago, and now, after many ups and downs, we see it extending and advancing more than it has ever done at any period of its history. This advancement appears to be not a mere theory, but an acknowledged fact, and the direction of the advancement is a proof of the soundness of our Institution; it extends to every corner of the earth, it languishes naturally more in despotical lands, but where freedom and advancement is the order of the day, where art and science flourishes, there spreads Freemasonry. In that great and prosperous but most material nation, the United States of America, it has made special progress; it includes amongst its numbers the wealthy and powerful as well as the poor and helpless. Besides that great sovereign of ancient times, such names as the Dukes of York and Sussex, our Prince of Wales, the late Napoleon, the Emperor of Germany, and the King of Italy are on the

scroll of our Craft. It is this antiquity and wonderful progress that puzzles the uninitiated world who are not Masons, but I think those who have the privilege of knowing what Freemasonry is not, as well as what it is, need not look long to find the cause. They know that it is not a mere friendly or convivial society; they know that it is not a set of opinions propagated by one generation to be disowned by succeeding others, nor a system of principles framed to suit any particular sort or condition of humanity; but, on the contrary, they know that the tenets of our system, summed up shortly as they may be in the duty of mankind to the Great Architect and each other, are so broad, so tolerant, so universal, that they may apply to every national inhabitant of the globe; that they are suited to every contrast and condition of life without regard to education, creed, or colour; and surely, brethren, it must be to the broadness and pure simplicity of our principles, which may take root alike in the hearts of Christians, Mahomedans, Hindoos, or even Sun Worshipers, that the long life of our Institution is attributable. Its foundations are too wide and simple to be undermined, it is too large to be successfully assailed. In these days of sectarianism and discord that there is one association under whose banner the whole world may range themselves, forms to my mind the great beauty of Freemasonry, and might it not be that this universal application is a foreshadowing of that brotherhood which we are taught is to be the final condition of all things. But, brethren, while congratulating ourselves on the flourishing state of the Craft it is well to look on the other side and to see ourselves as others see us, and it cannot be denied that we have many calumniators. Some regard our lodges in the light of clubs, spending some of our resources on ourselves and the balance on our indigent neighbours; others look upon us as seeking to overturn existing customs, as having a political existence; but, brethren, apart from the argument that monarchs are amongst us, we know that nothing so small as a policy could possibly form a part of the great constitution of Freemasonry. We can, therefore, laugh at these frivolous detractors, their derision does us no harm; but, brethren, there is an instance, and the only one that I know of, where we are met with organised hostility and are officially discountenanced—the nominal head of some two hundred million people threatens those of his followers who embrace our principles with excommunication, I have been in contact with some of these of late, and have seen evidences of this active hostility: I know an instance in an Irish county where a competitor on the political field had cause to attribute defeat mainly to the fact of his being, as he described it, branded as a Freemason. I know an instance, one I have reason to believe amongst hosts of others, where the confessional was used to endeavour to extort our secrets. I can only say, brethren, that if such are the means used to try and stamp us out, we need not fear our enemies, we may call them cowards, and be content. What the exact meaning of the term "coward" is I have never yet been able quite to discern, although I know that it is something held much in disfavour in the Masonic eye, but whatever it may be in its full significance, we may console ourselves with the reflection that the Pope of Rome is a member of that order. Perhaps, however, we should not regard our opponents with asperity but rather sorrow, sorrow that the privileges of Freemasonry, that what is noble and good, should be sought to be withheld from any sect of our fellow creatures. Perhaps, brethren, my views with regard to Freemasonry are exaggerated, and may be modified by experience—that unpleasant term—which proves to be false and bad much that we have believed to be good and true; yet may experience never cause me to discover that the privileges of Freemasonry are not so great, nor its principles so pure and true, as I now regard them, and if Masons themselves will only remember their first professions, and endeavour to act up to them, may I ever believe, as described by our Installing Master this evening, that, "firm in rectitude, our Craft will rise superior to opposition as the bleak mountain, which bares its breast with dignified composure to every tempest, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm." I have only to ask, in conclusion, the P.G. officers and those representing the sister lodges, for their kind co-operation in discharging any duties that may devolve upon us in the province. From the Past Masters of the lodge I ask that they will accord to me the benefit of that experience which has enabled them to pass honourably and creditably through their respective years of office, and from the officers of the lodge and the brethren generally, bearing in mind that they may shortly be placed in a similar state of trial, I ask for their assistance in transacting the business of the lodge, and in preserving that unanimity and concord which we have so happily experienced during the rule of our late Master. I can assure you, brethren, that as far as my ability will allow me, the interests of this lodge shall receive my constant care and attention.

The remaining toasts were those of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge," coupled with the name of W. Bro. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, who responded; "The Visiting Brethren, the Worshipful Masters, and Brethren of the Sister Lodges;" "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

A capital selection of songs was given at intervals during the evening, Bro. T. A. Wykes presiding at the pianoforte. As will be seen, the Albert Edward Lodge is named after H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master, and the meeting of the lodge of this, its annual festival, being on the birthday of H.R.H., the Worshipful Master announced that a telegraphic message, expressive of congratulations and good wishes for many happy returns of the day, had been forwarded from the lodge to the M.W.G.M., and the W.M. subsequently received from the private secretary of the Prince a telegram expressing the thanks of His Royal Highness for the congratulations and good wishes so kindly sent by the lodge.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Bro. Stansfeld, the W.M., presiding. There was a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. John Charles Zimmermann, 302, was admitted a joining member. There was no other business, and the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft. The brethren of this lodge intend holding their annual ball on Friday evening, the 7th of January next, and a pleasant gathering is anticipated.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, when the occasion brought together a very pleasant gathering of brethren. The lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, Prov. G. Org., who was supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, as I.P.M.; J. T. Sellar, S.W.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; R. W. Hollon, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; W. H. Porritt, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Lawton, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. H. Gainforth, W.M. 236; C. Palliser, W.M. 1337; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; W. P. Husband, Asst. Sec.; M. Millington, S.D.; J. R. Jackson, as J.D.; A. T. B. Turner, M.C.; O. Marshall, Org.; J. Blenkin, I.G.; J. E. Wilkinson, Steward; P. Pearson, Tyler, and many other brethren, and visitors.

The lodge having been open and the minutes read, the W.M. appointed Bros. Whythead and Cumberland to the Wardens' chairs *pro tem.*, and proceeded to open the lodge in the Second Degree. The W.M. elect (Bro. J. T. Sellar) was then presented and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree and the brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired a Board of Installed Masters was opened, Bro. G. Balmford acting as I.G. The installation was then completed and Bro. Sellar was duly greeted and congratulated. The Board was then closed and the brethren readmitted and the newly installed W.M. was saluted and greeted in the Three Degrees successively. He then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. G. Simpson, S.W.; M. Millington, J.W.; Rev. J. Blake, Chap.; G. Balmford, P.M. Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; T. Humpries, Asst. Sec.; A. T. B. Turner, S.D.; J. Blenkin, J.D.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., M.C.; J. R. Jackson, Asst. M.C.; O. Marshall, Org.; W. J. Girling, I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; J. E. Wilkinson and W. B. Dyson, Stewards. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., was appointed Preceptor.

The Installing Master then gave the address from the West; Bro. Whythead gave the charge to the Wardens; and Bro. Cumberland that to the brethren. The I.P.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, then thanked the brethren for their support during the past year, stating that the condition of his health would not allow him to remain for the banquet, so that he should not have another opportunity that evening of expressing his thanks. Bro. S. B. Whythead was elected as the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Association. Bro. Husband presented to the lodge library a valuable series of books on the Cathedrals of England, also a history of York, for which he received a cordial vote of thanks. Great sympathy was expressed for the S.W., Bro. G. Simpson, who was absent through domestic affliction. A telegram was read from Bro. the Rev. J. Blake, who was detained at home by clerical duties. Congratulatory letters were read from Bros. the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland; T. W. Tew, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. (Truro); Peck, Prov. G. Secretary; and many other distinguished brethren, after which the lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes."

At seven p.m. the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, well served by their host, Bro. H. Churchill. The W.M., Bro. J. T. Sellar, presided, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and about forty-five Past Masters and brethren. The toast of "The Grand Lodge" was replied to by Bro. J. P. Bell, A.G.D., and that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge" by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, J. Prov. G. Warden. Bro. Dr. Bell then gave "The Health of the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge," and spoke in the highest terms of the working of the lodge, as well as its splendid career since the time when he had consecrated it in 1876. The toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., who gave "Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611." The J.W. proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. C. S. Lane, P.M. 765. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., Provincial Charity Steward, responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. W. H. Gainforth, 236, replied for "The Sister Lodges." Bro. P. Matthews proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. W. B. Dyson responded. The speeches were enlivened by a programme of unusually excellent music, including songs, duets, and glees by the lodge quartette, under the leadership of the Organist, Bro. O. Marshall. The "loving cup" of the lodge was passed round during the banquet, and the brethren separately pledged the W.M. "The Health, and 'Many Happy Returns of the Day' of the Deputy Prov. G. Master" was drunk in an old wassail cup of silver (temp. Charles II.), the property of Dr. Bell, and which he had brought for the occasion. The toast list was quite a work of art, and was designed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. It bore a fac simile of an ancient square found at Limerick some years ago, and bearing a Masonic inscription. A photograph of Lord Zetland occupied the front page, and suitable Masonic poetical quotations followed each toast, whilst the margins were adorned with medallion sketches of the four bars or gateways of York. Amongst the brethren present in addition to those already named were Bros. Whitmore York, B. Brown, B. Stephenson, Stubbs, G. Chapman, C. Blackstone, G. C. Lee, G. D. Goodall, J. Tissiman, 236; C. Simmonds, 236; J. Church, 317; C. Blagbro, 302; G. Kirby, 236; M. Rooke, 236; A. M. White, 236; J. Wood, 178; J. Redfare, 236; R. Palliser, 1337; R. Hare, 1337; G. Garbutt, 236; and A. Hanson, 236. The excellent manner in which Bro. Padel performed the ceremonies was the theme of universal commendation.

## Royal Arch.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—The installation of officers for the ensuing year took place last week, M.E. Comp. C. A. Dyer officiating, and installing Comps. G. M. Passenger, jun., as Z.; R. Sharpe, H.; M.E. Comps. Aslait, P.S.; J. R. Weston, S.E.; R. S. Pearce, Treasurer; Comp. W. Waters, S.N.; S. Myer and C. W. Bemister, Asst. Sojs.; and Biggs, Jan. The chair was not filled, Ex. Comp. F. H. McCalmont having been elected thereto at the last convocation, but his melancholy death intervened before the installation day, and one of the first duties of the newly-installed M.E. was to propose a vote of condolence with Mrs. McCalmont and her sorrowing family in their sad bereavement.

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The Rt. Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM, M.W.G.M.  
The Rt. Hon. LORD HENNIKER, R.W.D.G.M

The Winter Half-Yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday, the Thirtieth of November, 1880, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of Private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present. Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.

By command,

FREDERICK BINCKES,  
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W. P. ROBINSON in our next

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

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## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 1880.

We print the following paragraph from a paper termed, we understand, the *Christian Age*. It has been submitted to us by a kind correspondent, and, at first sight, we deemed it unworthy of notice, on second thoughts it seemed to us better that our readers should know what was said against Freemasonry as well as what was said for it. They will smile, we venture to think, at this effusion of a so called "religious paper," as marked by great bad taste and an absence of any true spirit of religion. Under the head of "The Glorification of Freemasonry" this well informed "Didaskalos" thus holds forth: "Is not this 'thing being carried a trifle too far? Lord Mayor TRUSCOTT is a Mason; so is the PRINCE OF WALES. What so natural as that they should meet, give the Mason's grip, dine and drink together? But is it necessary to talk after the fashion Lord Mayor TRUSCOTT has adopted? 'Why, the great ecclesiastical alliance of the future already exists in Masonry! 'Let a man's 'religion or mode of worship be what it may, he 'is not excluded from the Order, provided he 'believe in the Glorious Architect of Heaven

"and Earth, and practise the sacred duties of "morality." We are afraid the Order has not always been a promoter of good morals, and are not fully persuaded that it is so now; as to religion, the less said about it the better. But the PRINCE, as Mason-in-Chief, has laid the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral with Masonic ceremonies; and this must cover a multitude of sins. The Masonic Creed at the consecration of the first stone will hardly harmonise with the Athanasian Creed at the opening of the building itself by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the consigning of some brother Masons, who believe the former but not the latter, to endless torments. The system of the Masons is unique, but it is not necessarily pious; it is charitable, but it is not therefore Christian. Let there be a clear distinction drawn between things that differ. Surely this is not too much to ask in the interest both of clear thought and Christianity. Have our readers ever seen Professor FINNEY's book on Masonry? Its study would clear the atmosphere which is breathed at Mansion House banquets." Though we may seem very ignorant and behindhand in Masonic literature, we confess that we have never even heard of Professor FINNEY's "Book on Freemasonry." Who is, may we venture to ask, Professor FINNEY? Can any of our readers send us or lend us the work? We promise whatever the punishment to us may be to read it. Is this Masonic Iconoclast any relation by chance to FINNEY the "Revivalist?"

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We rejoice to note, from Bro. TUDOR TREVOR's letter, that the Provincial authorities did not approve of Bro. VOIGT going to law. How the latter can get out of his printed and direct assertions to the contrary we know not. We ourselves had so high opinion of the authorities of N. and E. Yorkshire, that we felt quite sure there was, and must be, some very great mistake somewhere. We shall await Bro. VOIGT's explanation with much curiosity and interest.

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It seems, from a communication from our esteemed Bro. J. H. NEILSON, that the "concordat" as between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and that of Quebec has not yet been formally approved of by the former. We shall be glad to hear when all is amicably settled.

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SINCE we wrote the above we have seen the following paragraph from the *New York Dispatch*, which we reproduce:

"THE SCOTTISH-QUEBEC DIFFICULTY SETTLED. Bro. Robert Ramsay, of Orillia, Ont., forwards us the following gratifying intelligence, that a meeting of the joint Committees named on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and District Grand Lodge of Montreal, S.R., held for the purpose of devising means to settle and adjust the existing difficulties between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, was held on the evening of the 29th ult., at the rooms of Royal Albert Lodge, Phillips-square, Montreal. Present thereat, on behalf of the G. L. of Quebec, Bros. M. M. Tait, Thomas White, T. P. Butler, and T. H. Isaacson, and on behalf of the District G. L. of Montreal, S.R., Bros. George A. Baynes, W. T. Walker, Alex. Moffatt, Henry Stewart, and Charles D. Hanson.

"By request, M.W. Bro. M. M. Tait took the chair, and R. Wor. Bro. Isaacson acted as Secretary. After some discussion, the following basis of settlement was unanimously arrived at, viz.:

"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 the 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 present 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.

(Signed) Geo. A. Baynes, M. M. Tait, Chairman,  
W. T. Walker, J. H. Isaacson, Secretary,  
Chas. D. Hanson, Thomas White,  
Henry Stewart, T. P. Butler,  
Alex. Moffatt."

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WILL any American brother kindly send us the number or numbers of the *New York Dispatch* containing the Masonic Colleges in Britain, by J. B. GRANT. We have only seen the portion contained in the *New York Dispatch* of October 24th. Our contemporary has come to us lately very irregularly.

We have much gratification in being able to announce that our esteemed brother the GRAND SECRETARY was, in the *London Gazette* of the 9th inst., specially promoted to the rank of "Colonel," on his retirement from active service, as a mark of approval and distinction, by the authorities at the Horse Guards. He is, we believe, only the fifth Lieutenant-Colonel who has ever been so promoted, such a step being most rare and special. We congratulate him and the Craft on the fact, so honourable to him, and so pleasing to them.

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We insert elsewhere a query relative to the power of a W.M. to remove a lodge on his sole authority and without notice to the lodge. We can hardly understand how any W.M. can venture to conduct himself so improperly; but we apprehend that if the matter comes before the authorities that W.M., be he who he may, will find himself in a very pretty little scrape indeed.

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We see that Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART has given notice of a motion for the next General Committee Meeting of the Boys' School to compass the addition of a junior or preparatory school. His proposal is to build on our own ground, (as we understand it,) a School eventually to hold 150, but now only 50. Whether this be the most ready and practical mode of meeting the present emergency we are not, off-hand, prepared to say, but we fully go with him in the absolute need of some increase to the School. A balance of sixty unsuccessful candidates carried on to April, with, let us say, twenty to be elected then, will leave in April probably still about seventy unsuccessful applicants, if not more, and, therefore, in the life-interest and life-welfare of many poor friendless boys, we would urge upon the Executive the necessity of making some increase of the pupils in some way. We are aware that many will say "we are doing too much," or "we are going on too fast," or "the more we do the more we have to do." But the stern fact remains that the needs of the Craft are very great, greater than at any previous period, owing to the rapid development of the Order in late years, and it seems to us both useless and idle to shut our eyes to what is the inevitable necessity of the hour. We, on the other hand, are not insensible of the possible abuse of great privileges and signal benefits, and to which we allude later; but before us now is this distressing certainty, that unless we rise ourselves to the imperative claims of the orphans of our brethren on us, many of them must lose their very position in society, and drift away into that great noisy world, going on its hurried way, neither heeds, nor cares, nor knows. It was certain to be the fact, sooner or later, that the many educational advantages we offer and give would be eagerly sought after, and there is nothing really astounding or unnatural in the reality now before us, that a constantly increasing Order is putting forth fresh, imperious, overwhelming claims year by year on that charity which never tires, on that beneficence which is the lasting characteristic of true Freemasonry. We hope, then, most sincerely that Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART's motion will, in due course, be carefully and calmly considered, in order, either by its means or through some adaptation or modification of it, to bring about an extension of the Boys' School, which is both urgently called for and absolutely required. If, however, we decide to build a new preparatory school for 150, and have the main building at 200, we had better, it seems to us, at once take a house for a preparatory school, and put in fifty boys. Otherwise the new house will not be ready for them until late in 1881. We are very anxious to have an increase, but it will be quite clear equally to many that it is the wisest and the best policy always to "look on ahead," and to make such buildings as we raise perfect and complete.

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ONE or two questions arise out of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART's motion which strike us as deserving our calm consideration. How will our great School be affected by a supplementary school?



It may become a fair question whether our best policy would not be, if there be room, to increase the main building so as to hold 300, and for the present hire a house near, (there must be many suitable and available), and take in fifty new boys in a preparatory school at once. To many of the poor lads immediate care and housing would be all in all. We shall call attention to another point or two next week.

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WE have to report with deep regret the premature death of Bro. DALLIN, Public Orator of Oxford University, and a very rising member of our Order. He will be much missed in Oxford and the Apollo University Lodge.

**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 ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.**

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I note in the last *Freemason* a letter from Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie relative to this subject, and as there is one point in his letter which I do not comprehend, I beg to call his attention to it, as I think it is a "slip of the pen." What does Bro. Mackenzie mean by this sentence?—"It is idle for the Ancient and Accepted Rite, founded by an expelled Craft Mason in 1845-46," &c. I really now should be glad if my able brother will explain his statement, which to me, as I said before, is incomprehensible. When I was preparing your "Cyclopædia," I looked carefully into all the available histories of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, not being a member of it myself, and leaving out the question of Frederick the Great, I came to the impartial conclusion that it dated in its essentials from the middle of the last century, on historical evidence, and in its entirety from the beginning of this.

How then can "Memphis" or "Mizraim" come into competition with it? They are both of dubious origin in the early part of the nineteenth century.

The Ancient and Accepted Rite was formally established in this country under a Supreme Grand Council, in 1845, though it might have been as well established in the latter part of the last century. The Ancient and Primitive Rite practically dates from 1865 in America, and some years later in this country.

I do not enter on the subject of "jurisdiction," as it is confessedly difficult for a "Craftsman" to deal with; but looking at the whole matter as a Masonic student, I should never think of putting the Ancient and Primitive Rite on the same level, actually and historically, with the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as regards antiquity.

Yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR "CYCLOPÆDIA."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I readily acknowledge the uniform courtesy with which you have treated any communications I have had the privilege of sending you for insertion in the columns of the *Freemason*, and I hope that I have in no way abused this privilege by indulgence in heated language or display of acrimonious feeling.

That I do feel very strongly that the Ancient and Primitive Rite has received the most ungenerous treatment, to call it no worse, together with a total absence of the most ordinary courtesy, from the Golden Square Body, I do not attempt to conceal, and to concede that the circular referred to is a justifiable way of notifying their members that the two rites are not identical, I utterly decline to admit. One might reasonably expect such a letter, or whatever it may be called, from a firm of tradesmen against a rival in business, but certainly not from one Masonic body writing of another body. You must remember that neither as individuals or as a body have we attacked the Ancient and Accepted Rite—on the contrary, we desired only peace and goodwill; yet every opportunity is seized upon to vilify and annoy us (witness the enclosed cutting from a Glasgow paper published almost simultaneously, with the editorial remarks in the *Freemason*). Is the language used therein consistent with Masonic comity and gentlemanly courtesy? I trow not. Let acts not professions speak. I say again we do not desire controversy, but peace; but if peace is only obtainable by the sacrifice of self-respect, then I venture to think it is time to consider whether it is not "well to be angry."

I hope to have another opportunity of reply to your leader of last week, if needed, but as I see you have some communications under consideration which may have a bearing on the matter, I will, with your permission, postpone my answer for the present.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES HILL,

G.S.G. Ancient and Primitive Rite, 33<sup>d</sup>.

The following is the extract alluded to:—

"SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY 33<sup>d</sup>."

Sir,—Some time since my attention was called to a curiously-worded circular notifying the fact that a body having the sounding title of the "Sovereign Sanctuary 33<sup>d</sup>, in and for Great Britain and Ireland, of the Antient and Primitive Rite," had granted a charter for the formation of a chapter in Glasgow, said to be the first of the kind established in Scotland. The Degrees to be conferred in this chapter, it appears, are from the fourth to the thirtieth of the Rite, and the authors of the circular are good enough to explain that their 20th Degree is equal to 33<sup>rd</sup> of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. At the time I first saw the circular I was so assured that it must be well known in Masonic circles in Glasgow that the whole Degrees of the so-called Antient and Primitive Rite are spurious, and its "Sovereign Sanctuary 33<sup>rd</sup>" an altogether unrecognised Masonic authority, that I did not care to take any notice of the impudent pretensions of the new body; but as it has since come to my knowledge that by the misrepresentations of some of its founders a number of worthy brethren

have been induced to connect themselves with it, I think it right to take advantage of your columns for the purpose of warning the Fraternity against being induced not only to pay money for degrees which are altogether valueless and unrecognised, but to incur the additional penalty of exclusion from all the various bodies working under the Supreme Council of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree of the Antient and Accepted Rite, which is, of course, the only legal fountain in Scotland for what are known as the High Degrees. I may here explain that the so-called "Antient and Primitive Rite" is nothing more than the spurious rite of Memphis under another name, it having apparently been found that the 97 degrees into which that Rite was divided were unworkable, and that it was desirable to imitate the Ancient and Accepted Rite, not only in the number of its Degrees, but also, as far as possible, in its very name. The Rite of Memphis was founded originally at Montauban in 1814 by Sam Honis and Gabriel Marconis. It does not, however, appear to have met with much acceptance, as within a year it became dormant. It was, however, revived in an amplified form in 1838 by a son of G. Marconis, who constituted himself Grand Hierophant of the Order, and it then dragged out an existence till 1862, when, by the voluntary act of its head, it was merged in the Grand Orient of France. It has been shown by the clearest evidence that Marconis made over to Grand Orient all the real or fancied rights and powers possessed by him as chief of the Order, and that the cession thereof was subsequently ratified by him repeatedly in the most solemn way. Nevertheless, he had the audacity to repudiate his own act, and in breach of his agreement with the Grand Orient, grant a faculty to Harry J. Seymour to introduce the Rite into America, whence it was brought to England in 1872. It will thus be seen that not only have the Antient and Primitive Rite and its predecessor always been accounted spurious, but that further, the authority granted to Harry J. Seymour proceeded *a non habente potestatem*, and was an altogether invalid document. In England, I am happy to say, the Rite has made very little progress, although there are a few bodies with lofty titles—Mystic Temples, Senates, &c.—scattered over the country. I have hitherto felt satisfaction that Scotland has been free from the incursions of the votaries of this bogus form of Masonry; but although it has now appeared in our midst, I am satisfied that it will very shortly share the fate which has attended all former efforts to establish spurious degrees in Glasgow, and vanish without leaving any perceptible trace behind. I am afraid I have already trespassed too long upon your space, but before I close this letter there is another point on which I would like to address a word of warning to brethren who have been deluded into ranking themselves under the banner of the so-called Antient and Primitive Rite. I am informed that among the degrees which it is intended to work in the new chapter is included the Royal Arch, in which case I would remind any Royal Arch Masons who have joined it that they have rendered themselves liable to be very summarily dealt with by the Prov. Grand Chapter, while at the same time I would caution any intending candidates that receiving the Degree in this illegal way will not only be of no service to them, but will in addition seriously prejudice their whole Masonic position for the future.—I am, &c.,

J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, 30<sup>o</sup>,  
S.P.G.M. of Glasgow.

223, West George Street, Glasgow, Oct. 12.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In last Saturday's *Freemason* Bro. Mackenzie makes a very grave mistake. He has no right, not the shadow of a reason, to say that "The Antient and Accepted Rite was founded by an expelled Craft Mason," meaning, I suppose, that the English Supreme Council of that Rite was so founded. True, it is, indeed, and sad, that the revered brother and highly accomplished Mason, R. T. Crucefix, M.D., was suspended for six months from his Masonic privileges by Grand Lodge in 1840; suspended, be it observed, and not expelled, for these are terms which indicate a wide difference in respect of the degree of the offence, and as well as the degree of punishment. Now I think that Bro. Mackenzie ought to be aware of the fact that in 1844, when associated with the lamented and learned Bro. G. Oliver, D.D., and that excellent Mason Bro. Henry Udall, as the principal founder of the Supreme Council 33<sup>d</sup>, Bro. Crucefix was in the full enjoyment of all his Masonic privileges, including those of a Past Grand Deacon of England. The following extract from that useful and learned work, "The Illustrations of Masonry," will show us what the Craft at large thought of Bro. Crucefix. "In this year (1841) a valuable testimonial was presented to Bro. R. T. Crucefix, P.J.G.D., as an acknowledgment of his zeal and assiduity in promoting the interests and advancing the practical utility of the Order. Amongst other services the programme particularly noticed his exertions in the addition of Past Masters to the Board of General Purposes, which was acknowledged to be a great practical advantage to the Craft; the establishment of the Past Masters' Club; the originating of an asylum for worthy, aged, and decayed Freemasons; the proposition of a Masonic offering to the Grand Master; and the continuous assiduity and exertion in bringing that popular effort to its successful issue, and the establishment of the 'Freemasons' Quarterly Review,' as a legitimate organ of the Craft. The testimonial was presented at a full meeting of the Bank of England Lodge, on Wednesday, 24th November, in the presence of numerous brethren from all parts of the kingdom."

Bro. Yarker, it is sad to find, has fallen into a still more grievous error. In his "Speculative Freemasonry," he makes the astounding statement: "It—the English Supreme Council—was constituted by a spurious Mason." This can hardly be deemed a proper epithet to apply to a Past Grand Deacon of England, even if he had not founded that grand Institution the "Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
J. MARSDEN, P.M., 30<sup>o</sup>, &c.

Carmarthen, Nov. 15th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I regret that you should have thought my former letter un-Masonic in its temper, for such was not my intention, but obstinate diseases very often require sharp remedies, and the disease that the Supreme Council is

suffering from is an hallucination that they have a sovereign jurisdiction over High Grade Masonry in this country. If this could be cured I firmly believe all would go well. The last official circular of the Grand Sec. Gen. Antient and Accepted Rite, as published in the *Freemason* of the 6th inst., is not of a character to bring about the desirable end; the very ambiguous manner in which the name of the Grand Sec. Gen. of the Antient and Primitive Rite is mentioned, and the presumption with which they speak of the Rite as an unauthorised body, is only carrying out their traditions for despotism, binding all their members from Masonic fellowships, in *erecourse*, or communication with any other body except those recognised by the Supreme Council, which we know to be a self elected body of nine members. Will then the Craft quietly permit this clique to veto a Rite, equally pure, or even purer than their own? The Degrees of the Antient and Primitive are *universal*, not *sectarian*, and will command the attention of all members of the Order who desire advancement, besides which it will be found on research, that the Degrees of the Antient and Accepted system have been worked in different forms in the various Rites that have been in existence during the end of the last and present century, and to obtain them now is the right of every worthy member of the Craft.

Yours fraternally,

HERMES.

[We cannot understand what the "Craft" has to do with the matter.—Ed. F.M.]

**GRAND OFFICERS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your impression of the 30th October, "Not Infallible" suggests our "taking off our hats and making way for our elders and betters;" a fortnight's seclusion has, however, exhausted his patience, so, with your permission, I will now re-appear upon the scene. My opponent states: "If 'Reviresco,' 'Lex Scripta,' and 'Bayard' give up the argument, as it affects Prov. Grand Masters, I am perfectly satisfied." Will "Not Infallible" kindly do me the favour to make his meaning clearer? I have argued and proved that Prov. Grand Masters are not "Grand Officers;" and if there is any other point raised for decision, I am ignorant as to what it can possibly be.

Is the Duke of Sussex's letter to the Board of General Purposes referred to? If so, I will endeavour to discuss the import of that communication seriously. It is suggested that at any time by a written instrument the Grand Master may create an entirely new class of Grand Officers, *previously unknown to the Constitutions*. Editorially, I observe, you introduce this suggestion as the *dictum* of a distinguished "Grand Officer," which, however, you so far endorse as to say "that it throws some light on the matter." May I, therefore, respectfully and fraternally, call upon you to show how the faintest ray of light is shed upon the status of Grand Officers by the letter from the Duke of Sussex to the Board of General Purposes, of December, 1837. In conclusion, let me add that it has afforded me much pleasure to observe that "Not Infallible" having discovered that District Grand Masters are the Jonahs of his vessel, has unceremoniously thrown them overboard, and now confines his defence to the position of Provincial Grand Masters.

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

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the discussion now being carried on in your columns respecting the status in Grand Lodge of Provincial and District Grand Masters, it has become plain that "Lex Scripta" and "Not Infallible" are greatly dissatisfied with the place and power accorded to District Grand Masters. Indeed, these writers do not shrink from advocating the diminution of that place and power.

In the very best interests of the Grand Lodge of England in foreign parts, I beg to express my strong hope that no alteration whatever may be made in the status of the District Grand Masters.

To diminish the rank and privileges in Grand Lodge of the District Grand Masters would be to sap the especially dignified position held by English Freemasonry abroad.

In the districts, English warranted lodges find themselves on common ground with Scottish and Irish lodges, and in some districts with American, German, and French lodges.

That English District Grand Lodges invariably occupy a very commanding position among other jurisdictions is a fact due to the ample dignity and place in her own communications, which the Grand Lodge of England has accorded to her Grand Master's District Representatives.

Any curtailment of the place and privileges now given in the Book of Constitutions and District Grand Masters would surely be hereafter felt in the diminution of Grand Lodge receipts from the districts.

Such curtailment would also be a strange reaction from the views which prompted the wise legislation as respects District Grand Masters and District Grand Lodges, which was enacted some fifteen years ago. I enclose my card, and remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

PAST DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Though I quite agree with a "Past District Grand Master" as to the general effect of his argument, yet, on one point, I venture to think we require a little information.

When did the words "District Grand Masters" first appear in the Book of Constitutions? They are not to be found in the small edition of 1863.

Of course, if the insertion of the words is later than 1870, (I have not been able to look at any later edition than 1863), in my humble opinion it strengthens the argument of a "District Grand Master." Can Bros. Fenn or Gould tell us? A PAST G. OFFICER.

[The argument drawn from that portion of the Book of Constitutions alluded to was, it will be remembered, the original one of the *Freemason*, so much found fault with.—Ed. F.M.]

**AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly in your next issue give me a little space and reply in your valuable paper to the following question?

When at the end of his year of office a W.M. removes

a lodge from its constituted place of meeting, without the knowledge and consent of the officers and members of the lodge, and the installation of the succeeding W.M. takes place there—is that W.M. legally installed, and is he truly the legally installed W.M. according to the recognised rules of Freemasonry.

Yours fraternally,  
ENQUIRER.  
[We can hardly believe that any W.M. could act so illegally and improperly. "Enquirer" has only to write to the Grand Secretary. All the proceedings are, if not actually "void," at any rate "voidable." We think they are altogether "void," as the W.M. has disobeyed the provisions of the Book of Constitutions in almost every particular.—Ed. F.M.]

#### OUR CHARITY RETURNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was looking over the other day some volumes of the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" for 1845, 1846, and 1847, thirty-five, thirty-four, and thirty-three years ago, more than a generation, and found some facts relative to the returns then for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Schools, which are interesting to note, and important to remember, as pointing both to the wonderful increase of our Order, and the proper development of Charitable sympathies and efforts.

In 1845, the Girls' School Festival was held May 21st, when 1000 guineas were collected, and which is termed a "noble subscription."

The Festival for Aged Freemasons took place June 18th, when the amount received was £400. The whole income of the Institution was £3753 12s. 11d. In 1847, May 10th, amid "loud applause," the amount of the festival was nearly £600.

In 1846, the Boys' School Festival was held March 10, Bro. R. Alston, Prov. G.M. for Essex, in the chair, when the collection amounted to £450 17s. 6d. There were then 48 boys in the School, the receipts of which, £294 2s. 6d., came from dividends, £150 from Grand Lodge, and £922 18s. 5d. from subscribers, &c., amounted to £1367 0s. 11d. The expenditure amounted to £1144, leaving a balance of £223 1s. 9d. The boys were clothed and educated, but not fed.

I beg to commend these figures and facts to the sympathetic notice of your many readers.—I am yours fraternally,  
J. DRYASDUST, P.M.

#### QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you or one of your many contributors inform me in what year was Bro. Dr. Robert Thomas Goss Crucifix suspended by the Craft Grand Lodge for abuse of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex?—Yours fraternally,  
J. H. SOUTHWOOD, P.M. and Sec. 1260.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you or some brother in authority kindly reply to the following:

1st. Is it legal for Past Masters to make a bye-law relative to the proposing of candidates for initiation without consulting the members of the lodge, such bye-law being enforced by them, but not appearing in the printed bye-laws of the lodge?

2nd. Is it possible for the minutes of the last lodge meeting to be altered by the Past or W.M. previous to their being put for confirmation, and without first obtaining the sanction of the lodge? and oblige,  
Yours fraternally,  
M. M.

[To both points we emphatically answer no.—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me the total number of Masonic lodges at present in the metropolis, and oblige,  
Fraternally yours,  
Chicago, U.S.,  
W. T. OLIVER.

October 30th.

[Perhaps some brother will give the desired and official information.—Ed. F.M.]

#### Reviews.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK, FOR 1881. GEORGE KENNING, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

An old friend greets us again, as pursuing the even, and useful, tenour of its way; it comes before the "Craft," and "High Grade Masons," in smart apparel and with a smiling face!

It is always a seasonable and satisfactory reminder, from its special point of view, of the onward march of Freemasonry, and seems to supply needs and requirements, which Masons feel, for information, in respect of that mighty brotherhood in the aggregate, of which in their national and jurisdictional relationships they are but "little atoms."

The mere list of its contents is enough to startle the greatest lover of statistics and tabulation: England—United Grand Lodge, Representatives, Prov. Grand Masters, District Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Prov. and District Grand Secretaries, Grand Stewards, Board of General Purposes, Colonial Board, Board of Benevolence, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, List of Craft Lodges, London Lodges, Country Lodges in Towns, Country Lodges arranged in Provinces, Foreign Lodges, Lodges of Instruction, Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters, Grand Superintendents, Prov. Grand Scribe E.'s, Gen. Committee Grand Chapter, List of Royal Arch Chapters, London Chapters, Country Chapters in Towns, Country Chapters arranged in Provinces, Foreign Chapters, Chapters of Instruction, Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Prov. Grand Masters, General Board, Representatives, Prov. Grand Mark Secretaries, Roll of Mark Lodges, London Mark Lodges, Country Mark Lodges, Country Mark Lodges arranged in Provinces, Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, United Orders of the Temple and Malta, Great Priory England and Wales, Roll of Preceptories, Red Cross of Constantine, Roll of Conclaves, Rosicrucian Society,

The Ancient and Accepted Rite, Members of the 33°, Members of the 32°, Members of the 31°, Members of the 30°, Rose Croix Chapters, The Ancient and Primitive Rite, and Swedenborgian Rite. Scotland—Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Masters, Representatives, List of Lodges, Lodges in Towns, The Grand Royal Arch Chapter, List of Chapters, Mark Master Lodges, Council of the Royal and Select Masters, Order of the Temple, Knights Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S., and St. John, Rosicrucian Society, Royal Order of Scotland, Supreme Council, Representatives, Members of 32°, Members of the 31°, Members of the 30°, and Rose Croix Chapters. Ireland—Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Masters, Representatives, Board of General Purposes, List of Lodges, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Board of General Purposes, List of Chapters, Great Priory, Grand Chapter of Prince Masons, and Supreme Council. Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, British Columbia, United States, Republic of Liberia, Central and S. America, France, Germany, Spain, Cuba, Italy, Hungary, Switzerland, Portugal, Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden and Norway, Denmark, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, New Zealand, Peru, Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Secretaries, and Secretaries of American Grand Lodges.

This is a goodly bill of fare, my masters, to digest and assimilate, it would almost appear to require the stomach of a Masonic ostrich.

Some people talk as if the preparation of such a book is a mere matter of customary arrangement. We need hardly point out to many of our readers, that the compilation of such a mass of names, &c., is a matter of great expense and trouble, and requires no little care and thought. That so few mistakes occur in the "Cosmo" is a matter of great satisfaction to its publisher, and ought to be still greater to its "users," and readers, who are many.

We know of no other publication which gives you at a glance the reality of Freemasonry in its Craft, and its Christian character, its High Grades, and in its Side Grade Development, as does the useful little "Vade Mecum" we are reviewing. That it is so accurate, and so free from defects, constitutes, no doubt, one of the main reasons of its popularity, and forms alike the best plea for its needed existence, and its acceptability to Freemasons of all grades at home and abroad. One point we think must strike its readers, the advance of the High Grades, and which but for Kenning's "Cosmo" would be without a handy calendar, and which, really in itself a very striking one, for many reasons must, as we venture to believe, constitute a marked "factor" in the history, and progress, of Freemasonry in the future.

We congratulate Bro. Kenning on the neat and workmanlike appearance of the *Pocket Book*, and without professing to be prophets, always a dubious "role" to play, have little doubt ourselves, but that the "Cosmo" for 1881 will see a second edition.

A LECTURE ON THE THREE GRAND EPOCHS IN FREEMASONRY. By Bro. G. F. NEWMARCH, D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire. Cirencester: Baily and Son.

This is a lecture delivered in the Cotteswold Lodge, Cirencester, No. 592, by the distinguished brother above-named. To speak the truth, we are a little inclined to think that the lecture, able and interesting as it is, should only be delivered in lodge or chapter, and is better suited for such an atmosphere and such an audience than for the "outside barbarians" of the "profane" public. The lecture is in itself very well drawn out, but labours under this defect—that it is too purely "esoteric" to attract "exoterics," and must be *cautere* to all non-Masonic readers. It will interest and please "bright Masons," though the *raison d'être* of its publication will not be quite unanimously acceded to. In lodge it is admirable, out of lodge it seems misplaced.

#### Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROYAL ARCH LAWS 1778 AND 1782.

I am glad to see the Notes and Queries being attended to by "Masonic Student." The abstract of laws of the Royal Arch that he alludes to was published in 1782, not 1780. It is stated to be A.L. 5786, but unfortunately the method observed then was not as in the Grand Lodge, 4004 being added, instead of 4000. The copy referred to was the second edition, the first being in A.D. 1778, A.L. 5782. At the end of the second edition will be found the two dates "A.L. 5786, A.D. 1782," so there is no doubt of the chronology. The reference to 1766 is due to the formation of the Grand Chapter, A.D. 1765, from a private chapter. Before then there was no Grand Chapter of the "Moderns," and even after that period the Royal Arch Degree was not actually recognised until the Union was consummated. It was, however, virtually so, as many of the chief officers of the Grand Lodge belonged also to the Grand Chapter. From 1766 being mentioned, I took that year to be date of first Grand Chapter, but Bro. Gould has traced its formation to 1765.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

As a good deal of "haze" is made by some to exist with reference to this distinguished body, I think it well to follow up my "Notes" on the "A. and P. Rite" so-called with some "notes" also in reference to this, which may fairly be called the "Epitome" of all High Grade Masonry. Its history is not difficult to ascertain, and its establishment in this country clear and historic. Without being too pointed I would say that I make my starting point with Stephen Morrin's patent in 1761, under which eventually in 1801 a Supreme Council was established in Charleston.

The Council afterwards established a Supreme Council for the northern jurisdiction, first at New York, and afterwards at Boston, in which Bro. Gourgas took an active part.

It is from this body that the Supreme Council at No. 33, Golden-square, derives its vital and legitimate honours. The establishment of a Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite took place in 1845.

In the "Freemason's Quarterly Review" for 1846, at p. 310, we find the first information of its institution, and at p. 448, we believe the first official meeting of the Supreme Council, "the inaugural celebrations," to use the words of the reporters, of the "High Degrees of Masonry, ever held in the British Empire."

On the 6th December, 1847, (see p. 465, vol. for 1847), a large official meeting of the Supreme Council was held. Henceforward its existence comes within the pale of current history.

As a "student" I have never seen why the A. and A. Rite was not established under a Supreme Council in England before, as so early as 1778, (a fact not generally known), a "Chapter of Herodotom" was working in London, which professed, however, only to give twenty Degrees,—see "Kenning's Cyclopaedia,"—and was under the direction of Robert Lintot and D. G. Hintze. Its minutes probably still exist.

There can be no doubt as to the antiquity and legality of the A. and A. Rite as dating at any rate from 1761. How the twenty-five Degrees of the 1761 became thirty-three is too long a question to enter upon here, but there seems to be a very reasonable and natural explanation of the whole matter.

#### MASONIC STUDENT.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 48.

Since penning the note to which Bro. Whitfield has replied, I have found in Vol. III. of the "Masonic Magazine" (1875), at p. 72, an interesting review of the minute book of the Lodge of Industry. To this I now desire to draw attention, and to ask our Bro. Whitfield whether, from his local knowledge, he can explain what in 1746 constituted the dignity of a "High Rodiam?" Bro. Whitfield, it seems, has not yet succeeded in eliciting from the writer of the articles on "Freemasonry in Durham" the authority from which he obtained his information for the statement that present No. 48 was originally constituted at Newcastle. Having traced the career of this lodge in my "Four Old Lodges," I should be glad if the brother to whose pen is due the article on Durham Masonry would kindly state if, in connecting the Newcastle with the Gateshead Lodge, I have been forestalled by any other writer?

R. F. GOULD.

#### Obituary.

BRO. HUGH EDWARDS.

There recently passed away to his rest from Masonic circles in Liverpool a brother who deserves a passing tribute of respect for the many sterling qualities he displayed during his long life, both as a man and a Mason. This was Bro. Hugh Rowland Edwards, P.M. of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, and also connected with the chapter, who died at the ripe age of sixty-three. Of him it may be truly said he "lived respected and died regretted," and at his funeral, which took place at St. James' Cemetery, there were present a large number of brethren, who gathered to pay the "last sad office of respect to departed merit." All who knew Bro. Edwards admired and valued him as a true Mason, but those of the younger generation of the Craft scarcely had the opportunity of judging of him as others who had known him in and out of Masonry for many years. He was one of the original trustees of the Royal Masonic Hall, and he faithfully discharged the important duties annexed to that appointment. Some time ago he unfortunately embarked nearly all his money in a scheme which came to grief, and this had a great and depressing effect upon our aged and respected brother. Reduced by this untoward circumstance, through no fault of his own, an effort was made by local brethren to get him pecuniary assistance, and they happily succeeded in securing £100 from the Benevolent Fund, while the Mariners' Lodge voted him the sum of £20. This Masonic thoughtfulness soothed the closing days of our departed brother, and tended to make him feel that although unexpected misfortune had overtaken him, he was not forsaken in the "dark hour" when he so much needed kindly Masonic counsel and support. His quiet, unostentatious Masonic and social life was a pattern which younger men and Masons would do well to imitate.

BRO. T. F. DALLIN.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. T. F. Dallin, M.A., of Queen's College, Oxford, which took place at Brighton, on Thursday, the 11th inst. He was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, in 1861, by the Rev. R. W. Norman, then Warden of Radley, and, after serving some of the minor offices in the lodge, was installed W.M. in 1868, in which year he was also appointed by the late Lieut.-Col. H. A. Bowyer S.G.W. of the province. Although he held high office in the University as Public Orator, and was deeply engaged in other business, as Praetor of Greek and Latin in Queen's College, Professor of Rhetoric in Gresham College, and (since 1877) one of the joint Secretaries of the University of Oxford Commission, he never relaxed his interest in the work of the Apollo, frequently visiting it, and taking an active part as a member of the Committee in organising the fête at commemoration time. His loss will be deeply lamented not only by his brethren, but by a large circle of friends in Oxford. The funeral took place on Tuesday in Holywell Cemetery. An unusually large number of members of the University, in addition to the graduate and undergraduate members of his own College, assembled in the hall of Queen's College, and followed the coffin to the grave; Bro. Morrell, P.M., P.G.D. of England, deposited the sprig of acacia in the grave. The Vice-Chancellor, the senior member for the University, Sir John Mowbray, the Right Hon. M. Bernard, Professor Max Müller, many heads of houses, and a large number of the professors were among those present. Bro. Dallin, as was observed by more than one bystander, had no enemy; and the diversity of elements in the unusual crowd which gathered to express regard for his memory gave ample proof of this.

#### Ancient and Primitive Rite.

GLASGOW.—Sphinx Chapter (No. 8).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., when eight members of the Eleventh Degree were advanced (under dispensation) to the Thirtieth Degree. After which petitions were prepared for the grant from the Sovereign Sanctuary of a Senate of Knight Hermetic Philosophers and Council of Sublime Masters of the great work, with the following illustrious brothers as the first officers, viz: Thomas Mackell Campbell, 32°; Stephen Robertson, 32°; and John MacInnes. These warrants were granted on the 4th instant, and rank as Nos. Seven and Four respectively on the roll of the Sovereign Sanctuary. We are glad to report that this year Scotland has added to the Rite about one-third of all the members admitted since the Rite was chartered in this country in 1871.

CRAFT MASONRY.

INSTRUCTION.

**STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Powell, W.M.; Appleton, S.W.; Pillican, J.W.; Wing, P.M., Treas.; Fox, Sec.; Wing, S.D.; Broolecowlic, J.D.; Hancock, I.G.; Gush, Preceptor, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Ward answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, and passed the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Fox worked the Second Section. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Fox worked the First and Second Sections. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Heale, 45, was elected a member of this lodge of instruction, and the lodge was duly closed.

**PERCY LODGE (No. 198).**—The Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge of instruction, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 13th inst., by Bros. H. J. Lardner, S.W. 1745, W.M.; C. Lorkin, S.D. 1524, S.W.; F. Brasted, S.W. 1524, J.W.; and R. Percy, P.M. 228, Preceptor.

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. A. Tuck, 1531.
2nd " ...	" F. Carr, S.D. 1607.
3rd " ...	" E. Woodman, 1524.
4th " ...	" F. Brasted, S.W. 1524.
5th " ...	" D. Moss, 1275.
6th " ...	" C. Lorkin, S.D. 1524.
7th " ...	" Pinder.
SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Goodenough, 1745.
2nd " ...	" D. Moss, 1275.
3rd " ...	" A. McMillan, W.M. 1365.
4th " ...	" C. Lorkin, S.D. 1524.
5th " ...	" R. P. Forge, 619.
THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. J. Lorkin, W.M. 1679.
2nd " ...	" W. Williams, 902.
3rd " ...	" J. A. Powell, 186.

The Sections throughout were ably worked; the W.M., as Questioner, unusually distinguishing himself, and a hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to him for his masterly working, for which he thanked the brethren, stating, although but a young Mason, he yielded to none in love for it; he might say that all his spare time was spent amongst brethren. Ever since he came amongst the Percy Lodge brethren their kindness had certainly won his heart, and he trusted to be long spared to come among them. A vote of thanks was also entered on the minutes to the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in rendering the Sections so complete. Bro. Moss, sen., returned thanks on behalf of those brethren. The W.M., after enquiries, and the usual Masonic greetings, closed the lodge in due form, the brethren separating after thorough enjoyment.

Mark Masonry.

INSTRUCTION.

**OLD KENT LODGE.**—The above lodge met for its first meeting after the recess on Monday, the 8th inst., when, in addition to the usual formalities, the ceremony of advancement was rehearsed by Bro. H. Venn, W.M. of the mother lodge, assisted by the brethren present. The Preceptor, Bro. Turquand, or the Secretary, Bro. W. H. Gingham, will be glad to receive the names of brethren willing to become members, at the address where the lodge is held, viz., The Trocadero, 6, Liverpool-street, E.C. The regular meetings take place on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**YORK.**—Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Friday, the 5th inst. The M.W.S. Bro. T. B. Whythead presided, and there were also present Ill Bro. C. J. Barrister, 33, S.G.I.G.; and Bros. J. S. Cumberland, H.P.; S. Middleton, as 1st Gen.; M. Millington, 2nd Gen.; A. T. B. Turner, R.; E. J. DeSallis, Pearson, Jackson, and others. Bro. J. T. Atkinson was duly perfected. Bro. J. S. Cumberland was unanimously elected M.W.S. and Bro. Whythead Treasurer. Two auditors were appointed. The M.W.S. thanked Bro. Barrister for his attention in coming over from Bradford for the meeting and for his assistance in working the ceremonies. A letter was read from Bro. Hamly (4th Dragon Guards) thanking the chapter for his election as an honorary member. The chapter was then closed.

South Africa.

**PIETERMARITZBURG.**—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1729).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Longmarket-street, on Tuesday, September 28th. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Sydney Ford, at seven o'clock. After the ordinary business of passing brethren, balloting for candidates, receiving propositions, &c., W. Bro. J. H. Lawson, I.P.M., agreeable with a notice of motion given at the previous meeting, moved the following resolution: "That a special fund be opened at the Natal Bank, to be used solely for benevolent purposes, and primarily for the object of assisting poor and distressed Masons, being members of this lodge; such fund to be supported and maintained as follows: 10s. to be deducted out of each subscribing member's subscription, £1 11s. 6d. out of each initiation fee, 10s. 6d. out of every passing fee, 10s. 6d. out of every raising fee, and 10s. 6d. out of every affiliation fee; the Committee of Management to have charge of this fund, to decide all claims upon it for charity, and to present a quarterly statement of accounts to the lodge;" and, in doing so, stated he had been accused of bringing this motion forward as an antagonistic movement to the General Benevolent Fund lately formed by the three city lodges. He emphatically denied any such

intention. He cordially approved the formation of the General Benevolent Fund, and considered it was the only real practical good work that the Freemasons in this city, as a body, had done, so far as was observable. He thought the brethren were greatly indebted to W. Bros. Cook and Finmore, of the Natalia Lodge, for carrying their scheme to a satisfactory issue. He looked upon his proposition as an adjunct to that fund, and in no wise detrimental, as they would continue to support that fund as hitherto. He (Bro. Lawson) had felt for a long time that Masonry in Pietermaritzburg was not carried out in practice, it was made a blind, and traded upon; they inculcated grand principles of benevolence and charity to every newly-initiated brother, they took large fees and subscriptions, but they had nothing to show of a practical nature that the large amounts of money they received were devoted, or even a reasonable portion thereof, to the real purposes and objects for which Freemasonry was designed. He felt that in not setting apart a portion of the funds for benevolent purposes they were not acting as good and faithful Masons, they were neglecting a sacred trust; that their monies were swallowed up in lodge expenses and banquets, instead of being devoted to charitable purposes. He contended it was their duty to deal with this question firmly and decisively—to say so much shall be devoted for benevolent purposes and so much for working expenses—that when a necessitous case arose the W.M. and his Committee might deal with it without being obligated to beg from individual members, as had been the case in times past. Bro. Lawson pointed out the invidiousness of this system, and strongly commented upon brethren only giving a half-guinea or a guinea to subscription lists, while their incomes were comparatively large, and three or five guineas would never be missed; on the other hand, some gave more than they could afford for the sake of appearances. He believed in helping a distressed brother or a deceased brother's widow and family in such manner as to enable them to help themselves, and thought their liberality should know no bounds, save those of prudence, and was sure the General Benevolent Fund would have quite as much work as it could do with the limited funds at its command, for a long time to come, in looking after the needs of distressed passing brethren without being called upon to supply the needs of local lodges. He earnestly appealed to the sympathies of the brethren present to give their votes to this resolution, and thus show the outside world that there is something in Freemasonry; that they had not quite degenerated into clubism; that the sole objects of their meetings were not purely socialism or banqueting, but rather that their great aim was benevolence and good works. Bro. Lawson placed before the lodge an estimate showing the receipts for the previous twelve months, and contended they could fairly assume to receive as much during the coming year. The lodge was becoming popular and prospering, and if they devoted 25 per cent. of their receipts to benevolent purposes, he believed, after paying all working expenses, they would still have a good balance in hand. This proposed fund would necessarily be a small one at first, but in course of years it might accumulate to thousands, when the lodge would be able to use it to good purpose for educating the children of deceased brethren. Bro. Archdeacon Colly, J.W. and Chaplain, in seconding the motion, said he thoroughly and cordially endorsed Bro. Lawson's sentiments. His great regret was that Bro. Lawson had considered it desirable to reduce the amount to be devoted to benevolent purposes from his original intention of one-third the receipts to one-fourth. He (Bro. Colly) thought the grandest and sublimest point in Freemasonry was the universal desire of promulgating benevolence and charity. He was of opinion they should practise that which they taught; that they should show candidates, by force of example, that the great basis of Freemasonry was the diffusion of charity, and that they did not ask them to perform that which they left undone themselves. He believed, as true Masons, this was an imperative duty they were called upon to perform; they ought always to be in possession of funds specially to meet cases of benevolence. He agreed that the principle of subscription lists was objectionable in every form; this fund would do away with the necessity of subscription lists. He considered they should devote a certain portion of their receipts to benevolent purposes, and work their lodge on the balance that benevolence should be their foundation stone. In a few eloquent and impressive remarks the venerable Chaplain pointed out the special duty of Freemasons to the Most High, and clearly showed that one of the principles of true Godliness is Charity, reminding the brethren that blessed is the giver, equally with the receiver. Bro. Robt. Horsley, S.W., cordially supported the resolution he would have preferred the amount to be devoted had been limited to ten per cent. at first as a trial, nevertheless. He heartily approved of the idea, and would do his best to carry out the principles of the resolution if agreed upon. He strongly felt we should do our utmost to assist poor and distressed Masons. Bro. Robt. Holliday, S.D., also warmly supported the proposition. He regretted the mover had not made the amount fifty per cent. He thought they should do their very utmost in all matters of benevolence. He believed the outside public had a notion that they only met to spend a jolly evening, and have a good feed, and up to the present time what had they to show to the contrary—nothing beyond the small general fund lately established. At the same time he felt sure the hearts of the brethren were in the right place, and had confidence they would approve of this motion as a step in the right direction. Several other brethren having spoken in favour of the resolution, W. Bro. E. H. Wiltshir, in a few calm and temperate remarks, regretted he could not agree with the motion, and moved as an amendment "That the question be deferred till June, 1881." He approved of benevolence, but did not see the necessity of this fund, seeing they already had a General Benevolent Fund. He thought the lodge was not sufficiently advanced to devote so much of its funds to benevolent purposes, and would rather wait till the lodge had a good surplus to start the fund with. Bro. Fletcher, J.D., seconded the amendment, and was supported by Bro. Bodily, who thought Freemasonry should not be looked upon as a benefit society. He believed the brethren would always be liberal when called upon, and he did not think it wise to lock up the funds of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Sydney Ford, said his heart and sympathies were entirely with the resolution, and he believed it would be a grand thing to have a fund of their own; there was no knowing what good they might do in the future with a substantial balance at command. He agreed in helping a man, to help himself, and feared the General Benevolent Fund would not be in a position to do this to any extent for some time;

their functions would be more for general purposes, while their fund would be for special purposes. He felt sure a distressed brother would receive, and appreciate, help from his own lodge in preference to the General Benevolent Fund. W. Bro. Lawson, upon being called upon to reply, pointed out the fallacy of deferring the question; if they waited for funds to accumulate, they might wait long enough, as he believed they would be frittered away in lodge expenses and banquets, unless a hard and fast rule were made. In reply to Bro. Bodily's objection that they were not a benefit society, he, Bro. Lawson, pointed out the noble work that was being carried on in England. By the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, by the various charitable Masonic Institutions and Schools, thousands of brethren had received substantial benefit, and hundreds of deceased brethren's widows and families had received substantial benefit; while their Masonic Schools were full. It was true they went about their work on a far nobler principle than the ordinary benefit societies, still the great aim of our fathers in Masonry was benevolence and charity; this trust had been handed down to us, and we in turn should hand it down untarnished. He thought they should follow the example of their brethren in England, who prided themselves on their Benevolent Institutions. The W.M. on putting the amendment, and proposition, to the meeting, declared the latter carried by a majority. It was satisfactory to observe that throughout the debate a thorough Masonic and harmonious spirit prevailed. By invitation of the senior lodges in the city, and upon the motion of W. Bro. Lawson, it was unanimously resolved "That this lodge cordially approves the principle of forming a District Grand Lodge in this colony." The W.M. having received "Hearty good wishes" from visitors, closed the lodge in due form.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

The *Athenæum* says that Don P. de Gayangos has discovered in the course of his researches at Simancas interesting notices of Cervantes, and also of other great writers of the golden age of Spanish literature, more especially of Lope de Vega and Calderon.

A new work by the author of "Ecce Homo" and dealing with the subject of "Natural Religion" is announced.

The *Academy* states that a selection from Mr. J. G. Whittier's poems has just been rendered into Portuguese by the Emperor of Brazil.

A Magnificent Display of the Aurora Borealis was visible in the Orkney Isles last week. The whole of the northern horizon was covered by a dark mass of clouds with sharply defined edges, and from these the aurora shot up in beautifully coloured streams to nearly the zenith, covering the clear sky above the clouds from N.E. to N.W. Sometimes the aurora formed a gigantic rainbow, and the light was as bright as moonlight.

Dr. Bridge's new cantata, "Boadicea," the libretto for which has been composed by Miss C. E. Trautbeck, daughter of a former preceptor of the Manchester Cathedral, will be given for the first time in Manchester at the annual concert of Cathedral Choral Society at the end of the present month.

A Cast of the Venus of Milo was recently sent from Europe to a *nouveaux-riche* in San Francisco. The owner assembled his friends to view the treasure, but when the Venus was freed from her wrappings, to the universal horror it was found *minus* both arms. Furious at the injury of his property the San Franciscan sued the railway company for damages, and, what is more, at least so says the *New York Hour*, he got them.

The *Athenæum* says that the approaching Winter Exhibition of the Royal Academy will be exceptionally rich in interest through the liberality of several owners of fine pictures.

A volume of selected essays, by Max Müller, is in the press. Orthographical innovators will be interested in knowing that it will include his essay on "spelling," with sundry amplifications and examples of the various schemes propounded for the reform of English spelling.

The Royal Gallery at Dresden has acquired, at a cost of 35,000 marks, a picture by Professor Ludwig Knaus, entitled "Hinter den Coulissen," and representing a troop of itinerant jugglers.

Amongst the announcements of the coming season is a work in which the "Alleged Claims of Queen Victoria to the Throne of David" will be examined in connection with "Anglo-Israelism and the Great Pyramid."

Messrs. C. Kegan Paul will publish immediately an illustrated edition of Tennyson's Works in one volume. The illustrations include a steel portrait of the author.

Messrs. Macmillan announce a new edition, the third, of Mr. Hamerton's "Etching and Etchers," with forty-eight new plates, and a thoroughly revised and increased text.

A novel copyright question, of literary interest rather than legal importance, has recently been decided by the Supreme Court of New York in the United States. The plaintiffs were the nieces of Washington Irving, and brought their action jointly with the firm of Putnam Sons to restrain a rival publishing house from issuing a volume of Washington Irving's works with the title "Irving's Works" on the back of the cover. They claimed an injunction on two grounds, first, because they possessed a copyright at common law, even after the period of statutory copyright had expired; secondly, because they had acquired by usage a proprietary right in the title of "Irving's Works," analogous to the right in a trade mark or (we, *Academy*, may add) in the name of a newspaper. Little difficulty could be experienced in refuting the former of these arguments, which is, indeed, forejudged by decided cases in this country as well as in America. The latter point is, it is believed, one of first impression. Judge Beach decided against the plaintiffs, holding that they could not have an exclusive right to the use of the word when they had no exclusive right to the thing. If anyone may publish Washington Irving's works, anyone may call his publication by that name, which is, indeed, its proper name.



The *Athenæum* says that Messrs. Puttick and Simpson will sell by auction on the 17th inst. a copy of the first edition of Shelley's "Queen Mab," with copious manuscript emendations in the autograph of Mrs. Shelley, altering the poem to the "Demon of the World." Mr. Buxton Forman in his edition of Shelley's works, Vol. III., pp. 459-68, doubts the existence of a second annotated copy; we have not examined the copy announced for sale, but may it not be that seen by Medwin, whose statement is looked upon with so much doubt?

The *Athenæum* states that the Armenian inscriptions, which have long defied the skill of decipherers, have, it is said, been read by Professor Sayce. He has for some considerable time been engaged on the work of decipherment, and has, we believe, succeeded in translating the greater portion of them. The languages have but scant affinities to any existing dialect, but in some few points resembles the Georgian. The translation of these inscriptions will fill up an important gap in Western Asiatic history, and will possibly lead to the decipherment of the Hittite texts, which, there seems reason to suppose, are in a degree akin to the language of tribes of Western Armenia.

The *New York Nation* mentions a recent issue of the Royal Library at Stockholm giving an account of the epistolary collection in the library. Each correspondence is described in a general way in from half a page to a couple of pages, and a list of the correspondents' names is given, with the years covered and the number of the letters. At the end of the volume an index refers to every writer's name. Of course many belong to persons known only in Sweden. We see, however, the names of Axel Oxenstierna, Hugo Grotius, Charles XII., and several other of the kings, and among the writers of one or two letters Beaumarchais, Frederick the Great, A. W. von Schlegel, Tegnér, Voltaire, and Oehlenschläger. It will be an excellent thing if libraries which have valuable collections of manuscript letters get into the way of publishing such lists as this.

The "Dizionario degli Scrittori viventi," which has been edited by Professor Angelo Gubernatis, is on the eve of completion. It is the first time that there has been such a publication in Italy, and whilst the editor's familiarity and sympathy with other literatures is well known, there can be no doubt that the work will possess exceptional value as an index of the literary activity of Italy at the present time. It contains 4315 biographical notices of living authors. Of these 1842 are Italians, 523 Germans, 487 French, 264 English, 243 Russians, 241 Poles, 101 Americans, 119 Spaniards, 91 Bohemians, 85 Hungarians, 71 Swiss, 41 Norwegians, 40 Roumanians, 39 Portuguese, 36 Belgians, 33 Danes, 19 Southern Slavs, 14 Finns, 9 Servians, 4 Hindoos, 3 Armenians, 3 Bulgarians, 2 Albanians, 1 Icelander, and one Turk. It will be seen that the editor has cast his net widely, though doubtless some will have escaped the meshes. As the first serious attempt at an international literary biography the work of Professor de Gubernatis deserves a warm welcome.

According to the *Intermédiaire des Chercheurs et Curieux*, the air of "Ca ira" was borrowed from one of Marie-Antoinette's favourite romances. A new edition of Victor Hugo's "Toilers of the Sea" is in preparation, in which all the vigorous sketches with which the author illustrated the margins of his MS. will be reproduced in facsimile.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

We are informed by a correspondent that the late Bro. McCalmont, whose obituary appeared in our last, never occupied the chair of the *Apollo University Lodge*, No. 257.

Bro. Clement Stretton, J.P., P. Prov. S.G.W., who was for two years in succession Mayor of Leicester, and who last year kindly acted as Deputy Mayor to his successor, Alderman Bennett, has again consented to accept the post, Mr. Bennett having been re-elected Mayor.

The Prov. Grand Lodge for Leicestershire and Rutland was to meet yesterday (Friday), at the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, which is held at the Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough, Leicestershire. The proceedings of the Craft lodge were to include the installation of Bro. Major-General Burnaby, the W.M. elect, and the popular and much-esteemed colleague of the Right Hon. Lord John Manners, in the representation of Leicester. In addition to holding office in the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, the gallant general is a member of 279 and 1560, held at Leicester, and there was expected to be a very large gathering of the brethren in his honour. We shall give a report of the interesting proceedings in our next.

**PRESENTATION TO AN ESTEEMED LIVERPOOL BROTHER.**—The usual monthly meeting of the Merchant's Lodge, No. 241, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., was specially interesting, as the brethren then took the opportunity of presenting Bro. Thomas Salter, the genial, popular, and talented I.P.M., with an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held and of the value which is placed on his Masonic services so willingly and effectively rendered for several years. During the evening a valuable tea and coffee service was presented to Bro. Salter, along with a handsome suite of jewellery for Mrs. Salter, the gifts being subscribed for by the brethren. The presentation was made by Bro. R. Brown, Prov. G. Treas., who spoke of Bro. Salter's many excellent Masonic qualities, and the deep interest he had always shown in the Craft, especially with regard to its leading Charitable Institutions. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Salter.

Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, of Lancaster, P.G.S.B. England, is we regret to learn still in a very critical state. The serious symptoms we understand have not abated, and his condition is causing considerable anxiety to his friends.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson delivered a lecture on Monday evening last, at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on "The Physical Action of Alcohol, as Tested by Scientific and Every-day Experience."

Bro. Alderman Knight, chairman of the Police Committee, has, we learn, issued invitations for a dinner at the Albion, on Tuesday, December 7th.

Bro. the Rev. A. McAuslane, D.D., delivered a lecture on "Oliver Goldsmith" at the City of London College, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday last.

Bro. Sir B. S. Phillips has been elected chairman of the Gaols Committee of the City of London.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, as announced in last week's *Freemason*, presided on Monday last, at the eighteenth anniversary dinner of the United Waiters' Benevolent Association. During the evening Bro. Binckes presented a medal to the chairman of the club, and a golden star (the gift of his brother officers) to the Secretary.

Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M. 720, will preside at the Fifteen Sections which will be worked by the brethren of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, the 25th inst., commencing at 6.30 p.m. First Lecture: Bros. J. Rush, S.D. 1851; H. Wright, 1827; W. Shaw, 1426; R. Boby, 1201; T. W. Ockenden, W.M. 1512; C. F. Goodenough, 1745; and J. King, 1622. Second Lecture: Bros. J. W. Powell, 840; A. Marvin, 1768; G. W. Blackie, J.W. 1426; H. J. Lardner, S.W. 1745; and G. W. Saul, P.M. 1201. Third Lecture: Bros. H. K. Harris, 1728; E. A. Taylor, W.M. 1851; and H. Sibley, 1851.

Bro. Ferdinand De Rothschild's health has so far improved as to enable him to return to town.

Bro. Harcourt's widow we are pleased to learn will receive an annuity of £90 from the Drury Lane Fund, of which our late lamented brother was Secretary.

Bro. Thomas Meekham, P.M. 1288, has been elected Chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum for the ensuing year.

Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Deputy Grand Master Durham, had the honour of entertaining the Duke of Edinburgh at his seat, Whitburn Hall, during his Royal Highness's visit to Sunderland and other towns in the north.

The whole of the printing, together with the supply of the paper for next year's census for England and Wales, has been undertaken by Messrs. M'Corquodale and Co. (Limited). There will be 7,527,500 householders' schedules, 69,350 numerating books, and 110,000 forms for vessels, the amount of paper that will be required being 57 tons 13 cwt.

At Holloway Hall, in aid of the Barnabas Church Restoration and Missior House, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., and Sheriff Waterlow, will attend in state for the purpose of opening a bazaar on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., and the borough and county members have been invited to witness the ceremony.

Bro. Judd C.C. at a meeting of the United Wards Club on Wednesday last, moved: "That the proposed alteration in the constitution and government of Christ's Hospital is an infringement of the rights of the citizens, and an unjustifiable interference with the intention of the founders and traditions of the past."

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744. The anniversary meeting of this lodge takes place on Tuesday next, the 23rd inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. The business includes, in addition to the Installation ceremony, the raising of three candidates, the passing of four and the initiation of three. The W.M. elect is Bro. F. H. Clemov of Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Bro. Bancroft and Mrs. Bancroft announce their re-appearance at the Haymarket on Saturday next. "School" and "The Vicarage" are the pieces chosen for the opening programme.

Bro. H. J. Byron's new sketch "The Light Fantastic," written expressly for Bro. J. L. Toole, will be produced this (Saturday) afternoon.

Bro. Anthony Trollope's new story, "Ayala's Angel," has been purchased by the National Press Agency (Limited).

Bro. Alderman Knight's wedding with Mrs. Cottrell, widow of Mr. Cottrell, of Plymouth, was solemnised at St. George's, Hanover-square, on Saturday last.

Bro. Charles Horsley's collection of porcelain was sold on Thursday last, by Messrs. Christie, Manson and Woods. His collection of pictures will be sold by the same firm, this day (Saturday).

Bro. R. Brown, at a meeting of the committee entrusted with the management of the recent highly successful Masonic re-union in Liverpool, as one of the joint Secretaries, reported that the net profits would probably amount to £150.

Bro. the Earl of Fife will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Scottish Corporation on Tuesday week, St. Andrew's Day.

Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G.S., has been promoted specially to the rank of colonel. Henceforth all communications should be addressed "Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G.S."

We learn with pleasure that Bro. Albert E. Fradelle, the eminent art photographer, of 246, Regent-street, whose name has for so many years been long and favourably connected with the *National Photo. Messo-Tint Gallery* (a collection of portraits, 1000 in number, which includes the most distinguished in the *Lords and Commons*, the *Ecclesiastical* body, the *Naval and Military* services, the most eminent in the *Legal, Medical, and Artistic* professions, the *leading men* engaged in education, together with a section composed almost entirely of the greatest names in the *Civil and Military* service of India: this series of portraits has been the sole and entire work of Bro. Fradelle), is now adding a section of portraits of the officers of Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Masters, officers, and distinguished Masons generally to the above gallery. Such a pictorial record of the leading men of the Craft will naturally prove as interesting as valuable to the brotherhood, and from our personal knowledge of Bro. Fradelle's work, which is art photography in its brightest development, we would cordially call on the officers of Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Masters, officers, and distinguished Masons generally to acquiesce in the invitation for sittings which will shortly be extended to them, and thus enable Bro. Fradelle to carry to a successful conclusion a work that cannot but commend itself to the Masonic world at large.

TORRIDGE LODGE, No. 1885.—A warrant has recently been granted for this lodge, which will be consecrated early in December, at Great Torrington, Devon.

Bro. W. Sproat (Org. 1327) will work the Fifteen Sections at the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1327, meeting at the Britannia Hotel, adjoining Waltham Station G.E.R., on Tuesday evening next, at seven o'clock.

Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., R.W. Grand Master of Sussex, will preside at the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, on Friday next, at Freemasons' Hall. The lodge will be opened at six o'clock precisely.

Miss Helen Mather, the brilliant novelist, announces for publication, on the 14th of December, a high class monthly magazine, under the title of "The Burlington." The list of contributors, which is before us, include many names famous in the literary world, with whose assistance, in addition to her own clever pen, Miss Mather's new periodical is we can safely predict, certain of success. The first number will contain Part I. of "The Story of a Sin," a new novel by the editress.

A fund has been started on behalf of the only child of the late Bro. Charles Harcourt, the actor. Bro. E. Ledger, the *Era* office, and Bro. C. W. Thompson, Guildhall, are the honorary treasurers, and Mr. A. Stirling and Mr. G. Loveday, of 26, King William-street, Strand, are the honorary secretaries. Bro. J. L. Toole, Folly Theatre, is the chairman of the committee of the fund. The offer by Mr. W. Gooch of a benefit performance at the Princess's Theatre has been accepted, and we understand it has been resolved, on or about the 6th proximo, to hold a *matinée* at Drury Lane Theatre in aid of the fund.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE REFRESHMENT CONTRACT.—Judgment was given on Monday last, in the Exchequer Division in the case of "Sawyer v. the Crystal Palace Company," which was an action to recover the amount of alleged overpaid rent and other items in connection with a refreshment contract at the Crystal Palace. The case was heard before Baron Pollock and a special jury, and after certain findings had been given by the jury, his lordship reserved it for further consideration, and now gave judgment. His lordship said he considered the plaintiff failed in his claim against the defendants for £3018 overpaid rent out of the annual sum of £22,500 for £312 alleged overcharge for ice, and for £245 in respect of refreshment tickets used by the company, and gave verdict and judgment for the defendants, with costs.

A meeting of the City Commission of Sewers was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at which the Court adopted a report of the Streets Committee, recommending that tenders should be accepted for the electric lighting of the City, and that the area to be lighted should be divided into three districts.

It is stated that the departure of the Court from Balmoral, which was fixed for Friday, has been postponed to Monday, the 22nd inst.

The Lord Mayor, on taking his seat in the Justice Room of the Mansion House on Wednesday, drew attention to the great want and suffering that resulted from the succession of earthquakes at Agram, and announced that he had opened a fund at the Mansion House for the relief of the sufferers.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, the late Lord Mayor, removed from the Mansion House on Monday last, Lady Truscott having sufficiently recovered from her indisposition. We understand it to be the intention of Sir Francis to visit the South of France, where he will remain some time, having given up altogether the projected voyage to Australia.

The "City Press" contradicts the statement that the present Lord Mayor of London is a total abstainer.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.—It is understood that at the Council to be held by the Queen at Balmoral to-day (Saturday) Parliament will be further prorogued till Thursday, the 6th of January, when it will meet for the despatch of business.

The installation gathering of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, was held last Monday afternoon at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, was duly installed W.M. in the presence of a most influential and numerous gathering of the leaders of the Craft, and universal "Hearty good wishes" were expressed for his success. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL FOR 1881.—A preliminary meeting of brethren, having the interests of true charity at heart, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual Grand Masonic Ball in Liverpool, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. J. S. Beaufort, Prov. G.S.W., was elected Chairman of the Ball Committee; Bro. R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182, Vice-Chairman; Bro. H. A. Tobias, W.M. 1502, Secretary; and Bro. A. C. Wylie, W.M. 1264, Treasurer. Committees were formed, and it was resolved to have the ball on the second Tuesday in January, 1881, in the event of the Town Hall being procurable for that day.

### LONDON LAND COMPANY.

The dry bones of financial enterprise would seem about to revive. There can be no doubt that during the past five years of depression and distrust many most necessary and useful public works in many parts of the world to which our commerce extends have been kept in suspense until capitalists should be prepared to look with an intelligent and hopeful spirit into the merit of productive undertakings. To know where to invest capital safely and at good interest is not one of the easiest things to find out. There are so many private and public companies which fluctuate in their prosperity that it is difficult to know when to make a judicious investment. In fact, during the long depression of trade, thoroughly good paying concerns have been the exception; most undertakings have either paid no dividends whatever, or paid small dividends. The only course of safe investment, in such times as these, when uncertainty is

commercial matters is the rule, is to invest capital where a good security is guaranteed. Difficult as it may be in these times to believe in the steady realisation of six to ten per cent. profit from shares, yet there are instances of this success, apart even from the great banking companies, whose exceptional means of profit are derived from the magnitude of their deposits. This is a very opportune period for investment in many undertakings, and while confidence is being restored and trade beginning to revive, it is natural that an anxious outlook should be made for the safe investment of unemployed capital at a reasonable percentage. It is important, however, while casting about for remunerative investments, that a careful regard should be paid to the practical substantiality of the company or concern in which it is intended to make any investment. As we purpose from time to time to make special mention of such undertakings as we think to be thoroughly sound and likely to pay a reasonable interest for money invested, it is with satisfaction that we give publicity to The London Land Company, which is just being formed for the purchase and development of freehold and leasehold properties in London and the Provinces, which opens up a wide field for the investment of capital. If there is one kind of investment surer and more remunerative than any other at the present time it is that of landed property. In the City of London alone the value of property has increased enormously during the past ten years. We have had a remarkable instance of this fact during the last few days in the matter of "Lloyd's" effort to purchase a site for the erection of premises in Leadenhall-street, for which the Board of Trade asked the fabulous sum of £350,000, or about £10 per foot. There is thus a bright prospect before the London Land Company, and we have no doubt but that if the Company be conducted wisely and cautiously it will become a most wealthy and prosperous corporation. The capital of the Company is £1,000,000, in 40,000 shares of £25 each. The Board of Direction consists of twelve directors, all of whom are gentlemen of acknowledged experience in business. The officials of the Company are firms of the most unquestionable repute, and there is thus ample guarantee of control over the affairs of the Company to the subscribers of the capital. This Company lays down in its prospectus very important regulative principles. The directors will not allow in any case an element of risk to enter into its transactions. In every transaction the best security will be sought and obtained, and whether in land or houses the Company will thus have absolute security from the first, with the profit of such improvement in value as may arise in the hands of the Company. At the present time, when it is somewhat difficult for people of small means to find a liberal return for capital, this Company affords rare advantages, as a study of the prospectus will show. The list of applications for shares will, it appears, be closed for London and the country on Tuesday, the 30th inst., which is evidence of speedy success.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**  
For the Week ending Friday, November 26, 1880.

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

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.**
- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1767, Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, S.W.
- Chap. 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.  
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hot., Walthamstow.  
 " 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., West Hammersmith.

- 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.  
 King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.**
- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.  
 " 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
 " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
 " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
 " 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Richmond Hot., W.
- Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot., L. Bdg.  
 Red Cross Con. 2, Plantagenet, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st.

- 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., Amhurst-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, at 8.  
 Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, at 7.30.

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.**
- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
 " 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
 " 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
 " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot., Lond-bdg.  
 " 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.  
 " 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton.
- Rose Croix 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

- 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 Blds., 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., Bermondsey, at 8.  
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.  
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.  
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.  
 Islington, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury Pavement, at 7.  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.**
- Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.  
 Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
 " 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 " 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H. (worked in the German language.)  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.  
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.  
 " 1820, Sir Thomas White, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 Chap. 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.  
 K.T. Precept. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Burdett Courts, 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 25.**
- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.  
 " 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.  
 " 766, Wm. Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.  
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's H., Fleet-st.  
 " 1563, City of Westminster, 8, Air-st., W.  
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.  
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.  
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 657, Canonbury, M.H., M. Avenue, Basinghall-st.  
 " 1601, Ravensbourne, Lewisham Town Hall, Catford.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Highgate, 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 26.**
- Annual Festival Emulation Lodge of Improvement, F.M.H., at 6.  
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
 " 1569, Fitzroy, Hd.-qrts. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.  
 " 1601, Ravensbourne, Lewisham Town Hall, Catford.  
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Lord's 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 27, 1880.
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.**
- Lodge 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.**
- Lodge 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1675, Antient Britons, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Prince Arthur L. of I., So N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.**
- Lodge 32, St. George, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.  
 " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.  
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25.**
- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.**
- Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.**
- Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

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

- BIRTHS.**
- BALMER.—On the 13th inst., at 13, Sydenham-villas, Cheltenham, the wife of Mr. J. Percival Balmer, of a daughter.  
 GARDINER.—On the 13th inst., at St. George's Vicarage, Worcester, the wife of the Rev. W. Gardiner, of a daughter.  
 ROYDS.—On the 15th inst., at 32, London-street, Reading, the wife of Mr. William A. S. Royds, of a son.

- MARRIAGES.**
- GRAHAM—BARTON.—On the 11th inst., at St. Michael's, Liverpool, by the Rev. J. E. Kelly, Frederick Graham, of Stockton-on-Tees, to S. Minnie Barton, of Liverpool.  
 TIDY—TIDY.—On the 11th inst., at Whitstable, Henry Tidy, of Sittingbourne, to Martha Emily, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Tidy, of Gloucester-crescent, Regent's Park.

- DEATHS.**
- DROUGHT.—On the 9th inst., at Cargins, in the county Roscommon, Mr. George Warburton Drought, J.P., aged 56.  
 LEMARE.—On the 13th inst., at Barnsbury-road, T. T. Lemare, formerly of Ivy-lane, E.C., aged 47.  
 READ.—On the 13th inst., at West-end House, Mortlake, Surrey, Mr. William Read, of Park Shot, Richmond, aged 47.  
 SCOTT.—On the 7th inst., at Cleadon, near Sunderland, Mr. Thomas Scott, aged 65 years.

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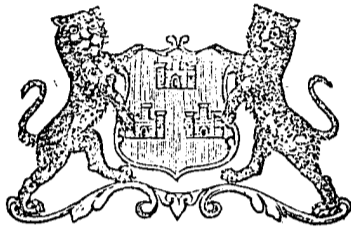
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