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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P. Grand Deacon, occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. Leopold Ruf, Charles Sanders, Charles John Perceval, William Roebuck, J. G. Chancellor, George Coppin, W. H. Saunders, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Richard Tyrrell, Donald M. Dewar, S. Rawson, S. Rosenthal, Henry Young, Alfred Williams, Thomas Bull, Herbert Dicketts, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. G. Rushworth, Frederick Adlard, W. Paas, Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G.C.; W. H. Perryman, F. Binckes, Secretary; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. BINCKES having read the minutes of the former meeting, they were put and confirmed. The minutes of the House Committee were read for information; and the report of the Special Committee on Collingwood's case was also read.

On the recommendation of the House Committee an addition of £10 a year was made to the salary of the Foreign Master of the School.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART rose to propose the motion of which he gave notice at the November meeting: "That it be an instruction to the House Committee to obtain plans and estimates for the erection of a schoolhouse, with convenient offices, on the vacant space of ground in front of the present building for the purpose of accommodating 150 children, but that only so much as will accommodate 50 children be erected at present." Bro. Stewart said his proposal was for the consideration of the Committee whether they should erect a preparatory school upon the land at Wood Green, opposite the present building, that land being the property of the Institution. He proposed his motion for this reason, that he thought the time had arrived when the benefits of the Institution might be further extended, both for the advantage of the Institution and of the children of such unfortunate brethren as required education in the School. Having regard to the fact that the subscribers some time ago came to a resolution that no child should remain in the Institution after fifteen years of age, instead of as formerly sixteen, the Institution was benefited considerably, and it gave a little fund which would enable the brethren to do what he asked. But, of course, the question arose as to finding the means for the building. There were some funds that could be appropriated for that purpose, but he did not propose that the brethren should take the whole of those funds, because that was a matter to be considered after the proposal had been taken up by the brethren. His great object in the first instance was to demand that the children sent up to the School at seven, eight, nine, or ten years of age, who were really only fit for an infant school, and were employing the attention of a large staff, might by being sent to a preparatory school first give the staff the opportunity of devoting their energies to older boys. This would be greatly for the benefit of the Institution. The younger children in the preparatory school might be placed under the care of ladies, who would be quite competent to educate them up to ten years of age, when they could be drafted into the senior or upper school. That was his idea, and in putting it forward he would propose that the building should be a separate building. To their present building they had at various times added three wings. It had been said that there was room to put another. Now, it was a fact that there was no room for more wings, and the staff also was not sufficient for more children to be taken on. They must not destroy the space of ground at present existing, and which was a great consideration when the health and exercise of the boys were taken into account. On the other side of the road they had two acres of ground, on which they could erect a school. That land was very well drained, and they were only getting £8 or £9 a year from it for grazing. If the Committee entertained his proposal, it would be sent to the House Committee, who would obtain details, plans, and estimates, and their report would come back to the General Committee, and go from there to the Quarterly Court. He would be

happy to give any information in his power, but he thought when they saw the large number of children that were coming forward for the benefits of the Institution, the small number they could receive, and the large number that were unsuccessful, they would say the time had come when the Institution should turn round and see if they could not do something for these children.

Bro. W. ROEBUCK seconded the motion. He was quite in favour of a separate Institution for the younger boys, for more reasons than one. One of those reasons was that the new School would be a kind of preparatory school to the other Institution. Another reason, which was most important, was that if they were to add to the present buildings, the existing cooking apparatus, the dining accommodation, and several other necessary accessories would not be sufficient for the extra number of children. These appliances were already taxed to the fullest extent; and, if an addition was made to the present building, it would require a separate building to be attached to provide for the increased number of scholars. As the proposed new building was to be for junior children, that was another reason why the building should be separate and distinct.

Bro. S. RAWSON, Past District Grand Master for China, enquired whether estimates had been obtained for the work proposed?

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART said no.

Bro. RAWSON thought in that case the Committee could hardly entertain the question.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART said that the proposition was that the House Committee should obtain plans and estimates, which they would submit to the General Committee, and the matter would come on before the Quarterly Court.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, Past Grand Chaplain, thought there was only one objection to passing the motion at the present time—whether they could raise a building on the ground. If there was an unoccupied building there it would be a different thing.

Bro. F. BINCKES, Secretary, said the ground was now let for grazing purposes.

Bro. S. RAWSON asked if it was not used for a cricket ground for the Institution?

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART said no; the cricket ground was on the land on which the present building was erected.

Bro. F. BINCKES observed that the proposition made by Bro. Stewart was similar to an idea suggested by himself many years ago—that there should be a preparatory school connected with the Institution. This matter had been very much canvassed since Bro. Stewart gave his notice in November, and he (Bro. Binckes) had had very many enquiries addressed to him about it. Some brethren fancied that the Institution were going to commit themselves to a very large expenditure. In his position of Secretary a great part of the work would devolve upon him in the present. He thought he was right in stating the views of the brethren, so far as he was able to gather them, were that it would be unwise to go before the House Committee or the Quarterly Court to incur any expense in building, or to touch one single shilling of the £15,000 which was invested, and which had been raised after many years of hard work by the Freemasons of England. During the past twenty years Freemasonry had been increasing to an enormous extent, and the demands on the Institution had been very great. It was quite impossible to predicate with anything like certainty what the increase or prosperity of Masonry would be doing the next fifteen years, and those who, like himself, had lived through a generation had seen that they had raised an enormous building, in which at the present time there were 215 boys receiving the benefits of board, clothing, and education, instead of seventy-two. That showed that a great deal of hard work had been cast upon the brethren of a past generation. He had addressed this subject to the Stewards of the next festival in the circular he had sent out, to see if they approved of the present motion if it was adopted. He hoped to find the funds to erect an additional building; but he did not hesitate to say now that he should oppose most strenuously the touching of one single shilling of the £15,000 which had been raised by great sacrifice by the brethren already. Next year he hoped that £15,000 would be increased to £20,000; but even that was a very small backbone on which such an Institution as this should have to rely. The demands on the Institution at the present time were £8000 or £9000 a year, which was a large sum for maintaining the objects of the Freemasons' bounty. The Institution was increasing from year to year, and it was quite impossible to say what would be the condition of the Institution in time to come. £20,000 would be required for the erection of the new building, and then there would be £3000 or £4000 a year required for the maintenance, education, and clothing of the children. Under such circumstances it would be an enormous responsibility for those who were living, and who had already done the great work he had referred to, who had contributed so freely and so generously to the funds of the Institution, to ask them again to put their hands in their pockets to do a new work. He hoped the younger members of the Craft would say they would do what their elders had done. If they did he should say by all means let this be carried out. He hoped the motion would be unanimously adopted; and that it would go forth to the Craft as unanimously adopted, but he should earnestly dissuade this Committee or the Quarterly Court from calling on the Craft for any large sacrifice for the purpose, or from asking the brethren who had already done so much for the present building to do more than they had done. No doubt seven years would not elapse before a similar thing would occur, and they would have a larger number coming forward for the benefits of the Institution.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS was on the whole with the mover of the resolution, but he thought it would ill become this Institution to father another when it had so small a fund in hand. He would offer a suggestion that instead of erecting any massive buildings, which so many Institutions were fond of doing, they should look out for some building already erected which would answer the purpose. There were many buildings in the neighbourhood of London which could be adopted for the purposes of a junior school, instead of expending large sums of money on a structure which perhaps in ten or fifteen years would be unable to meet the demands on the Institution. He yielded to no one in wishing the Chairman's scheme to be carried out in its fullest sense, but he thought it was better to feel their feet before they attempted to run. The buildings he had referred to could be had for a very small sum, and it would not require much expenditure to adapt them for a junior school, and he would suggest that in the reference of this matter to the House Committee they should give them the power of considering the scheme proposed by the Chairman with the alteration he (Bro. Saunders) had proposed.

Bro. BINCKES thought it was within the scope of the Committee to adopt the suggestion made by Bro. Saunders.

Bro. HENRY YOUNG, Past Grand Sword Bearer, wished to know whether the feeling of the Committee was that the funds should be taken from those already in hand. He gathered that the Chairman wanted to raise the building with the funds already in hand. If that was not the opinion of the Committee where would the funds come from? Was an alternative proposition presented to the Committees. If not it appeared to him that a strange proposition was being put. If the Chairman proposed to take the money out of the existing funds he would find that the brethren throughout the country would oppose it. If it was proposed to raise the money as a new fund, the brethren might subscribe their five or ten guineas to it and leave the old Institution in the lurch.

Bro. S. ROSENTHAL said the money was raised for the present building with ease. They had to borrow money, but it had all been returned. There would be no difficulty in getting the money.

Bro. HENRY YOUNG thought that first of all it should be settled whether the present fund should be touched before making the reference to the House Committee.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART said they were told by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at the recent banquet at the Mansion House that the Craft was increasing at the rate of 10,000 every year. There were 1800 lodges. He did not think that if an appeal for funds for the new scheme were properly put before the Craft there would be found to be any lack of funds to carry out the scheme.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., said there was a feeling in the Craft in the provinces that this proposition of Bro. Stewart's meant that the Institution was going to commence great building operations again. There was in West Yorkshire, and Lancashire, and also in Cheshire, as his friend at his side, the Grand Chaplain told him, a very strong objection to a renewal of large building operations. He thought there should be first a distinct understanding that the Committee were not committing themselves to a proposition to build, and, secondly, that they would consider the proposal of Bro. Saunders to hire a building till the matter of a new building had been well brought before the Craft at large. On both points it should be understood that they were going to assist the Institution, and not take any of the existing funds. He thought it would be utterly childish of this society to appeal to the Craft to build a new school, costing £20,000, and then ask them to increase the present Boys' School. It was a question whether the building could be increased or not. He had heard it stated in that room that if they wanted to increase the building for another 100 boys there would be no difficulty in doing so. The proposed new building, as he understood, was for fifty boys, to be increased afterwards to accommodate 150. He was anxious on every ground that the Boys' School should be increased. It was a matter in which great interest was taken, and he, as closely connected with the elections, strongly felt that the list of candidates was largely increasing. There was a large balance of unsuccessful candidates after last election, and he thought there would be a larger balance in April, and a still larger in October, when he assumed there would be 100 unsuccessful candidates. They must look at the present state of things, and not be guided by anything that had taken place in the past. They must, in his opinion, gradually increase the School, and the question would be how they were to do it, whether by erecting a new building, which might be strongly opposed by the brethren in the provinces, or whether they should take an already existing building. There might be something added to Bro. Stewart's motion, which would give the power to the Committee to consider the proposition. If such an addition was made to the motion, he thought it would be generally agreed to.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL opposed the funds of the old Institution being touched for the new, but he approved of a scheme which would give a primary education to the younger candidates, which would relieve the masters, who should give a superior education to the older boys from employing their time in elementary education. He, however, would suggest that a sum of £20 a year might be voted for educating the younger candidates out of the School.

Bro. BINCKES said that Bro. Perceval's suggestion was one that revived the old plan adopted by the Boys' School, which militated against the success of the Institution. The boys used to be educated in that manner, and they were then a scattered band, under no immediate supervision. The Boys' Institution at that time had no School, whereas the Girls' had a School from the very foundation. A great



as his interest in this lodge, through personal friendship towards myself, has been strongly excited, and he has thus been led to make enquiries in quarters to which we should not have thought of resorting, but his experience directed him, whence he has obtained information as to our early history of the greatest importance, thus supplementing the work so intelligently drawn up and published by Bro. Past Master Ashley, and still farther proving what he only surmised on examination of the earliest recorded minutes.

For several reasons many difficulties are met with and have to be overcome in investigating the history of all the old lodges, which may be thus enumerated. Early in the eighteenth century there existed four Grand Lodges, each claiming the highest authority, thus causing much confusion, after a lapse of many years, in tracing the lodges under the jurisdiction of each. Of this you will be perfectly convinced by a perusal of Bro. Robert Freke Gould's elaborate work published last year under the title of "The Four Old Lodges." Subsequently there were but two Grand Lodges, respectively under the Dukes of Sussex and Kent, the former known as "The Moderns," and the latter as "The Ancients." In 1813 these two were amalgamated, and by the alternate arrangement of numbers, many old lodges appear to be of much more recent date than others founded long after them. As an illustration of the effect in our own district, it may be mentioned that the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, though now within twelve numbers of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, and within ten numbers of the St. Paul's Lodge No. 43,—thus appearing to any one not acquainted with the circumstances of nearly the same antiquity,—will not be entitled to claim the centenary jewel till 1912, the date on the warrant being 1812, though that jewel lawfully belonged to us as well as to my mother lodge, No. 43, Birmingham in 1833, that is, seventy-nine years earlier. It will be at once evident that the lodges had their origin from a different source, No. 53 coming from the so-called "Ancients," or Seceders, and Nos. 41 and 43 from those styled "Moderns," the latter being really the more ancient. From the period when it was warranted in 1733, our lodge has undergone nine changes of number, as you will find recently engraved on each of the jewels worn by the officers. The periodical revision of numbers and the occasional combination of two lodges to form one, thus present another obstacle. Lodges which have ceased to exist are erased from the list, and the numbers of all the remaining ones are pushed on, sometimes to a very great extent, from another cause, namely, removal to a different jurisdiction, as was the case in 1863, when a separate Grand Lodge for Canada was formed, to which all English lodges in that country were transferred. As an example of the effect, it may be mentioned that in that year I founded a lodge in Jersey, No. 1206, which, when the change took place a few months later, became 958. Were it not that the extension of education and intelligence has caused records to be kept with greater exactitude than formerly, if we may judge from the difficulties now encountered in reconciling anomalies during the last century, it is probable that so great and sudden a change might not be readily accounted for by Masonic historians a century hence. The carelessness with which entries of minutes were made in the lodge books, and the scantiness of information, sometimes limited to the names of those present, created another obstacle. Lastly, it is well known that at one period a large number of Masonic documents were destroyed, as mentioned in Bro. Ashley's book, from a fear that they might be compelled to be given up, and fall into the hands of improper persons. Even at present needless obstacles are occasionally interposed, by which attempts are made to prevent our recognised historians from obtaining the most simple information; for instance, I was some time ago refused permission to copy not only the warrant of an old lodge, though it always hung in the hall for general inspection, but even the dates upon it, with a view to registration and tabulation with others. In this case, however, the precaution was of no avail, since by taking a little more trouble the information was obtained from the records of Grand Lodge. The time has long passed by when it was desirable to conceal any thing beyond the arcana of the Order.

Under all the circumstances named in those preliminary observations, it is most important, for the benefit of future historians of Freemasonry, that a record should be preserved of the exact discoveries Bro. Hughan has made in reference to our old lodge, communicated to us at the meeting on October the 7th, which I now proceed to relate in greater detail than is convenient in the minutes of the transactions of that day. This paper may then find a place in the iron chest with our most valuable documents, not as original from me, but as an epitome of results obtained by others.

Our warrant from the Grand Lodge of England bears the date of April 26th, 1733. In his published account of the lodge Bro. Ashley writes, on the authority of the minute books which are in our possession in a perfect state from that date, "the year before the warrant was granted, it is stated, in the ordinary way of entry, that the lodge met,—it had then its own Master and Wardens,—without any mention of their being elected,—was initiating and raising members and performing ceremonies." At the first meeting recorded, held on December 28th, 1732, evidently one preliminary to the obtaining of the warrant, ten brethren were present, whose names are given, namely, the W.M., two Wardens and seven members. Another significant fact is that at the meeting on May 18th, 1733, when the lodge met under the present warrant, in addition to the W.M., two Wardens, (one of whom bears a different name from the one at the previous meeting), four Past Masters, and six Master Masons, in all thirteen, besides one mentioned as absent, three fellow Crafts were present, who must have taken the First and Second Degrees in a previously existing lodge. The following will perhaps explain what and where this was; but before entering upon it, I would remark that the expression in the minutes of December 28th, 1732, is a singular one: "The lodge met at Bro. Robinson's, the Bear, in Bath, and regularly formed themselves," thus implying that previous transactions had been irregular, and that this was the first step towards a perfect authority, which having been subsequently obtained from the Grand Master, Lord Montague, at the meeting on May 18th, 1733, the expression is that "the lodge met and by warrant were constituted into a regular lodge, when the officers chosen were," &c., &c. No other officers are mentioned except the W.M. and Wardens, and, as has been stated, one of the latter was changed, the W.M. and other Warden being re-elected.

(To be continued).

THE CHARITIES IN SOUTH LONDON.

At a recent meeting of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, the Treasurer was able to announce that the financial position of this comparatively young lodge was a highly satisfactory one. He urged upon his brethren the duty incumbent upon every good Mason of supporting the various deserving Charities so intimately associated with the Craft, and he re-called attention to the fact that within the last twelve months two children, daughters of deceased members of that lodge, had been elected to the Masonic Institution for Girls. He said that, although the expenses incidental to the establishment of a young lodge had necessarily absorbed a large portion of their annual revenue, yet they had now in hand a good surplus, and that surplus could in no way be better employed than in supporting the Masonic Institutions. With the assent of the Worshipful Master, the Treasurer then proposed that an annual sum of thirty guineas should be contributed by members of 1648, one half to be given by the lodge, and the other moiety by thirty members of an association to be then formed, each to pay half a guinea yearly. The six life subscribers thus provided for would be balloted for by members of the lodge until all had become at last life subscribers, and it was hoped life governors, of one or other of the Masonic charities. The Master, Bro. George J. Earney, in a few eloquent sentences, signified his entire approval of the proposition, which he earnestly recommended to the favourable consideration of his brethren, and on being put to the lodge the resolution was carried without a single dissentient voice or vote.

Later in the evening, while the lodge was at refreshment, it was accidentally discovered by a member of the lodge that the date of their meeting that evening happened to be the birthday of their deservedly popular Worshipful Master; and, as he had on that occasion initiated four brethren into Freemasonry, it was felt that so interesting an occasion deserved to be marked in some fitting manner. In graceful and felicitous terms the Immediate Past Master intimated to Bro. Earney the "Hearty good wishes" of his brethren, and it was then proposed that a life subscription in one of the Masonic Institutions should be contributed by the brethren present and given to their Worshipful Master as a mark of their regard and esteem. A list was sent round the table, and when it was returned to the Treasurer's hands it was found to be sufficiently filled to admit of the purchase of a life governorship, and a cheque for the amount was handed to the Worshipful Master, who, as need hardly be said, was deeply gratified by the action of his brethren. A fitting acknowledgment from him terminated this interesting episode in the life of the Skelmersdale Lodge.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. MURLIS, P.M. AND SECRETARY LODGE No. 1642.

An assembly of a most interesting character took place at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on Thursday week, the 2nd inst., when notwithstanding the dense fog there were a large number of brethren present. The occasion was the celebration of Bro. Murlis's silver wedding, and the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge deemed it a fitting opportunity to present him with a testimonial as a token of their regard and esteem, and to mark their appreciation of his services as Founder, Master, and Secretary of the lodge. The meeting was summoned for seven o'clock, and at half past that hour the company sat down to an excellent dinner, exceedingly well served under the supervision of Bro. Linscott, and genially presided over by the W.M., Bro. Samuel Smout, sen., supported on his right by Bro. W. Murlis, the guest of the evening, Bro. H. J. Pearson, P.M. 1196; Mr. Churchwarden Bailey, and Bro. Dr. J. E. Carpenter, P.M. and Sec., 1196; and on his left by Bros. E. M. Lander, I.P.M., George Penn, P.M., Treas., Samuel H. Parkhouse, P.M., Sec., and W. Stephens, P.M., the vice chair being occupied by Bro. the Rev. C. Darby Reid, chairman of the Kensington Board of Guardians. The members of the lodge and visitors included Bros. Smout, jun., J. Bartle, J. Woodmason, W. W. Buckland, Dr. Pocock, Dr. Rule, R. C. Green, J. Adkins, W. W. Morgan, W. Hallett, Humphries, Fisher, F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*), and about fifty others.

At the conclusion of the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. In giving the toast of the evening Bro. Smout said, that they had assembled there that evening to celebrate the silver wedding of their honoured Secretary, Bro. W. J. Murlis, which remark produced hearty and prolonged cheers. Most present, the chairman continued, were able to judge, from experience, of the excellent services Bro. Murlis had rendered to the lodge both as Founder, Master, and Secretary and it was through their liberality that he now had the extreme pleasure of presenting to their first Worshipful Master a handsome gold keyless chronometer watch. Mrs. Murlis also was not forgotten as he had the extreme gratification of presenting to Bro. Murlis on that esteemed lady's behalf, a case containing a set of gold ornaments consisting of a brooch, locket, and ear-rings of exquisite design.

The watch, which is a very handsome one, and cost, we were informed, forty guineas, bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. J. Murlis, P.M., on the occasion of his silver wedding, by the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, as a token of their esteem and regard, and in recognition of his services as Secretary and founder. Dec. 2nd, 1880." The following was the inscription on the case containing the brooch, locket, and ear-rings: "Presented to Mrs. Murlis, by the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, on her silver wedding day. Dec. 2nd, 1880."

After Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, Secretary of the fund, had read the list of subscribers, a still further proof of Bro. Murlis's popularity was the presentation to him of a handsome silver crucet by Bro. W. STEPHENS, P.M. 1489, &c., who, in handing it to the recipient, said it was given by himself and Mrs. Stephens as a remembrance of the long friendship which had existed between them. He had known him during the whole course of his married life—twenty-five years—and he now wished him health, wealth, and all the happiness that life could give.

Bro. MURLIS, who was visibly affected by the hearty manner in which each mention of his name was received, in the course of his reply, thanked those present for celebrating his silver wedding in so kindly and joyous a manner. Twenty-five years back, when a complete

stranger in London, he had little idea so grand an evening was in store for him. During that long period his married life had been a happy one, and this evening he would cherish and hold in the greatest reverence as long as he lived. Mrs. Murlis, he was sure, would prize the present more than any other she had. In thanking Bro. Stephens for the silver crucet, Bro. Murlis remarked that he had known him for thirty years, and hoped the same feeling of friendship would continue between them until his dying day.

Several others toasts were given, including "The Visitors," acknowledged by Messrs. BAYLEY, WATSON, and WALTER HALLETT, and "The W.M.," proposed in glowing terms by Bro. LANDER, I.P.M., to which Bro. SMOUT, sen., replied.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

The Special District Grand Lodge, called for the 27th October, to nominate a brother to be recommended to His Royal Highness the M. Wor. G. Master to fill the office of District Grand Master, was held at the Friendly Lodge-rooms, the Right Worshipful J. W. Whitbourne, Past Deputy District Grand Master presiding.

The Secretary read minutes of the several lodges in the district, showing that five lodges were in favour of nominating R. Wor. A. DeCordova, whilst two lodges were for Wor. Dr. T. Allen. Those brethren having been both proposed and seconded in District Grand Lodge, a division took place, when there appeared for Bro. DeCordova twenty-seven and for Bro. Allen eleven votes. The whole proceedings, with minutes of private lodges, were directed to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for the information of the M. Wor. Grand Master.

It is much to be regretted that Bro. Whitbourne would not sanction his name to be put forward against the candidates (Bros. DeCordova and Allen); he would have been unanimously elected and all parties pleased—as it is now, the appointment of either of the brethren named is almost sure to produce a split in the Masonic community of this district, and already threats have been held out to the conflicting parties to the effect that they will not work in harmony. It is therefore the fervent hope of most right-minded Masons in the district that, notwithstanding Bro. Whitbourne's refusal to offer himself, the M.W.G. Master will appoint him, so as to secure a continuance of harmony, and brotherly love.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland met in Freemasons' Hall on the inst., for the installation of the officers for next year, and also for the celebration of the festival of St. Andrew. The ceremony of installation took place at four o'clock, in the presence of a crowded attendance of members of the Craft. Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Master of all India, Bro. Macintosh Balfour, who intimated all the elective offices vacant, and proposed for election as Grand Master Mason Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart. This having been unanimously agreed to, the Grand Wardens and President and Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards introduced the Grand Master, who took the usual obligation, and was then congratulated on his reappointment. The Grand Master thanked the brethren for reappointing him to his high office, and took his place on the throne, and installed the other officers who had been appointed for the ensuing year, the following being the names thereof:—

- Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn ... P.G.M.
- „ the Earl of Mar and Kellie ... D.G.M.
- „ Colonel Sir A. C. Campbell ... Sub. G.M.
- „ R. F. Shaw Stewart ... S.G.W.
- „ the Earl of Haddington ... J.G.W.
- „ D. Murray Lyon ... G. Sec.
- „ David Kinnear ... G. Cashier.
- „ Rev. T. N. Wannop, and Rev. } G. Chaps.
- „ W. C. E. Jamieson, B.A. }
- „ the Earl of Breadalbane ... S.G.D.
- „ Captain J. Crombie ... J.G.D.
- „ Andrew Kerr ... G. Architect.
- „ J. S. Matheson ... G. Jeweller.
- „ G. Fisher ... G. Bible-Bearer.
- „ Captain W. Hills ... G.D. of C.
- „ H. Y. D. Copland ... G. Sword-Bearer.
- „ C. D. Hamilton ... G.D. of Music.
- „ R. Davidson ... G. Org.
- „ Captain Farquhar Macgillivray ... G. Marshal.
- „ W. M. Bryce ... G. Tyler.
- „ J. Ness ... G. Outer Guard.
- „ J. Turner ... Pres. of G. Stwds.
- „ J. Crichton ... V.P. of G. Stwds.

At this stage a pleasing ceremony was performed by the Substitute Grand Master, who presented to the Grand Master a copy of the resolution of the previous meeting congratulating him on the marriage of his daughter. The resolution was beautifully illuminated on vellum by Bro. Melville, Edinburgh, handsomely bound, and bore the arms of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge then adjourned to the large hall, there to celebrate the festival of St. Andrew, in which they were assisted by members of Grand Lodge and deputations from daughter lodges in Edinburgh and many parts of the country. There were about 250 of the brethren present, who received Grand Lodge standing, whilst the appropriate music was played on the organ. The chair was taken by the Grand Master, who was supported on the right by Bros. Col. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., Substitute Grand Master; Lieut.-Gen. Sir James Alexander, Prov. G.M. of Stirlingshire; Rev. T. N. Wannop, G. Chap.; William Officer, Representative from the Grand Orient of Egypt; David Kinnear, G. Cashier; Andrew Kerr, G. Architect; Rev. Alexander Inglis; Carl Hamilton, G. Dir. of Music; Captain Hills, G. Dir. of Cer.; and on the left by Bros. Macintosh Balfour, Grand Master of all India; Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, G. Chap.; William Mann, Proxy District Grand Master of all India; Captain C. Hunter, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Greece; Captain J. Crombie, J.G.D.; George Fisher, G. Bible Bearer; John S. Matheson, G. Jeweller; and Captain Macgillivray, G. Marshal. The Croupiers were Bros. R. F. S. Stewart, S.G.W., and the Earl of Haddington, J.G.W.; and James Turner, President; James Crichton, Vice-President, of the Board of Grand Stewards; and Albert Apthorpe, Past

G. Marshal, acted as Assistant Croupiers. Amongst others present were Bros. Dr. Falconer and D. Hume, Dysart; Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart.; Captain Fletcher Campbell, R.N.; and James Elliott, jr., of Wolflee.

Apologies had been received from Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Dep. G.M.; John Whyte Melville, Past G.M.; Earl of Broadalbane, S.G.D.; R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P.; Prov. G.M. of Ayrshire; Charles Dalrymple, M.P.; Prov. G.M. of Argyll and the Isles; Captain Clayhills Henderson, Prov. G.M. of Forfarshire; George Maxwell, Prov. G.M. of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright; F. A. Barrow, Past S.G.W.; Sir J. Don Wauchope, Bart.; Col. Lumsden, P.P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire (East); James H. Neilson, Proxy Prov. G.M. of Venezuela; Captain G. F. R. Colt, Proxy Prov. G.M. of Trinidad; W. Hay, Representative Nova Scotia; and Hector M'Lean, Prov. G.M. Lanarkshire (Upper Ward).

Deputations were in attendance from the following lodges, headed by the under-mentioned brethren, for the most part the R.W.M.'s of the respective lodges: Bros. James Crichton, 1; Andrew Clark, 5; J. Wilson, 8; Dalkeith Kilwinning, 10; Nisbet, 11; Gillespie, 14; Milne, 19; Bertram, 20; Wallace, 35; E. Sellintin, 36; Bringleoc, 42; Dr. Carmichael, 48; Macdonald, 54; D. Compton, 57; Robertson, 70; Moir, 93; J. Craig, 97; Laurence, 117; Ronaldson, 151; Robertson, 153; Cameron, 175; A. Hay, 185; Barry, 223; Dr. Falconer, 291; Dobie, 349; Brownlee, 362; A. W. Rennie, 380; A. Apthorpe, 405; Laing, 429; W. Pearson, 518; Hume, 520; Drysdale, 597; and J. D. Duncan, 607.

Dinner was served in excellent style by Bro. Daish; and thereafter Grand Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and several toasts were proposed. "The Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the rest of the Royal Family," having been drunk with loyal honours, the Grand Master proposed "The Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers," coupling with the navy the name of Captain Fletcher Campbell, R.N., who, he mentioned, had been made a Companion of the Bath for his behaviour at the Cape, and whom Grand Lodge welcomed there (applause); Bro. Lieut.-General Sir James Alexander with the army; Col. Sir Archibald Campbell with the militia; and Captain Crombie, Aberdeen, with the volunteers. These brethren having replied, the Grand Master proposed "The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland."

Bro. BALFOUR, Grand Master of all India, rose amid cheers to propose the toast of "The Grand Master." In doing so he said that he felt that a very great honour had been conferred on Scottish Freemasons in India by their representative having been permitted to instal the Grand Master, and by this toast having been committed to his hands. It would be superfluous on his part to tell them anything of the manner in which the Grand Master had discharged the duties of his high office. Their Grand Master had laboured among them all (applause), and by his works they knew him (renewed applause), and their appreciation of them had led them to re-elect him, and to appoint him as their Grand Master for the eighth time (applause), to the entire satisfaction of every brother of the Scottish Craft, and in that he had been undoubtedly and quietly carrying out their legitimate objects; but he had, as many had, recognised, as these had been brought to a close, that his labours were only commencing (hear, hear), and that they were yet necessary to place Scottish Freemasonry in the high position which all the brethren who desired to see it emulate the Constitutions of England and Ireland were anxious it should occupy. (Applause.) He was sure he might say, not only on behalf of the foreign brethren, that their Grand Master, in endeavouring to continue his series of reforms, had the heartfelt sympathy and cordial support of every brother belonging to the Craft. (Prolonged applause.)

The GRAND MASTER, who was received with prolonged and enthusiastic cheering, said that the part he was now called upon to perform was much more pleasing than it was a few years ago—in fact the whole drama was more satisfactory and more pleasant to all—the performers and the audience; the general body of Masons was also much better pleased. (Applause.) The consequence was that they had a full treasury, and they could all unite, without reserve, in drinking to the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. (Applause.) During the year ending that day there had been 3763 entrants, and of these about one third were from Colonial and foreign lodges, and seven new charters had been issued. The Grand Lodge debt at that date amounted to £3500, whilst at the same date last year was £5464, so that there was a surplus on the year of £1664. (Applause.) This state of Grand Lodge affairs was satisfactory to him, and was highly so to all present. Financial matters were going right; they had a most efficient and attentive committee; and besides that he thought the whole tone of Grand Lodge was healthy and fraternal. (Applause.) Jealousies of localities were dying away, and they now felt it was their duty and pleasure to do their best for Grand Lodge, irrespective of east or west, north or south. (Applause.) The Grand Master concluded by thanking the Grand Lodge for re-electing him to his high office.

The toast of "The Past Grand Masters" having been proposed by Bro. ALEXANDER HAY, and that of "The Foreign Grand Lodges" by SIR ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, and replied to by Capt. CHARLES HUNTER, "The Depute and Substitute Grand Masters" was proposed by Bro. WM. MANN. In doing so he remarked that it was not long since the Substitute Master, Sir Archibald Campbell, had an honour conferred upon him by the Queen; and they trusted in course of time to see him at the head of Grand Lodge. They could not always have Sir Michael on the throne, and he had no doubt that the time was fast coming when their friend Sir Alexander Campbell would be put in the chair, and he was sure Sir Alexander would do equal credit to the chair as had been done by the excellent Grand Masters who had preceded him. (Applause.)

In replying to the toast, SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL said that, though he would not venture to be a prophet, he hoped and trusted that in whatever position he was placed he would be able to do his duty. (Applause.)

"The Health of Lady Octavia Stewart" was then proposed in felicitous terms by the Earl of HADDINGTON, and drank amid cheers, the Grand Master replying.

The health of each of the daughter lodges which were represented by deputations was then proposed, the heads of the deputations replying in due order.

The other toasts were "The Grand Wardens," by Bro. MACRAE, replied to by the Earl of HADDINGTON; "The Provincial and District Grand Lodges," by Bro. OFFICER,

and acknowledged by Bro. CHARLES SHEPHERD; "The Grand Chaplains and other Office Bearers of Grand Lodge," by the GRAND MASTER, who passed a high eulogium upon the Grand Secretary for his faithful discharge of his duties, and replied for by Bro. Rev. W. C. E. JAMIESON; "The Board of Grand Stewards," by Bro. Captain CROMBIE, replied for by Bro. JAMES TURNER; and, in solemn silence, "The Memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn."

An excellent orchestra, under Bro. Dambmann, supplied music during the evening, and a number of excellent songs were sung by several of the brethren.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the company separated at about ten o'clock.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LANARKSHIRE.

The quarterly convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter over the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire took place within their chapter rooms, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Friday evening, the 26th ult., Comp. W. J. Easton, M.E. Supt., presiding, who was ably assisted by Comps. T. M. Campbell, M.E. Principal H.; James Dalrymple Duncan, acting M.E. Principal J.; James Balfour, E. Scribe E.; Thomas W. Brownlie, E. Treas.; Geo. Muir, Colin M'Kenzie, and David Gilchrist, First, Second, and Third Sojourners respectively.

The meeting was fairly represented by the Principals comprising the various chapters in the province. The minute of last meeting was read and cordially sustained by the companions.

The election of office bearers was next proceeded with, and constituted as follows:

Comp. W. J. Easton	... ..	Prov. G. Supt.
" Thomas Halket	... ..	Prov. G.H.
" Thomas M. Campbell	... ..	Prov. G.J.
" James Balfour	... ..	Prov. G.S.E.
" James M. Oliver	... ..	Prov. G.S.N.
" John Marshall	... ..	Prov. G. Treas.
" James Duthie	... ..	Prov. G. Chan.
" George Muir	... ..	Prov. G. 1st Soj.
" Colin M'Kenzie	... ..	Prov. G. 2nd Soj.
" Stephen Robertson	... ..	Prov. G. 3rd Soj.
" Frederick Neute	... ..	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" William Findlay	... ..	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Robert Muir	... ..	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Robert Gardiner	... ..	Prov. G. Janitor.

The auditor's report for the past financial year was laid before the meeting, when the companions expressed themselves highly satisfied at the continued prosperity of the chapter, and regretted the retiral from office of Comp. T. W. Brownlie, late Treasurer, who received the thanks of the chapter for his past services. A like compliment to the auditors was passed for their prompt action in auditing the books. The annual levy from the chapters in the province was continued the same as last year. The annual visitation by the Provincial Grand Chapter to take place upon an early date. After other formal business relative to Royal Arch Masonry the chapter was duly closed.

### REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

#### Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—This old lodge, as usual, mustered strongly on Tuesday, the 30th ult., when it met at its head-quarters, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. Morrison, W.M.; Themans, P.M., acting S.W. (in the absence, through severe illness, of Bro. Heaphy); T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acting I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Clark, S.D.; Jordan, I.G.; Kendall, W.S.; Fromitz, D.C.; Green, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; and Cobham, P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. T. Fisher, J.W. 1405; Dickson, 179; E. Wood, 826; G. Gorringer, 834; H. Bromit, Excelsior; W. Hollis, 1531; A. Walmsley, 1624; and S. Doig, 90 (Scotland).

The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Mr. Day, and it proving to be unanimous, that gentleman was duly and ably inducted into the mysteries of the Craft. The subject of the testimonial to Bro. Carter having been fully discussed, the sum of five guineas, from the lodge funds, was, upon the motion of Bros. Walls and Themans, unanimously voted to the fund now in course of collection. A Committee, consisting of the officers and three lay members, was subsequently appointed to carry out the details of the testimonial. Several communications from absent members having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation.

The after proceedings were merely of a formal nature. Bro. Day acknowledged the toast of "The Initiate," and Bro. Fisher, Doig, and others responded upon behalf of "The Visitors." "The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Dairy, P.M., and modestly replied to by Bro. Morrison. "The Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, who responded. The success of the proceedings was greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bro. Dickson and others. The members separated at an early hour.

**HORNSEY LODGE (No. 890).**—A large number of the brethren of the above lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 3rd inst., and were supplemented by an almost equal number of visitors. The sole business of the evening was to instal Bro. S. T. Turquand, P.G.D.C. Surrey, into the chair of the lodge, this impressive ceremony being ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Kempster, M.D., and obtained the hearty applause of the assembled brethren. Bro. Turquand appointed and invested his officers as follows, viz.: Bros. J. G. Smith, S.W.; Walters, J.W.; Churchward, S.D.; Bolton, J.D.; Bench, I.G.; Crawby, D.C.; and Willing, W.S. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Kempster, M.D., who warmly thanked the lodge for the gift.

The banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, and gave great satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge, and their invites. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of "The W.M." being most cordially received. "The Visitors" had due acknowledgment from Bros.

Greenwood, G.S.B., P.G.D. Surrey; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D.; Greenwood, P.G.R. Surrey; Dew, and others. "The Masonic Charities" were duly honoured, and eloquently replied to by Bros. Binckes and Terry, the W.M. expressing his determination to represent the Boys' at the next festival. The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by some admirable singing by Miss Bertie Stephens, R.A.M., Messrs. Lovett, King, and H. Preston, Milland's song of "Waiting" being charmingly rendered by Miss Stephens, and enthusiastically encored by the brethren. Altogether Bro. Turquand may congratulate himself on a most successful commencement to his year of office.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).**—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the New Cross Public Hall, Lewisham High-road, on Saturday the 4th inst., and the brethren mustered in fair strength. There were present Bros. E. H. Thiellay, P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., W.M.; Ernest E. Smith, S.W.; W. Cowley, J.W.; H. Keeble, P.M. Treas.; Walter Simmonds, P.M. Secretary; Louis Beck, I.P.M.; T. Grummat, S.D.; H. Henton, J.D.; Fry, (acting as) I.G. Members: Bros. Moss, T. Metham, Whiclow, J. Graham, G. J. Hendry, R. P. Gloag, and Ross. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and minutes of the last regular lodge meeting, and those of the emergency meeting of the 10th ult., read and confirmed, Bros. Simmons, P.M., Secretary then read the bye-laws, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Gloag, Hendry, and Graham, candidates for raising, were subjected to examination, and having given proofs of their efficiency in the former Degrees were duly entrusted and withdrew. Bro. L. Beck, I.P.M., then assumed the chair of K.S., and opened the lodge in the Third Degree. Bros. Gloag, Hendry and Graham were admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a P.M., Bro. Beck performing the ceremony with the same efficiency which characterised his ministrations during his year of office in 1859. The brethren then proceeded to elect a successor to Bro. Thiellay to fill the office of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, and Bro. Ernest Smith was duly elected to fill that office. Bro. Thiellay, W.M. addressing Bro. Smith, observed: "Bro. Smith, it gives me great pleasure in officially informing you that the brethren have elected you as their W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. As one of the founders of this lodge, I have watched your career as a young Mason with great interest, and I am satisfied that you will fulfil the duties of the chair with credit to yourself and with satisfaction to the brethren." Bro. Ernest Smith, S.W., in responding, thanked those who had voted for him, and also the W.M. for his kind remarks. It would be his earnest endeavour to render his year of office an enjoyable one to the brethren and a successful one for the lodge, and bearing in mind the excellent efficiency of those who would assist him as officers, he felt confident as to the result of the ensuing year's work." The ballot was then taken for the office of Treasurer, to which office Bro. Thiellay was elected. Bro. Thiellay in a few well chosen words thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. A. B. Church was next re-elected as Tyler, and Bros. Fry, Whiclow, and Graham appointed Auditors. It was then proposed and seconded that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Thiellay as a recognition of the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during his year of office. This was carried unanimously and Bro. Smith, S.W., announced the fact to the W.M., who returned thanks. A matter of a private nature having occupied the attention of the lodge for some little time, the W.M., having risen thrice, the lodge was closed in due form. Refreshment followed labour and due justice was done to the usual Masonic toasts. Bro. Ernest Smith, S.W., announced Mr. Fred Darrell (of the Globe Theatre) as his first initiate.

**CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1572).**—One of the most successful meetings in connection with this flourishing lodge took place on Saturday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when a large number of brethren were present to do honour to the occasion of the installation of Bro. Nelson Reed, P.M. 1601 and 1671, as Worshipful Master, which ceremony was performed by Bro. George Briggs, in such a manner as to draw upon him the highest encomiums from those present, many of whom, as their names will prove, were well able to judge. The lodge was opened in due form at 2.30 by the W.M., Bro. George Briggs, assisted by Bros. T. S. Hellier, I.P.M.; Nelson Reed, S.W.; George A. Brock, J.W.; J. Clarricoats, Treasurer; W. S. Whitaker, Secretary; F. Morgan, S.D.; P. Bullock, Organist; A. Pearce, D. of C.; R. Cotton, I.G.; J. Steedman, P.M. 754; Tyler; James Cowan, P.M.; Henry G. Buss, P.M. (hon. mem.); James Terry, P.M. (hon. mem.), Past G.W. Herts; R. E. H. Goffin; W. H. Wright; John C. Werring, Z. H. Perkins, John C. Corris, R. Hobbs, A. Bradley, F. A. Spurgin, J. Russell, W. H. Bennett, E. A. Packer, Thomas Brown, C. Lovebond, J. Margettes, J. Byles, F. H. Willcocks, W. E. Leman, A. Taylor, Alfred E. J. Snell, and others. The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th ult. were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Bradley was passed to the Second Degree. Ballot was then taken for Messrs Albert Model and James Perrier Swayne, candidates for initiation. This being declared in their favour, they were duly prepared and subsequently initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. Briggs, in a most perfect and impressive manner. The Wardens having vacated their chairs, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. George Briggs, supported by Bro. H. G. Buss, as S.W., and Bro. James Terry, as J.W.; Bro. J. L. Mather, Past Grand D. of C. Herts, acting as D. of C. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a Board of twenty installed Masters. On the return of the brethren the newly-installed Master, Bro. Nelson Reed, was proclaimed and saluted in the various Degrees, and, in due course, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows, accompanying each investment with a few complimentary remarks: Bros. George Briggs, I.P.M.; G. A. Brock, S.W.; F. Morgan (first initiate of the lodge), J.W.; John Clarricoats, Treasurer (re-elected for the fifth time); W. S. Whitaker, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); J. E. Burman, S.D. (by proxy); R. Cotton, J.D.; A. T. Pearce, I.G.; P. Bullock, D. of C.; R. E. H. Goffin, W.S.; W. Steedman, P.M. 754; Tyler. In appointing his S.D. the

W.M. referred in sympathetic terms to the cause of Bro. Burman's absence, which they all much regretted, no one more than himself. He hoped to see him at their next meeting. The entire ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. George Briggs in a manner that might be equalled but certainly never excelled. The whole was delivered with great precision, the addresses which close the ceremony being rendered more impressive by the quiet earnestness of his manner. Bro. Whitaker then brought before the lodge the report of the Audit Committee, and proposed, as every member had received a copy, that it should be taken as read, which being seconded by Bro. Past Master Hellier, was unanimously agreed to, the same to be entered upon the minutes. The W.M., Bro. Nelson Reed, then rose and said, that it would be within the memory of the majority of those present, that the late lamented Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, was an honorary member of this lodge, having been elected such at the consecration of the lodge in 1875. He would propose that the same compliment be paid to Bro. Col. Clerke, who had honoured the lodge with his presence that afternoon. Bro. George Briggs having seconded the proposition, it was carried unanimously. Col. Clerke, in reply, said he would use no time in thanking the brethren for the honour they had paid him, and which he had much pleasure in accepting, and hoped that he should have many opportunities from time to time of being amongst them. Bro. Jno. Clarricoats then proposed, and Bro. Nelson Reed seconded, Mr. Percy Crampton, of the firm of Copestake, Moore, Crampton, and Co., as an initiate. Bro. Goffin also proposed that a letter expressing the sympathy of the lodge be sent to Bro. Burman, which was seconded by Bro. Briggs, supported by Bro. Bullock, and carried unanimously. The Secretary, Bro. Past Master Whitaker, having promised to write and send the letter forthwith, gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, to be placed on the list of Bro. George Briggs, who intended to represent the lodge as Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will be held on the last Wednesday in June next.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large room, where a most "recherché" banquet was served, and undisputed; raise is due to Bro. W. G. Jennings for the manner in which the same was placed upon the table under his immediate superintendence. Bro. Nelson Reed presided, supported on his right by Bros. Col. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary; and on his left by Bros. George Briggs, I.P.M., and T. S. Hellier, P.M. On the removal of the cloth grace was said, and the usual toasts followed. The first toast, that of "The Queen," which was warmly received, was followed by the National Anthem; to this succeeded that of "H.R.H. the M.V.G.M.," which toast the Worshipful Master said was always well received in every Masonic lodge. It was needless to remind the brethren that since His Royal Highness had been Grand Master, Freemasonry had made great strides. Upwards of 300 new lodges had been granted since 1875, the year H.R.H. was installed. The charter, or warrant, of the Carnarvon Lodge was granted during the Prince of Wales's absence in India, and bore the signatures of the M.V. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M. With this toast he would couple the name of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, it being only three days since that illustrious lady celebrated her thirty-sixth birthday. He was sure every brother would hear with pleasure that at the meeting of Grand Lodge on the previous Wednesday a resolution, expressing the best wishes of the United Grand Lodge of England be conveyed to H.R.H. on this her thirty-sixth birthday, was unanimously carried amidst the applause of the brethren assembled. The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed by Bro. Reed, who, in the course of his remarks, referred to Lord Carnarvon as a nobleman and gentleman who always fulfilled his duties in a genial and noble manner. They were all aware of his great ability. The same remarks applied to Lord Lathom, who was highly respected by all who knew him, both in his own Province of West Lancashire and throughout the Craft. He felt certain that the whole of the present Grand Officers were well able to fulfil their duties, though he could more particularly speak of the two representatives present with them that evening—the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Clerke, and Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary—upon whom he should call to reply. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as a Grand Officer, thanked the brethren very much indeed for the way in which the toast had been received. It was an important one, he would acknowledge, as it included many important names. The toast of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, embraced names of most eminent men, all of whom had worked hard for the good of the Craft. The gallant colonel then referred to the motion before Grand Lodge on the previous Wednesday respecting Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, who might, he amusingly said, be described as M.V. Grand Mistress. It would be his extreme pleasure within the next few days to send to Her Royal Highness the resolution engrossed on vellum, and which doubtless would elicit from that gracious lady an early reply. Bro. Henry G. Buss also acknowledged the toast. The next toast was that of "The W.M.," proposed in hearty terms by Bro. Briggs, who congratulated Bro. Reed on his renown in the Craft, remarking that he (Bro. Reed) would have been installed earlier, but was precluded through holding that office in another lodge. Bro. Reed, in reply, returned thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He had always endeavoured to do his best for Freemasonry, and would continue so to do. Bro. Reed then, in graceful terms, referred to the services of Bro. Briggs, whom he had the great pleasure of meeting in Freemasonry when he (Bro. Reed) was initiated in the St. James's Lodge some five years since. In conclusion, Bro. Reed hoped that at the same time next year his name would be as good as it appeared to be then. The toast of "The Initiates" was next given. Bro. H. G. Buss having favoured the brethren by singing the E.A. song, Bros. Albert Model and James Perrior Swayne neatly and briefly replied. In proposing the next toast—"The Installing Master, Bro. George Briggs, I.P.M."—after the cheering had subsided, Bro. Reed said that it was with the greatest pleasure that he proposed the health of Bro. Briggs. They had all seen the masterly way in which he had worked the various Degrees; but the installation ceremony had been performed in so marvellous a manner as to deserve it being recorded in the annals of Freemasonry. Bro. Reed then presented

Bro. Briggs with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation with some highly complimentary remarks, which were heartily cheered by the brethren. Bro. Briggs, in the course of his reply, thanked the lodge for the jewel so kindly voted to him, and which would to him be the brightest ornament that he possessed. He thanked the brethren from his heart of hearts for the honour done him that evening, which to him would always be the night of nights. The toast of "The Past Masters" was next given, eliciting replies from Bros. W. S. Whitaker, James Cowan, and T. S. Hellier. "The Visitors" were next honoured, on behalf of whom Bros. Avery, Past G. Treas. Devonshire; F. Burdett, W.M. 1601; and J. Bergmann, W.M. 1671, replied. "Success to the Masonic Charities" followed, in submitting which Bro. Reed observed that from a recent speech of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales he gathered that about £1000 per week was contributed to the Masonic Charities, which was he thought worthy of all praise. Since the establishment of the Carnarvon Lodge, some five years, they had sent a Steward to each festival, and the total amount subscribed by its members was £500. He felt no doubt but what a similar amount would be sent during the next five years. With this toast he would couple the name of Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry, in the course of his reply, acknowledged that it needed little to be said to the members of the Carnarvon Lodge on behalf of the Masonic Charities, as they were already such great supporters of those Institutions, his own in particular. He wished he could congratulate every lodge as he did this. Bro. Cowan took up for the Benevolent Institution the sum of 173 guineas, and he hoped Bro. Briggs would be able to eclipse that amount for the Boys. In proposing the next toast, that of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said that it must be a very pleasing fact for the members of the lodge to know that after contributing to the Charities as they had, they still possessed a fund of over £100. The Treasurer, Bro. John Clarricoats, in reply, said for the last five years in acknowledging this toast he had told the brethren that he was "a man of few words," but after the flattering way in which they had received his name and the toast he could not refrain from saying how much he appreciated their kindness and good wishes. He could only add that if he had pleased them in the past, he would do his utmost to please them in the future. Bro. W. S. Whitaker, who also replied, said that at that late period of the evening the brethren would not be inclined to listen very attentively to what he might say, particularly as the remarks of a Secretary are, of necessity, somewhat dry and statistical. He would, however, like just to draw their attention briefly to the balance sheet. Though the balance in favour of the lodge was small, it was thoroughly genuine, and the amounts shown as owing were bona fide debts. He was also pleased to say that at the last meeting of the Audit Committee, held a few days previously, the lodge was entirely free from debt. He would also remind the brethren, but more particularly for the information of the initiates, that out of every amount received by the Treasurer of this lodge (visitors' fees alone excepted) a certain proportion was paid to the Benevolent Fund, the result being the ability of the lodge to vote to one or other of the Charitable Institutions the sum of twenty guineas. At this moment, he was pleased to say, they had the considerable sum of £100 in the bank. Therefore, he thought he might fairly consider the balance sheet a very satisfactory one indeed. Bro. Whitaker, in conclusion, thanked the brethren sincerely for the kind manner in which they always received the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and assured them that any assistance he was able to give the lodge was to him a pleasure as well as a duty, and he would continue to render every aid in his power to promote the prosperity and efficiency of the lodge. The officers of the lodge was acknowledged by Bros. G. A. Brock, S.W., and F. Morgan, J.W.; the Tyler's toast bringing a most memorable and enjoyable meeting to a close. The visitors present included Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Theodore Distin, Past G. Steward; J. A. Avery, Past Grand Treas. Devon; John L. Mather, Pas G. D. of C. Herts; Francis Burdett, W.M. 1601; J. Bergmann, W.M. 1671; Henry Norman, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. M. Hodder, I.P.M. 217; N. J. Durrant, P.M. 1056; Edward Terry, P.M. 1319; A. T. Roberts, I.P.M. 1702; C. A. Woods, J.W. 145; R. A. Morgan, J.W. 1671; F. Carr, S.D. 1607; H. Warden, J.D. 1671; E. Lowther, 907; H. Morgan, 1203; John Ledger, 1586; George Harrison, 1608; P. A. Gieter, 1671; Wm. Wilson, 1671; J. Broderick, 1708; Burrell, 1829; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason).

**FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—This representative lodge had a meeting on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.W.; M. Samuels, J.W.; W. Ramsey, P.M.; Treasurer; W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M.; Secretary; Strugnell, J.D.; Goodenough, acting I.G.; Hart, Hon. Organist; and Parkinson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several letters from absent members were read. There was no business on the agenda. Previously to the lodge being closed a notice of motion upon a financial matter was given by Bro. Goodenough. The members shortly afterwards separated. There was no banquet.

**ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).**—The third installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday week, the 1st inst. The W.M., Bro. G. F. Barr, who is deserving of the highest praise for the very able manner in which he installed his successor, was supported by Bro. James Terry, Past G.W. Herts (honorary member); Louis Stean, P.M.; C. F. Barham, S.W., W.M. elect; E. Benjamin, J.W.; Rev. H. E. Henderson, Chap.; C. Stevens, Treas.; Joseph Cox, Hon. Sec.; J. A. Jones, S.D.; Alfred Clement, J.D.; E. Walker, D. of C.; G. Young, Org.; J. Funston, I.G.; Frank Matthews, and C. T. Speight, G. Tyler Surrey, Tyler. The members present included Bros. W. H. Brand, W.M. 1524; H. J. Thrower, H. Warnforth, R. Droisdale, John Staff, W. Beasley, Thos. Lawrence, B. Nicholson, B. Burnard, Charles Deacon, J. G. Moore, H. J. Gale, and others. Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. F. Hamer, W.M. The Great City Lodge, 1426; G. Edwards, W.M. Victoria Park Lodge, 1816; G. A. Taylor, P.M. 217; H. Dance, P.M. 754; G. Townsend, P.M. 820, 755, 1445; R. Jennings,

I.P.M. 907; W. H. Lee, P.M. 957 and 1524; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; E. Somers, P.M. 1602; James Robson, J.W. 1445; G. J. Woodman, J.W. 1599; G. T. Turner, S.D. 183; F. Carr, S.D. 1607; James Dunse, J.D. 193; W. Nicholson, 19; H. Sarson, 70; W. Cutting, 193; S. Smither, 193; A. Bridgman, 754; J. T. Sinclair, 813; James Smith, 1107; J. Harrison, 1278; W. Finch, 1365; W. W. Morgan, jun. 1385; W. Hancock, 1549; C. F. Luckhurst, 1604; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened in due and solemn form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with. Bro. Charles Frederick Barham being presented, and duly obligated, the brethren below the Degree of Installed Master retired, when he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. with the customary solemnity, and on the return of the brethren was proclaimed and saluted in the usual form, Bro. James Terry acting as Director of Ceremonies. The whole ceremony, including the various addresses, were given by Bro. Barr in a most creditable manner. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. E. Benjamin, S.W.; J. A. Jones, J.W.; Rev. H. E. Henderson, Chap.; C. Stevens, Treas.; Joseph Cox, Sec.; A. Clement, S.D.; J. Funston, J.D.; C. Young, Org.; E. Walker, I.G.; Frank Matthews, D. of C.; R. Droisdale and H. J. Thrower, Stewards; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. Bro. Barham at once gave sufficient proof of his ability for the Mastership of the lodge by the able manner in which he initiated Messrs. George Lockyer and George Short, two gentlemen who had been unanimously elected at the last meeting. After the names of two candidates, one for initiation and one for joining, had been submitted to the lodge, the Secretary reported that he had received an application from Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for a Steward at the festival in May next; when the W.M. stated that himself and the S.W. had arranged to represent St. Leonard's Lodge at the Girls' Festival in 1881, the Boys' having already been served; and promised Bro. Terry (a similar application having been received on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which Bro. Terry so worthily represents) that a Steward should represent his festival the following year. The W.M. then said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Barr with a jewel unanimously voted to him at the last meeting. The W.M. then placed it upon Bro. Barr's breast, accompanying the presentation with a few congratulatory remarks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, the serving of which was highly creditable to the lodge, who, we were informed, now cater for themselves. At the conclusion of the banquet and after grace, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was followed by that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M.," the W.M. remarking that those brethren who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge knew how well H.R.H. performed his duties; with this toast he would include the name of the Princess of Wales, it being her Royal Highness's birthday. This toast, which was very warmly received, was followed by the "Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the M.V. Pro. Grand M.; Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy G.M.; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. W. Clarke, Assist. G.P., who was prevented from attending the opening of the lodge having to be present at Grand Lodge. Bro. Clarke in reply, thanked the brethren for their hearty response to the toast, assuring them that while the Craft had such brethren as Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom at their head, who had the best causes of Freemasonry at heart, the tenets of their Order would be perfectly safe. The next toast was that of "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. Barr, I.P.M., who said that he never had a more pleasing duty to perform than that of proposing the health of the W.M. He always wished to be sincere in his remarks, and he trusted the brethren would credit him with sincerity upon this occasion. They all knew of what energy their W.M. was possessed and whatever he commenced he generally acquitted himself with credit. Bro. Barr then referred to the great success of the banquet, which was mainly due to the W.M. The W.M., having replied, proposed in complimentary terms "The Health of the Installing Master," thanking him for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and sincerely hoped when the time came for him to instal his successor, that he should be able to perform the ceremony in a like manner. It was his intention to perform that duty, and he trusted it would become the rule of the lodge for each Master to instal his successor. Bro. Barr, who, in the course of his reply, was frequently cheered, returned thanks for the kindly manner in which his name had been mentioned and received. He had long aspired to the chair, and had done his best to attain that position. He felt exceedingly thankful for the handsome jewel presented to him that evening, which he should always highly prize. It was at the last moment, he might say, that he decided to instal his successor. First he thought of leaving that ceremony to some more able brother than himself, but ultimately he decided to do his best, knowing that the kindly feelings of the brethren would prompt them to overlook any shortcomings that might present themselves. In conclusion, Bro. Barr said the W.M. might always depend upon his heartiest support whenever necessary. The toast of "The Past Masters" was next given by the W.M., who said that, though they were not numerous, they were two of the best. Bro. Louis Stean was one of the oldest Masons in London and the father of the lodge. He (the W.M.) felt the greatest respect for him and his general good qualities, and for the instruction he was always so pleased to give. With regard to Bro. Barr, apart from his previous services, the manner in which he had performed the ceremony that evening was deserving of all praise. Bros. Stean and Barr having replied, the toast of "The Initiates" followed, who, each in turn, replied. To the toast of "The Charities" Bro. Terry forcibly replied. Bro. Hamer, W.M. Great City Lodge, replied on behalf of "The Visitors." The sum of £1 7s. 3d. was found in the Charity Box.

**SIR CHARLES BRIGHT LODGE (No. 1793).**—This rapidly increasing lodge met in excellent strength at the Masonic Rooms, Teddington, on Saturday, the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. R. W. Forge, W.M.; J. Piller, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; J. Hurst, P.G.P. Middx., Treas., I.P.M.; H. W. Linton, S.D.; T. Goodchild, J.D.; C. Stevens, I.G.; and J. Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx., Tyler. Bro. Beard, Strawberry Hill Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. J. R. Barnes was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft and Bro. Edward Blanchard passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being well performed by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. J. Piller. Bro. T. Beauchamp was elected Treasurer, vice Bro. J. Hurst, resigned, and Bro. Gilbert was re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed, a Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to Bro. Forge, who briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Clarence Hotel to dine. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. Bro. Walls acknowledged "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers." "Bro. Barnes, the Initiate," was duly toasted, and responded in appropriate terms. "The Visitor" having been warmly drunk, Bro. Beard acknowledged the toast at length. In giving "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Hurst, I.P.M., *briefly but sentimentally* touched upon the incidents of Bro. Forge's year of office, which tenure, he said, had been very successful, and had not been marred by any untoward circumstances. He (the I.P.M.) believed that the Sir Charles Bright Lodge had a very excellent future before it, and he hoped that every occupant of the chair would leave it with the same amount of credit as Bro. Forge undoubtedly did. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. having responded, gave "The W.M. Elect." This important toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. Piller made a neat speech in response. "The Officers" was coupled with the name of W. Bro. Hurst, Treasurer, who briefly replied. The members then separated.

#### BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., which was not numerously attended, illness, domestic affliction, and absence from Bath, having prevented the presence of several of the officers, and others who are generally most punctual. The brethren having taken their seats in the hall, at 7.30 p.m., the officers entered in procession, and took their places, Bros. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., as W.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. Clark, P.M.; Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Rubie, P.M., as D.C.; Hunt, S.W.; Radway, J.W.; Cater, Sec.; Mercer, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; Ames, I.G.; Peach and J. G. Wilton, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the circular of summons, also the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Bro. Mercer, Secretary of the lodge of instruction, also read the minutes of an emergency meeting. The W.M. announced that the installation meeting in No. 53 would be held on December 6th, and that of No. 379 on the 13th, at both of which he hoped many of his brethren would attend. The Secretary having read a communication from Bro. Tudor Trevor in reference to the "Un-Masonic Trial," on the proposition of the J.W., seconded by the S.W., it was resolved that the lodge has not at its command any fund from which a grant can with propriety be made to meet the case, which ought to be dealt with by the Grand Lodge. The W.M. referred to several printed circulars which he had received, but which did not require immediate attention, among them, one relating to the "Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund," which had but just been placed in his hands, and should have his attention before the next meeting. He also stated that he had been in frequent communication with Bro. Hughan, P.G.D., on matters arising from the celebration on October 7th, who had added to the favours he had already conferred on the lodge by offering for its acceptance a fac-simile of Pine's Engraved List, dated 1724, a most valuable document, which at his earnest request, and as a special favour, Bro. General Pike had sent from America, the only copy that could be spared. The W.M. proposed to have this bound up with the former present, the "Constitutions of 1735." Bro. Ashley commented at some length on the value to the lodge of the kind interest and generosity of Bro. Hughan, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him, which having been carried by acclamation, the W.M. was requested to communicate it. During the preparation of a candidate for initiation, the bye-laws of the lodge were read by Bro. F. Wilkinson, P.M. All the necessary preliminaries having been complied with, Mr. John Wetherman was admitted, properly prepared, and initiated into the Order by the W.M., assisted in one portion by Bro. Ashley. The J.D. explained the symbolism of the working tools, and the W.M. completed the work by giving the charge. Three gentlemen were then proposed for initiation, and as they are so well-known and universally recognised as eligible and likely to adorn the Order, under peculiar circumstances, the W.M. proposed a departure from the custom by balloting for and initiating them on the same evening, which was agreed to. A former member of the lodge, who had resigned membership some years ago, was proposed to rejoin his mother lodge. The W.M. then read a long and elaborate paper on recent discoveries which had been made as to the history of the lodge, with many inferences and remarks connected therewith. It was listened to with great attention, and at its close was received with marked acclamation, as was also a proposition of a vote of thanks, on the part of the Treasurer, seconded by the acting I.P.M. The lodge was then closed, and the procession formed to escort the W.M. from the hall at ten p.m.

**YORK, — York Lodge (No. 236).—**A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place. Present: Bros. W. H. Gainforth, W.M.; R. W. Hollon, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. Grand Treasurer; Sir Jas Meek, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Wm. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer; S. Maltby, P.M.; Rev. W. Valentine, P.M., P.P.G.C.; A. Buckley, P.M., P.J.G.D.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; M. Rooke, S.W.; J. S. Rymer, J.W.; Geo. Kirby, Sec.; Geo. Garbutt, S.D.; W. Draper, J.D.; J. Hopkins, Org.; W. Powell, I.G.; J. Young and W. Smith, Stewds.; T. G. Hodgson, D.C.; W. G. Calvert, Tyler. Bros. W. Wilson, J. Redfare, A. W. White, A. Hanson, T. W. Wilson, W. Nicholson, J. Stead, S. Border, J. J. Eberle, J. Toes, G. C. Lee, and T. S. Camidge, P.P.G.O. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Cox, 351; J. Southam, 836; E. J. De Salis, 1331; and F. Sharp, 1356.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, Bro. Hollon, P.M., feelingly alluded to the loss the lodge had sustained

by the lamented death of Bro. Alderman March, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., one of the oldest members of the lodge, and moved that the Secretary be instructed to address a letter of condolence with his family on their bereavement, and that the lodge be placed in mourning for the space of three months, which was seconded by Bro. Lawton, P.M., and carried unanimously. A brother was then admitted by the W.M. to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed in a most satisfactory manner. The annual election of officers afterwards took place, when Bro. Mark Rooke, S.W., was chosen W.M.; Bro. Todd, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. W. G. Calvert, Tyler; all the elections being unanimous. The W.M. then stated that the next business before the lodge was the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Todd, P.M., Treasurer, and called upon Bro. P.M. Sir James Meek, P.P.S.G.W., to make the presentation on behalf of the lodge. Bro. Sir Jas. Meek, in acceding to the request, stated that he felt highly honoured in being asked to present the token of esteem and regard which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge to a worthy and zealous brother, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge, of which he had been so long a valued member, and in requesting the acceptance by Bro. Todd of the testimonial, consisting of a gold Past Master's jewel and a silver salver, trusted that he would value them not so much for their intrinsic worth, but as an earnest mark of the esteem and regard felt for him by the members of the York Lodge. Bro. Sir J. Meek then handed the testimonial to Bro. Todd, affixing the jewel on the breast of that brother amidst expressions of the warmest approval. Bro. Todd, who met with a most cordial reception, said: If, at this moment, I were asked the question "What under present circumstances is the predominant wish of your heart?" I should say that I desired eloquence of speech, in order that I might adequately thank you for your kindness this evening. But, brethren, although I fear I shall not be able to express myself as I could wish, you will, I am sure, believe me when I say that I feel deeply grateful for, and truly appreciate, the generous and fraternal feelings which have prompted you to present me with these tokens of your approval and esteem; and if anything could enhance the pleasure I feel in receiving them, it is in having them presented by one whom we all venerate and respect, one who has himself done good service to this lodge; and worthily occupies a distinguished position in the Craft; a brother with whom I have worked in lodge and chapter for a considerable period, and at whose hands, when he was Worshipful Master, now nearly seventeen years ago, I received the first office I ever held in this lodge, and I well remember the gratification I experienced when I was appointed to the office to which I refer; and I then determined, faithfully and conscientiously, to fulfil the duties required of me, and this principle I have maintained and endeavoured to carry out in every office I have since held in this lodge. I do not, however, brethren, for one moment wish to say that I have done more than my duty, or that my love for Freemasonry and my regard for this lodge prompted me to do; but I do say that the services it has been my privilege to render this lodge (and I regard it as a great privilege to serve a lodge such as this) have been rendered by me most heartily and willingly, and with a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Masonry and the well-being of this lodge; and permit me also to say that the only reward I ever looked forward to—and this, I confess, I was anxious to obtain—was the approval and regard of my brethren. Bro. Todd then referred to the losses sustained by the lodge in the removal of many valued Past Masters and brethren during the last few years, expressed his satisfaction that the lodge had still a goodly number of old and much esteemed members who were always ready to prove their interest in and attachment to the Order, and alluded to the pleasure afforded to the lodge that evening by the presence of Bro. Hollan, the senior P.M., and father of the lodge, and to the gratification he himself experienced in seeing present Bro. Lawton, P.M., who introduced him and afterwards initiated him into Masonry. Bro. Todd next referred to the prosperous condition of the lodge, and the many active working Masons therein, to whom they looked forward to supplying the places of those whom they had lost, and whom he felt sure would emulate the virtues of their predecessors and preserve the honour and reputation of the lodge. Bro. Todd in conclusion said: The testimonial you have presented to me will be highly valued by me, as a token of your approval of my endeavours to perform my duties in this lodge, and it will also be greatly prized by my wife and my family, and I trust it will never be parted with. I thank you, Sir James, for the kind and flattering terms in which you have spoken of me in making the presentation, and, brethren, let me assure you that as long as life and memory last I can never forget the honour you have done me, or the kindness you have shown me this evening. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the York Lodge, No. 236, to Bro. J. Todd, P.M., Treasurer, December 6th, 1880." The salver was inscribed as follows: "Presented to Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., P.Z., P.P.G.J., by the members of the York Lodge of Freemasons, No. 236, as a token of their esteem and regard, and in recognition of his valuable services. December 6th, 1880."

**COVENTRY.—Trinity Lodge (No. 254).—**A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Craven Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. M. J. Davies, W.M.; L. Aviss, S.W.; F. J. Curtis, J.W.; R. Croydon, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Hayward, S.D.; H. Holland, J.D.; J. Anslow, I.G.; W. Collins, Steward; T. Hartley, Tyler; C. Edwards, P.M.; D. Cole, P.M.; T. Richard Hill, P.M. 850, P.M.; J. Walker, P.G.J.D., P.M.; Dr. Lyons, S.D. 1630; C. H. Slingsby, J. J. Bates, T. J. Birtwell, C. West, W. Boon, R. Coles, J. T. West, G. Punshon, W. C. Brown, T. Harvey, G. M. Iffit, T. Hughes, and H. W. Brownwich.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and, after Bro. W. C. Brown was raised to the Third Degree, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. H. W. Brownwich into the Degree of E.A. Bro. L. Aviss was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. T. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., was selected Treas.; Bro. Edwards, P.M., was elected Charity Steward; and Bro. T. Hartley was appointed Tyler. The usual routine business of the lodge being concluded, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, prepared with Bro. Claridge's usual style of excellence.

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—**The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. Mark Vickers, W.M.; William Nicholl, S.W.; Henry Walmsley, J.W.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treasurer; Robert Tomlins, Secretary; John Church, S.D.; James Wilson, J.D.; James Dawson, P.M., Registrar; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; W. J. Cunliffe, Organist; P. Holmes, I.G.; Ludwig Oppenheimer, R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), and J. W. Edwards, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; John R. Lever, I.P.M.; J. Howarth Clark, P.M.; Samuel S. Fox, P.M.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; J. G. Elderton, R. B. Harper, Jas. Gooden, Francis Hilton, J. E. Middlehurst, J. Smith, A. Wild, G. Bates, and Dr. Chas. Jas. Rix. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Gilbody, P.M. 1045; W. Richardson, Chap. 1532; J. W. Allison, 993; and A. F. T. Forrest, 1633.

The lodge was opened at 5.40, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Jolly and Mr. Samuels, and was declared in their favour. Bro. John R. Levers, P.M., having assumed, pro tem., the W.M.'s chair, initiated Mr. Jolly into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The brethren then adjourned to tea at 7.30, and after reassembled in the lodge room. The W.M. initiated Mr. Samuels into Freemasonry. This being the night for electing the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the year, the choice of the brethren in the first instance fell upon the S.W., Bro. Nicholl; that of Treasurer on Bro. John Smethurst, who has held the office of Treasurer for three years in succession; and on Bro. Sly, for Tyler. The announcement made by the W.M. that Bro. Nicholl had been elected W.M. for the ensuing year unanimously, was received with loud applause by the brethren, with whom Bro. Nicholl is much liked, as he is in fact by all who know him. Bro. Nicholl was also appointed one of the Auditors and representative on the Charity Committee. In this last capacity he has been acting for some short time past. With respect to the two cases Bro. Nicholl has had in hand he reported that one widow had received a grant of £20, and the other £15; the latter case being also recommended to the Board of Benevolence, from which a sum of money was expected. Some conversation took place with respect to the St. John's Festival, in the course of which Bros. Lisenden, Elderton, Gooden, and Harper were appointed Banquet Stewards. This terminating the business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at nine o'clock. At the social board Bros. Allison, Walmsley, Hilton, Forrest, and Donbavand delighted the brethren by their rendering of some well-delivered songs and recitations.

#### SALFORD.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 935).—

The monthly meeting of this rightly-named lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, on Thursday, the 25th ult. We have before expatiated on the excellent accommodation which the brethren meeting at this hall now enjoy, and still further improvements have been made since our last visit. The ground surrounding the building has been nicely gravelled, and an entrance for carriages has been made, whilst some evergreens and shrubs, planted in various places, give quite an aristocratic tone to the whole, which, with well lighted and tastefully decorated rooms, form a delightful contrast to the late quarters of the lodge in Islington-square. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Southern, W.M.; B. Mallett, I.P.M.; Thomas Hall, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; Thos. R. Shaw, Treasurer; Wm. Allier, Secretary; G. H. Slack, S.D.; F. Wibberley, J.D.; J. M. Graham, I.G.; P. H. Nicholls, Tyler; E. Simpson, P.M.; Henry Holden, P.M.; C. Eccleston, P.M., Thomas Greatorex, John Dutton, Jas. Cook, William H. Southern, Frank Roberts, John Bentley, J. H. Clarke, S. Kershaw, Jas. Fife, Thos. Ellis, T. Ashton, J. A. Barnett, A. Ballantyne, and Edwin Mather. Visitors: Bros. John Brookes, 992; H. C. Pool, 609; Joseph Snafe, 1055; A. H. Allen, 325 and 1773; John Hall, 992; E. Winterbottom, 1773; G. Carter 1009; W. T. Hansbrow, and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 6.15, and after the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Bro. S. Kershaw was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. S. Kershaw forthwith raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. with great ability and impressiveness. Bro. A. H. Allen, 325 and 1773, then rose and informed the W.M. and brethren that a concert had been organised by some members of the St. John's Lodge, to be held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on the 22nd inst., the profits from which were to be devoted towards defraying some of the expenses connected with furnishing and decorating the Masonic Hall. Bro. Allen said the concert promised to be a success, so far, as he and others had already sold 100 tickets to members of the St. John's Lodge, and he trusted that the Lodge of Harmony would be to the fore with their support. We are pleased to record that Bro. Allen's appeal was liberally responded to, no less than 110 two shillings tickets being sold in less than a quarter-of-an-hour, and this number there is no doubt would have been greatly augmented if more notice had been given to the members of the project. "Hearty good wishes" were afterwards expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.20.

During the lodge business that able caterer, Bro. Phillips, had been busy preparing, with his masterly hand, an excellent supper for the brethren, who thoroughly appreciated the same. A pleasant couple of hours was spent after the repast, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the brethren separating soon after eleven o'clock.

#### ENFIELD.—St. James's Lodge (No. 1579).—

The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the George Hotel. Present: Bros. Past Masters Cusworth (acting as W.M.); Past Masters Linzell, Painter, Hobbs, Greenwood, Adams, Driscoll, &c., and other brethren. The ceremony of raising was performed by Bro. Cusworth in a most perfect manner, after which the lodge proceeded to elect the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, when the choice of the brethren fell unanimously on Bro. Henry Stephens, P.M. 754, who thanked the lodge for the honour conferred upon him in suitable terms. Bro. P.M. Adams was also unanimously elected Treasurer; and Bro. Very, Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, where, on the cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. The meeting was held at a very early hour, viz., three o'clock, for the purpose of initiating into Freemasonry Mr. Joseph Bracewell, whose professional duties obliged him to leave before the regular hour of opening the lodge. The following brethren were present: Bros. Wm. Bostock, P.M., Treas., acting W.M.; Geo. Macfarlane, acting S.W.; H. Bracewell, I.G., acting J.W.; G. Yates, Secretary; S. D. McKellen, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; Boddoes Peacock, acting I.G.; J. Burrows, Tyler; A. B. Whittaker, S.W.; T. Cavanah, P.M.; W. H. Leigh, I.P.M.; W. Byway, S.S.; J. D. Curtis, James Cummins, W. T. Allitt, A. F. Forrest, H. Jones, W. Craven, and W. Dunkerley.

Visitors: Bros. John Coxon, 152; Fred. J. Stimson, 1609; Daniel Dorbavand, P.M. 317; A. Chapman, P.M. 1609; A. Jacobson, 1798; C. D. Cheetham, jun., 903; Jas. H. Aldred, P.M. 1140; Geo. Howe, S.D. 903; Wm. Hollins, P.M. 152; A. Radford, S.D. 1161; J. A. Mercer, 1609; J. N. Squirrell, 1387; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason).

With commendable punctuality the lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. Joseph Bracewell was balloted for and unanimously elected a member of the lodge. He was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, by Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M., in such a faultless manner as to call forth the eulogiums from the brethren present. The charge was delivered by the candidate's brother, Bro. H. Bracewell. At the conclusion of the ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was "called off."

At 4.20 the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, and when a social glass had been filled by each brother, Bro. Wm. Bostock proposed, in glowing terms, "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Joseph Bracewell." The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Bracewell replied in suitable terms.

The brethren resumed labour, and Bro. H. Jones having satisfactorily answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, received the test of merit, and retired. When the lodge had been raised to the Second Degree, Bro. Jones was duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. by Bro. S. D. McKellen, S.D., and W.M. of 1496. Bro. Macfarlane, J.W., delivered the charge to the candidate, and also to Bro. Allitt. The brethren at this stage adjourned to tea, and at 7.40 resumed labour. Bro. Allitt having been interrogated as to his proficiency in the Second Degree, received the test of merit and retired. When the lodge had been raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Bostock, P.M., assumed the chair, and raised Bro. Allitt to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Whittaker, S.W., delivered the charge to the candidate, and when the lodge had been lowered to the First Degree, it was closed in peace and harmony at 8.45.

At the social board, and between the toasts, Bros. Forrest, Curtis, Whittaker, and H. Bracewell enlivened the proceedings by some excellent singing.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., when Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.G.S., W.M., presided, supported as follows: Bros. R. Wilson, S.W.; J. Ashworth, J.W.; D. Dixon, S.D.; B. Craig, J.D.; E. Gibson, Sec.; James Harper, Treas.; George Lowden, I.G.; J. Merriett, Tyler; John Nelson, John Banks, F. T. Allatt, D. Bell, J. Winter, S72; J. K. Turner, 1267. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the business before the lodge was to initiate Mr. John McMullen, and raise Bro. F. T. Allatt. Both being in attendance, the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in each Degree, afterwards called the attention of the members in very feeling terms to an intimation from Bro. Gibson, Provincial Grand Secretary, to the somewhat sudden demise of their much-revered Bro. the late Col. Whitwell, M.P., and D.P.G.M. for this province, No. 1660, Arlecdon, having been the last Craft lodge that received from his hands the elements of consecration. The members, by a unanimous vote, expressed an earnest wish to have recorded in the minutes their sincere regret at the loss of one so near and dear to this province and to Masonry in general. There being nothing further but "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in form.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).—Amongst the younger lodges in the Province of West Lancashire, none deservedly holds a higher place than the Kirkdale Lodge, which held its annual festival meeting at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, on the 24th ult., where there was a very large and highly influential gathering of members and visitors. Although the Kirkdale has only been in existence two years, it has secured much reputation as a well worked, harmonious, and charitably disposed lodge, and the *déclat* which attended our annual festival gathering on this occasion was an ample evidence of the substantial success attending the efforts of those who have had to deal with and manage its affairs. There was an attendance of upwards of one hundred members and visitors, and amongst the latter (as was shown in the W.I.M.'s Lodge,) there were no fewer than twenty-six W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The chair at the opening was occupied by Bro. Wm. Gick, W.M., and amongst those who supported him were Bros. E. Johnston, I.P.M.; H. Ferguson, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. Grierson, J.W.; R. E. Milton, Treas.; C. Burgery, Sec.; Thomas Hay, S.D.; H. Marshall, I.G.; T. Serjeant, P.P.S.G.D., M.C.; Jas. D. Reader, S.S.; and E. Watson, Tyler. The members present included Bros. W. Maccendoe, John Morton, Jos. Croxton, J. K. Thomson, J. H. Williams, Dr. D. D. Costine, A. Hamilton, P. T. Davidson, Thos. Dodd, G. Marsden, N. Jack, J. Killie, J. Barker, A. H. Gaskell, R. Forbes, R. Pollock, W. Barrow, Dr. D. Hendry, J. Molyneux, J. T. Bramby, J. C. Brien, W. Brassey, J. Tweedby, R. T. Britten, C. Smith, F. G. Lilley, W. T. Warhurst, E. Wilson, and others.

The visitors included Bros. J. P. McArthur (ex-Mayor of Bootle), P.M. 1086; J. F. Newell (ex-Mayor of Bootle), P.M. 1035, P.P.S.G.W.; John Houlding, P.M. 823, P.G. Reg.; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Skeaf, P.M. 216, P.G. Org.; John Hayes, P.M. 249, P.P.G.S.B.; Reginald Young, P.M. 86 and 1384; Isaac Leece, W.M. 1086; W. H. Clemmey, P.M. 1473; C. Birch, W.M. 203; S. Hikins, P.M. 1570; R. Roberts, W.M. 1570; A. Mor-

rison, P.M. 1570; J. T. Alston, P.M. 203; G. Musker, P.M. 1182; J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M. 1609; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M. 1094; John Wells, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. P. Bryan, 1035 and 203; R. Scott, 241; J. J. Savage, S.W. 1086; J. Hilton, S.W. 203; J. Heggie, 673 and 249; T. Hatton, 203; G. E. Hanmer, P.M. 1086; Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; Webster Williams, 1609; J. Busfield, 216; W. H. Quayle, 1325; R. Whitehead, 673; W. H. Gick, 1482; J. Bark, 216; R. H. Webster, 823; T. G. Mitchell, 1035; J. Buxton, 673; W. Lewis, 203; S. W. Shakespere, 1035; L. Butters, S.W. 807; H. Pennington, 1473; G. Ashton, 203; Tempest Fozzard; J. Queen, 667; C. Maudsley, 833; F. Large, 1182; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (Freemason), and others.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. William Gick, the retiring W.M., proceeded to instal Bro. Hugh Ferguson as his successor in the chair of the Kirkdale Lodge, the ceremony being performed with rare Masonic ability and effectiveness. The following were the officers invested for 1880-81: Bros. William Gick, I.P.M.; Edward Johnston, P.M.; T. W. Sargent, P.P.G.S.D., M.C.; James Grierson, S.W.; R. E. Milton, J.W.; Charles Bargery, Treas. (re-elected); Henry Marshall, Sec.; Thomas Hay, S.D.; Dr. Hendry, J.D.; J. Croxton, I.G.; William Macindoe, S.S.; George Marsden, J.S.; J. T. Bramley, A.S.; and E. Watson, Tyler (re-elected).

The brethren, after the transaction of further business, adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most excellent dinner was served by Bro. J. Casey, whose catering must have given the most ample satisfaction to every one present. The menu card and toast list, provided under the artistic care of Bro. Macindoe, were the subject of universal admiration and appreciation. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and, in the course of the proceedings, Bro. Gick was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his eminent Masonic services, and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge. Bros. Newell, Houlding, and Callow responded for "The P.G. Officers, Present and Past." The enjoyable vocal music of the evening's programme was given by Bros. Webster Williams, J. Muir, J. Queen, J. Busfield, H. Ashmore, T. Hatton, W. Quayle, and others, and the pianoforte accompaniments were played by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O. The sum of £3 3s. was voted to the widow and family of a late brother, £2 2s. to another widow, and after three gentlemen had been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C. Present: Bros. J. C. Smith, W.M.; T. C. Edmonds, S.W.; E. F. Pierdou, J.W.; E. Storr, Sec.; A. Hubbard, S.D.; C. Taylor, J.D.; W. Garrett, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, P.M. acting Preceptor; C. J. Seales, P.M.; Henry Stiles, E. E. Barrett, Kidder, Shields, Emblin, F. H. Clemow, and several others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed in a most able manner by the W.M. The brethren proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing twelve months, and the result was unanimous in favour of Bro. W. M. Stiles, I.P.M. 1732, S.W. 1507, Sec. 1744, as Preceptor, who pledged himself, as far as his abilities would allow, to perpetuate the working of his predecessor, the late and much lamented Bro. T. A. Adams, P.M., P.G.P. &c, who had brought this lodge of instruction to such a high standing in the Craft, and the brethren to a state of proficiency in their lodge duties. Bro. Jas. Willing, P.M. 177, P.M. and Treas. 1507 and 1744 &c., was re-elected Treas.; (unfortunately absent through severe illness of his wife,) and Bro. Edwin Storr, I.G. 167, who has so efficiently carried out the duties of Secretary for several months past, was unanimously elected Secretary, and pledged his best interest and services on behalf of the lodge. Bro. T. C. Edmonds, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting of Monday 13th December. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in due form, and in perfect harmony.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, worked the Fifteen Sections at the above lodge, on the 24th ult., in the presence of some fifty brethren. The Sections were worked in the following order: Bros. H. J. Lardner, S.W. 1745, W.M.; G. H. Stephens, J.D. 1623, S.W.; C. F. Goodenough, 1745, J.W.; W. Fieldwick, W.M. 1364, I.P.M.

FIRST LECTURE. 1st Section ... Bro. Goodenough, 1745. 2nd " ... " Laurence, 1326. 3rd " ... " Pennefather, W.M. 1623. 4th " ... " Goodenough, 1745. 5th " ... " D. Moss, 1275. 6th " ... " Davison, P.M. 7th " ... " Stephens, J.D. 1623.

SECOND LECTURE. 1st Section ... Bro. R. Greenwood, A.D.C. 1623. 2nd " ... " King, 1623. 3rd " ... " Pennefather, W.M. 1623. 4th " ... " Davis, S.W. 705. 5th " ... " McButt, J.W. 1623.

THIRD LECTURE. 1st Section ... Bro. Mallett, P.M. 141. 2nd " ... " Pennefather, W.M. 1623. 3rd " ... " Taylor, 705.

The general business of the lodge was afterwards resumed, the dues collected being greatly augmented by upwards of twenty new members. Bro. Pennefather returned thanks for "The Newly-elected." Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and it was carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks and hon. membership be conferred on Bro. Lardner for the very able manner he had worked the Sections, remarking that he had never seen them worked better. Bro. Lardner, in returning thanks, expressed the pleasure he felt at the honour conferred on him, and for the kind reception given to the members of Lodge No. 1623. On his becoming acquainted with the Book of Constitutions the paragraph alluding to the visiting of each other's lodges he thought would be best carried out by the system the West Smithfield Lodge had adopted, that was inviting the members of a lodge to work the Sections and afterwards returning the compliment. If they were not the first to originate the

custom, he would say they were one of the first to carry it out; and he would add, as had been said by others, that it was an excellent system to become acquainted with the working of each other. He did not wish to arrogate to himself or to others that his ideas were the best, he only spoke as it appeared to him, for he was only a young Mason, and felt that he had a great deal to learn, therefore he trusted the older brethren would pardon his presuming, and begged, in conclusion, the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction to return the visit. A vote of thanks was also carried, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. G. H. Stephens, who had so ably discharged the duties of Prompter. Bro. Stephens, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment recorded, the more so because of its being associated with that of Bro. Lardner in working the Sections in that lodge. Bro. Lardner knew the pleasure he had in meeting him upon these occasions. They first saw light together in the Craft; they had struggled together for knowledge, and were patiently awaiting the summit of their desire. They had frequently worked the Sections together, sometimes one and sometimes the other in the chair. He was also gratified to see so many members of his lodge present, for it was very pleasing to meet old faces. He hoped the meetings might long continue, and the brethren spared to enjoy them. He concluded by again thanking the W.M. and brethren for their mark of esteem. The Preceptor then proposed a vote of thanks to the other members who had assisted in the working of the Sections, expressing the great enjoyment they all had felt at the entertainment afforded them. Bro. Pennefather having made a suitable reply, and Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on the 6th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Van Raalte, W.M.; King, S.W.; Patrick, J.W.; Pennefather, Preceptor; and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goodenough being the candidate. The First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture were worked. The following brethren were elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing year: Bros. Lardner, Treas.; Pennefather, Preceptor; and Goodenough, Secretary. The annual banquet of this lodge will be held at the above hotel on Monday next, the 13th inst. All brethren are cordially invited.

HATFIELD.—Cranbourne Lodge (No. 1580).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. S. Webb, W.M.; J. R. Dare, S.W.; J. H. Wane, J.W.; W. Webb, Sec. and acting Preceptor; H. Page, S.D.; and W. J. Thody, I.G. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Webb acting as candidate. Proposed by Bro. Webb and seconded by Bro. Wane, that Bro. Dare be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. Webb and seconded by Bro. Dare, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Terry, P. Prov. J.G.W. Herts, for his great kindness in attending at the last meeting, and for the very able manner in which he rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation. Carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. W. Webb and seconded by Bro. Page that a committee of three members consisting of Bros. W. Webb, J. S. Webb, and W.M. Baker be appointed to frame bye-laws for this lodge of instruction to be presented at the next meeting. Carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Broadway, when there were present Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; Alfred Tingley, S.W.; Haynes, G.S., J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, Sec.; Goodhall, M.O.; Lawson, Gilbert, Page, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M. for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. A. Tingley, who duly returned thanks. Bro. J. W. Baldwin was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter re-appointed Tyler. The bye-laws having been read, a Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing Master. Previously to the lodge being closed, several names were handed in for advancement at the next meeting. The brethren then adjourned to a collation. Upon the removal of the cloth, the only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "The W.M.," and "The W.M. Elect," all of which were duly honoured.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER ROSE Croix.—This old chapter met in excellent strength in the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on Friday, the 18th ult. Among those present were Comps. D. Nicols, M.W.S.; F. Curlier, 1st Gen.; A. Williams, G.M.; T. J. Walls, Raphael; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; F. W. Driver, C. of G.; C. H. Driver, P.M.W.S.; T. W. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; W. Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; Hyde Pullen, 33° (hon. mem.); G. Gravely, W. B. Kidder, J. E. Anderson, C. W. Tayleur, B. F. Cramer, E. Gardiner, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of two brethren for perfection, and it proved to be unanimous, but from unavoidable causes both were prevented from attending. Previously to the lodge being closed, notices of motion were given by Comp. Curlier to increase the subscription to three guineas, and to present the P.M.W.S. with jewels. The name of Bro. G. Pigache, No. 12, was submitted as a candidate for the next meeting of the chapter. The companions subsequently adjourned to the Café Royale, where a most elegant banquet was partaken of. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary Rose Croix toasts were done full justice to, and some excellent selections of music given.

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

### To Correspondents.

Bro. HENRY SMITH'S letter received, but too late for this week—shall appear in our next, and "proof" shall be sent. We would beg to repeat to our correspondents and brethren that all letters should be received at the office on Wednesday to be in time for the week's publication. We gave a notice to this effect some time back, but we fear and find it is not attended to.

Can any brother explain the meaning of the following circular, which has been issued by a City firm, and largely circulated amongst the Craft? We do not profess to understand it:

1880.

OCTOBER ELECTION ROYAL MASONIC CHARITIES.  
Dear Sir and Brother,

We beg to acquaint you we did our best to support your case, and shall be glad in future to know the most deserving.

Fraternally yours,

Owing to pressure on our columns the following stand over:

Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "European Mail," "Sunday Times," "Croydon Guardian," "Keystone," "The Chicago Standard," "Citizen," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Cassell's Popular Educator," "Cassell's Cookery," "The Masonic Record of Western India," "The Golden Mark" (Christmas number of the "Quiver"), "The Masonic Age," "The Egyptian Gazette," "The Times of Natal," "The Freemason's Repository," "Der Long Islaender," "The Cincinnati Daily Times," "Orient."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 1880.

THE proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication were, if not of great importance, of some interest. In the first place, let us rejoice to think that the vote of congratulation to H.R.H. the PRINCESS OF WALES, under such exceptional circumstances, was so gracefully proposed and seconded, by permission of the GRAND MASTER in the chair, and heartily and unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge. It was a fitting tribute of attachment to the best of Princesses, and the most charming and admirable of women, from that always loyal body,—the Freemasons of England. Let us congratulate LORD TENTERDEN, in the next place, on the admirable manner in which he presided over Grand Lodge for the first time,—good omen, let us hope, of much future work for Masonry and the Grand Lodge. The report of the Committee, in reference to the infraction of the letter of the law relative to a sum of money, above £5000, was received and adopted; and was, in truth, just what we expected, the only reasonable and sensible method of "healing" to be suggested. That the Board of General Purposes acted with perfect "bona fides" in the matter we are fully aware; but so great is the importance for the safety of our Order, its true interests, and its right direction that the Book of Constitutions should be fully and rigorously observed, that we venture to express our approval of the action of the authorities in the matter, and our gratitude for this zealous supervision by Grand Lodge itself, that the laws of the Craft are not infringed in any way or any degree. We confess that, though we feel somewhat with our esteemed Bro. the PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES in his unwillingness to admit that the Board over which he so ably presides has, with the best intentions in the world, unwittingly gone a little beyond the "letter of the law," yet we do equally venture to express a doubt, whether his reference to supposed previous precedents in any way affects the main question at issue. "Two blacks do not make a white," and even admitting such precedents could be found, which we are very doubtful of indeed, they by no means are available in the present little dilemma. Any supposed precedent set by that excellent Freemason, Bro. JOHN HAYERS, is no doubt a valuable one in itself, but knowing what we do of his public Masonic career, we feel sure that Bro. SIR JOHN MONCKTON is under some misapprehension in this respect. The Book of Constitutions is distinct and peremptory on the subject, and any such action, however desirable in itself, verbally needful, ought to have been approved of, we think, at a Special Grand Lodge. We say all this with all deference for two reasons. Firstly, because we feel strongly the absolute necessity of maintaining the Book of Constitutions in its

letter and in its spirit. LORD RIXON used to say, and say truly, "that it was our duty to uphold laws duly passed, because they were 'pro bono publico,' and any deviation from them, even for a momentary purpose, was both selfish and dangerous, in that it seriously affected the liberties and rights of the 'body politic,' safe guarded by careful rules and regulations, and especially in Freemasonry, where so many important interests were involved." And, secondly, because the Board of General Purposes, being a quasi judicial authority, as well as disciplinary, it behoves it always to adhere most entirely to the actual provisions of the Book of Constitutions. That the result of the enquiry would confirm the fact of the need of the purchase, and be a bill of indemnity, practically, for this actual, if unintentional, infraction of the law, we have never for one moment doubted, but it is, to our mind, a great constitutional question, thus established, that all are amenable to our excellent laws. While then we feel grateful to the authorities on the one hand, on the other we ought to believe that the Board of General Purposes acted really in the best interests of the Craft, in securing a needful and valuable purchase of property, most important to Freemasons' Hall. It is a great pity, we still think, that the whole matter was not submitted to a Special Grand Lodge, when no difficulty whatever could have arisen.

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SINCE we had written the above, a letter has been sent us from Bro. JOHN HAYERS himself, which we publish elsewhere, and to which we direct attention. It confirms, in a remarkable measure, our anticipation and our views.

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WITH reference to a little matter of "domestic policy" at "head quarters," we rejoice to hear that the "restaurant" and "billiard room" are given up at Freemasons' Tavern, and that henceforth that most useful building will be kept strictly to the purposes for which it was originally designed. We congratulate all concerned on the salutary change thus brought about, and the return to the older and more dignified character of Freemasons' Tavern, so mixed up as it is with the history of English Freemasonry. We always objected to the "restaurant," and especially to the "billiard room," as unworthy of the "chief locale" of our great Fraternity. There were also many reasons why such an alteration was imperatively called for in the very best interests of Freemasonry, but we have always forbore from being the "mouth piece" of numerous complainants, being unwilling in any measure to seem to prejudice the efforts and position of the very respectable and energetic tenant of Grand Lodge. For to Bro. BEST must be conceded the great praise, that under his spirited management the accommodation and commissariat of Freemasons' Tavern have been improved in most marked measure, and remembering the fact, we who week by week meet within its walls, must feel, and ought to feel, duly sensible of Bro. BEST'S care, zeal, and constant courtesy. Neither must we forget Bro. DAWKINS, who is always anxious and ready to consult the tastes and meet the wishes of those who avail themselves of the now effective resources of Freemasons' Tavern.

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AT the meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School, (as will be seen by our report elsewhere,) Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART'S motion for a Committee was unanimously carried, with a very necessary enlargement of the powers of the Committee, namely, to consider the propriety either of purchasing or hiring an existing building. There seemed to be a general disinclination to go into "large building operations," and the opinion of the majority clearly was rather to make it a tentative experiment, as the *Freemason* has suggested. The hiring of a house to accommodate 50 or 100 boys for two or three years would certainly commend itself to the Craft. Bro. BINCKES'S warning and " caveat " against touching the existing funded property was well received.

THOUGH some interest exists as regards the case of the boy COLLINGWOOD, and as it cannot be adjudicated upon finally until the Quarterly Court in January, we think it to be in the best interests of fairness and justice to all to say nothing about the matter until then. But we may add that enough was disclosed on Saturday to render an enquiry a wise precaution,—nay, an imperative necessity.

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OUR Christmas Number duly appeared this week, and we trust will afford, gratification and interest to a large circle of readers. We have to thank our numerous kind contributors for their ready response and their able papers. We feel sure that the Christmas *Freemason*, both for its literary merits and its sound selection of appropriate tales, will not only be a goodly addition to the Christmas Literature, but will be heartily welcomed by our Cosmopolitan Craft.

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THE January issue of the "Masonic Magazine," we are informed, will be composed solely of tales and narratives, as appropriate to the first number of the New Year. We think that this little departure from the normal staple of the Magazine may not be unwelcome to its readers. It seems to us to be a very good thing to encourage the latent literary talent and power in our Order. The proposal and the serial has our best wishes for their success.

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THE Dreadnought Hospital is one of those Institutions which appear, at this time of the year, fairly to appeal to "Freemasons," in that it is "Cosmopolitan" in its good work and kindly efforts to mitigate human suffering. It receives, and nurses, and uses the healing art of medicine and Surgery for *Seamen of all Nations, regardless of Race, Colour, or Creed*. Its vested income is £4000 per annum, its outgoings are £12,000, and it is now in want of funds to carry on its "labour of love." One little fact is a very striking illustration both of its use, and needs, and claims. In 1879 it relieved 455 sailors of the Port of London. These cost £2300 to the Institution, whereas the London subscriptions were only £800. Any enquiries will be answered by, and subscriptions should be sent to, H. C. BURDETT, Esq., Seaman's Hospital, Greenwich.

### 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.]

#### A RECTIFICATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A friend has kindly directed my attention to a statement made by the President of the Board of General Purposes at Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, to the effect that there was some sort of precedent for the purchase of property by the Board of General Purposes without the previous sanction of Grand Lodge, in what was done by me, and by those I had the honour of presiding over, in 1857 or thereabouts. My wretched state of health prevents my taking any share in Masonic work, and debars me of one of the greatest pleasures I know, namely that of meeting my old friends and brethren to whom I owe so much gratitude for all their kindness and confidence, and to meet whom was always one of my greatest enjoyments.

As I cannot attend Grand Lodge I must beg you to permit me say, that I have no recollection of, nor do I think it possible with my feelings on the subject, and with my determination never to break the laws of our Order, that either while I was President of the Board of General Purposes or while I was Chairman of the Building Committee, either of those bodies made any purchase of land or houses without the sanction of Grand Lodge having been previously obtained. If I am wrong I should be indebted to any brother who will point out to me any such instance.

Without in any way casting a shadow of doubt on the bona fides of the Board, I must acknowledge that I was astounded when I heard of the purchase of so large a property having been made without the authority of Grand Lodge, and I may add that what astonished me most was, how the money was obtained, or the stock sold out to pay for it, without the knowledge or sanction of the Trustees.

If £6000 or £7000 of our funds may be so disposed of £20,000 or £40,000 may in like manner be dealt with, and this to me, as one of the Trustees of Grand Lodge, appears to be a very formidable question.

I do not know for certain who are the ordinary legal advisers of the Craft referred to, but I take it that the most important one is the G. Registrar, and I know that he was not consulted. I do trust that what has now occurred will for all time prevent a recurrence of what must be looked upon as a most unwarrantable proceeding.

Yours fraternally,  
6th December.

JOHN HAYERS.



RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been directed to your present issue, and finding my name mentioned in a letter from New Zealand, I feel bound, though with reluctance, to reply to that portion of it which concerns myself. For the last two months I have been in communication with a conclave in New Zealand, where I find certificates, &c., which appear to have been sent out, have not been received. In June last I forwarded a circular letter to every conclave and enclosed a form for return, but with no response from New Zealand, except in the case I have just mentioned. I am rejoiced to find at last the name of the Recorder of the Delta Crucis Conclave, No. 126, Auckland, New Zealand, and I shall not let another day pass without putting myself in communication with him, then I shall doubtless discover the reason he has never written to me before.

Faithfully yours,

WM. ROBERT WOODMAN,  
G. Recorder and Registrar General.

Ford House, Exeter, 2nd Dec.

P.S.—The above having been delayed unavoidably until this week's issue affords me the opportunity of saying that early in the spring the Burdett Conclave, Dunedin, N.Z. put itself in communication with me, and all documents they required have since been sent, returns made from Dunedin, and the Conclave is at present in good working order. I shall hope soon to hear that Bro. Wade has received my letter and the necessary documents which were dispatched the moment I read his letter in your most valuable paper. G.R.

ROYAL ARCH LAWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Companion,—

I have read with pleasure Comp. "Masonic Student's" and our R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hughan's letters as to above. Being the fortunate owner of a perfect copy of "Abstract of Laws" referred to by them, and also of the Laws themselves, I can bear them both out as to the title page being:

"London:

A.L.

V.D.C.C., L.X.X.V.I."

The year being A.L. 5786, A.L. 1782, is I would deem settled, as the Laws end on page 22, thus: "Done from our Ancient Codes, and now revised in our Grand and Royal Chapter this 10th day of May, A.L. 5786, A.D. 1782.

"JOHN ALLEN, Z.

"JOHN BROOKS, H.

"FRANCIS COUST, J."

Can our R. Ex. Comp. Hughan inform us when this title "Grand and Royal Chapter" was changed into "Grand Royal Arch Chapter?"

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Lower Leeson-street, Dublin,

6th December.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Times* of Friday week appears an account of Grand Lodge on the previous Wednesday, in which a palpable mistake occurs, which I am anxious to correct in the pages of the *Freemason*.

Our esteemed Bro. E. Letchworth is there described as a Past Master of the Lodge of Antiquity. Now, though that well known and active member of the Craft is a member of the Lodge of Antiquity, he is not a P.M. of the lodge, never having occupied the Master's chair. He is, though, a P.M. in the lodge, not of the lodge. His merits are too many to need even the "gloss" of this little mistake. May I make another remark? Are we not erring just now in sending these accounts of Grand Lodge to non-Masonic papers? I admit that there are two sides to the question, but still, judging from what takes place in another jurisdiction, I think we ought to be cautious in the matter.

Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Not Infalible," in all save the nom de plume he has adopted, reminds me of another celebrated "oracle," the famous Jack Bunsby. "The bearing of his remarks," no doubt, "lies in their application," but I freely confess I am no more able to profit by your correspondent's instruction than were Captain Cuttle and his friends under very similar conditions. As, however, unlike "Not Infalible," I always strive to grasp my opponent's strong points, allow me, in retiring from this discussion, to congratulate him most heartily on ensuring, by his artistic treatment of this well-worn subject in the last number of the *Freemason*, an affirmative response from all your readers to the query with which his letter terminates.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

BAYARD.

P.S.—I will just add, in opposition to the view presented by "Not Infalible," that the "illustrations" in "Lex Scripta's" last letter seem to me to have a great deal to do with the question. They prove incontestably that the distinguished brethren appointed to rule over Masonic provinces in Scotland and Ireland do not consider it an indignity to have withheld from them a title (*Grand Officers*), without which, according to some, the prestige of our English provincial rulers is sensibly lowered.

HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

For the information of Bro. J. Marsden, who asks in your last edition whether the term "Forin" is applied to persons or things, and in what way, I transcribe the following from the records in the ancient minute book of Lodge 48:—

"July 1st, 1746. Enacted at a Grand Lodge held that evening, that no brother Mason should be admitted into the dignity of a Highroadian under less than a charge of 2s. 6d., or the Domaskin or Forin, as John Thompson, from Gateside, paid at the same night 5s."

There is another entry on the same page, viz.:

"Memorandum. Highroadians to pay for making in that order only 1s. 6d."—here follows eight names on eight lines; then on the ninth line: "Paid 2s. 6d., English, William Gibson."

Beneath these entries we are informed: "N.B. The English Masters to pay for entering into the said Master-ships 2s. 6d. per majority."

From this we may infer that there were two higher orders with separate charges, i.e., the Highroadians and the Domaskians, and we may safely conclude that there were two classes of payments for the "Highroadian Grade," 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d.

I make no further comment, but will leave Bro. Marsden to form his own conclusions from the information at his disposal.

Yours fraternally,

ROBT. WHITFIELD.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN HERVEY, P.G. SECRETARY

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly allow me to correct an error in your issue of last week.

In returning thanks for the toast "Prosperity to the Lodge of Unions," at the Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Bro. John A. Farnfield mentioned that a Committee had been formed, consisting of five members of the Royal York Lodge, No. 7, and five members of the Lodge of Unions, No. 236, with the view of raising a fund in order to perpetuate in some suitable manner the memory of our late Bro. Hervey, and he is reported to have said that this Committee would be presided over by Bro. Murton.

This is an error. What Bro. Farnfield really said was, that the Chairman of the Committee was Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes.

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

R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256.

Hon. Sec. "Hervey Memorial Fund."

Wallington, Surrey, 8th December.

"COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET BOOK."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me, through your columns, to correct a most singular error that appears in the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book for 1881." The name of A. C. Todd is given as Grand Superintendent for Dorset instead of Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, J.P., D.L., who has held the office since July 30th, 1877. From correspondence on the subject, I have ascertained that the mistake arose from a clerical error on the part of the brother who furnished the returns from that province.

I might add that the demand this year will again necessitate the issue of a second edition, which will afford the opportunity for correction.

Yours fraternally,

EDITOR "COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET BOOK."

Reviews.

ULTIMA THULE. By HENRY WORDSWORTH LONGFELLOW. George Routledge and Sons, Broadway, Ludgate-Hill.

We have read this little contribution to poetic literature of 1880 in its closing hours with much pleasure. It is true it is but a slight and evanescent token at the best of the genius and poesy of that pleasant "minnesinger," whose words have rung so truly, and linger so gratefully, on the tastes and with the memories of us "poor pilgrims" of the Nineteenth Century. The "Ultima Thule" of Longfellow seems to be a sort of parting gift to that realm of poetry, and "finer thought," and "quaint conceits," and gentle sentiments, and pleasant harmony, in which he has so long reigned an "Anax Andron." But still we hope for even a "longer measure," a fuller offering from that hand which has lost none of its "cunning," from that mind, where the "living fire" is still happily burning. We speak warmly because we feel gratefully. We owe some happy hours of our life to Longfellow's gentle and genial verse, and we hope, as we believe, indeed, as we know, that others share in our admiration, and accede to our estimate of his most true poesy. How many of Longfellow's melodious lines still linger with us as "household songs," point our addresses, illustrate our speeches, are used by the statesman and the lecturer, and are lisped by the tender utterances of childhood's ever pleasant voice—who can venture to estimate? We know of few writers to whom this good century of ours owes so much of innocent, healthy pleasure, and we can point to few who have really laboured so well in the ever needful and praiseworthy effort to afford encouragement to virtue, and stability to truth. In "Ultima Thule" we find many verses worthy of note, both for the kindly sentiments they contain and the elevating thoughts they suggest. But, alas, our space is very limited. We pass over, therefore, his "Dedication," in which we have the "idea" of this little offering of the poet, clearly put before us to realize and to admire. We have, "perforce" to leave unnoticed here "The Chamber over the Gate," "Jugurtha," "The Iron Pen," "Robert Burns," "Helen of Tyre," "Elegiacs," "Old St. David's at Radnor," and among "Folk-Songs," the "Sifting of Peter," "Maiden and Weathercock," "The Windmill," and among sonnets, "My Cathedral," "The Burial of the Poet, R. H. Dana," "Night," and even the touching "L'Envoi," "The Poet and his Songs," and content ourselves with one little extract of great beauty and completeness, which seems like a song for music in its softness and melody:

THE TIDE RISES, THE TIDE FALLS.

The tide rises, the tide falls,  
The twilight darkens, the curlew calls;  
Along the sea-sands, damp and brown,  
The traveller hastens towards the town,  
And the tide rises, the tide falls.

Darkness settles on roofs, and walls,  
But the sea in the darkness calls and calls;  
The little waves, with their soft white hands,  
Efface the footprints in the sands,  
And the tide rises, the tide falls.

The morning breaks; the steeds in their stalls  
Stamp and neigh, as the hostler calls;  
The day returns, but nevermore  
Returns the traveller to the shore,  
And the tide rises, the tide falls.

We may observe that this little "brochure" only costs one shilling, therefore we say to our readers, "buy it, and give yourselves, at so cheap a rate, the happy thoughts which elevate, and the kindling memories which move us all."

LEGENDA SANCTORUM, Vol. II., Part III. Fasciculus II. By HERBERT EDWARD REYNOLDS, M.A., Librarian of Exeter Cathedral. Elliot Stock, 62, Paternoster-row.

This admirably edited and printed book deserves the notice of the antiquary and the archaeologist. It is full of interest and importance to the student of the past. The notes add much to its interest and elucidation, and we congratulate and thank the editor and publisher for so valuable a work.

THE GLASS OF FASHION. By the LOUNGER IN SOCIETY. John Hogg, Paternoster-row.

This work, very well printed, deserves attention and perusal. Its idea is good in itself, and it seems to us well carried out. The rules of society are partly unwritten as well as written, and though we will not say that in such multifarious remarks on such abstruse and important questions, the stern eye of the critic and censor might not discover some slight errors of fact or reality, yet, undoubtedly, in the main, the suggestions and statements of the "Lounge" are very true and sound, and we have ourselves read the book through with much pleasure. We could have said more, but our copy was seized upon by two young ladies, full of "charades," and "proverbs," and "historical scenes." We can fairly commend the work.

THE CHRISTMAS GRAPHIC.

The proprietors of the *Graphic* "taking," as the *Times* says, "time by the forelock," have just brought out their special Christmas number. It contains eight coloured and seven plain engravings, all of high merit as artistic productions. Mr. Arthur Locker, Mr. F. Anstey, Miss C. J. Hamilton, Lt. Col. F. E. West, and others, have contributed to the letter press. Mr. Millais has painted a picture called "Cherry Ripe," for this number, and which is reproduced by a copy in colours. The original is a living young lady, and it is a charming little picture. The following facts relative to the "first edition" of the Christmas number may interest our readers: The first edition consists of 400,000 copies, and has involved an outlay of £14,000. The drawing and engraving cost £3,000, the printing and electrotyping £6,000, and the paper—weighing 120 tons—£5,000. No fewer than 450 persons have been employed in the work, most of them for six months. As the first edition is all sold, we presume there will be a second one this year, though there was only one edition last year.

MASONIC MUSIC.

"WOMAN, DEAR WOMAN." Composed by Bro. P. GLOVER.

This song has considerable merit, and will be a welcome addition to the somewhat limited repertoire of Masonic music at this season.

MUSIC FOR A LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

Re-arranged by Bro. EDWARD J. B. MERCER. The ceremonies of the Mark Degree owe much of their effect and impressiveness to the musical accessories; and Bro. Mercer deserves the thanks of all the members of this popular Order for the edition now placed before them. It contains the processional, opening and closing hymns, with appropriate chants consecutively placed for the ceremony of advancement, according to the ritual, and with the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England. We should add that it was originally compiled by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W. and P.M. 26, 74, and, with his consent, re-arranged and published by Bro. Mercer. "THE GRAND LODGE GALOP" by Bro. FRANCIS LAW, Grand Jeweller to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We are pleased to be able to bestow unqualified praise on this lively and vigorous composition, and we feel sure that, although its title and the connection of its composer with the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be the means of introducing it more particularly into Masonic circles, its general merit will ensure for it a far wider area of popularity than is even covered by the Craft.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Messrs. EYRE & SPOTTISWOODE have again produced a splendid assortment of Christmas and New Year's Cards. Each year we almost think the ultimate standard of perfection has been reached, but the word finality appears to be unknown in the fine art department of Messrs Eyre and Spottiswoode's establishment, and this year the novelties, if not so numerous, are charming in point of artistic features, and not less meritorious in poetic illustrations. We are glad to note that this important industry is now practically in the hands of the English trade; the productions of such houses as Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode having shown that the "foreigner" can not only be equalled but far surpassed.

W. P. COLLIN'S CATALOGUE OF WORKS ON MICROSCOPICAL SCIENCE, ENGLISH AND FOREIGN, &c. 157, Great Portland-street.

Although a Catalogue of Scientific Works may be thought too "educational" for special notice at this festive season, we think, considering how prominent a feature the microscope has now become in helping to vary the monotony of the "evening party," we cannot do better than call attention at this season to the excellent selection of works provided for the lovers of this most fascinating science. Bro. Collins deserves the thanks of students for making them acquainted with the works of English and foreign authors, and we trust he will receive the support he deserves. We may mention that in connection with this business Mr. Chas. Collins, manufacturing optician, has issued an Illustrated catalogue of microscopes of every description, including all the varied apparatus required in the study. Mr. Collins' reputation as a manufacturer is so well established that we need not do more than call attention to the fact of his issuing such a catalogue.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

## HIGHRODIAMS, FORINS, &amp;c.

Bro. Marsden carries this inquiry beyond the range of historical criticism. "Highrodians," I apprehend, were wayfarers or brethren from the high road. The word *Forin*—there spelt *Forren*—is explained in "Herbert's Companies of London." *Forrens*, in the old City Companies, was used to denote non-freemen, and no doubt in the Lodge of Industry a like expression (*idem sonans*) was employed to distinguish brethren who were not free of the guild.

As to "Domaskin"—Query?

R. F. GOULD.

## HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

[We publish this note instead of a letter, but think it right to observe that what was struck out was, in the opinion of the Editor, un-Masonic, and that the writer's theory that the Ancient and Accepted Rite had anything to do with the excision is a pure delusion. The Editor only acted editorially.]

I would have replied fully to "B.B." (with your permission), but have just contributed such an article as that which he names to the new edition of Bro. Jeremiah How's "Illustrations of Freemasonry" (John Hogg and Co.); there, side by side, "B.B." will find a full description of both the Ancient and Accepted Rite and the Ancient and Primitive Rite. I write with some diffidence, because to mention this seems like availing myself of your hospitable columns to advertise a book, in which, however, I have no interest, except to thank the publisher for giving me seventeen pages of print, and hence to reproduce the article would be scarcely fair to him. I notice that a paragraph, which was a little eulogistic, has been struck out from my MS., and I attribute this to the revision it has undergone from the Ancient and Accepted Rite authorities. However, the publisher has treated me very fairly, and the book will be out in a week or two. A good deal of misunderstanding exists in regard to the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis of ninety-six Degrees (reduced to thirty-three in 1865), arising from the following circumstance, which I ought to have mentioned in the article above alluded to, and a great deal of confusion has arisen, as will be seen upon reference to your "Kenning's Cyclopaedia." It had no settled system of Degrees, and this is explained by the following extract from our history; yet I cannot conceive that the circumstance was any real disadvantage to the Rite, but the reverse, as it gave a chance of making new additions from time to time. Hence we have given permission to our chapters, senates, and councils to work such other Side Degrees as they may desire, if in accord with the old system: "In 1779 the 'Primitive Rite of Philadelphes of Narbonne' was established. To this Rite the 'Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry' refers for the origin of its principles and form of organisation. The *régime* was formed of three classes of Masons, who received ten Degrees of instruction. These Degrees and classes were but nominally limited to ten, as the instruction thereby could be extended to an infinite number of grades. The first chapter of Rose Croix possessed and fixed the Masonic *culte* and the veneration of a throng of worthy brothers; the second chapter of Rose Croix was the repository of curious documents, upon which the Order based its instruction; the third chapter occupied itself with all Masonic knowledge, physics, and philosophy; the fourth, and last, chapter studied assiduously all the so-called occult and secret sciences, their special object being the rehabilitation of intellectual man in his primitive rights." Personally, I am glad that you have closed the animated discussion which has arisen respecting the supposed antagonism of the different Rites. These heated argumentations are productive of no good either to one or the other. Our Rite is now firmly established, and can afford to work its way unostentatiously—the Ancient and Accepted Rite had made its position years ago—henceforward let us agree to differ. No good can come of the Ancient and Accepted Rite attacking us openly, and secret attacks are only the resource of cowards and assassins; it is not to our interest to attack the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and we shall only do it in self-defence. Our charters were granted by France upon the condition that we should live in comity and brotherly love with all Rites practising similar Degrees, and even admit them to our meetings, if worthy. We shall still continue to follow out the instructions thus given, and hope the Craft will give us credit for the desire to "do unto others as ye would they should do unto you"—the grand maxim of our Rite, as well as of all civilised nations.

JOHN YARKER.

## LODGE OF SORROW, PHILADELPHIA.

I think it may interest your readers to know that Bro. Charles E. Meyer, 33°, of Philadelphia, has, with his accustomed kindness and thoughtfulness, sent me the ceremonials of the Lodge of Sorrow, held in Gothic Hall, at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, in especial remembrance of John Madison Porte, 33°, on the 29th November last. It would appear that the arrangements, both in a Masonic and musical sense, were exceedingly perfect. The Lodge of Sorrow was presided over by Bro. Anthony Eugene Stocker, M.D., 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania, as W.M., supported by Bros. James Shallcross Barber, 33°, and Josiah Frank Knight, 32°, as S.W. and J.W. Previous to the opening of the lodge, the band, under the direction of Bro. F. W. Mills, assisted by Bro. George Bastert, performed Chopin's "Funeral March," and on the entrance of the brethren a selection from "Moses in Egypt." The lodge having been fully opened, the chant of "Thy will be done" was rendered, when the Chaplain, Bro. Andrew Robeno, 33°, offered up a prayer, succeeded by Kucken's beautiful double quartette "Rest," upon which the W.M. delivered an appropriate address, succeeded by an adequate rendering of Pleyel's Choral Music, and in the intervals of the solemn service succeeding it, the orchestra performed portions of Geissler, Mozart, Dohman, Beethoven, and other composers. The ceremonies were admirably conceived and carried out, and reflect great credit upon our brethren in Pennsylvania generally, and Philadelphia in particular. The closing ceremonies especially seem to impress upon the minds of the survivors the solemn truths connected with the Masonic institution and its ancient derivation.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

## ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

I would observe, in reply to "Masonic Student," that the action of the Grand Orient in regard to Morin asserts a positive and decisive authority to remove him from his office, which would scarcely have been assumed unless Grand Lodge possessed a legitimate authority for the purpose. At the same time "Masonic Student" raises a point which is very interesting as a matter of history, and I regret time will not allow me to examine the matter thoroughly. On the face of the minute of 1766 it would seem that Lacorne had squared his difficulties with the Grand Lodge, and that they had assumed possession of his Rite; but there may be another explanation. According to my memoranda the Rite of the "Empire of the East and West" was promulgated in 1758, whilst that of the Rite of Perfection (both said to be of 25°) was started at Paris in 1754. Is it possible that this latter, being the system advocated by the Grand Orient, they protested in 1766 in this manner against the innovations of Lacorne and Morin? This seems the most feasible explanation. As to the rival claims of Corneau and Gourgas it may be, as "Masonic Student" states—"Satan reproving sin." The newly-organised Cerceaux Council states positively that the Gourgas Council was a split from theirs, without authority or warrant. I advised them, simply as a matter of history, to publish their documents, and it was promised—indeed, my correspondent offered to send them to your pages. When the indictment appears the jury may find a flaw in it; but from what little I do know of the history of the individual members my opinion is against Gourgas, but I care little as to which of them is right.

JOHN YARKER.

CHARTER OF COLOGNE.—This document has been the subject of much animated controversy, all too long however for our limited pages. It has had its supporters and its impugners, and the general voice of past and contemporary criticism is unfavourable both to its genuineness and its authenticity. Its history is now so well known that it appears to be almost a waste of time and space to repeat it here, the more so as, having considered all the evidence pro and con most carefully, both as regards its history and its actuality, we have come to the conclusion that it is a fictitious document, and really therefore critically and evidentially valueless. On three points especially the gravest doubts exist: 1st, the existence of the Lodge termed "Het Vredendall;" 2ndly as regards its warrant said to be written in English; and 3rdly as regards the roll of the members of this supposed Lodge from 1519 to 1601. If these statements are untrue absolutely, the greatest Suspicion rests on the document itself, on the well-known principle of law and evidence, that if one portion of the testimony be entirely untrue, the remaining portion is tainted by the original falsity. The charter which accompanies the other two documents therefore lies under very great suspicion, despite the apparent circumstantial statement of the attestation of Bro. Wasenaar von Opdam, mentioned by Mackey. The "Handbuch" changes the names, and states that the signature of the letter, which Mackey mentions was a child of V.J., was N.C. geb. V.T., from Rotterdam, and supposed to be not the daughter of Van Jeylinger, but Van Teylinger. Some also stated that Van Botzelaar had received the document from Wasenaar, and had desired a trusty person to deliver them to Prince Frederick of the Netherlands in 1826, which, as we know, took place. But on the whole the external and internal evidence are both unfavourable to the document, and we believe it to be a "fraus pia," and reject it as a portion of Masonic evidence, or as a Masonic document of any real value. It appears to us to be a document which has arisen out of the high grade complications of the latter part of the last century. Its supposed Jesuit origin we must unequivocally reject, as an utterly untenable and visionary theory.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia.*

## Royal Arch.

## FRANCIS BURDETT CHAPTER (No. 1503).

—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. Gama, P.G.S.B. Middx., M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., acting II.; W. Taylor, J.; W. H. Saunders, S.E.; Rushworth, P.S.; Harrison, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Comp. R. Thrupp, P.Z., &c., as a subscribing member, and it proved to be unanimous. The election of the Three Principals then took place, and resulted in favour of Comps. Thrupp, Taylor, and Rushworth. Comps. Walls and Saunders were elected as Scribes N. and E., and Comp. Harrison was re-appointed Janitor. The revised bye-laws were read, and ordered to be printed. Ten propositions for exaltation having been handed in, the chapter was duly and formally closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. The toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" having been proposed and loyally honoured, the companions shortly afterwards separated.

## LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Chapter

(No. 1356).—This most prosperous and popular chapter held its usual meeting on Wednesday, evening the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hooper-street, where there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. Comp. J. W. Chapman, M.E.Z., was in his place, and amongst others present were Comps. R. Martin, H.; B. B. Marson, P.Z.; J. L. Houghton, P.Z.; Hesketh, Woolrich, Squire, Shrapnell, Courtenay, and others. Bros. Boyd, Penney, Rickland, Swift, and MacKenzie were duly exalted, and the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

## INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER.—The usual meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and, as usual, was numerously attended. Present: Comps. Le Feuvre, Z.; Landeur, H.; R. Payne, J.; Pennefather, N.; Dottridge, P.S.; Brown, Preceptor; Wood, Bloomfield, Wyer, Macdonald, Mandwell, W. Fraser, J. S. Fraser, Duncan, Edwards, Powell, Abell, Thompson, (Freemason), and others. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gillard being the candidate. The whole ceremony was gone through in an almost faultless manner, all the Principals being well up to their work, and there can be no doubt that this chapter offers advantages to young

Royal Arch Masons seeking instructions that are not to be found elsewhere, and Comp. Brown, the talented Preceptor, is at all times most painstaking in his efforts to make others as perfect in the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry as himself. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comp. Swan, of the Granite Chapter, 1328, and Comp. Cubbans, of the Gladsmuir Chapter, 1385, were unanimously elected members of this chapter of improvement. The chapter was then closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, at half-past six o'clock.

## Ancient and Primitive Rite.

ROSE OF SHARON SENATE K.H.P. (No. 6).—The meeting for the installation of officers of the above senate, for the ensuing year, was held at the Senate House, 77½, Bishopsgate-street Within, on Tuesday, the 16th ult. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by the Grand Sec. Gen. of the Rite, R. Ill. Bro. James Hill, 33°, P.M.W., P.S.G.C., as the representative of the V. Ill. Grand Master of Light for the Province of Middlesex. The following is a list of the officers for the year: Ill. Sir Knt. William Stephens, 32°, P.M., P.Z., Sub. Grand Com.; Ill. Sir Knts. Henry Stephens, 31°, P.M., and Edward Harrison, 31°, Sen. and Jun. Knts. Interpreter, respectively; Ill. Sir Knt. John H. Southwood, 32°, P.M., P.Z., K.T. of Eloqueline; Ill. Sir Knt. W. J. Meek, 31°, W.M.M. 169, Knt. of Finance; Ill. Sir Knt. J. H. Peach, 30°, Knt. Recorder; Ill. Sir Knt. A. P. Little, 30°, Knt. Marshal; Ill. Sir Knt. Thomas Sims, 30°, Knt. Archivist; Ill. Sir Knt. R. Marshall, 30°, Knt. of Introduction; and Ill. Sir Knt. G. C. Young, 30°, W.M. 820, Organist. The senate was opened and closed in the Degree of Knt. Grand Inspector, (20°). The brethren subsequently partook of a cold collation, served in the Ante-room, at which the Sub-Grand Com. gave the usual loyal and A. and P. toasts which were heartily responded to.

## Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

A Geographical Congress and Exhibition are to be held at Venice next September.

The *Academy* regrets to hear that Mr. Walford has ceased to be connected with the *Antiquary*.

A portrait by Titian of Isabella of Portugal, wife of the Emperor Charles V., has been found hidden away in one of the corridors of an old German castle.

AN UNKNOWN PROSE WORK BY GOETHE—a "Singspiel"—has been discovered by Professor Arndt, of Leipsic, and will shortly be published.

The Louvre has acquired from the sale of the His de la Salle collection a fine marble bust of a child, the work of some unknown artist of the fifteenth century.

A complete edition of the dialect poems of Mr. Benjamin Preston (who is sometimes styled the Edwin Waugh of Yorkshire) is in press.

Messrs. W. H. Allen and Co. will publish early in January the first volume (concluding with the fall of the Yuan or Mongol Dynasty) of a "History of China," by Mr. Demetrius Charles Boulger.

The fourth edition, issued last week, of the "Coalfields of Great Britain," by Mr. Edward Hull, has been largely rewritten, and includes a new chapter on the carboniferous plants, by Professor Williamson, of the Owens College.

Mr. Charles Marvin, the author of "The Disastrous Turcoman Campaign" and "Grodokoff's Ride to Herat," has completed this week a new volume entitled "Merv, the Queen of the World, and the Scourge of the man-stealing Turcomans."

In the Albertine Collection, at Vienna, there is a sketch-book, made by Jacques Callot when collecting the materials for his panoramic picture of the "Siege of Breda." This is to be published by Moriz Thausing with fifty heliogravure facsimiles.

Lord Lindsay has presented to the Wigan Public Library a collection of about 100 volumes relating to Freemasonry, and including books in English, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, and Italian. Amongst them are the Templar's Chart of Jeremy Cross, printed at Newhaven, in Connecticut, in 1821, and other rare works. A catalogue is in preparation.

VINE DISEASE.—In the Italian Chamber of Deputies, on Thursday week, Signor Toscanelli, the distinguished entomologist, declared that American mildew was more destructive to vines than the phylloxera, and that it had spread very considerably in Italy. Signor Miceli stated that the best system for stopping the spread of phylloxera was in every case to completely destroy the vines in which the insect was found.

The *Athenæum* states that M. Henri Reber, a distinguished French composer and theorist, died in Paris on the 24th ult., at the age of 73. He was a native of Mulhouse, in Alsace, and studied music at the Conservatoire in Paris, where for several years past he had been one of the professors of composition. The list of his works includes five operas, four symphonies, several instrumental quintets, quartets, trios, besides various songs, pianoforte pieces, &c. He also published a treatise on harmony.

Messrs. C. Kegan Paul and Co. have in the press "A Guide to the Study of English History." The first part, which is by Professor S. R. Gardiner, consists of a sketch of the social and political progress of the country, in which special attention is directed to the growth of those new ideas which have from time to time exercised the most marked influence on the development of the nation. The second part, which is by Mr. J. Bass Mullinger, is designed to furnish a concise, critical account of the original sources, and also of the best modern authorities, for our knowledge of successive periods—particular attention being given towards assisting the student to discriminate the comparative value of different writers, and the considerations which serve to qualify our estimate of their impartiality and credibility. The object of the whole work is to meet the requirements of those who, having already gone through the ordinary handbooks, are desirous of making the history of their country the subject of more thorough and systematic study.

A thick garland of real violets carried down the front of the dress from throat to waist between two lace frills is being worn in Paris just now. So-called "English fashions" still prevail. And the newest ornaments for the hair is the "Prince of Wales's plume"—the long feathers arranged on the model of the Prince's crest, with the stems outlined in diamonds. Shirt-studs for dandies are made of mother-of-pearl crossed by gold thread, intended to look as if sewn on by the gold thread. A large number of pious fashionable Parisiennes, by the way, have determined to buy no new dresses this winter, and neither to give nor to attend entertainments of any kind, intending to give the money raised to the expelled Religious Orders.—*Graphic*.

A Fine-Art Exhibition, to which foreign artists are invited to contribute, will be held at Madrid in April next. Works must be sent in between April 1st and 15th. Talking of Art matters, Bavaria will hold a National Fine-Art and Industrial Exhibition at Nuremberg in 1882; while Transatlantic brethren of the brush are delighted with the recently opened Exhibition of Fine-Arts at the Pennsylvania Academy in Philadelphia, which is considered the finest display of strictly American Art yet given in the country. The necessity of foreign influence, however, is notably demonstrated by the fact that all the best pictures come from Paris, and, if these contributions had been left out, it would have been "a pretty insipid show."—*Graphic*.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

"Ye Old Cheshire Cheese," situated in Adlestree, Wood-street, City, which has been rebuilt and handsomely decorated in the Queen Anne style, was opened on Monday last, under the proprietorship of Bro. John Gibbs, of Lodges 1036 and 1602.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, has been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572.

At the election meeting of the New Cross Lodge on Saturday last, Bro. Ernest Smith, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove has removed his offices to 26, Budge-row, Cannon-street.

A portrait of the late Bro. Wm. Smalley appeared in the *Pictorial World* of Saturday last.

Bro. J. W. Benson has had the honour of exhibiting to Her Majesty the Queen a silver model, made in imitation of the Albert Memorial, for the late Siamese Embassy.

Bro. Wm. Nicholas, F.R.G.S., gave his lecture on "Kindness to Animals," illustrated by anecdotes, recently, to the pupils of the British Orphan Asylum at Slough.

Bro. Harcourt's memorial fund has been increased by upwards of £420, which was taken on Monday last at the doors of Drury Lane Theatre.

CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.—A report of the meeting of this lodge, which was held on Thursday last, will appear in our next.

Bro. Judd, of the Phoenix Printing Works, Blackfriars, is about to build new and extensive premises adjacent to the old building.

Bro. Alderman Ellis has, we are informed, joined the Board of Directors of the Alliance Bank.

The Hon. Alan Herbert, of Paris, brother to the Earl of Carnarvon, has sufficiently recovered from the attack of typhoid fever, from which he has been suffering at Highclere for some weeks, to enable him to leave the Castle, which he did on Wednesday on a visit to his sister, Lady Gwendolen Herbert.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice paid a visit to the Empress Eugenie at Chislehurst on Monday morning, returning in the afternoon to Windsor.

Bro. Paul Storr is, we understand, a candidate for the office of Assistant to Captain Shaw in the administration of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Bro. Paul Storr is a retired Lieutenant of the Royal Navy, and in his candidature will have the advantage of excellent testimonials from Bro. H. A. Isaacs and the Markets Committee of the Corporation.

Bro. Sheriff Waterlow received the highest number of votes at the election of members of the Court of Assistants of the Hon. Artillery Company on Thursday week.

Bro. W. T. Rickwood, at the twenty-third meeting of the subscribers and members of the London General Porters' Benevolent Institution, held on Wednesday week at the Guildhall Tavern, made the following satisfactory statement—that the income for the year from all sources had been £3066 10s. 11d.; the disbursements for the same period (including £1881 18s. paid to pensioners) had amounted to £2431 18s. 1d.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past Grand Warden, has consented to preside at the anniversary festival of the British Orphan Asylum, Slough, and has appointed that the same be held in March, 1881.

Bro. Alfred Williams presided at the annual dinner of the Masters and Wardens of the Makers of Playing Cards Company on the 30th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Among the guests present were Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, Sheriff Waterlow, Alderman Hanson, M.A., E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., Ex-Sheriff Burt, J.P., Captain T. Davies Sewell, J. E. Walford, A. P. Altman, R. H. Crowden, P. R. F. Saillard, W. T. Sugg, and Major H. B. Savory. It is worthy of remark and affords an example by the following fact, of which future Masters may do much to strengthen and elevate the position of the Company, that during the Mastership of Bro. Williams the members of the Playing Card Makers have more than trebled.

Freemasons will be glad to know that "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book," for 1881 is now published by Mr. George Kenning. It contains a great variety of information useful to members of the ancient Craft.—*Christian World*, November 25th, 1880. Price, post free, 2s. 1d.—(ADVT.)

HOLBORN TOWN HALL.—A series of Monday evening popular concerts commenced this week at this splendid hall under the management of Mr. John Cross. The inaugurating concert was a great success in every sense.

The number of certificates for Mark Master Masons issued during six months, ending September 30th, 1880, was 552. The total number of Mark Masons on the Grand Register of England is 14,086.

The meetings of the Prince Frederick William Lodge and Chapter of Instruction will, in future, be held at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. We are informed that the brethren assemble in a large, handsome, quiet room, to which there is a private entrance. The lodge meets every Tuesday evening at 8, the chapter every Thursday at 7.30. Bro. F. G. Baker, P.M., P.Z., is the Preceptor; Bro. J. Holden, P.M., the Scribe E.; and Bro. T. Parker, W.M. 753, Secretary.

Bro. John Edward Walford, who has acted as Chairman of the City of London School Committee during the present year, recently received from the members of that Committee an expression of their appreciation of his assiduous attention, not only to the ordinary business of the City of London School, but also to that arising from its removal to the Victoria Embankment. The Committee and several friends afterwards dined together at the Guildhall Tavern, and passed an evening most agreeably varied by speech and song.

Bro. Sir J. M'Garel-Hogg, Bart., M.P., has written to the Bristol Anti-Bounty Committee expressing his strong opinion as to the injurious effects of foreign bounties, which exercise an unfair pressure on British industry, and are antagonistic to the principles of free trade.

Bro. W. R. Woodman, M.D., Grand Recorder, will be glad to receive names of Sir Knights of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine, willing to act as Stewards at the General Grand Conclave and annual Festival, to be held on Wednesday week, the 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Queen-street, W.C.

Bro. Alderman H. E. Knight, P.M., has kindly consented to take the chair at the Cripplegate Ball, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, February 1st, 1881. Bro. U. Knell, W.M. 1471, is the Honorary Secretary, of whom full particulars may be obtained.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., when the W.M., Bro. Robert Ward, performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing in a very able manner.

Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., 31<sup>st</sup>, P.G.S.W. Sussex, will be installed as Prov. Grand Mark Master at a special meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex, to be held on Wednesday next, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The ceremony will be performed by V.W. Bro. H. C. Levander, M.A., Grand Registrar of Marks. A large and influential gathering of Mark Masters is expected to be present to do honour to Bro. Trollope, who is so well known and appreciated for past services to the Mark Degree and Masonry in general.

A brass cross has been placed by the officers of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards in Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, in memory of the late Lieutenant Watkin Williams Wynn, son of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., Prov. G.M. N. Wales and Shrops, who was drowned, while canoeing upon the Thames at the Windsor Weir.

Messrs. Foster, of Pall-mall, announce the sale by auction of a large and important collection of water-colour drawings and fine-proof engravings, forming a portion of the stock accumulated by the late T. H. Gladwell (father of the present Bro. A. E. Gladwell), who for a period of over forty years carried on business as a dealer in works of fine art at 21, Gracechurch-street, where he became well known to most of the fine art patrons and amateurs as one of the enthusiastic admirers of the works of the late J. M. W. Turner.

Mr. Pfouendes proposes to continue, during the season, his "at homes," to which those interested in Japanese art and literature are welcomed. Messrs. Christie (of King-street, St. James's) have instructions to sell, during December, part of the collection of specimens of Japanese art. Mr. Pfouendes has exhibited to visitors at Cleveland-row, Mansion House, Society of Arts, &c.; London, Windsor, and other places, where he lectured, and he intends to replace these with objects illustrating the "Art Teaching" and "Schools of Art" of Old Japan.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.—The Grand Conclave meeting will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at half-past five o'clock precisely, to be followed by the usual banquet. Every conclave will have due notice through its Recorder.

Our readers will learn with regret of the death, which was somewhat sudden, of the wife of Bro. Captain T. Davies Sewell, which sad event took place on Friday last, the 3rd inst., at their residence in St. George's-square, Belgrave. The funeral took place on Wednesday. The cortege left St. George's-square at a quarter to two for the church of St. John, Westminster, where the service was performed by the Rev. Archdeacon Jennings, M.A., from whence the procession went on to Paddington Cemetery, Willesden-lane, Kilburn, where Mrs. Sewell's remains were interred next her little boy, who died some three years ago. A faculty will, we understand, be applied for to remove both bodies to the family vault of Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt, father of the deceased lady.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—At a meeting of the General Committee of the above Institution, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., Bro. Beaufort, P.G.S.W., in the chair, the cases of a number of children of deceased Freemasons were brought up, and it was resolved to recommend the acceptance of claims amounting to upwards of £100 to the Board of Governors at the next meeting. Applications for advancement and clothing were also favourably considered. It was resolved to recommend Bro. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., to the Board of Governors for the office of Honorary Treasurer of the Institution, in the room of Bro. R. Wilson.

Bro. Frederick Gordon, of the Holborn Restaurant, is the new caterer at the dining rooms attached to the House of Commons.

Bro. Edward Terry (P.M. 1319), who has been appearing recently in the provinces with remarkable success, has returned to the "Gaiety Theatre," where he is most heartily welcomed by his enthusiastic admirers. Bro. Terry was present at the installation of Bro. Nelson Reed on Saturday last, and favoured the brethren by singing his most amusing song, "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark."

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—On Wednesday, the 1st inst., a meeting of the council of the Hospital Sunday Fund was held at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor, M.P., presided, and there were present, among others, Alderman Sir Sydney Waterlow, M.P., Sir Rutherford Alcock, Sir E. H. Currie, Mr. R. B. Martin, M.P., the Rev. Professor Marks, Canons Fleming, Spence, and Moore, the Rev. J. Simpson, Dr. Glover, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Mr. Willett, Mr. Thomas Turner, and Mr. Jabez Hogg. The Lord Mayor, in opening the proceedings, expressed, amid cheers, a strong desire that the offices of the fund should be restored to the Mansion House, where they had been located from the commencement of the movement until the end of 1878. The council offered their grateful acknowledgments to the Lord Mayor for his considerate offer, which they cheerfully accepted, being of opinion that apart from the saving of expense the fund derived advantage, in many ways, by having its offices established at the Mansion House. The secretary (Mr. Custance) read the report of the council for the year. It stated that the eighth year of the operation of the fund had resulted in the largest collection since its institution, viz., £30,423, and there had been an increase of forty-nine in the number of contributing congregations. Of that total sum £26,646 had been given to eighty hospitals, £2443 to forty-six dispensaries, and £300 spent for the purchase of surgical appliances. There was a balance towards next year's fund of £1 28s. The council deplored the sad loss of the Rev. Cannon Miller, who rendered important services to the movement, and they narrated their well-known action in the case of the Eastbourne Convalescent Hospital. The working expenses of the fund amounted to £1123, or a little over three and a half per cent., against four and a half per cent. in the previous year. The thanks of the council were tendered to the clergy and ministers of all denominations for their valuable co-operation during the year. On the motion of Sir Sydney Waterlow, M.P., the report was adopted. It was also determined to inform the public and the constituents of the fund that the council were prepared to receive bequests to the general fund to be distributed as part of the annual receipts. The next meeting of constituents—viz., the minister and two lay members of each contributing congregation—was fixed for December 20th, and it was determined to recommend the names of Alderman Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, the Rev. R. Rhodes Bristow, the Rev. Daniel Moore, and Bro. J. D. Allcroft to fill the vacancies in the council. It was resolved also to suggest that in future two per cent. of the fund, instead of one, should be devoted to the purchase of surgical appliances. The meeting then separated.

Our readers will notice an announcement in our columns of a new specific introduced by the old established firm of Allen and Hanburys. The name of these noted Pharmacutists, who have been established for more than one hundred years, and who occupy the position of leading dispensers in the City of London, will be a guarantee for merit in any announcement they may choose to make public. We are not all, fortunately, subject to neuralgic pains, but by intercourse with those of our afflicted friends who are, we can well understand that many a household will be brightened by a remedy that will diminish pain so intense as that known under the term of neuralgia. The public must expect from the rapid progress in the discovery of medical herbs and chemical processes that new remedies will constantly be coming to the front. We shall always have pleasure in drawing attention to specialities possessing intrinsic merit of high class firms such as Messrs Allen and Hanburys, of Plough-court, Lombard-street, E.C.

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### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, December 17, 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, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.  
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.  
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

#### 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, DECEMBER 13.

Lodge 29, Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.  
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 193, Confidence, Arderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

222, St. Andrew's, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 957, Leigh, F.M.H.  
 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.  
 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Court.  
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 58, Felicity, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 1118, University, F.M.H.  
 Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Hot., Stepney.  
 Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

#### LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.  
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.  
 Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.  
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.  
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.  
 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.  
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.  
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.  
 British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.  
 Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.  
 St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
 New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas-rd., N., at 8.  
 Kilburn, South Molton Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 7.30.  
 Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, 8.  
 Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, at 7.30.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.  
 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 834, Ranelagh, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.  
 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.  
 1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tav.  
 Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

#### LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.  
 Domestic, 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.  
 Dalhouse, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.  
 Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.  
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.  
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.  
 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, DECEMBER 15.

Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav.  
 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.  
 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.  
 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.  
 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 1625, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico.  
 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.

#### LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Salmon & 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, S.  
 United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.  
 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 Harv 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, DECEMBER 16.

Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav.  
 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 1139, S. Norwood, Singapore Public H., S. Norwood.  
 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 Mark Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st., W.

#### LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.  
 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, DECEMBER 17.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 201, Jordan, F.M.H.  
 Mark 176, Era, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 K.T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

#### LOGES 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, December 18, 1880.  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13.**  
 Lodge 292, Sincerity, M.H., Liverpool.  
 514, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.  
 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.  
 1021, Hartington, M.H., Barrow.  
 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
 1398, Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side, M'chtr.  
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.  
 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.  
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.  
 Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.  
 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.  
 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot, Northwich.  
 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 581, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.  
 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson, N. Urnston.  
 Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.  
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.  
 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.  
 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
 St. John's, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17.**  
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

#### BIRTHS.

BATHURST.—On the 4th inst., at Holy Trinity Parsonage, Eastbourne, the wife of the Rev. William A. Bathurst, of a daughter.  
 SEWELL.—On the 2nd inst., at No. 12, St. George's-square, S.W., the wife of Bro. T. Davies Sewell, of a daughter.  
 SMITH.—On the 1st inst., at Christ's Hospital, the wife of Dr. H. A. Smith, of a son.

#### MARRIAGES.

ROBILLIARD—LECKIE.—On the 4th inst., at St. Jude's, Southsea, by the Rev. J. S. Blake, Vicar, Captain John Le Cocq Robilliard, R.M.A., Adjt. Antrim Artillery Militia, son of Capt. J. Robilliard, R.N., to Lela Edith, daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Leckie, Bombay Army.  
 YOUNG—ENSOR.—On the 1st inst., at the Abbey Church, by the Vicar, James John Young, of Pinford, Sherborne, to Emma Martha Ensor, daughter of Mr. Henry Ensor, of Sherborne, Dorset.

#### DEATHS.

CROWDEN.—On the 2nd inst., Mr. John Crowden, eldest son of the late Mr. John Crowden, of Falcon-square, aged 44.  
 SEWELL.—On the 2nd inst., at No. 12, St. George's-square, S.W., Elizabeth Sophia, the beloved wife of Bro. T. Davies Sewell, and eldest daughter of Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt.  
 VARNHAM.—On the 29th Nov., at 20, Wellington-street, Islington, Betsy, daughter of the late Mr. Charles Varnham, aged 75.

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