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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. for China, took the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. H. Garrod, P.M. 749, occupied the chair of Junior Vice-President.

There were also present Bros. W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; Constable, P.M. 185; George Powell, P.M. and W.M. 142; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; John O. Carter, P.M. 209; Thos. W. C. Bush, I.P.M. 1728; Charles Atkins, W.M. 1260; Henry J. Moxon, P.M. 1159; A. Wing, P.M. 45; Henry Turner, W.M. 1589; Alfred J. Henochskey, P.M. 1502; G. Mc.A. Low, P.M. 1670; H. W. Harper, P.M. 813; W. Johnson, P.M. 865, 946; Henry Briggs, P.M. 320; H. W. Ruff, W.M. 95; Robert Ward, W.M. 511; George Rush, P.M. 1425; Henry Shaw, W.M. 834; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). Bros. H. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and H. Sadler, G.T., also attended.

The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £500, recommended at last meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence. There were twenty-eight new cases on the list. Eight of these were deferred on account of being incomplete, and one was dismissed. The remaining nineteen were relieved with a total sum of £520. This was composed of one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100 (£100); one of £75 (£75); and one of £50 (£50). One recommendation to the Grand Master for £40 (£40); two of £30 each (£60); one of £25 (£25); four of £20 (£80); two of £15 (£30); and six grants of £10 each (£60). The lodge was then closed.

FREEMASONRY IN WILTSHIRE.

By Bro. W. J. HUGHAN.

Bro. Frederick Hastings Goldney (P.G.S.), P. Prov. S.G.W., &c., has written an interesting sketch of the progress of the Craft in Wiltshire from early days, and, considering the few materials at his command, he has done wonderfully well. The work makes a handsome volume of some 200 pages, is printed privately and for presentation only. The MS. was presented by the author to the Prov. Grand Lodge on the celebration of the twenty-five years' genial rule of the Right Hon. Lord Methuen as Prov. G.M. "The records in the county are few and scattered before the time that his lordship undertook the government of the province," and hence the work is declared to be "far from perfect." As, however, the compilation of facts has been the chief aim of the author, these are of value for all time, and contain quite a "mine of wealth," rich in suggestions, for all students of the province.

Bro. Thomas Dunckerley appears to have been the first Prov. G.M., 1772-7. From the work, we are not sure which date is intended, 1777 being noted at p. 3, and 1772 at p. 56.

The first lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge of England in Wiltshire was for 100, Salisbury, according to Pine's engraved list of 1734, and of date December 27th, 1732. There was, however, a meeting as early as January of the same year, and one on the 11th December speaks of a dispensation "under seal of the Right Hon. Lord Montague, present Grand Master." It looks much as if Masons had assembled in that city prior to any authority being granted them from London, for, even in the first month of the year, the D.G.M. had money paid him by the lodge for "charity," and evidently officers were then acting without any dispensation whatever.

The bye-laws, after constitution, were agreed to on same date as the warrant. The numbers held by the lodge have been as follows: 100, 97, 56, 47, 37, and 34. The latter number was granted or arranged in 1792. The lodge was

erased in 1801, according to the "Freemasons' Calendar," for not obeying the orders of the Grand Lodge. The fact is the members objected to pay aught additional towards the cost of the Freemasons' Hall, and finally succumbed in consequence, after a spasmodic attempt to start a rival Grand Lodge. It is a singular fact that the lodge was transferred to London for a short time, it being held at the Lamb, Katherine-street, as No. 97, in 1740. For this peculiar item we are indebted to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges and their Descendants." It was soon back again to the City of Salisbury, however. Bro. Goldney does not seem to be aware of this, but mentions an old minute book utilised by the "Sarum Lodge," Salisbury, which was previously used by a London lodge.

Bro. Goldney says "it has not been ascertained what the Turk's Head Lodge had to do with Salisbury," but we find that where the entries in the minute book and ledger of the Turk's Head Lodge leave off, those of the Salisbury Lodge commence. A likely solution is the following: The "Turk's Head" Lodge, warranted December 12th, 1732, joined No. 38 in 1742, the latter now being the "Old King's Arms," No. 28, A.D. 1725. Evidently the minute book was neglected, and the "Sarum" Lodge being then in London, the members got hold, somehow, of it, and took it back with them to Salisbury. Many Londoners were partial to meeting in country lodges then as now. Many of the extracts from the old records furnished by Bro. Goldney are full of interest, but time warns me against trying to reproduce any in this short article.

It is singular that the "Ancients" or "Atholl" Masons were not at all popular in Wiltshire. Only one lodge hailing from that body is mentioned in the work, and I cannot find any others mentioned in any of the registers, or in the *Atholl Lodges* by Bro. Gould, S.G.D., but this 270, Devizes, of 14th March, 1792, died out before the alterations in numbers of 1832 as 341. The province now only contains one *pre-union* lodge, viz., 335, Lodge of Rectitude, Corsham, originally issued for Westbury. The warrant is of a startling character, and on the first glance would appear to favour the idea that the lodge dated back to 1724, but such is not the case.

What I take to be the clue to this strange warrant is to be found in a note to the "Freemasons' Calendar" for 1782, viz., the constitutions of the following lodges were declared to be forfeited, &c., and the G.M. was authorised to assign the warrants to other brethren, with numbers subsequent to the last on the list of lodges. Then follows a roll of 24 lodges, the first being No. 16, *Norwich*.

In the new warrant of 1812 for Westbury, all the numbers of this old lodge are given, and the warrant thereof is said to be assigned to the members of 632! The fact is, it was really nothing but a new warrant, only the long recital about Norwich Lodge of 1724 was inserted to make it appear as the reissue of the old warrant; owing to its being considered that the "act of parliament" prohibited (or did not provide for) the issue of new warrants. Its numbers have been 632, 639, 420, and 335.

I find from Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges and their Descendants" and my "Masonic Register" that the following *have been* in Wiltshire "working" and warranted before the "Union" of December, 1813:—

Last Numeration.		Warranted.
1792	No. 34, Sarum, Salisbury ...	1732
1770	No. 294, ———, Milksham ...	1705
1770	No. 395, ———, Warminster ...	1770
	No. 357, Science, Salisbury ...	1782
1792	No. 432, Wiltshire, Devizes ...	1788
1814	No. 594, Unity and Friendship, Bradford ...	1794
1832	No. 410, Temperance and Morality, Lavington ...	1809

The only existing one—Union Lodge—is, as I have said, No. 335, Lodge of Rectitude, Corsham, warranted in the year 1812.

It seems a pity that the old lodge at Salisbury was allowed to collapse, especially as there was really no need for its closing, the membership being vigorous, only, alas! far from Masonic! They refused to aid the Grand Lodge in its financial difficulties, and rather than do aught, they preferred to entirely cease as a lodge.

I hope that the few additional particulars gleaned from various sources will be of interest to the Province of Wilts, and especially to the author of the work noticed herein.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE PROV. GRAND SEC. OF NORTH AND EAST YORKS.

There was an influential gathering of Masons at York, on Monday afternoon last, on the occasion of the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. M. C. Peck, who, for fourteen years, has performed the honorary duties of Prov. Grand Secretary for the Province of North and East Yorkshire. It was at the time of the last communication of the Prov. Grand Chapter in May, 1880, that the subject of a testimonial to Bro. Peck was broached, and at that time a committee was formed, with Bro. Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M., as Chairman, and Bro. T. Thompson, P.M., of Hull, as Secretary, to carry out the idea. Subscription lists were opened, and contributions came in from the various lodges of the province, with the result that a very handsome sum was raised. At the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Scarbro' in the autumn, it was arranged that the presentation should be made at York, as the most central place, in January, and accordingly arrangements were made; the use of the Masonic Hall was granted by the W.M. of the

York Lodge, and the Prov. Grand Master consented to present the testimonial.

All subscribers to the fund received invitations to be present, and there was a good gathering, which would have been much larger but for the inclement nature of the weather. The brethren appeared in full Masonic clothing; the testimonial, consisting of a large and massive silver salver and a tea and coffee service, being laid out upon a table in the centre of the hall.

The Earl of ZETLAND, Prov. Grand Master, took the chair, and, at the request of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Bell, proceeded to make the presentation. He said it gave him great pleasure to see before him so influential an assemblage of brethren, and he was sure that but for the severe weather many more would have been present. Bro. Peck had been well known amongst them for many years. For a period of over twenty-two years he had been a Mason, and during most of that time he had acted as Secretary to the Minerva, his mother lodge. He had also been instrumental in founding more than one lodge in the province, and during the fifteen years he had served as Provincial Grand Secretary, he had devoted his best energies to the interests of Freemasonry in the province. He (Lord Zetland) could say that during the seven years he had been honoured by holding the high office of Provincial Grand Master he could not have wished for better support than he had received from the brethren, and from Bro. Peck in particular as Provincial Grand Secretary. He had always experienced at his hands the utmost courtesy and kindness. He would proceed to read to them the inscription upon the salver, which was as follows: "Presented, together with a tea and coffee service and other articles of silver, by the Freemasons of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, to Michael Charles Peck, junior, Esq., P.M. and P.Z. Nos. 250, 1040, 1511, &c., as a mark of their high personal esteem and regard, and in recognition of the great ability, zeal, and courtesy with which he has for a period of fifteen years performed the honorary duties of Provincial Grand Secretary. January, 1881." His lordship went on to say that he was sure he was only the mouthpiece of the province when he expressed a hope that Bro. Peck might live and prosper for many years to come to enjoy the remembrance of the esteem of his brethren.

Bro. Dr. BELL (D.P.G.M.) said he might add to what had fallen from his lordship, that the Committee had expended a small balance of the funds at their disposal in the purchase of a gold bracelet, set with diamonds and sapphires, which they desired Bro. Peck to convey to Mrs. Peck as a testimony of the respect in which her husband was held by his brethren.

Bro. PECK, in responding, said that there were some periods in the life of every man when he felt embarrassed and at a loss for words, and this, in his case, was one of them. He could only express in feeble sentences the deep honour and gratification he felt in this mark of their confidence, and in the unanimous response of the brethren to the suggestion of the D.P.G.M. They had been pleased thus to express approval of his services. He could only say that in his entry into Freemasonry he had made up his mind to make a study of the Royal Art, and to devote his spare time to its interests. Bro. Peck then gave a sketch of his career in Blue Masonry, from the time of his initiation to that when he succeeded Bro. Bell as Provincial Grand Secretary, fourteen years ago. He could assure them that the testimonial was most unlooked for. Some brethren might think he had not visited the lodges as much as he might have done, but if this were so, it was due to the pressing emergencies of his own business. He was deeply sensible of the uniform consideration shown towards his imperfections by the brethren, and trusted the G.A. would spare them all for many a year to meet their illustrious chief at their annual assemblies. On behalf of himself and Mrs. Peck he tendered his warmest thanks.

Bro. Dr. BELL, in moving a vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Master for presiding, said his lordship must have a Masonic heart above blood heat to have induced him to travel so tedious a journey to be present on the occasion with the thermometer at zero.

Bro. Sir JAS. MEEK seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Lord ZETLAND, in acknowledging the same, said it was never a toil, but always a pleasure, to him to come amongst brethren who were ever so kind and courteous towards himself. He always was glad to meet their wishes in every possible way.

Bro. J. W. WOODALL proposed, and Bro. Dr. BELL seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. T. Thomson, the Secretary of the fund.

Bro. Dr. BELL proposed, and Bro. CUMBERLAND seconded, a vote of thanks to the W.M. and brethren of the York Lodge, for the use of their hall, which was responded to by Bro. J. TONN, who apologised for the absence of the W.M., who was detained by business. This closed the business of the meeting.

A collation was afterwards held at the Station Hotel, at which about twenty-five brethren met together.

In responding to the toast of his health, Bro. Dr. BELL, who presided, said he regretted to have observed in one of the Masonic papers, in a sketch of Masonry in Bath, an attempt to take from York the glory of being the first and original Grand Lodge of England. By a quibble of words it was sought to prove that London was the first *Grand Lodge*. He maintained that York was the first *Grand Lodge*, and if it did not bear that title, still it was *de facto* the *Grand Lodge*, for it exercised the functions of the Grand Lodge, being the annual place of *assembly* of all the Masons' lodges in England, where the constitutions were

preserved and enactments passed for the good of the Craft. He was extremely jealous of the prestige of York Masonry, and he objected to any attempt to filch from her the ancient fame of being the cradle of English Masonry. A number of other toasts were honoured. We may add that the value of the testimonial exceeded £160.

Amongst the brethren present on the occasion, in addition to those already named, were Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. Palliser, P.M. 1416, Prov. G. Sup. of Wks.; J. Todd, P.M. 236, P.P.G.R.; A. Buckle, P.M. 236, Prov. G.S.D.; W. H. Gainforth, P.M. 236; S. Middleton, P.M. 1760; J. Copland, P.M. 1010; J. Tesseyman, W.M. 57; Clark, P.M. 57; W. A. Cowper, W.M. 561; A. W. Walker, W.M. 660; G. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; J. Murray, P.M. 200, Prov. G.S.W.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611, Prov. G.S.W.; W. Lawton, P.M. 236, P.P.G.R.; and others.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME.

From the *Traders' Times*.

"Where is this Benevolent Institution of ours, that we hear so much about?" inquired a young friend of mine who had just caught the enthusiasm which fires the newly-initiated; and for the life of me I could hardly say exactly where. I expect, like many more of my brethren, I had been content to hear and read all about the substantial benefits towards which we had subscribed our little mite—to know that the Institution is able and economically managed, and that it would far extend its sphere of usefulness, if it had the means. I had pictured to myself a stately and superb edifice, where "want and age sit smiling at the gate," and was quite satisfied to believe that those who had, through "unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune," been compelled to throw themselves upon the bounty of the brethren were tenderly cared for, and the autumn of their lives made happy through the instrumentality of the great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

My provincial friend, however, was not to be put off in any such fashion. A sturdy North-countryman, with a big heart, and a big pocket too, he had come up to "see the sights o' town," and paramount amongst these was the Benevolent Institution, on whose behalf he had promised his lodge to become a Steward for next year.

It was "somewhere down Croydon way," a brother told me; and, accordingly, Croydon-ward we turned our attention. Down across the emerald meadows, beyond the din and bustle of Great London, past smiling gardens and lawns, skirting the clumps and wooded knolls, which ere three months are over will again be dressed in greenest livery, a pleasant hour's ride brought us to East Croydon. A more charming spot could nowhere be found, even in the very heart of the country, for Dame Nature looked blushing and fair on this sparkling winter's afternoon, when the ice was just beginning to crunch beneath the feet of the visitors to the "Old People's" Institution.

Nearing the station we had noticed, as most observant travellers along that much frequented "iron road" have done, a handsome building in the Tudor style of architecture, before which staid old ladies and gentlemen were sauntering contentedly, and wishing each other on the way the "compliments of the season." For was not to-day the anniversary of that festival of the New Year when the House Committee and their many friends come down, and shake hands heartily all round with Bro. Terry's numerous and happy family?

"Upon my word, old fellow, this is a magnificent place," exclaimed my enthusiastic companion. "If there is one spot on God's earth to which I should like to retire to spend my declining years, here it is." And, truly this is the sentiment which must be inspired in the heart of any one who takes an interest in this noble branch of our Masonic Charities, and who visits it, as we did, for the first time. The only wonder is that the brethren do not more generally and personally acquaint themselves, as some have done, with the good work in progress at East Croydon. Not only would they be more emphatic in its praise, as they point to it in answer to the oft-repeated question as to what Masonry does, but they would be stimulated to a far more intense and practical determination to enlarge the basis of its beneficent work in every conceivable way.

We have dropped down, as Artemus Ward would say, quite "promiscuous-like," to see the House and its residents in one of the happiest of moods. At the principal entrance door stands a venerable brother, whose snowy beard rivals in its whiteness the steps from which he smilingly bids us welcome as he beckons us along the neatly gravelled walks. Nor is any formal introduction needed to the oldest living Mason in the kingdom, who for nearly twenty years has ruled discreetly and well as the Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Norris, though past ninety years of age, "carries himself," to say the least, remarkably well. Clear-headed, well-informed, sparkling with anecdote, and possessed of a perspicuity which many a much younger man might envy, you are immediately at home in his companionship. He is not so young, or so nimble on his "pins," as he used to be; but still there is an intelligence beaming on his open countenance that sets you at once at ease with him. In the course of our tête-à-tête he informed us with unaffected freedom that he was the oldest Mason in the country—about a month or so older than the venerable Sir Moses Montefiore, whom I had hitherto regarded as our oldest brother—having been initiated as far back as March, 1812. With the aid of an estimable daughter, who plays the rôle of matron, he has, as I have already stated, superintended the Institution now for nearly twenty years; and may his shadow never grow less, say I.

Bless you, what changes he has witnessed in that time, living hale and hearty amidst the many vicissitudes which have befallen his large and happy family! He may be almost likened to the brook in the song, which says—

"Men may come, and men may go,
But I go on for ever."

When first, by fortuitous circumstances, Bro. Norris was installed there as Warden, the Benevolent Institution occupied but a comparatively insignificant place among the

noble Charities which are the pride and boast of English Freemasonry. Thanks to our excellent Bro. Terry, who, as the brethren well know, is indefatigable, both in season and out of season, in its behalf—surrounding himself with such an earnest and hearty following—the Home at Croydon has reared its head far above most of the great benevolent institutions which are among the landmarks of Britain's greatness. The establishment of a House Committee has been one great outcome of his exertions, and by which the machinery of the interior economy of the Institution has been developed and perfected.

But let us take a stroll around the place, and try to picture it as it now stands. Entering by the canopied doorway, we are struck by the spick and span cleanliness everywhere apparent, the apple-pie order in which everything is found. Ascending the broad staircase, in the centre of the pile, we are ushered into the hall, where the House Committee sit in conclave and devise their schemes for the comfort and happiness of the "residents." A spacious vaulted chamber, with pannelled ceiling, and cornices pierced in quatrefoil, with walls painted a delicate blue, and through its stained glass windows the sun's rays shine as with a "dim religious light." In the galleries of the windows are the mystic symbols, blended with the initials of the founders and others who have taken an active interest in the Institution, and the light falls softly on the many pictures which adorn the sides of the cosy and luxurious apartment.

At one end of the room is an oil painting of the venerable Dr. Cruxifix, who may be ranked amongst the founders of the building, and who smiles mutely from the canvas upon such a development of his early conception as, probably, he little dreamt of in his philosophy. Amongst the pictures, also, were pointed out a couple of capably executed crayons, representing the exterior and interior of the Institution, from the pencil of Bro. T. J. Kilpin, who, having outlived his profession as an architect, is now amongst the members who repose in their latter days upon the well-earned bounty of their fellow-Craftsmen. Adjoining the hall is a small but compact library, principally the gift of the Supreme Grand Council, from which the residents have the privilege of drawing books suited to their tastes and inclinations; and in the ante-rooms are lavatories and other convenient offices.

Amongst those who contributed to the happiness and enjoyment of the "dear old folks," we saw Bro. H. J. Strong, M.D. (Honorary Medical Officer to the Institution), who presided with his accustomed geniality and good humour; Bro. James Terry (Secretary to the Institution), whom everybody knows; Mrs. Terry; Miss Kate S. Terry; Bro. J. Steel, W.M. 207; Bro. E. Dagoussset; Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.M., P.S.G.W. Herts, and Mrs. Bowyer; Bro. John Mason, P.S.G.D. Middlesex (Collector to the Institution); Bro. Raynham W. Stewart; Bro. J. A. Winsland, P.M. 228; Bro. Charles John Percival, P.M. 1607; Bro. Charles G. Hill, P.M. 1366; Bro. A. H. Tattershall; Bro. Constable; Bro. Edward Davies and Miss Davies; Bro. H. J. Amphlett; Mrs. Mayhew; Bro. Robert H. Halford and Mrs. Halford; Bro. R. Percy and Mrs. Percy; Bro. H. E. Frances and Mrs. Frances; Bro. H. Massey and Mrs. Massey; Bro. Thomas Goode and Mrs. Goode; Bro. John Newton and Mrs. Newton; Mr. C. B. Newton; Bro. A. Trewnard; Bro. P. Forge; Bro. Thomas Cubitt; Bro. John G. Stevens; Bro. J. J. Berry and Mrs. Berry; Bro. William Stephens and Mrs. Stephens; Bro. W. H. Wallington and Mrs. Wallington; Bro. Edward Spooner; Bro. J. W. Simmonds and Miss Windsor; Bro. Charles Daniel; Bro. Henry Waits; Bro. Bernard Butler, and many others.

The hall is so beautiful in itself, that it needs no extraneous aid from decoration, for with its painted windows and artistic surroundings it is, as I have said, *recherché*. Well, the dear Doctor took the chair, and if old ladies' smiles are to be regarded as a test of happiness, Dr. Strong had plenty of them. On his right sat Bro. Norris, the "father" of the Masons, and Bro. Terry, although not so well (physically) as we ordinarily see him, was here, there, and everywhere, seeing that all were attended to. It is almost superfluous to say that the excellent *cuisine* of Miss Norris was done "ample justice" to, for there were all smiles around the table, and "Bro. Norris's daughter" was the mistress of the situation.

At the conclusion of a sumptuous feast, in which the residents most heartily participated,

Bro. Dr. STRONG gave the customary loyal and Craft toasts, which were received with all due honours.

In proposing "The Founders of the Feast," the CHAIRMAN associated with it the name of Bro. Bowyer, a household word amongst all the residents in this Institution. There was no one he knew so entirely devoted to Masonic benevolence as the brother he had just mentioned. (Cheers.)

Bro. BOWYER could not take credit to himself for all the kind things which had been spoken of him. He had endeavoured to do his best to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and trusted these annual entertainments would be continued with success. (Cheers.)

Bro. Dr. STRONG said he now came to the third and last toast—because they were limited to three—(hear, hear)—and it was a toast that would be received with acclamation by all present, especially by the residents in this building. A better Warden than Bro. Norris never entered the Masonic Benevolent Institution. (Cheers.) His kindness and courtesy excelled all he had ever seen, and the "soothing syrup" he employed—(laughter)—was conducive to the good feeling and the amenities which prevailed the Institution. Freemasonry knew no bounds save those of prudence—(much cheering)—and all present would do their best to aid in promoting the welfare of this Institution. (Cheers.) He believed—although the fact had been disputed—that Bro. Norris was the oldest Mason in the world. (Loud cheers.) Somebody had had the impudence to say he was not. (Laughter.) But the production of Bro. Norris's certificates and credentials was sufficient to prove the fact, and all present would be ready to admit that Bro. Norris was a credit to Freemasonry. (Cheers.) For the domestic arrangement they were very much indebted to Miss Norris, the worthy matron of the Institution. If he might be allowed to parody, he might say that Bro. Norris had been a father to them all, and Miss Norris had been a mother to them all. (Loud laughter.) Morning, noon, and night she was interesting herself for the benefit of the residents in the Institution, and it was almost as much as he could do to curb her youthful impetuosity. (Laughter.)

Bro. NORRIS, who was received with continued cheering, wished the task of responding had devolved upon some one more able to do justice to it, but he assured the

brethren he had endeavoured, to the best of his ability, to promote the interests of the Institution, in which he had been most ably seconded by his daughter. (Cheers.)

During the time the old folks were regaling themselves with speeches and "old associations," some of the brethren were enjoying themselves on the 'ground floor, and one or two pleasing episodes may be mentioned. Bro. Terry remarked upon the limited accommodation afforded in the hall, and which must be remedied; and in the best of terms (although we have seen Bro. Terry physically better) he described how that, seeing that the old people required some recreation, he purchased a piano, trusting to the Craft to reimburse him. It was refreshing to see how the brethren dived into the breeches pocket, and excited emulation with the Upper House! At all events the money was raised, and while Bro. Terry contemplated the urbanity and the other distinguished characteristics of a Freemason's heart, the "old folks" will sing, to a new tune, in honour of Freemasonry in general, and Secretary Terry in particular.

Several complimentary toasts were honoured, amongst which was that of the "Editor of the *Traders' Times*," a journal which a brother kindly said was destined to work in the right direction for the benefit of trade and for the Institutions which were the landmarks and the glory of this country. (Cheers.)

The EDITOR of the *Traders' Times* and Bro. H. MASSEY responded, and a number of complimentary toasts were honoured in the course of the evening.

Turn we now to the "homes" of the dear old people, and hear from their own lips the story of their peace and happiness, and the overflowing of their gratitude for the blessings they enjoy under the benign influences of our Order. With hearty freedom they invite you to come and see and admire the exquisite neatness and perfect comfort of their domiciles. But let us inform those who are not already aware of the fact, that two rooms, "with the use of a kitchen," are allotted to every resident—our aged brethren having in addition an annuity of £40, and every widow £32, a year, and coals during the winter. These good people have all of them "seen better days," and, as a rule, bring their own furniture and household gods with which to make themselves at home in their new abodes. But, in case they have not sufficient of their own, the Society grants them a table, a bedstead, and four chairs by way of "housewarming," though these accessories are scarcely ever needed.

Accepting a couple of hearty invitations to "come inside," we may describe them as a sample of the rest, and these for comfort and convenience left nothing to be desired. The front apartment, overlooking the beautiful gardens, is used as a sitting-room, and on the walls we were pointed out, with a glow of pride and satisfaction, the treasured reminiscences of our departed brethren in the Craft, and which their relicts regard as the credentials by which they were helped to gain the haven of their present rest. Comfortably, and even luxuriously, furnished are some of these rooms, whilst "my lady's chamber" presented an appearance of comfort and ease, absolutely perfect and unique. The domestic arrangements are settled upon the principle of mutual help; and it is almost past belief—from a cynical point of view—that never during Bro. Norris's long reign as Warden has a word of angry altercation been heard amongst the ladies who occupy these suites of apartments! In the case of a couple being admitted, and the husband dying, the widow is allowed three years' residence with £20 a year, pending her own election, which invariably happens before the time has expired. Indeed, when once a needy brother or widow is admitted within the sheltering portals of this Institution it is regarded as a life interest, and from the moment of taking up their quarters here all care and anxiety for the future takes to itself wings and flies away. Such an event as any one leaving the Institution on account of separation of husband and wife by the death of either of them is unknown in the history of the Institution, except at their own request. All the good ladies whom it was our pleasure to interview, and who were profuse in their courteous acknowledgments of our visit, were the very picture of health, happiness, and contentment; and it made the heart light to receive the expressions of their gratitude for the blessings which had been thus secured to them through their husbands' connection with the Craft.

A word must be said for the comfortable-looking old widowers who are jogging along the downhill of life in this snug retreat. It may be very easy and natural for the opposite sex to minister to their own personal requirements in the way of making beds and the manufacture of puddings. But how do our brethren adapt themselves to those household duties to which in their days of affluence they must have been strangers? Splendidly, sir. They take to it most naturally; and if there is any accidental dilemma in matters of culinary importance, the "ministering angel" appears in the person of a friendly and compassionate widow, who lends her sisterly aid in the most delicate way imaginable. One jolly old fellow, a ship's carpenter, can manipulate his "duff" or wash his own shirt in masterly fashion; and does it, too. Another old gent we saw was "not going to dine at home to-day," but having received a polite invitation from a widow neighbour, was going to share the frugal meal and an hour's agreeable chat at her residence. Thus the etiquette and the amenities of society are exemplified by respectable old age; and the picture is a pleasant one to gaze upon.

We could dwell with satisfaction upon the scenes which arrest the attention of the visitor to this retreat at every step; but the train does not wait, and it would be unwise to tire the reader. Let those who would learn more, and profit by it, do as I have done—see for themselves, and hear from the lips of our grateful recipients of our aid the story of their happiness, comfort, and peace. Let them read for themselves eloquent sermons in the flowers which peer through every pane of those cosy apartments, where age and want are cared for so tenderly—in the peaceful countenances of those men and women who have been raised to new hopes through the instrumentality of our Order. Even for this alone it is worth while belonging to the ancient and honourable Institution of Freemasonry, which in this, as in thousands of other instances, proves the value of that Charity which is twice blessed—in him who gives equally with him who receives.

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.—[ADVT.]

PROVINCIAL CHARITIES ASSOCIATION FOR NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On Monday afternoon the representatives of the various lodges in the province met at York for the transaction of business.

There were present Bros. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master, in the chair; Dr. J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M.; M. C. Peck, Prov. Grand Secretary; J. W. Woodall, 200, Scarbro; W. Lawtin, 236, York; J. S. Cumberland, 1611, Provincial Charity Steward; W. Tesseymann, W.M. 57; G. H. Walshaw, P.M. 200; Sir J. Meek, P.M. 236; W. H. Cowper, P.M. 602; A. W. Walker, W.M. 660; F. W. Booty, W.M. 1248; T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611; R. W. Peacock, P.M. 1760.

Sir Jas. Meek was elected Chairman; J. W. Woodall, Vice-Chairman; and M. C. Peck, Secretary.

A working Committee, consisting of Bros. Tesseymann, 57; Peacock, 1760; Atkinson, 566; and Jackson, 643, were appointed, and it was arranged to hold the next meeting at York.

Some other business was transacted, and the meeting terminated.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO THE G. MASTER BY THE MERIT LODGE, NO. 466, STAMFORD.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales having accepted an invitation to visit Lord and Lady Aveland at Normanton, the Merit Lodge, No. 466, meeting within the Borough of Stamford, resolved to present an address upon the occasion of their Royal Highnesses passing through the ancient borough. The Secretary having communicated with Mr. Knollys, and received the Most Worshipful Grand Master's gracious permission, a lodge of emergency was called for Saturday, Jan. 15th, at eleven o'clock, at which there were present many visiting brethren from neighbouring lodges, in addition to the subscribing members of the Merit Lodge. Present: Bros. Booth, W.M.; Knott, I.P.M.; Hart, S.W.; Packer, J.W.; Hare, Sec.; Rev. R. P. Bent, Chap.; Bentham, S.D.; Beddeson, J.D.; Etchells, I.G.; Oldham, P.M.; Bloodwood, P.M.; Norton, P.M.; Ward, P.M.; Royce, Dawson, Halliday, Wilson, Hassan, Suart, Hatfield, Coulson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Stow, W.M. 1232; G. Marsh, 1232; J. C. Traylen, 442; G. F. Burrell, P.M. 469, P.P.G.D.C. Lincoln; J. Benner, W.M. 469; F. G. Green, Sec. 1232; Cammack, J.W. 469; J. Dick, 1232; W. Bugg, 1232; J. Caunce, O. 1232; H. Pank, W.M. 442; J. B. Vervette, 442; J. M. Rutherford, J.W. 442; J. Read, W.M. 1265; J. D. Bennett, P.M. 1265; P.P.G.S.D.; T. Clark, Lebanon; J. T. Smith, 442; A. J. Moyes, 88; and Thaddeus Wells, 205.

The address, which was beautifully executed on vellum, enclosed in a morocco case, was as follows:

"To H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masonry in England.

"May it please your Royal Highness,—
We, the W.M., P.M.'s, officers, and brethren of the Lodge of Merit, No. 466, holden within the borough of Stamford, humbly beg to express our dutiful and loyal devotion to you as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of our Order, earnestly and devoutly praying that the Great Architect of the Universe may long preserve your Royal Highness as the head and ornament of our Ancient and Honourable Institution, and that every blessing may rest upon you and your Royal Consort.

"Signed, on behalf of the lodge,
THOMAS BOOTH, W.M.
R. P. BENT, Chaplain, P.G.C. England,
IXth Sweden.

"THOMAS HARE, Secretary."
The lodge of emergency having been duly opened, the summons convening the lodge and the dispensation allowing the brethren to appear in Masonic clothing at the presentation were read. Time was then called, and the brethren adjourned to their private room to partake of refreshment, while they awaited the arrival of their Grand Master. On the approach of His Royal Highness (who was accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales), the brethren arranged themselves on a platform outside the George Hotel. Here the carriage halted, and the presentation was duly made by the W.M. of the lodge, supported by the I.P.M., Chaplain, Wardens, and the Secretary.

The address having been handed to H.R.H. the Grand Master, he graciously acknowledged it, and expressed the pleasure he felt at this proof of Masonic loyalty.

The brethren then returned to the lodge, which was duly closed, after what was generally allowed to have been a most successful meeting.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL MASONIC RESTORATION FUND.

On Monday, the 17th inst., a meeting of the Committee, and the subscribers to, and those interested in the above undertaking, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, V.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hertfordshire, in the chair.

Some additional subscriptions and promises were announced, making the total sum received and promised amount to £507 16s. 6d.; the expenses up to date being £31 3s. 9d.

Lord Tenterden, Prov. G.M. Essex, was unanimously elected a Patron.

The following report of the Sub-Committee was then read:—

(I.) That the Sub-Committee have had an interview with the St. Alban's Faculty Committee, who communicated to them their decision that it seemed inadvisable to accept the offer of the Freemasons to erect a reredos at the east end of the Lady Chapel.

(II.) That the Sub-Committee recommend, as an alternative, the erection of a pulpit.

After some discussion, it was unanimously resolved that a pulpit be given instead of the reredos; and the Sub-Committee were re-appointed to carry this resolution into effect.

[In order to carry this out well a further sum will be required of, at least, £300. Is it too much to hope that this sum may be speedily raised? Any information will be gladly given by the Hon. Sec., Bro. C. E. Keyser, Merry Hill House, Bushey, Watford.]

THE RELIGION OF MASONRY.

The Rev. W. Tebbs, M.A., P.G. Chap., delivered the following sermon in St. Mark's Church at the opening of the new Masonic Hall at Remuera, New Zealand:—

St. Matthew, v. 28, 29: "Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Solomon, the synonym for all that is greatest and most wonderful in riches, power, and wisdom. How magnificent are the scenes that rise before our mind's eye when we try to picture the glories of that court and kingdom—the splendours of that wonderful house, so marvellously gorgeous, "that the Royal Master Builder" erected for the Lord God of his fathers; the grandeur of which was enhanced by the awful presence of the dread Jehovah Himself, the mighty God of Israel, under the veil of the resplendent cloud consuming by heaven-sent fire the sacrifice offered to His Divine Majesty—king, priests, and people sinking to earth with eyes averted from the brilliant vision. And then our minds fly back with lightning-like rapidity to times of old, when man had not thus to veil his face in the presence of his Maker; when sin and sorrow had no place in this young world of ours; when possessed of all requisite knowledge, and every need supplied before the want was felt, our progenitor, Adam, walked so innocently and trustingly with his Divine Father amidst the beauteous glades of Paradise. But in this rapid mental passage up the stream of time we have passed over, without a glance, many and many an age of ignorance and darkness, enlivened, however, here and there by fitful gleams of light—such instances as Jubal's skill in handicraft, Enoch's in architecture, Jubal's in harp and organ, and Tubal Cain, the metal-worker. It really seems as though the knowledge undoubtedly possessed by Adam—to him revealed by God—was lost to his descendants at the fall, and that they were incapable of more than retaining—and then only in solitary instances—ought save disjointed fragments of the learning wherewith he was fain to have endowed them. Strange fact again that this more secular knowledge seems not to have been wed to a knowledge of the truth. Enoch, Jubal, Jubal, Tubal, and their kin were the race, not of Seth, but of Cain. Abraham was called from out of a race of image-makers to be the friend and devoted follower of his God. The descendants of the "Prince of God," Israel, on the other hand, lost these arts in their pastoral sojourn in Canaan, and had to go into captivity in art-loving Egypt to recover the requisite skill to build their cities in the promised land. Whilst, on the other hand, again, Moses, a denizen of Pharaoh's court, brought up amongst the priests of On, learned in all the arts and sciences of the Egyptians, must yet go to Midian, there to be indoctrinated by the Jethro of the Shemites, Reul, with the knowledge of the one and only true God. Strange, passing strange, that true Masonry, whilst preserving in those early ages the knowledge of the great "I Am," yet must go to bodies of spurious Masonry for instruction in the arts whereby they should build the temple of their God. Here, at the very first revival, as it were, of the usefulness of the Craft, we find the line of demarcation clearly drawn between operative Masonry and our own Masonry, free and speculative, and the clue to this mysterious anomaly seems to be that the former then, as now, was merely the symbolical garb of the true light preserved in the latter—the key to the mysterious symbolism being lost until the cope-stone of these different sides of the Arch was found—the cope-stone being the devoting of the real to the spiritual—the workmanship of the hand and the intelligence of the mind to the worship of the soul. Let us not though be misunderstood to speak too disparagingly of those spurious or imitative systems, for there was in reality a good deal of truth in what they taught, although the truth was seen but hazily as it were through a veil, and the light shone but dimly through the opacity of the teacher's minds—and yet the truth, though partial, and the light, though dim, was there, for of all these systems—the mysteries of old, the fundamental doctrines of the One-ness of God and the immortality of the soul were their raison d'être. Witness Eleusis, India, and even the islands of these Southern Seas. Witness, too, their adherents, Plato and Aristotle, Socrates and Cicero—and then let those who will deny or doubt it. We still maintain that in the midst of heathendom the knowledge, if an obscure one, of God prevailed. Why, even in Egypt—the myriad-ided—have we not proof positive of this in the Temple and priests of On, i.e., of the One True Living God Most High? Next we come to the utilization of Masonry in the building of the Temple of the Lord. To Moses, the doubly instructed in On and Midian, the Great Architect of the Universe, revealed His plans. Connecting with himself two operative Masons, Aholiab and Bezaleel—who were "filled" (as Moses tells us) "with wisdom of heart to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer. . . and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work." Moses erected the Tabernacle, the first known material Temple of the Most High. Further down the stream of time we come to The Temple *par excellence*, "The Temple of Solomon." Words would fail were we to attempt to describe the grandeur and beauty of this structure; suffice it to quote the words of the sacred historian, that it was "exceedingly magnificent." This was built, as we know, by the three Master Masons—Solomon, the speculative, who took his plan from that of The Great Architect, as embodied in The Tabernacle; Hiram, the King of Tyre, and Hiram, the widow's son, who was, as we read, of the Operative Masters of Tyre and Sidon. "Skillful," the chronicler calls him, "to work in gold and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out any device which shall be put to him." At the restoration once more of the Jews to their own land, the second Temple was built under Zerubbabel, Joshua, the son of Josedek, the High Priest, and Haggai, the Prophet. This Temple, it is true, was far less magnificent than the other, for, as Haggai narrates the coming of the message of God through him to his two co-masters, "Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? And how do ye see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?" "Yet now," he continues, "be strong . . . I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts . . . and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts. The glory of this house shall be greater than of the former, saith the

Lord of Hosts, and in this place will I give peace." Given when the Lord suddenly came to His Temple! when "a greater than Solomon was there!" Here was the culmination of all Masonry when to the Arch was set the cope-stone, the One Grand and Royal Master—Eternal of the Grand Lodge above! Now was Masonry to take its full and proper place, when it was to be the systematic rule, applied no longer to material wood or stone, but to the living substance of the human heart! Henceforward the Mason's work was to be the building up of a Living Temple unto the Lord—eternal in the heavens—every stone a man, body, mind, and soul, the cement that should bind those stones together; the holy tie of brotherly love; and the bond, the union in the cope-stone, the Master! From henceforth and for evermore could God be worshipped in "temples not made with hands." Those temples which He described when speaking of Himself we read: "He spake of the temple of His body." Inasmuch then as we were "made in God's image," and that He took that form upon Him, "our bodies," too, together with our souls, are as the "Wise Master-builder," St. Paul, declares "the Temples of God's Holy Spirit." To-day, then, brethren, it concerns us to inquire how we are to build these individual Temples of ourselves. Let us go back once more to the Temple-building, and on each occasion what do we find? That the work was not only planned, but executed through human agency it is true, yet really, executed by the Great Architect of the Universe Himself. Not only was the plan of the Tabernacle revealed by God to Moses in the Mount, but even the two leading operatives were inspired by God—"See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel . . . and He hath filled them with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship." To build the Temple, Solomon declared himself, in his reply to Hiram, commissioned by God—"the Lord spake unto David, my father, saying: 'Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name,' and, whilst the architect of the Royal Grand Master took, as we have seen before, the Tabernacle—God's model—as his plan, the operative master, Hiram, the widow's son, we read was 'endued with understanding.'" In the case of the second Temple, whilst it was built on the lines of the former one, for its projection the Jews were indebted to God. "Blessed," says Ezra, "be the Lord God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the King's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord, which is in Jerusalem." So in the temple of living stones, not only was the whole projected by the Almighty architect before the foundation of the worlds, but every individual stone is polished by His hands. "By the grace of God I am what I am," said one of the most polished in this spiritual Temple. Here, then, there are many stones, some to honour, some to dishonour—whilst others go to form the tapering pillar or the high-sprung arch; most, however, are but the four-squared ashlar of the walls—nay some even of ruder mould may be buried out of sight in the foundation. Not the least useful these—the quiet, unassuming weight-bearers, and though their very existence may be unknown to, or ignored by their fellows, their virtues are all known to and recognized by the Architect. All these have been prepared by many a rude blow, and, with excrescences struck off by the workman's tool, now fill their place in the House of God. Now, brethren, it is just in this way that the Great Master polishes us, the living stones of His eternal Temple. Those He has prepared less, more out of sight, those perfect squared, the mainstay of the building; those more ornamental, those upon whom the Master has done more work and laid a heavier burden; whilst those who occupy the place of honour in the fane—the highly wrought, carved and cunning work—are those "into whose souls, like Joseph's, the iron has entered most deeply." To such as these comes refreshment in the toil in their Master's words—"Take no thought for your life, for what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor yet for body what ye shall put on. Behold the fowls of the air, they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns. Yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of those. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you? Therefore, take no thought saying what shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." These concluding words, brethren, point out that which is to each of us the lesson of the present hour—"His righteousness." But what is this? "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this—to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." To-day, then, whilst we "rejoice with those who do rejoice," let us not forget to "weep with those that weep." Let us keep ourselves "unspotted from the world" in showing that we are above the love of pelf and greed of gain, by giving of our worldly substance to those who need. Let us be first with the word of ready and heartfelt sympathy to soothe a brother's woe. Let us rear once more, in the words of the wise Master Builder, Paul, upon the "foundation already laid" such a superstructure as God gives us means and capabilities of erecting, and thus shall we be building ourselves up as "Temples of God's Holy Spirit," and thus squaring ourselves into the perfect ashlar of the "Temple Eternal in the Heavens," there in that Grand Lodge where our Grand Master, St. John, "saw no temple for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple thereof"—no Temple within it, because it is itself the everlasting Temple of the Lord, knit together of all these living stones in the unity of the Eternal Grand Master, the "Head-stone of the Corner."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This purifying and regulating Medicine should occasionally be had recourse to during foggy, cold, and wet weather. These Pills are the best preventive of hoarseness, sore throat, quinsy, pleurisy, and asthma, and are sure remedies for congestion, bronchitis, and inflammation. A moderate attention to the directions folded round each box will enable every invalid to take the Pills in the most advantageous manner; they will there be taught the proper doses, and the circumstances under which they must be increased and diminished. Holloway's Pills act as alteratives, aperients, and tonics. Whenever these Pills have been taken as the last resource, the result has always been gratifying. Even when they fail to cure, they always assuage the severity of the symptoms and diminish the danger. [Advrt.]

ANNUAL MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

There is no Masonic charity which has more deservedly secured the admiration and support of the brethren who own the sway of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M., than the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and it is matter for much regret that the severity of the weather and the coldness of several of the "chiefs" in the province, who were conspicuous by their absence, should have helped to make the thirty-second annual ball in Liverpool scarcely a financial success, although one of the most pleasant and enjoyable which has ever been held. As we have already stated, there is no more deserving scheme in connection with the whole Masonic fraternity (of which true benevolence is the very essence) which can boast a more extended or more solid foundation than the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which for more than thirty years has been doing an amount of good in a quiet and unostentatious, yet thoroughly efficient, manner that cannot be over-estimated. The institution was originally founded for the express purpose of giving a good education to and promoting the advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, and during the whole of its long existence those large-hearted and self-sacrificing brethren who have had the management of the charity have never for a moment, nor in a single instance where help was applied for, forgotten the noble foundation upon which the "West Lancashire" was originally built. It may be interesting and instructive to know that in connection with the working of this true Lancashire charity not a single farthing has been spent in salaries nor the hiring or building of any edifice for the purpose of carrying out the aims and objects of the institution. There is no permanent structure to represent the "West Lancashire," as all parents and guardians are allowed to select the schools to which the children under their care shall be sent; and the hard work of organisation and carrying out of the plans is undertaken and fulfilled by an efficient staff of brethren, whose chief delight and best reward is in seeing the scheme of pure Masonic charity prosper. The voluntary contributions of the brethren have hitherto enabled the Committee charged with the management of the institution to give help to every applicant, when the claim is found to be of a legitimate kind, who has sought the benefit of the charity.

It may also be interesting to the benevolent to know that a subscription of five shillings per annum entitles the subscriber to become a Governor for the year, while a donation of five guineas gives the right of five votes, and constitutes the donor a Life Governor. The number of children who are at present being educated and clothed by the Institution is 125, and, owing to the recent change in the bye-laws, children of a very tender age are allowed to be entered upon the books, and are retained until they reach an advanced age in their youth. Increased funds are consequently required by the Committee of the charity from the brethren and the community in general. The working of the society has been eminently successful as yet, and funds are invested to its credit amounting to £10,000. The heavy snowstorm which unfortunately fell soon after dark had the effect, no doubt, of altering the attendance for the worst in point of numbers.

The annual ball on behalf of the Institution took place, as usual, at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the evening of Tuesday, the 11th inst., when there was an attendance of upwards of 300.

The ball was under the following distinguished patronage: LADY PATRONS: The Mayoress of Liverpool, Right Hon. the Countess of Derby, Right Hon. the Countess Bective, Right Hon. the Countess of Lathom, Right Hon. the Countess of Dalhousie, Lady Claud John Hamilton, Lady Walker, Lady Greenall, and Lady Constance Stanley.

PATRONS: His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool; Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M. W.L.; Lieut.-Col. Starkie, P.G.W., R.W. Prov. G.M. E.L.; W.P. Prov. G.S.W. W.L.; Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Hon. F. A. Stanley, W.D. Prov. G.M. W.L.; Lieut.-Col. N. G. P. Bousfield, C. N. R. Beswick Roysds, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. E.L.; John Prescott, W.P. Prov. G.J.W. W.L.; the Right Hon. Earl Bective, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; John Pearson, J.P.; Edward Samuelson, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., P.G.S.W., W.P.P.G.S.W. W.L.; Capt. Garnett, W.P.P.G.S.W. W.L.; Josiah T. Smith, Prov. G.S.W. W.L.; and J. S. Beauford, Prov. G.J.W. W.L.

Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, W. Rathbone, Esq., M.P., Right Hon. Viscount Sandon, M.P., Lord Claud John Hamilton, M.P., Col. J. Ireland Blackburne, M.P., Edward Whitley, Esq., M.P., and Sir A. B. Walker.

The Committee consisted of the following: President, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, R.W. Prov. G.M.; Vice-President, Bro. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., W.D. Prov. G.M.; Chairman of Committee, Bro. J. S. Beauford, Prov. G.J.W.; Vice-Chairman, Bro. R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; Treasurer, Bro. A. C. Wylie, W.M. 1264, Prov. G. Steward. The duties of Master of Ceremonies was very efficiently fulfilled by Bro. Henry Molyneux, P.M. 823.

Bro. H. A. Tobias, I.P.M. 1502, performed the Hon. Secretary's duties with indefatigable zeal. Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, I.P.M. 1609, was the Captain of the Stewards, who included Bros. Ballard, J. S. Beauford, J. M. Boyd, J. Bell, F. W. Barnes, J. W. Burgess, W. Constable, R. W. Hickson, S. J. Henochsberg, C. E. Hanmer, S. Mattison, W. Parker, H. H. Smith, J. Keet, W. W. Sandbrook, W. Savage, A. Samuels, J. L. Shrapnell, A. C. Wylie, T. Webster, W. C. Irwin, A. Ricketts, S. Jacobs, R. Cain, W. Vanes, jun., J. C. Robinson, J. Wood (Freemason), J. Williams, R. H. Foote, Captain Jackson, Rudersdorff, Gough, Glover, Rawlings, S. Schönstadt, J. Atkinson, G. Hulse, and others.

The arrangements for the refreshment (wine) department were under the control of a sub-committee, of which Bro. J. Houlding, Prov. G. Registrar, proved an able and energetic chairman. The hall was almost entirely devoid of floral ornamentation, but the different banners belonging to the Prov. Grand Lodge showed to excellent effect. The other refreshment arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Capper, Lord-street; and Bro. F. Duncanson provided an efficient quadrille band. Dancing began soon after nine o'clock, and continued until three o'clock in the morning.

CONSECRATION OF THE LORD WARKWORTH LODGE, No. 1379.

The consecration of the above lodge, to be held at Amble, took place on the 13th inst. in the Assembly Rooms, Alnwick, which had kindly been granted for the occasion by His Grace the Duke of Northumberland. There was a large gathering of Present and Past Provincial Officers and brethren from a distance. Owing to being in London, attending to his Parliamentary duties, the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., was unable to be present. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. L. M. Cockcroft, D.P.G.M.; the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bro. John Bolam, P.S.G.W., and Bro. Thomas Robson, P.G.J.W. There were also present Bros. Adam Robertson, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Eynon, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Straker Wilson, P.P.J.G.W.; W. S. Hughes, P.P.J.G.W.; E. D. Davis, P.G.D.C.; B. J. Thompson, P.G.S.; Rev. G. S. Thomson, P.P.G.C.; Rev. E. L. Marrett, P.P.G.C.; Rev. George Robinson, P.P.G.C.; Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.G.C.; W. B. Hall, P.G.S.W.; R. L. Armstrong, P.G.R.; G. I. Dean, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Bell, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. G. Salmon, P.G.A.D.C.; George Cockburn, P.P.G.R.; A. Mustart, P.G.S.B.; B. G. Roberts, P.P.G.P.; John Page, P.P.G.S.B.; John Harcuss, P.P.S.G.D.; W. A. Potter, P.G.P.; J. Montgomery, P.G.A.P.; W. A. Ogilvie, W.M. 24; J. Wood, W.M. 48; R. Whitfield, I.P.M. 48; Thomas Coulson, P.M. 240; M. F. Grey, P.M. 240; E. J. Place, W.M. 431; C. E. Davison, W.M. 636; T. Smith, W.M. 991; J. Biggs, W.M. 1167; George Simpson, P.M. 1167; W. Read, W.M. 1536; and J. Nicholson, W.M. 1557. The ceremony of consecrating the Lord Warkworth Lodge having been gone through in solemn manner, according to ancient usage, Bro. A. Robertson, P.P.S.G.W., W.M. designate of the new lodge, was presented by Bro. J. S. Wilson, acting D.P.G.M., to the D.P.G.M., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation as W.M. of the Lord Warkworth Lodge, No. 1379, for the ensuing twelve months. The W.M. designate having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., he appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Rev. E. L. Marrett, P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; John Grey, S.W.; Thomas Douglas, J.W.; Thomas Currie, Treas. and S.D.; J. J. Horsley, J.D.; and John Green, I.G. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form by the W.M., and the brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent dinner at the Northumberland Arms Hotel (Mrs. Bell's). The musical portion of the proceedings was supplied by Bros. J. Walker, P.P.G.C.; Whitehead, Leatham, and Nutton, from the Durham Cathedral choir.

A FRAUD UPON MASONRY.

Some weeks ago a sailor made his appearance in Newport, and introduced himself to a well-known Freemason at the Docks as a brother, stating that he had been wrecked on the coast of France, and sent home by the British Consul at the port nearest to the scene of the disaster. The stranger lost no time in proving that he was a Mason of experience, and the gentleman appealed to, not content with feeding and clothing the man, gave him introductions, by means of which he received substantial pecuniary aid. At length the "distressed brother" announced that he was about to start for Liverpool, and his first benefactor, besides giving him *protégé* money, asked him to a final meal. Being left alone for a very brief period, the guest managed to purloin his host's Masonic certificate, and with this document in his possession the thief started on what promised to be a very successful begging tour. It so happened, however, that his roguery was speedily discovered, and, in the end, he came to grief at St. Helen's, Lancashire. The fellow fleeced Masons wherever he went, and amongst his victims was the chief of police at Hereford. Perhaps the capture of this rascal may afford a clue to the mysterious robbery of jewels and insignia from the Masonic Hall, Newport, not long ago. The man now in custody is known to have been in Newport at the time. He will be brought before the magistrates and charged with theft and forgery, having endorsed the stolen certificate in the owner's name.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' LODGE (No. 1).—A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of the above lodge on Monday last, at Freemasons' Tavern. Among the brethren present we noticed Bros. Fenner, acting W.M.; Major-General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap.; S. Leigh Tompkins, P.G.D.; H. B. Brown, Alderman Ellis, Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Sheriff Waterlow, A. Layton, H. S. Crawford, C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; G. E. Webster, W. A. Colls, Francis F. Giraud, J. M. Case, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Dr. Gooding, George Kenning, A. Brookman, Mavin, J. Holah, and the Rev. Cander.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Permanent Committee was taken as read. Bro. Fenner then passed Bro. F. Sharp to the Second Degree, and initiated Mr. William Lewis Baker, Mr. Edward Stillwell, Mr. Wm. Muggeridge, and Mr. Thomas Dinwiddie into Freemasonry. Bro. John March Case, P.G.D., P.G.S., P.M., was then installed in the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Fenner, the acting W.M., rendering this ceremony as well as the passing and initiations in a most efficient manner.

The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Fenner, P.G.S., P.M., I.P.M.; Alderman Ellis, P.G.S., S.W.; Bradshaw Brown, G.S., J.W.; Conder, Chap.; R. Hervé Giraud, P.G.D., P.G.S., P.M., Treas.; Ralph Gooding, P.G.S., P.M., Sec.; Bishop, S.D.; Martin, J.D.; Fuller, I.G.; Payne, P.G.S., P.M., 1st Stwd.; and Holah, 2nd Stwd.

A notice of motion was then given that a sum of money be voted from the lodge funds for the supply of music to the lodge. Bro. Henry Bradshaw Brewer, G.S., J.W., followed with notice of motion to the effect that the position of the lodge with the Masonic Charities was unsatisfactory, and that the remedy be taken into consideration at the next meeting. The motion was not made a day too

soon. The Grand Masonic Charities had not received the attention they were entitled to, considering the position the lodge held in the Masonic world. Bro. Fenner then made a presentation to the lodge of a handsome tripod with rough and perfect ashlar. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried with acclamation to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, G.J.W., for the able manner in which he had filled the chair for the past two years. The brethren then adjourned to the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the new W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the proceedings being enlivened by some excellent music, under the direction of Bro. Lester, assisted by Bros. A. Kenningham, Montem Smith, W. Winn, and Howard Reynolds.

LODGE OF CONFIDENCE (No. 193).—The annual installation meeting of this old and popular lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, a large number of members and brethren being present. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. R. Footitt (Master elect of the Shipwrights' Company), assisted by Bro. Bedford Lemere, J.W.; G. F. J. Warne, P.M., Treas.; J. Shackell, P.M., Sec.; W. D. Kershaw, P.M.; Samuel Webb, P.M.; Henry Webb, P.M.; Henry Leah, P.M.; Thomas B. Biddle, P.M.; H. T. Reed, P.M.; John E. Fells, S.D.; James Smith, J.D.; and Walter Wood, I.G. Among the members present were Bros. F. Silvester, F. H. Clemow, R. Pye, W. James, W. Cubitt, E. W. Fithian, E. H. Walden, J. Wood, W. R. Bell, John Collins, S. Dicketts, H. D. Alston, and J. Roberts. The visitors included Bros. Augustus Darch, W.M. 72; J. E. Shand, W.M. 1563; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; W. Shury Marshall, P.M. 1549; J. A. Jones, J.W. 1766; Joseph Cox, Sec. 1766; G. Sheath, 19; Snell, 45; T. W. Francis, 55; J. Balham, 174; C. G. Eastham, 179; H. Wagstaff, 212; P. Birkett, 569; G. P. Gillard, 657; R. Josey, 834; F. Johnson, 933; James M. Fleming, 1287; H. Friedlander, 1446; Lewis Solomon, 1507; A. Eldridge, 1585; J. W. Roberts, 1693; B. Kauffman, 1732; John Tidball, 1766; and F. A. Kelly (Freemason).

The business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. John James Bayley, the passing of Bro. Edwin John Davey, and the initiation of Mr. Richard Martin Presland, the three ceremonies being performed in a very creditable manner by the W.M., Bro. Footitt, who, it is worthy of recording, held the same office in the Confidence Lodge in the years 1856 and 1861. The W.M. then resigned his chair in favour of Bro. Samuel Webb, who installed Bro. Bedford Lemere, J.W., as Worshipful Master of the Confidence Lodge in a most able and impressive manner, in the presence of a Board of fourteen Installed Masters. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. John E. Fells, S.W.; James Smith, J.W.; G. F. J. Warne, P.M., Treas.; J. Shackell, P.M., Sec.; Walter Wood, S.D.; W. Cubitt, J.D.; W. Saint, I.G.; Henry Webb, P.M., W.S.; F. Silvester, A.W.S.; Samuel Webb, D. of C.; R. Pye, A.D.C.; and S. G. Reinhardt, Tyler.

Bro. Samuel Webb gave notice of motion, that the sum of £12 10s. be given from the lodge funds to complete the amount already in hand, for the purpose of making the Confidence Lodge a V.P. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The notice being seconded by Bro. Warne, Past Master, Bro. Walter Wood, in able terms appealed to the brethren on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the next festival of which he represents the lodge as Steward. Bro. Wood had already collected, outside the lodge, upwards of £50. This completed the business of the lodge, which was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, genially presided over by the newly Installed Master, Bro. Bedford Lemere. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed in loyal terms "The Queen and the Craft," followed by the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," introducing which the W.M. said the Craft were much indebted to H.R.H. for the very great interest he had always exhibited to the Order. It was very interesting to note the satisfactory progress Masonry had made since his connection with the Craft. H.R.H. had recently stated, that about ten thousand gentlemen had been initiated annually during his Mastership. In America alone (the W.M. continued) he had learnt from the *Freemason* there were over 552,000 Masons, which tended to prove that Freemasonry was as popular abroad as at home. The W.M. then, in graceful terms, alluded to H.R.H. the Princess of Wales (whose name was received with the greatest enthusiasm by the brethren), and the address of Grand Lodge, which had been so graciously received and acknowledged by Her Royal Highness. The next toast was that of "The M.W. Pro G.M.," who the W.M. described as one of England's greatest statesmen. As a proof of their Pro G.M.'s interest for the Craft, he had personally known the noble earl to have left the House of Lords to attend a meeting of Grand Lodge, returning to the House as soon as he had performed his Masonic duties. The next toast was that of "The Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The W.M., in proposing it, remarked that the Craft were deeply indebted to those distinguished gentlemen for the services they had rendered the Craft at all times. They were men of note, and an honour to any society of gentlemen. Bro. R. Footitt, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was a most pleasing duty to do so. In the minor offices of the lodge Bro. Lemere had worked with great assiduity, and he was sure would prove, during his Mastership, an honour to the lodge. In reply, the W.M. said that he was comparatively a young member of the lodge, and owed his rapid call to the chair to the retirement of Bros. Fithian and James. He hoped during his reign the lodge would retain the same efficiency as it held at present. Bro. Lemere then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Footitt," complimenting him on the excellent and able manner in which he had performed his duties as W.M., and referred in feeling terms to Bro. Footitt's severe illness last year, which, as reported in the *Freemason* at the time, necessitated an alteration in the bye-laws of the lodge, to permit of the date of the installation meeting being altered from December to January. Since his installation in January—though far from well—he had attended the lodge regularly, and had performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M. then presented Bro. Footitt in graceful terms with a hand-

some Past Master's jewel. Bro. Footitt, in reply, sincerely thanked the brethren for their kind reception of his health, and referred to the alteration made in the bye-laws for his special behoof, a compliment he would never forget. The jewel he had just received he highly prized, and felt more pleasure in receiving it that evening as it was the twenty-ninth anniversary of his initiation into Freemasonry. Bros. Samuel Webb, H. Webb, Kershaw, Warne, J. Shackell, Leah, Biddle, and H. T. Reed having responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," who were ably represented in reply by Bros. A. Darch, W.M. Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, and J. E. Shaw, W.M. City of Westminster, No. 1563.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 4th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. C. H. Köhler, W.M.; Speedy, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S. Middx., I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Marston, S.D.; Stokes, J.D.; Stranger, I.G.; Bolton, D.C.; Koch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; and Reeves, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Taylor, W.M. 902, and Lewis, W.M. 1261. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following notices of motion were introduced by Bro. George Everett, P.M., who, in a very lucid way, stated his reasons for wishing the members to adopt them. Bros. Mann, Higgins, Walls, Webb, and others having also spoken on the matter, they were unanimously carried: 1. "That Grand Lodge be applied to for permission to remove the lodge to more convenient quarters;" 2. "That in Bye-law II. the word 'April' be struck out, so that the lodge meetings in the year be six instead of seven, as heretofore;" and, 3. "That the initiation fee and joining fee be reduced to eight guineas and four guineas respectively, as was originally the case." The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Speedy. Bro. W. Mann was re-elected Treasurer. The election of Tyler was postponed. The Audit Committee were appointed to audit the accounts of the 18th inst. The same Committee were ordered to make enquiries as to the most suitable place for the lodge to be removed to, and to report the result of their investigations to the next meeting. Several communications having been read, and a jewel voted to the outgoing Master, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were given. Bros. Taylor and Lewis responded upon behalf of "The Visitors." The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

KING'S CROSS LODGE (No. 1732).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Present: Bros. J. T. Briggs, W.M.; H. Stiles, S.W.; H. Higgins, J.W.; J. J. Michael, Treas.; F. Sampbury, Sec.; I. Jacobs, as S.D.; B. Kauffmann, as J.D.; E. B. Putland, D.C.; F. Fletcher, as I.G.; W. R. Yates, Steward; J. Daly, Tyler; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M.; T. W. Knight, P.M.; Dunsford, Tillbrook, Hubbard, Amor, Deighton, and Austin. Visitor: Bro. Valentine, Montefiore Lodge. The lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed. Bro. F. C. Austin was passed, and Bros. H. Stiles, S.W., was elected W.M.; J. J. Michael, re-elected Treas.; J. Daly, re-elected Tyler; Hubbard, Deighton, and Amor elected Auditors. A jewel, to the value of £10 10s., was voted to Bro. J. T. Briggs, W.M., for his able services during the past year. Bro. H. Stiles, S.W., who will represent this lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has collected £50. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. M. Stiles, I.P.M.; Michael, P.M.; Knight, P.M.; and others.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1805).—This lodge held its first installation meeting, since its consecration in March, 1879, on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Bromley Saint Leonard Vestry Hall, Bow-road, E. Present: Bro. W. R. Marsh, W.M., supported by Bro. W. Clarke, A.G.P., as I.P.M., the rest of the officers, and several members and visitors. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read, Bro. Horne was raised. Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, acting as D.C., presented Bro. G. Robey, S.W. and W.M. elect, who was then duly installed by the W.M. in his usual able manner. After the usual formalities, the following brethren were appointed to assist during the ensuing year: Bros. W. Bramham, S.W.; R. T. Fennell, J.W.; J. M. Knight, Treas.; Walter J. Rawley, Sec.; A. Peterken, S.D.; R. B. Binckley, J.D.; and G. Bond (for Bro. J. E. McLaren), I.G. The lodge having voted a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Marsh, he was then presented with it in suitable terms by the W.M., for which he returned thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Langthorne Hotel to dine, after which the usual loyal and Craft toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. W. Clarke, A.G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers."

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Marflet, P.M. 217; Cundick, 1421; Whitey, P.M. 907; Potts, W.M. 1716; Wilson, 174; Boorman, 65; Hegarty, 1364; Gorton, 1349; Colson, 1076; Hornby, 1556; Logan, 1804.

During the evening some singing was well rendered by Bros. Knight, White, Peterken, and Binckley. Bro. Fennell, J.W., offered to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was accepted, and the sum of five guineas was proposed to be put on his list.

WEST COWES (I.W.).—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—The installation of the new W.M. of this ancient lodge took place on the 13th inst.; Bro. Barfield installing Bro. Mursell in the presence of ten Past Masters. The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. Penton, I.P.M.; H. Wheeler, S.W.; Benzie, J.W.; J. G. Wheeler, P.M., Treas.; Giles, P.M., Sec.; Barker, Chap.; Patch, S.D.; R. D. Robertson, J.D.; Weeks, I.G.; Hunter, D.C.; J. G. Wheeler, Org.; and Munt, Tyler. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Gloster Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared by Mrs. Jones, and the evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 197).—The first regular lodge since the installation of the W.M.,

Bro. G. C. Watson, was held on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., when there was a good attendance of the brethren considering the extreme severity of the weather. The W.M. was supported by Bros. J. S. Nicholson, P.M.; George Lord, P.M.; J. J. Clay, and others. Bro. M. Frampton, P.M., officiated as acting S.W., in the absence of Bro. Leach; Bros. C. McNamara, J.W.; J. R. Pattison, Hon. Sec.; J. C. Moor, S.D.; W. Vincent, J.D.; R. Singleton, I.G.; C. M. Wake, S.S.; J. B. Punshon, Organist; and others were present. Bros. T. McLaren and C. H. Porrett were passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. W. Crisp was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., by the W.M., Bro. G. C. Watson, who performed the duties very creditably indeed.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The installation of the W.M. for the current year of this lodge took place on the 13th inst., when the retiring W.M., Bro. James Cole, as is the custom in this lodge, installed his successor, Bro. Sydney Myer; the twenty Past Masters present including the Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. Hickman), who, during the proceedings, recognised the lodge as his mother lodge; the Present and Past Prov. Grand Secretaries; and a number of other Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, with Bro. Saunders, G. Supt. of Works of the Province of the Cape of Good Hope. The officers were subsequently invested as follow: Bros. G. Davies, S.W.; J. Robertson, J.W.; Rev. A. A. Dupont, Chap.; Robert Sharpe, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Obree, S.D.; Marshall, J.D.; Baird, I.G.; J. Ridgway, Org.; C. A. Dyer, P.M., D.C.; J. Hart and C. W. Bemister, Stewards; Biggs, Tyler; and Vase and Harrington, Asst. Tylers. The retiring W.M., Bro. James Cole, before the lodge closed, was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription; and, in perpetuating another custom in this lodge of each W.M. marking his year of office by some addition to the furniture, Bro. Cole asked the acceptance by the lodge of a somewhat scarce print (framed) of a Masonic ceremony in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the Southampton Docks, in 1833. This was accepted, and thanks duly recorded, with an acknowledgment of Bro. Cole's zeal in the lodge's progress during the year. The subsequent banquet was well attended.

POOLE.—Amity Lodge (No. 137).—This lodge, which was consecrated in 1765, was convened on Wednesday, the 5th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. W. D. Dugdale, the S.W. of the lodge, who had been unanimously elected to the chair of King Solomon at the previous regular lodge.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master by W. Bro. J. Graves, when he was regularly installed by W. Bro. F. Travers, and a Board of Installed Masters, W. Bro. Graves assisting in the capacity of D.C. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Travers, P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; T. S. Funnell, S.W.; H. J. Sydenham, J.W.; T. Ings, P.M., Chap.; G. H. Gutch, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; G. Harrison, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; H. Curtis, S.D.; C. T. Marston, J.D.; J. Graves, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., M.C.; W. H. Clench, Org.; J. Summers, I.G.; and G. Squibb, Tyler. The brethren dined together after the lodge was closed, when the usual Masonic toasts were given.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—On the 16th of October, 1846, the first "gentleman" Mason was made at Warrington, in the person of Elias Ashmole, the author of the well known "History of the Order of the Garter" and founder of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. It is a matter for great regret that the ancient records of the lodge are lost, and that the history of Freemasonry in Warrington cannot now be connectively traced further back than November 8th, 1765. However, it is our pleasure to place on record the fact that at no previous period of its history has the lodge been in a better condition both as to its work and constitution, and St. John's Day, 1880, will long be remembered as one of its brightest red letter days. The principal business of the day was the installation of the W.M. elect, A. H. Young, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., &c., and the old lodge exceeded itself in the eclat which characterised the whole proceedings. Punctually at three o'clock the lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and Bro. Warner passed to the Degree of a F.C. The W.M., Bro. C. E. Hindley, then invited the senior member present, Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, to take the chair as Installing Master, and during the long and interesting ceremony he was assisted by a large number of brethren, twenty of whom were Past Masters. Among those present were Bros. W. Sharp, P.M., P.P.G. J.W.; D. W. Finney, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Harrison, P.M., P.G.D.C.; J. Rymer Young, P.M.; T. Tunstall, P.M.; W. H. Robinson, P.M.; T. Sutton, P.M.; J. Pickthall, P.M.; John Harding, P.M.; John Armstrong, P.M.; J. R. Tomlinson, P.M. 368; J. Schonstadt, P.M. 1502; George Bailey, P.M. 613; Thos. A. Collinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Richardson, P.M. 1250; J. H. Galloway, W.M. 1250; A. H. Young, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Paterson, J.W.; T. Grime, S.D.; C. Skinner, I.G.; G. F. Curson; Thos. M. Pattison, Org.; Christopher Ekkert; Thos. B. Carter; John Pierpoint, P.W.; R. W. Francomb; Capt. Deacon; John Laithwaite, P.W.; W. Warner; S. E. Johnson; J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.; Thomas Robinson; Jno. J. Thompson; Thos. Morris; A. Crawford; W. Burn; Jas. Bayley; J. Brown, 1380; Jas. W. Carlisle, S.W. 1384; E. Greenall, jun., 1354; W. Robinson; Dr. Gornall; Dr. Mackie; E. Howarth; W. Barton; and T. Domville, Tyler.

The W.M. was presented to the Installing Master by the I.P.M., Bro. Charles E. Hindley, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Paterson, S.W.; J. Paul Rylands, J.W.; Thos. Tunstall, P.M., Treas.; John Bowes, P.M., &c., Sec.; Thos. Grime, S.D.; Charles Skinner, J.D.; Councillor Francomb, I.G., and each officer was addressed by the Installing Master before and after being placed in his respective chair. The Installing Master then delivered the ancient addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, which being completed, the W.M. presented, in the name of the lodge and on its behalf, a gold Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Charles E. Hindley, and, in doing so, said it afforded him very great pleasure to present to his old friend that handsome jewel, and expressed a hope that he might live long to enjoy the esteem of his brethren. Bro.

Hindley having suitably acknowledged the gift, the auditors presented their report as to the Treasurer's accounts, which was accepted and passed. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel, where a splendid banquet awaited them. Grace before and after meat was said by the Secretary.

On the cloth being withdrawn, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were all well received. In reply to the toast of his own health, the W.M. said: I need scarcely remind you, brethren, that at your last meeting, when, by your unanimous votes, you were good enough to select me to the coveted position of Master of Lodge 148 for the ensuing year, I was prevented, by an unavoidable absence, from thanking you for the honour you conferred upon me. I take the earliest opportunity of repairing that omission. I have next to thank you, and I do so most heartily, for the very enthusiastic manner in which you have received the toast of my health. I can only regard this as but another instance of the universal kindness and goodwill which has been so generously extended to me ever since I joined your lodge, to which I am, indeed, indebted for my present position, and to which also I hope I may venture to attribute the unusually large meeting of to-day. If I fail in my endeavours to express to you how fully I appreciate your kindness, I must ask you to extend that kindness still further, and accept the assurance that my failure is not due to any want of will, but rather to a lack of the necessary power of expression. To preside over a lodge in which the elements of discord are absent, in which good feeling and fraternal friendship are predominant, is, I take it, a great privilege, and one which I shall not fail to value as such, but further I cannot but regard it as a distinction of no mean order to be in any way connected with a lodge whose history is itself a pride to its members, for this lodge will ever be historically identified as the lodge into which the first gentleman amateur was admitted. Since that event the progress of our lodge might almost be regarded as presenting an epitome of the progress of Masonry in England. It is a matter for congratulation, brethren, that the lodge continues to exercise its discretionary powers as to the admission of new members with a rigidity which I could wish all lodges would imitate, for I am firmly convinced that only by such a course, *i.e.*, the exclusion of unsuitable candidates, the future interests of Freemasonry will be properly provided for, and its prestige permanently maintained. Following the example of my predecessors in this chair, it will be my endeavour to maintain the efficient working of the lodge, and so to advance its interests that it may still continue to improve during my year of office as it has done in the past; and, remembering the well qualified brethren who have done me the honour to accept office under me, there is little fear but that I shall succeed. For the benefit of these officers, and indeed for myself, it is my purpose to organise lodges of instruction, to meet at stated periods under the able guidance of our esteemed Secretary, Bro. Bowes. Thus brethren, with good officers, with a goodly array of Past Masters to fall back upon, if dire necessity should so require it, and with the music which our brother Organist knows so well how to discourse, I look forward with confidence to a successful year of office, full of pleasure, goodwill, and harmony. The toast was received with all heartiness and goodwill, and musical honours. The W.M. next proposed "The W.M. and Brethren of Lodge No. 1250," which was acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Galloway. Bro. J. Rymer Young, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," remarked that he should require the attention of the brethren for a few moments only, inasmuch as he felt that it was difficult to say anything concerning their esteemed Bro. Bowes that had not already been well said. He would say, however, that notwithstanding the loyal manner in which they had responded to the toasts of the Queen and the Prince of Wales, and not forgetting, too, the hearty manner in which they had received the name of the W.M., he felt certain that of the entire list of toasts, none could be more heartily responded to than that of their worthy Secretary, the Installing Master. To tell them that Bro. Bowes had performed that beautiful ceremony perhaps some dozen times in their own lodge, would be to repeat a simple matter of history; to inform them that he invariably discharged his duties in a manner that made the ceremony always interesting and instructive would be to sing once again a very old song indeed—they all knew that; and to remind them that Bro. Bowes had the good will and regard of every member of the Ancient Lodge of Lights would be to afford another piece of gratuitous information that was totally unnecessary—in short, it would not be advisable to detain them whilst he recited the entire catalogue of Bro. Bowes' virtues, but should content himself with asking them to drink in as hearty a manner as possible "The Health of their Installing Master," and, as it were, renew an annual vote of confidence in their worthy Secretary, Bro. Bowes. The toast was received in a most hearty manner—indeed, the worthy brother received quite an ovation. "The Past Masters and Officers of No. 148" was responded to by the I.P.M., and Bro. J. Paul Ryland, J.W., in very felicitous terms. The toast of "The Visitors" was very warmly received, and brought to their feet a crowd of brethren, for the most part P.M.'s and some of them Provincial Officers. Space will not suffice to record their speeches, but one and all acknowledged the pleasure the day's proceedings had afforded them. Bro. J. Pickthall, P.M., proposed "The Musical Brethren," and in doing so dilated at length on the influence of music and the excellent quality their esteemed Organist, Bro. T. M. Pattison, had treated them to that night. Bros. Barton, Curzon, and Councillor Francomb had laid them under great obligations, and they all felt grateful to them and their esteemed conductor whom he had just named. He sincerely hoped to see Bro. Pattison in the W.M.'s chair someday. This toast was greeted with musical honours, after which the brethren individually acknowledged the compliment. The Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant day to an end, and we must say the whole proceedings were well and carefully manipulated from beginning to end, and the W.M. may well feel proud at being at the head of a lodge composed of such material as the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.

GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Court-place, when Bro. A. C. Quick, the W.M. elect, was placed in the chair by Bro. J. Gallienne, P.D.P.G.M., the retiring W.M. After

the usual salutations in the Three Degrees, Bro. A. C. Quick invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Courtney, S.W.; H. Saunders, J.W.; W. De Jersey, P.M.; Treas.; R. M. Smythson, P.M., Sec.; T. Pengelley, S.D.; W. Thorn, J.D.; S. Coombes, I.G.; and S.M. Barter, Tyler. The lodge having voted the sum of twenty guineas to the Masonic Charities, was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where the remainder of the evening was enjoyed under the presidency of the new W.M.

WARWICK.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 284).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. Thornfield, W.M.; Russell, S.W.; Smith, jun., J.W.; Rev. P. S. Harris, Chap.; M. Campbell, M.A., Treas.; S. Wentle, P.P.G.W., Sec.; Bond, S.D.; Blake, J.D.; Vinning, Org.; J. Machin, D.P.G.M., D.C.; Blenkinsop, I.G.; Harris, Stew.; Purser, Tyler; F. Haynes, P.M.; G. Wilson, P.M.; Merriden, P.M.; J. Y. Robins, P.M.; Spilsbury, Owens, C. Williams, F. Thorne, Molyneux, H. Field, Thompson, and F. W. Smith. Visitors: Bros. J. Walker, P.M. 82 and 246; Grundy, P.M. 988; Simmonds, P.M. 395; Roose, 1163; Whitehouse, S.D. 395; J. E. Stanley, S.W. 395; and C. J. Kane, 73, Ireland.

After the lodge had been duly opened, Bro. the Rev. A. H. M. Russell was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Ernest Trebbin, of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, as a joining member.

BACUP.—Samaritan Lodge (No. 286).—The members of the above lodge met on Thursday, the 30th ult., to celebrate the festival of St. John, when there was a good attendance of the brethren, and many lodges were represented. The lodge having been opened in due course, the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and the Installing Master, Bro. Taylor, took the chair and proceeded to instal Bro. Hargreaves as W.M. for the ensuing year, which he did in a very satisfactory manner, being well assisted by Bro. R. Ashworth. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. Lord, S.W.; H. Ramsbottom, J.W.; Westry Benn, Treas.; James Shuttleworth, Sec.; J. Stewart, S.D.; Jonathan Nuttall, J.D.; W. Greenhaigh, I.G.; and James Lord, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" were received from the following lodges: Nos. 1997, 462, 367, 363, 310, 306, 298, 283, 274, 215, and 54.

The lodge was closed at 6.5 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was sumptuously provided. After banquet the usual toasts were proposed, commencing with "The Queen," all of them being heartily received. The remaining portion of the evening was enlivened with songs and recitations, Bro. James Dearden being particularly requested by the brethren to sing an amusing and laughable song, which he did in excellent style, receiving the usual acknowledgment. The Tyler's toast and the "National Anthem" brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

MACCLESFIELD.—Combermere Lodge of Union (No. 295).—The installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the festival of St. John the Evangelist, was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., and the Masonic gathering passed off with considerable eclat. Additional importance was given to the appointment of W.M. this year from the fact that the R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire, Lord de Tabley, has selected Macclesfield for the honour of receiving Provincial Grand Lodge in September next. The brethren had unanimously selected Bro. J. Jackson, jun., P.M., Prov. G.T., and P.P.G.D.C., to the distinguished position of W.M., and the installation took place in the presence of brethren from both lodges, and several distinguished visitors, including Bros. R. Beales, P.M. Eaton Lodge (Congleton), P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. J. F. Rounthwaite, I.P.M. of Lodge of Sincerity (Northwich); J. Richardson, P.M. (Sale); Cavanagh, P.M. (Eccles); and S. Blackshaw, P.M. (Congleton). Among the local brethren present were Bros. Bates, P.M. 267, P.P.G.J.D.; Wadsworth, P.M. 295, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Moore, P.M. and P.P.G.S.D. of Staffordshire; Slade, W.M. 267; G. J. Goodwin, P.M. 295; Whiston, P.M. 295; R. Wood, Cockayne, Astle, and Williams, P.M.'s 267; Swanwick, 295; Booth, J.W. 267; Heaps, S.D. 267; Hordern, 267; Mason, 295; Evans, 295; and others.

Having twice previously filled the chair with distinction there was an abridgment of the installation ceremony, except so far as the material portions were concerned, but what was necessary to be done Bros. Lockitt, P.M., and Needham, P.M., did, with much good feeling and gracefulness, and on the admission of the junior brethren, they admirably seconded the efforts of the P.M.'s, and the new W.M. was greeted with great cordiality. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. B. R. Leach, I.P.M.; Maydew, S.W.; Brookes, J.W.; Lockitt, P.M., Treas.; Wadsworth, P.M., Secretary; Moore, P.M., S.D.; Bland, J.D.; S. Orme, I.G.; Shuttleworth, Organist; R. Brown and H. Burgess, Stewards; and D. Mason, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren. Bro. Slade, W.M. of the sister lodge, 267, congratulated the brethren of 295 on having so worthy and expert a brother in the chair for the year, which would be fraught with exceptional importance to the local brethren on account of the visit of Provincial Grand Lodge, and expressed the hope that the W.M. would be blessed with health and strength to guide the brethren in their important work. The lodge closed in due form about five p.m.

Afterwards the brethren sat down to a choice banquet provided by Bro. Comberbach, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Wadsworth proposed "The Worshipful Master." The present, he said, was an exceptional year; in the autumn the Provincial Grand Lodge would hold its annual meeting in Macclesfield, and the Masonic work which this entailed rendered it absolutely necessary that the Master of the lodge should be thoroughly acquainted with the duties. He (Bro. Wadsworth) congratulated the lodge on the installation of Bro. Jackson as Worshipful Master, for he was quite certain a more efficient Mason could not have been found in the entire Province of Chester. The Worshipful Master, in responding to the toast, said he was sure the Macclesfield brethren would assist him all they could in giving a worthy welcome to the Provincial Grand Master, Lord de Tabley, and the Grand Lodge, on the occasion of its meeting in Macclesfield this year. He also alluded to the fact that

close upon £50,000 had been expended by the Masonic Charities during the year, and expressed his satisfaction that Cheshire stood so prominent in this good work. Bros. Leach, Cockayne, Maydew, Evans, Gill, Blackshaw, Needham, and Shuttleworth contributed to the harmony which prevailed by some excellent vocal selections, Bro. Shuttleworth, since his appointment as Organist, having laudably exerted himself both to add to the impressiveness of the lodge ceremonies and to the pleasures of "refreshment."

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., and the gathering to witness the installation of Bro. J. Farndale, the W.M. elect, was one of the largest, and Masonically one of the most influential, which has been witnessed in the province for many years past, larger in fact than at the ordinary meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Amongst the brethren present were the Bros. Rev. J. H. Smith, the outgoing W.M.; S. Cleaver, I.P.M.; J. Farndale, S.W., W.M. elect; George Toller, jun., P.M., D.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; Robert Berringe, of Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. 21; General Burnaby, M.P., W.M. 1007, P.G.S.W.; Ald. Clement Gretton, P.M., P.P.G. S.W.; J. M. McAllister, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; T. Sheppard, P.M. 523, P.P.G.R.; Robert Waite, P.G.T.; T. Macaulay, P.M. 1330, P.G.D.C.; F. J. Baines, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; Clement E. Stretton, P.M.; J. Vaughan, P.M. 86; J. F. L. Rolleston, W.M. 1560; J. Young, W.M. 523; A. Chamberlain, W.M. 1391; J. Crow, W.M. 50; A. Palmer, P.M.; G. Hodges, P.M.; W. T. Rowlett, P.M.; R. Taylor, P.M.; W. B. Smith, P.M.; M. H. Lewin, P.M.; T. P. Wood, P.M. 681; G. Hazlehurst, P.M.; J. E. Hodges, J. Orlando Law, T. Colman, C. Gurden, Lionel P. Chamberlain, R. Michie, S. Marris, W. R. Tomlin, C. Rowley, Dr. Young, R. Overton, W. Collins, the Rev. Chas. Henton Wood, S.W. 1560; the Rev. Robert Seddon (Lutterworth); E. Cox, Fredk. Crick, J. Clifton, W. M. Randall, W. T. Dagwell, Thos. Stanhope, H. Bastick, W. H. Lead, W. A. Fielding, A. Hiscoc, F. W. Bottrill, J. H. Thompson, Edwd. Newton, jun., H. G. Marshall, W. Beeson, 1560; Joseph Jessop, Israel Hart, James Hiscoc, M. A. Cook, George W. Billings, James King, Dr. Emmerson, Dr. Johnston, W. Vincent, C. F. Wike, Dr. Mutch, Stephen Wand, H. P. Tyler, W. Bream, J. Harrison, J.D. 1391; J. W. Beazeley, Thomas R. Pickering, 523; W. H. Sollitt, 523; W. H. Chamberlain, 523; F. Griffiths, Thomas Spearpoint, jun., S. Knight, 1391; J. Read, J.W. 1391; E. Watson, S.D. 1391; Geo. Newsome, 523; W. J. Carter, 523; and others. Altogether there were eighty brethren present, and the character of the gathering will be understood by our readers when we say that the Board of Installed Masters present at the ceremony of installation consisted of the unusually large number of twenty-three Masters and Past Masters of the Craft, and several others were afterwards present at the banquet.

The ceremony of installation was performed in a most effective and impressive manner by the outgoing W.M., W. Bro. P.M. McAllister kindly officiating as D.C. Upon taking the chair the newly-appointed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. the Rev. J. H. Smith, I.P.M.; J. Orlando Law, S.W.; T. Colman, J.W.; C. Gurden, Treasurer (re-elected); Lionel P. Chamberlain, Secretary; H. Chamberlain, Organist; R. Michie, S.D.; S. Marris, J.D.; W. R. Tomlin, D.C.; C. Rowley, I.G.; and Thomas Dunn and James Tanser, Tylers. It was intimated that at a future meeting Bro. the Rev. Robert Seddon would be appointed and invested Chaplain of the lodge. In the name of the lodge the W.M. presented Bro. the Rev. J. H. Smith with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so he spoke in terms of the highest eulogy of the very admirable manner in which the reverend brother had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year, and the zealous attention which he had given to its interests, notwithstanding the long distance he resided from Leicester (the reverend gentleman being one of the Masters of Dulwich College).

Bro. Smith acknowledged the compliment in a most eloquent and feeling speech, in which he dwelt with much earnestness upon the marked kindness which had been shown to him by the lodge, and the facilities which had been considerably afforded him for passing to the highest office. On this latter point he gratefully acknowledged the courteous self-sacrifice of Bro. Farndale in deferring his own well-earned promotion in order to give place to him (Bro. Smith). The reverend gentleman also gratefully acknowledged the valuable assistance which he had received during the year from the various officers, mentioning in particular Bro. Colman, who had most zealously and efficiently discharged very onerous duties as Secretary. After the disposal of the ordinary lodge business, which lasted till nearly eight o'clock, upwards of eighty of the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Farndale, W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with much earnestness and enthusiasm, the health of the W.M. being, of course, received with great cordiality and with many wishes that he may have a happy and prosperous year of office. During the evening an excellent glee party, under the direction of Bro. Cleaver, and consisting of Bros. Cleaver, Farndale, Gurden, Stanhope, and Stevens, rendered a number of fine old glees in admirable style. Bro. Dr. Johnston and several other brethren also gave very excellent songs, accompanied on the piano by Bro. Chamberlain. Thus was spent one of the most enjoyable Masonic meetings which has been witnessed in Leicester for some time.

FAREHAM.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 309).—The ceremony of installing the W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year took place at the Red Lion Hotel, on Thursday evening, 6th inst. The choice of the lodge had fallen unanimously upon Bro. the Rev. A. Arthur Headley, P.G. Chaplain Hants and Isle of Wight, who, during the previous year, had filled the office of S.W. The ceremony of installation was performed, according to ancient custom, by Bro. Arthur R. Holbrook, the retiring W.M., and at the conclusion the officers for the year ensuing were appointed and invested in the following order: Bros. A. R. Holbrook, I.P.M.; J. R. Hayman, W.M. 257, S.W.; Ernest Hall, J.W.; Rev. A. C. Hervey, Chap. and J.D.; J. B. Goldsmith, P.M., Treas.; W. G. Heath, Sec.; F. Goldsmith, S.D.; J. W. Gieve, I.G.; J. T. Hooper, D.C.; D. G. Gilmour and W. Hill, Stwds.; R. Eames, Tyler. Before the ceremony, Bro. Holbrook presented to the Hon.

Sec. (Bro. Heath), in the name of the lodge, a very handsome jewel, in recognition of the ability with which he had fulfilled his duty as Hon. Secretary to the lodge for many years. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. Taylor, P.M., that the thanks of the lodge, together with a P.M.'s jewel, be presented to Bro. A. R. Holbrook, the retiring W.M., for the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the year and the ceremony of installation that evening. After the business the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Misses White. The following were amongst those present, in addition to the lodge officers: Bros. Captain Thomas H. M. Martin, P.M. 1461, P.G.S.W.; Rev. Alex. Headley, 626, P.P.G. Chap. Wilts; Rev. T. White, D.D., P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Norfolk; Mark, E. Frost, P.M. 487, P.G. Treasurer; G. A. Gale, P.M. 804, P.P.G.W.; R. Barnes, W.M. 342, P.G.D.C.; C. H. Liddell, I.P.M. 804, P.G.C.; J. Cornelius-Wheeler, P.M. 257; J. Gieve, W.M. 1069; George Grant, I.P.M. 1705; R. W. Mitchell, W.M. 903; T. R. Williams, I.P.M. 257; W. J. Hickman, P.M. 130; H. Cawt, I.P.M. 309, P.P.G.W.; W. Edmonds, P.M. 309, P.P.G.R.; J. Taylor, P.M. 309, P.P.G.R.; J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. S.D. (Middlesex), collector of R.M.B. Institution; T. Robinson, P.M. 309; Rev. H. A. Hebb, Captain G. Carter, G. L. Green, A. Addison, C. M. Sayer, T. H. Williams, James W. 1776; F. Stubington, Arthur C. Nance, Henry Cooke, G. R. Kendle, J. K. Budd, E. T. Crouch, J. Burley.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The installation meeting and St. John's Festival were celebrated on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There was a very numerous gathering of brethren, amongst were Bros. Mark Vickers, W.M.; Wm. Nicholl, S.W.; Henry Walmsley, J.W.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; Robt. Tomlins, Sec.; Jas. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; John Church, S.D.; James Wilson, J.D.; W. J. Cunliffe, Org.; P. Holmes, I.G.; Ludwig Oppenheimer, R. R. Lisenden (Freemason), and J. W. Edwards, Stewds.; James Sly, Tyler; J. Howarth Clark, P.M.; John Roger Lever, P.M.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; Samuel Titmas, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P. G.J.W.; R. B. Harper, J. G. Elderton, C. J. Rix, Edward Smith, Francis Hilton, Jas. Gooden, A. Wild, J. Smith, G. H. Bates, D. Jolly, and G. F. Heywood.

Visitors: Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P.M. 221, 764, 1423; T. Entwistle, P.M. 221, P.P.G.S.W.; A. H. Glibody, P.M. 1045; W. A. Laxton, P.M. 317; S. Statham, 1009, P.P.G.T.; G. C. Williams, S.W. 152; J. Currie, 1009; G. W. Wilson, W.M. 1009; Ishmael Davis, P.M. 1147; M. Hill, S.W. 1495; Matthew Owen, 163; J. M. Sinclair, J.W. 163; A. T. Forrest, 1633; C. J. Stanley, 204; S. Blenkinsop, S. Kelly, P.M. 645; W. Parkinson, W.M. 44; J. H. Aldred, P.M. 1140; Thos. Fairrie, W.M. 204; Henry L. Rocca, I.P.M. 815; G. A. Coleman, W.M. 467; F. Mottershead, 1011; E. B. Harding, P.M. 1495, 1633, P.P.S.G.W. W.L.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. E. Lees, P.M. 645; J. J. Lambert, 1387; and others.

The lodge was opened at 4.30, and after confirmation of minutes of last meeting Mr. John Garside, who had been proposed and seconded by letter to become a member of the lodge, was balloted for, and duly elected. He was afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. John Roger Lever, P.M., Installing Master, then assumed the chair. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Nicholl, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Vickers, W.M., and after the usual preliminaries, he was installed into the chair of K.S. in a highly satisfactory manner. The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Walmsley, S.W.; Robert Tomlins, J.W.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Cunliffe, Sec.; Jas. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; Jas. Wilson, S.D.; P. Holmes, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; W. Eckersley (per Bro. Lever), I.G.; Ludwig Oppenheimer, R. R. Lisenden, J. W. Edwards, and R. B. Harper, Stewds. Bro. Daniel Donbavand, P.M., invested the officers, and the addresses were delivered by Bros. James Dawson, P.M., and John Bladon, P.M. On the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Nicholls, W.M., rose, and in a few well chosen words, presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Mark Vickers, in the name of the lodge, with a gold P.M.'s jewel for his highly appreciated services during the past year. Bro. Vickers returned thanks for this token of the brethren's esteem. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.20. The Festival of St. John was afterwards celebrated in the banquet hall, and when the appetites of the brethren had been appeased, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The toasts of "The Installing Master, Bro. Lever, P.M.," "The I.P.M., Bro. Vickers," "The W.M., Bro. Nicholl," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Newly Invested Officers," "The Past Masters," and "The Banquet Stewards" were likewise proposed and duly responded to. Some excellent singing was accomplished by Bros. Martin Thomas, P.M.; C. Stanley, T. Shorrocks, Eldred, H. Walmsley, G. A. Coleman, and others; whilst Bro. W. G. Cunliffe did good service at the piano. A high meed of praise must be awarded to that accomplished elocutionist, Bro. D. Donbavand, for his masterly rendering of the soul-stirring "Maniac," which fairly kept the brethren spellbound during its interpretation. At a later period of the evening this talented brother recited "My Lord Tomnoddy" with similar power and success. After one of the most enjoyable evenings in the annals of this lodge, the brethren separated at 11.30. The banquet Stewards were Bros. Lisenden, Elderton, Harper, and Gooden.

DARWEN.—Harmony and Industry Lodge (No. 381).—On Wednesday, the 12th inst., the members of this Lancashire lodge held their annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. and investiture of officers, which took place at the Masonic Rooms, Shirey Bank. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Shorrocks, was installed into the chair by Bro. Franklin Thomas, P.M. (of Blackburn), P.P.G.R. Oxon, P.P.G.J.D. E.L., and the following officers were invested by Bro. J. H. Shorrocks: Bros. J. Wardley, I.P.M. and Treas.; J. Heavyside, S.W.; G. W. Thackeray, J.W.; L. Roberts, P.M., Sec.; B. Lloyd, S.D.; A. Millward, J.D.; Wm. Grimshaw, I.G.; John Marsden, Tyler; John Wardley, P.M., Org.; W. Hodgson, and C. H. Woods, Stewards. There was a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. Duckworth,

P.M., P.P.G.R. E.L. (of Blackburn); W. Almond, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. of Wks. E.L.; T. Grime, P.M., P.P.G. A.D.C. E.L.; and other brethren from Bacup, Blackburn, Stockport, Plymouth, &c.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Alexandra Hotel, where a most sumptuous repast was served by Bro. Bromley. The room was most tastefully decorated, the leading feature being some large shields containing the monogram, name, and number of lodge, and office of each of the principal officers, executed in most artistic taste. The lodge appears to be in a flourishing condition, and rapidly increasing its strength and influence.

BIRKENHEAD.—Mersey Lodge (No. 477).—The annual installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street. The W.M. elect was Bro. A Kenard Gardiner, who was duly installed by Bro James Salmon, of Chester, P.P.S.G.D. of Cheshire. There was a large gathering of members, and amongst the visitors were Bros. H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. England, and P.G.S.D. of Cheshire; Thomas Marwood, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; James Salmon, P.P.S.G.D.; Thomas Shaw, W.M. 1576; Thomas Chesworth, P.P.D.C., 1576; H. Lloyd, W.M. 721; Thomas Gregory, W.M. 605; A. Waterhouse, 580; A. Richardson, 1576; J. H. Johnston, 1350; C. W. Seller, 425; C. Titherley, W.M. 1350; W. Ashley Clayton, P.M. 587; and others. After the installation ceremony, the new W.M. installed his officers as follow:—Bros. Fred. Thompson, I.P.M.; J. T. Thompson, S.W.; Enoch Evans, J.W.; Samuel Jones, P.M. and Sec. (for the seventh time); D. Tocasura, P.M. and Treas. (for the fifth time); T. C. Thorburn, S.D.; John Ellis, J.D.; Thomas Inglesfield, I.G.; David Henderson, D.C.; John Macdonald and Richard Bell, Stewards; and J. H. Holtaway was re-elected Tyler.

Bro. H. Johnston, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. Fred. Thompson, I.P.M., with a paid-up share in the Birkenhead Municipal Building Society on the occasion of the birth of a daughter during his year of office. Bro. H. Bulley, P.M. and P.G. Sword Bearer of England, in appropriate terms also presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Fred. Thompson in acknowledgment of his services during the past year. The lodge business having been disposed of, the brethren dined together in the banqueting room, the new W.M. presiding.

NEW MILLS.—Peveril of the Peak Lodge (No. 654).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on the 12th inst., at the conclusion of the ordinary business of the lodge, Bro. J. W. Wyatt, the W.M., said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, viz., to present in the name of the Past Masters and a few of the older members of the lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. James Whitehead, I.P.M., in token of their appreciation of his long and varied service to the lodge, and hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would long spare him to continue his usefulness to the Craft. Bro. Whitehead said that he was taken entirely by surprise. He did not, on entering the lodge, expect anything of the kind; he should always highly value the gift, and the motive that prompted the donors; he heartily thanked them, and he hoped that the brethren would pardon his brevity, as their kindness and the surprise had overpowered him. The jewel was a handsome gold locket.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Lodge (No. 903).—The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect of this lodge (Bro. Richard Wilton Downing) took place on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., at the Star Assembly Rooms, when there was a large muster of the Craft, including the following Installed Masters: Bros. R. W. Bradley, P.M. 257, P.P.G.S.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, P.P.G.D.; J. Dyson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. L. Emanuel, P.M. 1060, P.G. J.D.; C. B. Whitcomb, P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. Wallingford, P.M., P.P.G.W.; E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; V. Brown, P.M.; J. Hall, P.M.; J. Maling, P.M.; A. R. Holbrook, I.P.M. 309; George Grant, I.P.M. 1705; G. R. Strick, W.M. 1428; W. Dart, W.M. 804; C. G. Adams, W.M. 1776; W. Tuohy, P.M. 1428; and R. W. Mitchell, the outgoing W.M. of the lodge. There were also present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Harris (Commandant R.M. L.I.); R. Holbrook, P.P.G.D.C.; H. J. Dowse, J.W. 257; H. Woodward, S.W. 1428; T. Batchelor, S.W. 1705; J. Howell, G. Pearman, J. Gentle, I. Simpson, J. Liddell, A. Knight, Walter Smith, F. Powell, J. Newberry, Johncox, J. Hibbs, J. W. Warden, G. Foster, Wood, Misselbrook, Dempsey, and others. The ceremony of installation was carried out in a most creditable manner by Bro. R. W. Mitchell, the retiring W.M., after which Bro. Downing appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. W. Mitchell, I.P.M.; F. Powell, S.W.; W. Brunwin, J.W.; V. Brown, P.M., Treas.; Walter Smith, Sec.; W. Wood, S.D.; J. Dempsey, J.D.; S. Misselbrook, Org.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M., D.C.; J. Thornton, I.G.; T. Nichols and W. J. Smith, Stewards; and L. Cauvin, Tyler. A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Mitchell for the admirable manner in which he performed the duties of Installing Master, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to him, in token of appreciation, by the lodge of his efficiency in the chair. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, provided at the India Arms Hotel, the new W.M. presiding.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, on Thursday afternoon, the 13th inst. The W.M., Bro. R. R. Forshaw, opened the business in good time, and amongst those present were Bros. T. McVean, I.P.M.; T. Fozzard, P.M.; A. Willis, P.M.; J. F. Nevell, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; W. Donkin, S.W.; G. Morgan, P.M., Treas.; J. P. Bryan, J.W.; J. Smith, S.D.; C. McNab, I.M., S.W.; Shakespeare, S.; John Stunhall, S.; T. Mitchell, S.; Watson, Tyler; Moore, Major, Peacock, McPherson, J. Forshaw, Penrose, J. B. Bunting, P.M.; L. Peake, Morrison, J. Winter, Boustead, Robinson, Barton, Wilson, Gardham, E. Peake, and others. The visitors included Bros. J. P. McArthur, J.P., P.M. 1086; J. Busfield; G. Musker, P.M. 1182; J. Williams, P.M. 1182; J. J. Savage, W.M. 1086; S. E. Ibb, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; J. W. Burgess, P.G.P.; J. B. Mackenzie, W.M. 1809; and others.

Bro. R. R. Forshaw, the retiring W.M., concluded his

year's work by installing Bro. William Donkin as his successor in the chair—a ceremony which he performed in an eminently satisfactory manner, well meriting the special vote of thanks which was unanimously given to him at the close of the business. The officers invested were Bros. R. R. Forshaw, I.P.M.; J. P. Bryan, S.W.; Louis Peake, J.W.; A. Willis, P.M., Treasurer; J. J. Smith, Secretary; T. McVean, P.M., M.C.; S. W. Shakespeare, S.D.; John Tunstall, J.D.; S. K. Gardham, I.G.; G. Mitchell, S.S.; W. Addison, J.S.; and Bro. Watson was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The W.M., at the close of the business, intimated that a grand morning concert would be given at the Queen's Operetta House, Bold-street, on the afternoon of the 22nd inst., by the principals and full band of the Carl Rosa Company, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and the Benevolent Fund of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, under whose auspices the concert had been organised.

The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Casey, and during the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel and a valuable timepiece were presented to Bro. R. R. Forshaw, I.P.M., along with an artistic album for Mrs. Forshaw. The music at the ceremony of installation, composed by Bro. J. P. Bryan, was exceedingly effective, and a choice programme at the banquet was provided by Bros. W. Ellis, T. Foulkes, W. Quayle, H. Ashmore, W. Forrester, Ellis Brammall, jun., and John Hodgson (conductor).

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—This popular lodge held its meeting on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at four o'clock p.m., and a large number of brethren and visitors met for the purpose of giving a hearty welcome to Bro. Croisdale, P.M., W.M. elect.

The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and Bro. R. Croisdale, W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master (Bro. John Cisham, I.P.M.) by Bro. G. Douglas, W.M., and duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year 1881: Bros. G. Douglas, I.P.M.; W. Lewis, S.W.; J. Chesterton, J.W., P.M.; A. Richardson, P.P. G.S.D., Treas.; G. Douglas, P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. Adams, S.D.; F. Cossey, J.D.; W. Williams, I.G.; P. Robertson, D.C.; F. Adueto, Organist. The W.M. expressed the great pleasure in being placed in the chair of such a lodge, in which the duties were carried out strictly in accordance with Masonic law, and he had no doubt but it would continue so by the officers appointed that evening. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel and collar, voted by the brethren of the lodge as a token of their appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year, hoping that he would long be spared to wear them, and give the lodge the benefit of his services for some time to come, as he had so willingly done in the past. Bro. Douglas returned his sincere thanks for the handsome present to the W.M. and brethren of the lodge, and said he must also thank many for their valuable assistance during his year of office, which had been a singular one. The S.W. died shortly after taking office, and the J.W. had been moved from the station. The duties had always been carried out by willing members. Among them he would mention the W.M., who was always present, and ready to take any office, and he had no doubt that he would be a credit to the lodge, being a lover of the Craft. The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a pleasant evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1336).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday evening, the 14th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and was presided over by the W.M., Bro. D. Deeves, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Welding, S.W.; T. Holleyman, J.W.; W. Weston, Sec., P.M., and P.G.S. Bro. Kent; A. Morris, Treas.; G. Kennedy, S.D.; A. Saunders, J.D.; W. Mould, I.G.; J. Parnall, Steward; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Among the visitors present were Bros. J. J. Donnelly, P.M. 706; J. Sculley, S.D. 1789; H. Aldcock, 700; D. Capon, 913; J. Hemby, 1789; E. Hirdridge, 1789; E. Hambley, 1789; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting passed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Ovenden, late Sergeant-Major R.A., of Lodge 700, as a joining member, and the result was unanimous. Quarter-Master Sergeant G. Osborne, R.A., was then approved of as a candidate, and admitted into Masonry in due form. Bros. Hambley and Aldridge, of the Ubique Lodge, No. 1787, were then raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., whose perfect rendering of the ceremony was a real Masonic treat. Bro. Weston then reported that he had supported the case of the widow of a late brother at the Board of Benevolence, and £20 had been awarded her.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a neat little supper, provided by Bro. Moulder, in an adjoining room, and, on reassembling round the social board, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, coupling that of Bro. Weston with the Grand Officers of Kent. Bro. Weston, in response, thanked them for the toast. They—the members of the United Military Lodge—were proud of their Grand Master, Bro. Lord Holmesdale, and he, in return, took a great interest in the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Eastes, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, also stood high in their estimation, and was well worthy of the esteem felt for him by every Mason in the district. Among such distinguished Masons he (Bro. Weston) felt it a great honour to be enrolled; but attributed his position not so much to his own merits as to the desire of Bros. Lord Holmesdale and Eastes to confer honour upon the United Military Lodge. He then referred to the testimonial to Bro. Lord Holmesdale, and said his list at present only reached the sum of £12 5s., but trusted to much increase it before it went into the Committee. Bro. Weston then, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and referred to the grand style in which he had worked the third ceremony that night, and asked the brethren to rally round him, and make his year of office as prosperous as his predecessor's had been. Bro. Deeves, in reply, thanked them most cordially for the warmth with which they had responded to the call of Bro. Weston and drank his health. As far as he was personally concerned, he intended to make the lodge comfortable, and keep it up to that high state of efficiency in which he received it from his predecessor, and if he had done that up to the present

it amply repaid him for any time or trouble it might have cost him. He concluded by thanking his officers for the valuable assistance they had at all times rendered him. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters;" and, in giving it, the W.M. spoke with excusable pride of the brilliant array of Past Masters of, and belonging to, the lodge, but more especially of those who had actually gone through the chair. He spoke of Bro. Spinks, now at Natal, and said he felt sure that worthy brother would be pleased to hear, through the columns of the *Freemason*, how his old lodge was progressing. Bro. Pownall, at Eastbourne, they were as proud of as he was proud of his association with them. Bro. Crousdale, at Aldershot, always spoke of this lodge with the most kindly and warm feelings. At home they had Bro. Weston always with them, and Bros. Dicken and Shaw, who, although absent that night, were pillars of strength to them; and then of those belonging to the lodge he had only to mention the names of Bros. Col. King, P.G. J.W. Kent; Coupland, Penfold, and Hayes, to show how strong they were in Past Masters, and what good and true Masons they had to guide and direct them. He asked the brethren to drink the toast with enthusiasm. Bro. Weston returned thanks, and regretted the absence of Bro. Shaw, through illness. "The Initiate" was next honoured, and returned thanks briefly. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Donnolly, Sculley, Capon, Hiscock, and Hamby returned thanks. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Welding; and then Bro. Jolly replied to an enthusiastic reception of "The Masonic Press," proposed by the W.M. The Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasures of the meeting.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, 80, North Hill-street, on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., when there were in attendance about sixty members and visiting brethren, the work comprising the First and Third Degrees, Mr. H. H. Hughes being initiated, and Bros. Bennison, Wraight, and Tucker being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The whole of the work was performed by the W.M., Bro. Awardeen, who was ably assisted by his officers, and many of the other members and founders were also present. The lodge having been closed down in due time, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and Bros. Webster Williams, Roberts, Beaumont, and Braithwaite, in song, and Bros. Dr. Arnold and Roberts, in recitation, gave selections which added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

NEWPORT.—Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1429).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 6th inst. There was a numerous attendance of members of the Masonic fraternity. The ordinary routine of business having been gone through, it was shown from reports that the position of the lodge was highly satisfactory. The chief business was the installation of Bro. J. L. C. Hunter Little, who had been duly elected at a previous meeting as W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was Bro. James Sanders, who had so admirably conducted the business of the lodge during the past year. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner, the Installing Master being assisted by P.M. Richards. The W.M. elect proceeded to invest his officers with their collars of office for the ensuing year, which was carried out in the following order: Bros. James Sanders, I.P.M.; I. E. Thomas, S.W.; William Welsford, J.W.; Rev. D. Bowen, Chap.; W. Milton Lock, Sec.; James Horner, Treas.; W. Watkins, Charity Steward; A. I. Sinclair, S.D.; E. W. Evans, J.D.; Samuel Davies, D.C.; Caleb J. Thomas, Superintendent Works; E. W. Perrin, Org.; W. K. Morgan, I.G.; G. F. Gritton, W. J. Dix, S. Dean, Stewards; H. Fletcher, Tyler; W. Hopton, Assist. Tyler. Hearty congratulations were accorded to the newly Installed Master, complimenting him on the distinguished position he had attained in the Craft, and hopes were expressed that the year of office on which he had entered would be as successful and harmonious as the past. The annual banquet then took place at the King's Head Hotel, when Host Gritton placed on the tables a most recherché spread. The banqueting hall had been superbly decorated for the occasion. The W.M., Bro. J. L. C. Hunter Little, presided, supported by I.P.M. Sanders and his newly appointed officers. In addition to the members of the lodge, several visiting brethren from other lodges in the province were present. The proceedings subsequent to the banquet were of a most convivial and pleasant character.

INSTRUCTION.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. Tate, W.M.; Drury, S.W.; Bolton, J.W.; Long, Preceptor; Pate, S.D.; Abell, J.D.; Pincott, I.G.; Davidson, Ross, Brown, Turner, Hyde, and Dickens. The W.M. opened the lodge, and the minutes were confirmed. The chair was given up by the W.M. to Bro. Dickens, who ably performed the Second Degree, after which Bro. Tate resumed the chair, and worked the First Section of the Lecture; Bro. Abell, Second; Bro. Long, Third; and Bro. Tate, the Fourth. After the lodge had been resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Drury was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of raising will be performed. The lodge was then closed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., at 6.30. Present: Bros. H. Sibley, W.M.; H. H. Room, S.W.; R. Baker, J.W.; T. Hamer, Treas.; G. W. Blackie, Sec.; C. F. Goodenough, S.D.; F. Le Rosignall, J.D.; O. Donnell, I.G.; Paddle, C. Taylor, and Powell. Visitors: Bros. Peartree, Davidson, and Malim. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when Bro. Taylor offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was performed; after which Bro. Goodenough worked the First Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Paddle acting as candidate. Bro. Room was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed in due form.

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The Cerneau Council and the English High Grades under consideration.

"Smithfield," a paper by Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT, will be reviewed in our next.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1881.

OUR readers will have seen a letter in our last impression, signed "P. W. M.," and headed "Our Boys' School," which we published with some regret, though we did not feel justified in refusing its admission into our columns; for it is perfectly clear that if such statements are made, or if such views prevail, it is far better that they should be "ventilated" in our pages. The whole responsibility of these statements rests upon the writer, and we sincerely trust that he has not written hastily or in any spirit of prejudice. The fact, as a fact, is, we confess, entirely new to us, as not only have we never heard of a similar complaint, but we had, on the contrary, every reason to believe that under the present skilful management of the School the whole tone of discipline and gentlemanly bearing had been raised. If, however, any such general feeling exists, we trust that the authorities of the School will look into the matter carefully and closely at once. "P. W. M.'s" letter is, no doubt, not pleasant to read, and we hope, as we said before, that he has irrefragable authority for what he advances.

WE note that by the proceedings which took place at the last meeting of the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School COLLINGWOOD's name was withdrawn from the list of successful candidates in deference to the general wish of the meeting, and with the concurrence of Bro. GIRLING. We quite agree with this decision, as we pointed out last week, as it was quite clear that after the report of the Committee of Investigation the case could no longer stand on its own merits. We think, therefore, that the Quarterly Court has come to a conclusion which will be approved of by all the Subscribers.

At the last meeting of the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School Bro. JOSHUA NUNN re-introduced and carried a resolution for increasing the grant to outgoing students, in exceptional cases, up to £40. This was the resolution which, it will be remembered, was rejected at a previous Quarterly Court, owing to a misapprehension of its meaning and object. We agreed with the resolution then, as we were quite sure it was a wise and needful alteration, and we are glad to hear that many who opposed it then will support it now. We cannot doubt but that the resolution will be carried at the next Quarterly Court on confirmation.

It will be seen by a communication in the last *Freemason* that a "Hervey Memorial Fund" is about to be set on foot. Bro. SIR JOHN MONCKTON is Chairman and Bro. R. R. DAVIS Secretary. Agreeing as we do in such a memorial to our late esteemed Grand Secretary, we are yet free to confess that the avowed object of the memorial is, in our opinion, one of somewhat questionable expediency. We doubt very much whether the members of our Order generally will be willing to subscribe money for the mere purpose of adding to the great benefits secured to the successful candidates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We venture to think that a much more definite and distinct object should be adopted by the Committee if the proposal, worthy as it is in itself, is to be generally supported by the members of the English Craft.

WE call attention to a letter and circular from Bro. HEDGES, Secretary of the Girls' School, which appear in this week's *Freemason*. The information contained in them both will be of great interest to many of our readers, and we doubt not that the Anniversary Festival of 1881 will be another signal triumph and success for the Girls' School and for Bro. HEDGES. The admirable management, its undoubted efficiency, the practical work of that excellent Institution, naturally commend it to the sympathy and support of all English Freemasons. We hear, with great pleasure, that the number of Stewards is already unprecedently large.

THE presence of H.R.H. THE GRAND MASTER at the marriage of Bro. LEOPOLD DE ROTHSCHILD will be gladly noted by all the members of our ancient Craft. We do not say that Freemasonry has anything to do with it, for, as LORD BEACONSFIELD truly observed, the kindness and consideration of the PRINCE OF WALES are so conspicuous on all occasions as to excite the admiration of all Englishmen. But, as Freemasons, we have a right to express our conviction that its kindly feelings of toleration and goodwill to all men are so remarkably demonstrated by its distinguished head, the Illustrious Her Apparent to the English Throne.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We are requested to publish the following circular, which we do with much pleasure:

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

"I have the honour to inform you that the Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of this Institution will take place on Wednesday, the 18th May next, under the distinguished presidency of the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, and, in soliciting the valuable support of your lodge on this occasion, beg to submit the following important particulars for your consideration:

"Since the establishment of the Institution, in 1788, no fewer than twelve hundred and fifty-four daughters of our deceased or distressed brethren have been the recipients of its benefits.

"The number of girls educated, clothed, and maintained in the School has now been raised to 229, by the election in October last of an additional twenty-five. This increase, rendered possible by the extra accommodation furnished by the recent purchase of Lyncombe House—now the Junior School—will obviously entail a corresponding increase in the annual expenditure.

"The above purchase, happily completed during the current year without the necessity of trenching on the funded property of the Institution, has naturally been a somewhat severe strain upon its other resources, and owing to the large outlays consequent on the various additions to the buildings and grounds found to be necessary during the past few years, it has not yet been possible to increase the invested capital to an extent commensurate with the augmented responsibilities of the Institution.

"Under these circumstances, while gratefully acknowledging the liberality which has at all times been extended to

wards this Institution (especially during the past year), I confidently venture to solicit your valuable influence and co-operation with the members of your lodge in still furthering its interests; and trust that I shall be favoured with the name of a brother who will act as Steward on this occasion.

"I am, Worshipful Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
December, 1880. F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

"Offices: 5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, London, W.C."

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.]

OUR BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I respectfully ask—Is the letter of "P.W.M." in your issue of to-day to be taken *au sérieux*? If so, it hath the nature of a libel on "Our Boys."
Or is it penned in a spirit of playful satire?
If so, upon what? Upon whom?
Faithfully and fraternally yours,

FRED. BINCKES.

15th January.

BRO. BROADLEY'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN MALTA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with great pleasure your review of the above mentioned book, and particularly the references to the Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, and their apparent connection with Masonry, and to my friend, Bro. Tristram. The incident mentioned relating to his treatment by the Arab chief on making "Masonic" signs is, I think, detailed by our learned brother in his clever and graphic work, "The Great Sahara."

The indefinite article before Bro. Tristram's name amuses me when I remember that he is a F.R.S. and LL.D., a canon residentiary of Durham, and the author of "The Land of Israel," and other learned works, amongst the most popular and valuable of which is his "Natural History of the Bible." Canon Tristram is also Provincial Grand Mark Master for Durham and Northumberland.

Yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES.

Author of "Amabel Vaughan."

THE MASONIC ROBBERY AT NEWPORT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been directed to a letter in your last issue signed, "A.P.M.," in which an attempt is made to cast reflection on the Masonic lodges of Newport.

The writer prominently alludes to the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge, of which I have the honour to be the W.M. I positively assert that no such idea as an appeal to the Masonic brethren throughout the country has ever been entertained by us, and consequently the remarks contained in the letter referred to are totally unjustifiable and uncalled for. I believe I may say the same for the other two lodges at Newport, but will only take the responsibility to vouch for my own lodge. Certain I am, however, that the letter of "Masonic Charity" was not written by our authority.

For the information of "A.P.M.," I can assure him that the Newport lodges are not in a state of impecuniosity, and that he would be the very last brother to whom we should think of sending the hat to.

I remain, yours fraternally,

W.M.

Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge.

Newport, Mon., Jan. 12th.

GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have much pleasure to inform you that Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master for Gloucestershire, has kindly consented to preside at the ninety-third anniversary festival of this Institution in May next.

I have further to inform you that it has been necessary to make an alteration in the date of the festival, which will be held on Wednesday, the 18th, instead of Wednesday, the 11th May.

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

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

[We note the communication of Bro. Hedges with gratification. See our leader elsewhere.—ED. F.M.]

Reviews.

HINTS ON FINE ART POTTERY PAINTING. By C. J. S. Edinburgh: Soutter, Sons, and Co.

The art of pottery painting is without doubt one of the oldest in the world, and as long as humanity has an appreciation of the beautiful, and a desire to be surrounded, even in the humblest homes, with that which is a "joy for ever," so long will the ceramic art flourish. The facilities which are now afforded for the exercise of this art by amateurs and the art education of the present day will still further tend to popularise it; but a thorough art education is not always essential. With the aid of such a work as this, any one who can draw, however slightly, and has some knowledge of colouring, may produce work satisfactory to themselves and a source of pleasure to their friends. There is one aspect of this art question, which we cannot do better than give in the author's own words. He says: "Cannot the daughters of England help their fathers in their too often exhausting labours by such means? And what payment so sweet as the quiet smile with which the overwrought merchant or professional man greets his daughter, as he returns from his day of worry, and finds her busy fingers have been ministering to his comfort! Will not the memory of such a daughter help sweet to the father after she has left his roof, as he gazes fondly upon the results of her forethought and skill?" We can heartily recommend this little work.

Technical instruction is conveyed to the learner, even to the minutest details, together with drawings showing the separate stages of the work.

SELECTED READINGS FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC READERS, &c. London: Sweeting and Co.

The number of books devoted to "Selections from the best Authors" that have been issued, would seem to leave little opportunity for the introduction of a novelty in this class of publication, but we think the editor has succeeded in producing one. It is not in the selection of the stories, which, although good, may be found in other works, but the novelty consists in printing in very bold type, and with such other aids to the reader that he need never take the trouble to write out the selection, or commit it to memory. If the editor continues to make the same judicious selection as he has done in the first number, we predict for it a great success.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE CHEVALIER RAMSAY.

I am glad to see Bro. Hughan's note, confirming as it does my remarks and statements. By a little misprint the name O'Donoko was not clearly expressed. It is a very curious fact if the book was written by Ramsay, as he was both a Roman Catholic and a Jacobite. As his connection with Masonry ended in 1736, it is not likely that he could have much to do with Dermot. But, there may have been a connection between Ramsay and Dublin. Can Bro. Neilson help us? Curiously enough, there was in old days a "Confraternité de l'Arche Royale," which had to do with Pilgrims to the Holy Land, and the rules of which were published in a rare work printed at Paris about 1730, if I remember rightly, and shewn me by Bro. Shuttleworth some years ago. No copy of it exists in the British Museum, and I searched in vain for it in Paris some time back. Does any one know where that book could now be found?

MASONIC STUDENT.

STEPHEN MORIN.

It seems to me that the whole mistake has arisen, by understanding the words "Grand Orient," as I fancied was the case, to represent the "body" of Masons, whereas it only relates to the technical term, the "Great East" or "Grand East" of Freemasonry, or that especial lodge or chapter in a particular place. In the extract quoted by Bro. Mackenzie from Kloss, the words do not relate to the Grand Orient of Symbolical Masonry at Paris, but to the Council of the Emperors of the East and West in their Grand Orient at Paris. And it must be so, for it was clearly impossible that any such resolution could be passed in 1767, by a body which had no professed relation with the "High Grades" until 1770. It is possible of course that individual members of one body may have been mixed up with the other body, but neither the Grand Lodge of France, or the Grand Orient of France, which latter was not in existence until 1770, could have passed any sentence of suspension upon Stephen Morin in 1764. To my mind it is a matter of no moment, as in 1802 or 1803, the result of Stephen Morin's original proceedings were accepted and confirmed in Paris.

MASONIC STUDENT.

OCCULT LITERATURE.

Mr. John Wilson, of 12, King William-street, W.C., has issued a remarkable catalogue of over one thousand works relating to Alchemy, Astrology, the Druids, Rosicrucians, Mystics, and Gnostics, &c. Those at all interested in these curious subjects should send a penny stamp to the publisher for a copy. I wonder that booksellers dealing in such works do not advertise in the *Freemason*.

MASONIC INVESTIGATOR.

FREEMASONRY AT BATH.

My dear friend, Dr. Hopkins, the veteran Freemason, has favoured the "Royal Cumberland Lodge," No. 41, Bath, of which he is the present W.M., with his reasons for believing that the *Premier Country Lodge* of 1724, warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, had collapsed prior to the advent of the present lodge, chartered in 1733 for the same city (Bath), and that the latter was virtually a continuation of the former through several of its members.

I have not claimed that No. 28 did any work after 1730, but only that it had not ceased to exist before 1736, as it was retained on the official roll up to that year. The Grand Lodge at that period was very ready to erase lodges held in England, if no payments were made to the "Fund of Charity," and hence I am inclined to believe that the contribution traced by Bro. Gould, S.G.D., for 1732, was made as an existing lodge. However, it is clear that the Craft has not been without a representative in the City of Bath for some 157 years, or over a century and a half, and should a list of members be yet discovered later than 1729, I think it will prove that the lodge of A.D. 1733 was started by several of the members of the A.D. 1724 organisation. I have never attended a lodge meeting that has proved so successful in every respect as that of the Centenary Celebration of the "Royal Cumberland," No. 41, under the efficient management of Dr. Hopkins, W.M., and I trust he will long be spared to continue his valuable services on behalf of the Craft.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Obituary.

BRO. EDWARD HUGH DOWNING.

We have to record the death of Bro. Edward Hugh Downing, surgeon, of Deptford, who died at Brighton, on the 7th inst., aged 32. Deceased was the son of the late Dr. Downing, of Evelyn-street, Deptford, who died about eighteen months since, and was for many years surgeon to the R division of police. Deceased was for some time one of the medical officers of the Greenwich Union, but resigned the position. He had been in declining health for some months before his death. On Wednesday afternoon, the 12th inst., the remains of Bro. Downing were interred in Deptford Cemetery, Brockley.

BRO. ALFRED ELLIS.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., the remains of Bro. Alfred Ellis were deposited in the Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren, and

other friends. Bro. Ellis departed this life on the 7th inst., in his 47th year, after a long and painful illness.—He was a member of the Doric Lodge, 933, and I.G. of the Egyptian Lodge, 27. As a public man he has successfully served the office of overseer to the Mile End District for a period of two years, and was an active member of the Board of Guardians and the Vestry of Mile End Old Town. The respect in which he was held was in some manner evinced by the large and influential number of friends who congregated at the grave, and at Stepney Parish Church, where the funeral service was read by the Rev. J. F. Kitto, M.A., Rural Dean of Stepney, E. Here the solo, "O rest in the Lord" from "Elijah," and Handel's "Dead March" from "Saul" was very beautifully rendered. The funeral cortege consisted of a hearse and four and five mourning coaches, in addition to many private carriages. In the former, after the representatives of the family, there rode Bros. Dr. Leane Cundick, Musto, Furness, and Lacey, Messrs. Boar, Prevost, Dr. Ford, Rev. J. F. Kitto, and Messrs. Cushen and Leatherdale, (Churchwardens), Bros. Stephens, Smith, and Coombs, Messrs. Siddall, Wood, Moody, Denman, and others. The imposing ceremony was marshalled by Bro. T. N. Fox, of the firm of Fox and Sons, St. George's East. At the conclusion of the ceremony in the Cemetery, the brethren took a last look into the grave of their departed brother, each, to the number of nearly one hundred, dropping a sprig of acacia at the head of the grave.

Scotland.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PEEBLES AND SELKIRK.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Peebles and Selkirk was held in the Masonic Hall here on Monday, the 10th inst., Bro. James Wolfe Murray, P.G. Master presiding. The other P.G. office-bearers present were: Bros. Dr. James Middleton, D.P.G.M.; James T. S. Elliot, S.P.G.M.; Captain Black, P.G.S., Warden; Rev. Alex. J. Murray, P.G. Chaplain; Robert Sanderson, P.G. Secretary; K. Lees, P.G.S.D.; James Rutherford, P.G. Bible Bearer; Robert V. Brown, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; Anthony White, P.G.S. Bearer; William Ferguson, P.G. President of Stewards; John Hall, P.G. Steward; Thomas Mercer, P.G. Inner Guard; and Robert Melrose, P.G. Tyler. The following lodges were also represented: St. John's, No. 32; St. John's, Jedburgh, No. 104; St. John's, Hawick, No. 111; St. John's, Stow, No. 216; St. John's, Galashiels, No. 262.

There was also a deputation from the P.G. Lodge of Berwick and Roxburghshire, headed by Bro. Fred Vernon, D.P.G.M.

The P.G. Lodge was opened at 3.45, when the following business was transacted: reading of minutes of previous P.G. meeting and P.G. visitations, which were unanimously confirmed; election of non-commissioned office-bearers. The following brethren were duly elected:

Bro. John F. Walker, Stow	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Lees, Selkirk	Prov. G.S.D.
" Thomas Hunter, Hawick	Prov. G.J.D.
" Robert Hogg, Galashiels	Prov. G.J.
" J. Rutherford, Hawick	Prov. G.B.B.
" R. H. Brown, Galashiels	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Anthony White, Stow	Prov. G.S.B.
" Robert Hunter, Hawick	Prov. G. Bard.
" T. Mercer, Galashiels	Prov. G.D. of M.
" W. Ferguson, Selkirk	Prov. G.P. of S.
" John Hall, Hawick	Prov. G.S.
" James Tully, Hawick	Prov. G.S.
" G. B. Forsyth, Fountainhall, Stow	Prov. G.S.
" W. Montgomery, Galashiels	Prov. G.S.
" A. Wood, Galashiels	Prov. G.S.
" W. Tait, Galashiels	Prov. G.S.
" S. G. Dunbar, Jedburgh	Prov. G.I.G.
" R. Melrose, Galashiels	Prov. G. Tyler.

Those of the brethren present were then installed into their respective offices by Bro. J. W. Murray, P.G.M. The financial statement of Provincial Grand Lodge was then submitted by the P.G. Secretary and adopted; and a committee to audit the accounts for the past year was appointed. The report of committee on bye-laws was submitted by Bro. Dr. Middleton, convener of that committee, and adopted—draft copies of the proposed bye-laws having been previously sent to the office-bearers and lodges by the P.G. Secretary.

The P.G. Lodge then proceeded to consider the same, which took up a good deal of time before and after dinner. Several alterations and additions were agreed upon and the matter again referred to the committee on bye-laws, to get completed and to send a copy to Grand Lodge for approval. Dinner was served in excellent style by Bro. Scott, of the Railway Hotel. After dinner the consideration of the bye-laws was resumed, and the revival of them was finished a little after nine o'clock. Bros. Middleton and Elliot were then nominated as representatives from the Province or Grand Committee, and the P.G. Secretary was instructed to forward the nomination papers to the Grand Secretary. The P.G. Lodge was then closed by Bro. Dr. Middleton, D.P.G.M., who had taken the chair when the P.G.M. left at 6.50. A short social meeting was then held, and the usual toasts given and responded to. Songs, recitations, &c., were given by Bros. Brunton, Stenhouse, Mercer, Wood, Scott. The proceedings were brought to a close about 10.30.

New Zealand.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The annual communication of the District Grand Lodge of England was held on Thursday evening, the 2nd ult., in the lodge room, Insurance Buildings, Auckland. The attendance was large, and the proceedings were of a very interesting character. Bro. Lodder, V.W.D.D.G.M., presided. The following comprised the business of the lodge: Bro. Dr. Goldsbro was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Porter, Tyler. The D.D.G.M. said that, on account of the near approach of the arrival of the D.G.M. he did not think it incumbent on him to make many changes, and would reinstall and reinvest the present officers, leaving it for the District Grand Master to make any promotions he might deem proper. He had to heartily thank those

officers for the cordial manner in which they had worked with him. The following were then duly invested and installed: Bros. J. Warren, V.W.S.W.; W. H. Skinner, V.W.J.W.; W. P. Moat, V.W.D.G. Registrar; M. S. Leers, V.W. President of the Board of General Purposes; H. G. Wade, V.W. Secretary; Dr. Dawson, V.W.S.D.; T. Cole, G. Director of Ceremonies; W. Rattray, G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies; J. Hattwell, D.G. Sword-bearer; C. Hesketh, D.G. Org.; Fenton, D.G. Pursuivant; Carlaw, Assistant D.G. Pursuivant; B. Tonks, Major-General Gosett, and W. R. Waddell, Stds. The following having been nominated by the D.M.G., were members by virtue of their office: R.W. Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M.; Bros. W. Lodder, D.D.G.M.; J. Warren, D.G.S.W.; W. H. Skinner, D.G.J.W.; E. T. Wildman, P.D.D.G.M.; Nelson, Golsbro', Moat, Dawson, and M. S. Leers, President. The election resulted as follows: Bros. T. Cole, Chapman, Carlaw, Fenton, George, Hattwell, Hesketh, Macdonald, Rattray, and the Rev. W. Tebbs. The subjoined Past Masters were elected to preside, in connection with the lodge officers, over the fund of benevolence: Bros. McLeod, Alexandria Lodge; Tebbs, Prince of Wales' Lodge; Crawford, Turanganui Lodge; H. Chapman, Eden Lodge; Rees George, Remuera Lodge; Dargaville, St. George's Lodge.

The D.D.G.M. informed the Grand Lodge that an emergency meeting would be convened on the arrival of Bro. Graham, D.G.M. He also proposed a vote of condolence to Bro. Edward S. Willcocks, on his recent bereavement in the loss of Mrs. Willcocks. The proposition was made in feeling terms, and supported by Bro. W. P. Moat. The Secretary (Bro. Wade) was instructed to send the vote of condolence to Bro. Willcocks. The lodge was then closed in due form.—*Auckland Evening Star*.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—PRESENTATION TO COMP. HENRY BIRDSEYE, P.Z.—The January meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last, at Cannon-street Hotel. The companions present were Comps. H. Birdseye, M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., H.; Charles Arkell, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer; E. F. Storr, S.E.; James Lorkin, P.S.; Medwin, Benard, Cheese, Kent, and Walker. Visitors: Comps. Mickle and Field. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, also the audit meeting. The Principals were then installed for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., Z.; Charles Arkell, H.; and E. F. Storr, J. The officers appointed were Comps. George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer; James Lorkin, S.N.; and Cuff, S.E. The newly-installed Principal, Comp. Copestick, in a felicitous speech, then presented Comp. Henry Birdseye with an elaborately illuminated address as follows:

"To Companion Henry Birdseye, M.E.Z.—The members of the Lion and Lamb Chapter desire to express to you their sense of the valued services you have rendered to the chapter, more especially during the two years you have occupied the chair of M.E.Z. Your re-election for a second year to that high office was a proof, if any were needed, of the esteem in which you are held by the companions, and they trust that after your retirement from the chair you will long continue to take an active interest in the welfare of the chapter."

The address was handsomely framed, and the work was altogether much admired. After the closing of the chapter, the companions adjourned to a banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).—The installation convocation of this chapter took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, and was numerously attended. Comps. Wyer, Z.; H. Thompson, H.; and F. Sharratt, J. Previously to the meeting of the chapter the annual audit of the accounts was held, and it terminated with the knowledge that there was a very satisfactory balance in favour of the chapter. The P.Z.'s present were Comps. Coste, Seaman, Green, and Smeed, the latter being the Installing Officer, and which duty he has most ably discharged for many years past. The whole of the companions below the Degree of an Installed First Principal having withdrawn, Comp. Thompson, who had been unanimously elected M.E.Z. at the last convocation of the chapter, was presented by Comp. W. H. Green, P.Z. and S.E., to fill the exalted office of M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, and was most impressively installed by Comp. W. Smeed, and it was remarked by the companions who had the privilege of being present that never was that important ceremony more accurately, impressively, or beautifully performed, and these remarks would equally apply to his rendering of the solemn rites in respect of the installation of Comps. Sharratt and Dodman, respectively as H. and J. The rest of the companions having been re-admitted, the M.E.Z. proceeded to invest the officers of the chapter, viz., Comps. Green, S.E.; Dawes, S.N.; Coste (locum-tenens for Comp. A. Avery), as Treas.; Dr. Pridmore, as S.E.; and Bavin, as Janitor; offering a few words of congratulation to each, but more particularly to Comp. Green, P.S., whom he said he should always look up to with esteem and respect as his father in Royal Arch Masonry, and he hoped for many years to see him re-elected into the responsible position of S.E. of the Beadon Chapter. In investing Comp. Dr. Pridmore as P.S., he impressed upon him a knowledge of the important duties he had to perform, and without his ready and efficient assistance it was impossible that the business of the chapter could be properly performed. He then said that he had a most pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to Comp. Wyer, the I.P.Z., on behalf of the companions, with a substantial mark of their regard, which was a jewel unanimously voted to him at the last chapter, and in placing it on his breast as a token of their good will, he trusted that he might be long blessed with health to wear it, and when he looked upon it he felt assured it would remind him of the high esteem and many happy hours he had spent in the Beadon Chapter. Comp. Wyer, in accepting the jewel which had just been placed upon his breast, said he should always wear it with pleasure, and it had been his earnest desire to deserve it. He had served all the other offices, and anything that he could do to promote the prosperity of the chapter would be to him a pleasure, and he should always be ready to do anything in his power to maintain

that good will that had always subsisted amongst them. The M.E.Z., in investing Comp. Bavin as Janitor, said he had also for many years held that office, and remarked that his duties were very responsible as regarded the admission of strangers amongst them, but he had for so many years carried on those duties to their entire satisfaction, that he needed no comment from him, and he hoped he would for many years fill that important post. The chapter was then closed in the usual form, and the companions adjourned to the dining-hall for refreshment, where an excellent dinner was provided by Comp. Wood.

The M.E.Z. said the first toast that was given in all assemblies was that of "The Queen," and, as he had no desire to occupy the time of the companions by extolling her good qualities, he should without further comment give them "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," which was responded to with hearty "fire." The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Z.," and remarked that to say anything in his praise would be to "gild refined gold," and, therefore, he asked the companions to join with him in rendering all homage to the toast he proposed, which request was most heartily responded to. The M.E.Z. said as he knew the companions were desirous of getting to their homes as early as was consistent with their comfort, the next toast he had to propose would be a comprehensive one, as it was "The Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Carnarvon; the Grand H., the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand J., Lord de Tabley," which was also well responded to. Comp. Wyer, I.P.Z., rose and said he had the privilege to propose the next toast, which was "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Thompson," and remarked that he had great pleasure in doing so, as he felt assured he would discharge the important office to which he had been appointed to their entire satisfaction. The toast was cordially received. Comp. Thompson, M.E.Z., in reply, said he felt deeply grateful to the companions for the exalted position in which, by their unanimous votes, he had been placed, and could assure them that he would do all in his power to perform the duties to their satisfaction, although he had been called to it much sooner than he expected, and he feared he would inadequately follow the excellence of Comp. Wyer, who had preceded him; and if they found shortcomings on his part, he must ask for their indulgence. This, however, he would say, that no effort on his part should be wanting to give them satisfaction, and if he failed it would not be from want of inclination, but of ability. The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Past Principals of the Chapter, Comps. Wyer, Green, Seaman, Coste, and Smeed," who had all rendered good suit and service, and on this occasion wished particularly to refer to Comp. Smeed, the Installing P.Z., and, in doing so, he hardly knew how to express his appreciation of the ability with which he had performed the ceremonies of installing the Principals that evening, for nothing could be more impressive and beautiful than the manner in which it had been gone through, and any commendation he could utter would fall far short of what it deserved. It was to him a great pleasure, and, although somewhat of an old Mason, he had never been so thoroughly impressed with any ceremony he had before witnessed, and it was one of which he should always retain a lively remembrance. Comps. Coste, Wyer, Green, and Seaman briefly returned thanks for the flattering terms in which the M.E.Z. had spoken of them, and Comp. Smeed also acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to him, at the same time stating that at any time any services he could render were always at the command of the chapter. At this period of the evening, Comp. John Foulger, P.Z. of the Domestic Chapter, entered the room, and the M.E.Z. said he would take the liberty of interposing a toast that was not included in the programme, for he found that he was that night honoured by the presence of a very old friend, who was with him a member of the Domestic Lodge, and it was an unexpected pleasure to find him present on the night of his installation into the chair of First Principal of the Royal Arch. He gave him a hearty welcome, and would ask the companions to join him in drinking "The Health of Comp. John Foulger, P.Z. of the Domestic Chapter." The toast was most cordially received, and Comp. Foulger expressed the satisfaction and pleasure he felt in being present on the occasion of Comp. Thompson's installation, and spoke of the pleasing recollections it brought of time past, long ago, when they were members of the Domestic Lodge. The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was a very important one, as it was "The Health of Comps. Sharratt and Dodman, the Principals H. and J.," and he said he had no doubt that they would well discharge their duties, and in due time arrive at the high position he then occupied. Comps. Sharratt and Dodman respectively returned thanks, expressing their determination to maintain the reputation of the chapter. The next toast was "The Health of Comps. Green and Dawes, S.E. and S.N.," and, in proposing it, the M.E.Z. said that Comp. Green was a most worthy and painstaking officer, by whom he had been exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, and for whom he should always entertain the most sincere respect; and he believed that Comp. Dawes would prove a most efficient officer as S.N. Comps. Green and Dawes respectively returned thanks for this appreciation of their services, and expressed a determination to merit the good opinion of the companions. In giving the next toast—"The Treasurer"—the M.E.Z. said that Comp. A. Avery was one of his oldest friends in Freemasonry, and he deeply regretted that he was absent from them that evening, and more especially so as he understood that it was illness that kept him from them, but he trusted it would be but temporary. He proposed as a toast "Better Health to Comp. Avery," with the best wishes of every member of the chapter. The toast was heartily responded to, and Comp. Coste undertook to carry what had been done to Comp. Avery, and he was sure that he would be gratified in knowing that he had not been forgotten in his absence. Some other toasts were given, and the Janitor's toast brought a happy meeting to a close. Several songs were sung during the evening, and complete harmony and good fellowship prevailed.

ABERGAVENNY.—Philanthropic Chapter (No. 818).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Lion-street, on Monday, the 17th inst. The ceremony was duly performed by Ex. Comp. G. H. Gowin, P.Z., assisted by Ex. Comp. W. Williams, P.Z. The following officers were installed, appointed, and invested: Comps. Thomas Harthy, Z.; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, H.; John O. Marsh, J.; J. L. C. Hunter Little, P.S.; Henry Harris, 1st. A.S.; W. White, E.; T. Delafield,

N.; E. Hampton, Treas.; W. Williams, P.Z., D.C.; W. Arnold, Std. B.; J. C. Hazard, S.B.; H. J. Edmonds, Org.; J. Greene and S. Gardener, Janitors. The chapter was then closed in due form at eight p.m. The companions then adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where an excellent supper was provided, and a very pleasant evening was spent, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Chapter (No. 903).—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., the installation of the Principal elect of this chapter took place at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, the duties of Installing Principal being performed by M.E. Comp. E. S. Main, P.Z., in a most eloquent, impressive, and perfect manner. The Principals installed were M.E. Comp. C. Whitcomb, Z.; M.E. Comp. V. Brown, H.; and M.E. Comp. R. W. Mitchell, J. The ceremony of installation being concluded, the M.E.Z. invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: E. Comps. Powell, E.; Des Geneys, N.; Batchelor, P.S.; Brunwin and Darby, A.S.; R. W. Downing, Treas. and Org.; and Cauvin, Janitor. After the business the companions adjourned to a banquet provided by Mr. Kingswell. The following companions were present, in addition to the officers, viz., M.E. Comp. Wallingford, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; M.E. Comp. Lancaster, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; M.E. Comp. Turney, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Comps. Hancox and Smith; visitor, E. Comp. Dowse, Chapter of Friendship.

Mark Masonry.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.G.M. Steward, P.M., and Prov. Grand Mark Secretary Berks and Oxon, was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M. for the earnest and assiduous attention he has given to the lodge during his year of office, now nearly closed. The W.M. returned thanks to the officers and brethren for their assistance and attendance, and desired to impress upon them the importance of regularity and punctuality at all assemblies of the Mark Degree.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. Three were present Bros. Capt. F. R. Sewell, W.M., P.G. Reg.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.G. Sec.; W. H. Lewthwaite, as S.W., P.P.G. Org.; R. W. Robinson, J.W.; T. C. Robinson, M.O.; H. Peacock, S.O.; W. Shilton, J.O.; T. Mason, Sec. and R.M.; T. Bird, S.D.; and J. Hewson, Tyler, P.G. Tyler. The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The Grand Lodge certificate was presented to Bro. Bird, and the P.G. Secretary presented Provincial Officers' certificates to the W.M. and Tyler, two others, P.G.S.D. and P.G. Steward, being retained, in the absence of Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., and Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, who is in India. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Lamonby, P.M., for his present of a framed collection of "Masons' Marks," some of them from Cocker-mouth Castle. Bro. Mason, Sec., gave notice of motion, "That no part of the lodge funds be expended for installation purposes unless there be a balance of £10 in hand." Cheques having been signed for payment of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge dues, the lodge was duly closed.

Amusements.

MANCHESTER.—QUEEN'S THEATRE.—We are pleased to record another successful pantomime produced at this popular theatre under the able management of Bro. C. J. Emerson, entitled "Jack the Giant Killer," and which has been written by Mr. J. T. Denny. It will be quite unnecessary for us to enter into details of the plot, which is so well known, but will content ourselves by remarking that the usual rollicking fun is once more to be found here, and this added to some excellent scenery, painted by Messrs. Young and Edwards, together with some apropos music by the indefatigable musical director, Mr. Edward Williams, makes a most seasonable and enjoyable compound that is highly appreciated and relished by the numerous audiences, who have assembled at every morning and evening performance since Christmas Eve. To our thinking, a large amount of this enjoyment is attributable to those painstaking and mirth-provoking comedians, Messrs. Joseph Bracewell and Charles Stevens, who both work arduously to create the peals of laughter which reward their efforts. The latter gentleman especially has a considerable share of work, and nothing funnier than the scene where he appears with his gouty foot supported by hands, and himself by crutches, when relating the torture he has undergone for some long period, has been seen on the stage, and it would be next to impossible for the most cynical observer to restrain his mirth when witnessing his apparent excruciating agonies on being knocked down by the impetuosity of his page, Billy Lackadaisy, Bro. Joseph Bracewell, and finally his entire forgetfulness of pain, gout, crutches, and everything but the still more agonising fact that his wife, who is an awful tartar, has returned home. Mr. J. K. Walton made a capital *Giant Cormoran*, whilst Mr. Tom Lisbourne entered thoroughly into the spirit of the termagant wife of *King Kollywobletums*, who is described as having an Irish tongue of her own, which she used pretty freely upon her unfortunate spouse. Of the ladies, a very high meed of praise must be awarded to Miss Carina Clelland, who took the part of the *Princess Fredegonde*, for her fine singing, notably "Sempre libreria," from "Traviata," and the *Carnival de Venise* with variations. The hero, *Jack*, was charmingly depicted by Miss Grace Huntley, whose sprightliness and vivacity were quite refreshing to witness. Altogether, the earnest desire of all the artists engaged to do their utmost for the success of the pantomime was unmistakably manifested, and we cordially congratulate the courteous manager, Bro. Emerson, on the reward which his energetic efforts have brought about.

MANCHESTER.—THEATRE ROYAL.—The pantomime, entitled "Blue Beard," has been running at this

house with the greatest success since December 18th, and we heartily congratulate Bro. John Duffield and Mr. R. B. Bainbridge on the return which their lavish expenditure has justly entitled them to. The pantomime is written by Messrs. Frank Green and J. McArdle, two authors so well known, both in and out of the profession, that any unsuccessful production of theirs would be a matter of surprise. Want of space precludes us from entering into a lengthened notice of the performance, and we will, therefore, content ourselves by remarking that nothing can be finer than the scenery, which is throughout artistic, and no praise is too great to bestow on Mr. H. P. Hall, who has added another leaf to his many laurels. The scenes which pleased us most, and which were triumphs of art, were the panoramic views of the Sphinx near the Pyramid of Tizeh; the North Altar of the Temple of Heaven; Pekin, Constantinople from the Tower of Galatea, and the transformation scene, a "Tribute to Lancashire," and we have no hesitation in saying they might be equalled, but certainly not surpassed. The dresses are most gorgeous, and have been designed with great taste by Messrs. Edouard and Edmonds, and made by Miss Fisher, Mrs. May, Auguste et Cie, Mons. and Mme. Alias, and Miss Baker. Of the performers we must specially mention Bro. Fred. J. Stimson, whose make up as *Sister Anne* well became him, and whose genuine humour and business created a large amount of pleasure to the audience, and on whom a considerable share of the work falls. We congratulate Bro. Stimson on his highly successful performance. We wish we could say the same of Mr. Charles Collette, who depicts the hero, *Blue Beard*, but with only a fair amount of success, and it seemed to us that he was not at all fitted for the character, with the recollections of *Bounce* and *Crypto* in our minds. He, however, throws all possible spirit into his part, and since the first few nights has done all he could to make the character a success. The other characters were fairly represented, but on the two gentlemen above mentioned fell the largest share of labour. With respect to the ladies we must single out Mme. Cave-Ashton, *Fatima*, whose singing is alone worth a visit to hear, but whose acting requires a deal of improvement. Miss Marion West, *Selim*, does not call for special mention, but does the best she can with the part, but lacks the vivacity and sprightliness of the hero of last year's pantomime (Miss Kate Lawler), whom we should much like to have seen at this theatre once again. The pantomime is, however, a great success, undoubtedly, as the large audiences assembled at every morning and evening performance since the opening night can testify, and a large amount of credit is due to the untiring energy and care displayed by Mr. Edmonds, the stage manager, under whose personal superintendence it has been produced.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

Molière's autograph was lately sold for £36.

Sir Theodore Martin has presented to the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, a fragment of the original MS. of *Waverley*.

The *Academy* says: "We hear that Lord Suffolk's famous 'La Vierge aux Rochers,' by Leonardo, has been secured for the National Gallery for £9000."

The *Academy* states that Mr. Dante G. Rossetti has a volume of English ballads ready for the press.

Mr. E. B. Eastwick is compiling for Mr. Murray a "Handbook for Bengal."

Art in Manchester is very flourishing at present. More pictures have been sold at the recent Autumn Exhibition of Pictures at the Royal Institution than at any time, the sales being nearly double those of last year.

The *Temps* mentions the report that the manuscripts of Paul de Musset, brother of the poet, are to go to the Bibliothèque National, on condition that they are not opened until the year 1910.

The *Athenæum* says that it is rumoured that the clever novel entitled "Strictly Tied Up" is the first experiment as a writer of fiction of Mr. Beresford Hope, M.P.

The *Academy* understands that a biography of Dr. W. B. Hodgson, Professor of Political Economy in the University of Edinburgh, and formerly of Manchester, is in preparation.

One of the features of the forthcoming national exhibition at Milan will be a collection of Italian newspapers. The new kingdom boasts of more than 1800 periodical publications.

The Queen has notified her intention to grant a pension of £200 a year to Mr. Alfred R. Wallace, the eminent naturalist.

The *British Architect* announces the intended formation of a Society of Painter-Etchers. It is intended to hold a probationary exhibition in the spring, and those whose work satisfy the Provisional Committee are to be the first members of the new association.

The ex-Empress Eugénie is compiling a "History of the Life and Death of the Prince Imperial"—if we are to believe the Brussels *National*—and her Majesty also proposes to publish "Notes by Napoleon III."

Dr. Hueffer's series of biographies of the great musicians will begin very shortly. The first volume is to be devoted to the musician of the future, Richard Wagner, whose life and works will be treated by the editor, Dr. Hueffer. Sir Julius Benedict will write the notice of Weber, which is dedicated to the Queen.

The *Academy* says that the list which has been prepared by Mr. G. W. Porter of the "Bibliographies, Classified Catalogues, and Indexes" placed in the extra cases in the British Museum Reading Room has been printed by order of the trustees, and will be issued to the public immediately.

The *Bookseller* contains the first of an interesting series of articles of French bibliographies. The sketch of Quérard is written with much sympathy and knowledge. The author might, however, have mentioned the English biography of that uncomfortable genius by "Olphar Hamst" (Mr. Ralph Thomas).

The Madrid International Exhibition has now been taken in hand by the Spanish Government, who have appointed a Royal Commission, and intend to make the affair a success. It will probably open in September, 1882.

The Phidias Statue, whose discovery was lately announced by the Mayor of Athens in such grandiose style, does not seem to be such an important find after all. From various accounts it appears that the statue is not colossal, but only a little over 3 ft. high, and is certainly not the figure erected in the Acropolis, as it is not only twelve times smaller than the original, but was not found near there, being unearthed close by Socrates-street, to the north-west of the city. The work, however, is stated to be apparently a good miniature copy, and, as such, is of considerable artistic value. It represents Minerva standing, leaning with her right arm on a pillar; her left holds a shield, behind which is a serpent with open mouth, and a sphinx crowns her helmet.

Mr. H. Rivett-Carnac has published a further "Memorandum on Clay Discs called Shindle Whorls, and votive seals found at Sankisa, Behar, and other Buddhist ruins in the North-west Provinces of India." In a former paper he had pointed out the striking resemblance between these Buddhist relics and those brought from Hissarlik by Dr. Schliemann. In these additional notes the appearance of the Buddhist symbols alike in Greece and India is insisted upon. Their identity with the terra cotta discs described by Gastaldi is also pointed out.

The Christian Knowledge Society has issued what comes unhappily as a memorial volume of its author, "The Natural History of British Fishes," by the late Frank Buckland. The book gives all the scientific information available on this least understood department of natural history, but in attractively scientific fashion. Mr. Buckland's knowledge, on the contrary, is imparted in his own manner, interspersed with delightful gossip about fish, fishermen, and anglers. The book, as are most of those published by the Society, is issued at a very low price.

The French Ministry of War proposes to present to each regiment, as an ornament for its "salle de reunion," a painting of the most striking incident in its history since 1790. A circular has been sent to all commanding officers requesting them to examine the regimental archives in order to select that feat of arms which they would most wish to see commemorated as the glory of the regiment.

The *Printers' Register* mentions the curious fact that Hood's "Song of the Shirt," which first appeared, as is well known, in *Punch*, escaped indexing, and hence may escape the notice of those who wish to see the original form of that now famous song. It appeared in an extra number entitled "Punch's Christmas Piece," dated December 16th, 1843.

The *Athenæum* says that Mr. Murray promises a volume of "Extracts from the Diary of a Cavalry Officer in the Crimea," by the late Lord George Paget, who, it may be remembered, commanded the Light Cavalry Brigade at Inkerman and the Tchernaya. The same publisher will issue very soon the selection from the writings of Lord Stratford De Redcliffe during the last five years of his life, already announced. The Dean of Westminster will contribute a preface to the volume, the title of which, "The Eastern Question," sufficiently indicates the nature of its contents.

The *Athenæum* says: "Antiquaries and students of Dutch history will regret to learn that Mr. Frederick Muller, of Amsterdam—publisher, bookseller, and author of a large and elaborate catalogue of Dutch historical engravings, to illustrate the history of his country by means of the prints which are contemporary with the events they describe—died on the 4th inst., at Amsterdam, aged sixty-three. Mr. Muller was well known in London, Paris, Brussels, Berlin, and at home. He had a great knowledge of the literature of geographical discovery."

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.—The meetings of this lodge will in future be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the presidency, and Sir Stafford Northcote the vice-presidency, of the Scottish Corporation.

Bro. Alderman Ellis has proposed Mr. Alderman Staples for initiation in the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1.

Bro. H. Stiles was, at the last meeting of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. His installation will take place in February.

The Sir Thomas White Lodge, No. 1820, is now held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, having removed there from the London Masonic Club, Queen Victoria-street.

The meetings of the Langton Lodge, No. 1673, are now held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

From recent returns we note that in the Province of Bristol there are 575 Craft Masons, and 46 Royal Arch Companions.

The fourth Biennial Aldersgate Ball will take place on Thursday, the 10th of February, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. The band of the Honourable Artillery Company will attend, and perform under the direction of Signor Tamplini. The proceeds of the ball are to be given to the Aldersgate Charities.

Bro. Henry Baldwin (Prov. G.A.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey), Secretary to the Brixton Mark Master Masons' Lodge, No. 234, asks us to state that the next meeting (regular) of this lodge is on Saturday, the 12th prox., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., and to request any of the numerous brethren who have frequently expressed a desire to "join" or be "advanced" to this Honourable Degree if they will kindly forward their names, with all particulars as to address, age, lodge, &c., to him at the Loughborough Masonic Club, Loughborough Junction, S.W. (opposite the booking office L.C. and D.R.), not later than the 31st inst., or to the W.M., Bro. H. Lovegrove (P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.), 26, Budge-row, Cannon-street, E.C., to obviate correspondence herein, and facilitate the completing of the next agenda paper.

The first meeting of the Albert Edward Rose Croix Chapter, No. 87, since its consecration, will be held this (Saturday) afternoon in the Masonic Hall, King's Lynn.

Bro. the Rev. J. Jackson Wray delivered the second of a series of lectures on "Rare Old *Æsop* and his Fables," at Whitfield's Tabernacle, Tottenham Court-road, on Wednesday last. Bro. E. F. Storr occupied the chair.

A telegram from the *Standard* correspondent at Beyrout states that Bamdy Pacha, Governor of Syria, has arrested eleven Mahometans. Some of the Christians wanted to shut the Masonic Lodge at Damascus, but were deterred by threatening letters.

Bro. Alderman Hadley will preside at the annual festival of the Surgical Appliance Society on March 30th.

It is with regret we have to announce that our esteemed Bro. J. D. Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B., &c., died on Monday last at his residence, Queen-street, Lancaster. The interment took place at the Cemetery, Lancaster, on Thursday, the 20th inst.

Bro. Alfred E. Staley was installed Worshipful Master of the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, on Thursday last. The proceedings, which were highly successful, will be reported in our next.

Bro. H. J. Phillips will be installed W.M. of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, at Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday next, the 25th inst. A report of the proceedings will duly appear.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.—A report of the last meeting of this lodge is in type, and will appear in our next.

Bro. Brassey, M.P., Civic Lord of the Admiralty, has just furnished a public reference library in his house, at Claremont, Hastings, at a cost of between £2000 and £3000.

The last number of the *Christian World* contains an interesting account of a visit paid by Christopher Crayon to the headquarters of the Salvation Army, in the White-chapel-road.

The Goldsmiths' Company have made a grant of £25, and the Grocers' Company £25, to the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association.

CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.—A most successful meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. Bro. Defriez, W.M. 1278, presided in the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. W. Simmonds, who was "snowed up" at Rugby. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

Bro. Major M. Ramsay, the R.W. the District G.M. of Punjab, has been pleased to appoint W. Bro. R. B. Nightingall to the offices of District Grand Secretary and District Grand Scribe E. W. Bro. Nightingall has also been elected Honorary Secretary of the Punjab Masonic Institution. The duties pertaining to these offices are important, but from the zeal previously displayed in the promotion of Freemasonry by the brother now appointed we feel certain that the course of Freemasonry, and all pertaining to it in the Punjab, will be progressive.

THE NEW OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.—An improvement in the arrangement of the offices at Freemasons' Hall has recently been carried out, and the Grand Secretary is now located in a part of the building more suitable in every way for the transaction of his important business. The old office was certainly not attractive; its darkness and gloom were not calculated to raise the spirits of those who have to spend a considerable portion of their time in it, and we can congratulate Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke on the change he has made. The new office is in the front of the building, looking out into Great Queen-street, and was formerly the library; it is approached by the small ante-room on the right of the entrance, and is also in communication with the general office on the other side. The library has been removed to the old office, and when the arrangements are complete will be available for Masonic students and those who take an interest in the literature of the Craft.

The oldest member of Her Majesty's Privy Council is the Right Hon. Sir John Macpherson Macleod, K.C.S.I., aged 88; the youngest, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, aged 27. The oldest duke is the Duke of Cleveland, aged 77; the youngest, the Duke of Newcastle (a minor), aged 16. The oldest marquis is the Marquis of Donegal, K.P., G.C.H., aged 83; the youngest, the Marquis Camden (a minor), aged 8. The oldest earl is the Earl of Buckinghamshire, aged 86; the youngest is Earl Russell (a minor), aged 15. The oldest viscount is Lord Eversley, aged 86; the youngest, Viscount Southwell (a minor), aged 7. The oldest baron is Lord Mostyn, aged 86; the youngest, Lord Southampton (a minor), aged 13. The oldest member of the House of Commons is Mr. William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P. for the borough of Carnarvon, aged 83; the youngest, Mr. James Dickson, M.P. for Dungannon, aged 22. The oldest judge in England is Vice-Chancellor the Hon. Sir James Bacon, also Chief Judge in Bankruptcy, aged 82; the youngest, the Hon. Sir Charles S. C. Bowen, of the Queen's Bench Division, aged 44. The oldest judge in Ireland is the Hon. James O'Brien, of the Court of Queen's Bench, aged 74; the youngest, the Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon, Judge of Appeal, aged 46. The oldest of the Scotch Lords of Session is the Right Hon. John Inglis (Lord Glencorse), Lord Justice-General, aged 70; the youngest, Alexander Burns Shand (Lord Shand), aged 51. The oldest prelate of the Church of England is the Right Rev. Alfred Ollivant, Bishop of Landaff, aged 82; the youngest, the Right Rev. Rowley Hill, Bishop of Sodor and Man, aged 44. The oldest prelate of the Irish Episcopal Church is the Right Rev. John Robert Darley, Bishop of Kilmore, aged 80; the youngest, the Right Rev. Robert Samuel Gregg, Bishop of Cork, aged 46. The oldest prelate of the Scotch Episcopal Church is the Right Rev. Robert Eden, Bishop of Moray and Ross (Primus), aged 76; the youngest, the Right Rev. George Richard Mackarness, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, aged 57. The oldest baronet is Sir Moses Montefiore, aged 96; the youngest, Sir Thomas Lewis Hugh Neave (a minor), aged 6. The oldest knight is General Sir Duncan MacGregor, K.C.B., aged 93; the youngest, Sir Ludlow Cotter, aged 27.—*Who's Who* in 1881.

The meetings of the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, will be held at the Baron's Court Hall, West Kensington, on the second Monday in February, April, June, August, and December.

Bro. W. H. Brand will be installed W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, at the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday next, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Additional interest is attached to Bro. Brand's installation, he being the "first initiate" of the lodge.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, consecrated the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, ably assisted by Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C.; Capt. Nathaniel G. Philips, P.G.D.; Hugh D. Sandeman, Past D.G.M. of Bengal; and Frank Richardson, G.S.D. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Wm. Hall, M.A., P.S.G.W. Surrey, Chaplain to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, was installed W.M., who appointed and invested Bros. Lieut-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Senior Warden, and Dr. W. H. Ramsay, P.M. 259, Junior Warden. A report of the interesting proceedings will appear in our next.

A Masonic service will be held in St. Clement's Church, Longsight, Manchester, on the 23rd inst. The offertory will be given to an Institution connected with our Craft. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, has graciously granted a dispensation for the brethren to appear in Craft clothing; such dispensation having been applied for under the warrant of the Lodge of Truth, 1458, prior to the termination of year of office of Bro. J. E. Iliff. A Craft lodge will be opened at St. Clement's Schools (entrance at Ducie-street, nearly opposite the church) at 2.45 p.m. prompt. The service will commence punctually at three p.m. The W.M. of 1798, Bro. Dr. Marks, a Jewish Rabbi, and the majority of the members of his lodge have signified their intention of being present.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

CLEWOW.—On the 16th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the wife of Bro. R. H. Clewov, of a daughter.
GREVILLE.—On the 17th inst., at Lebanon-gardens, Wandsworth, the wife of Mr. Henry Drummond Greville, of a son.

SMITH.—On the 16th inst., at The Elms, near Sudbury, Suffolk, the wife of the Rev. Reginald Smith, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

GRUNDY—MITCHELL.—On the 10th inst., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Aberdeen, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, assisted by the Rev. H. L. Greaves, the Rev. William Grundy, M.A., Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, the Head Master of the King's School, Warwick, to Margaret, daughter of the late Mr. Adam Mitchell, of Heathcote, Kincardineshire.

DEATHS.

MOORE.—On the 17th inst., at his residence, 3, Queen-street, Lancaster, J. Daniel Moore, M.D., after a lingering illness, aged 46 years.
SAMUEL.—On the 15th inst., at Philadelphia, U.S., David Samuel, aged 76, son of the late Mr. Samuel Samuel of London.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 28, 1881.

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, JANUARY 22.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1679, Henry Muggerridge, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
Red Cross Conclave, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot.

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, JANUARY 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Hot., Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.

Chap. 25, Robert Burns, S.M.H.
" 1537, St. Peter Westminster, F.M.H.
Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.
Red Cross Conclave, 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 8.
London Masonic Club.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.

Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Church-yard.
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, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H.
" 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle Hot., Leadenhall-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace.
" 1395, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Lower Clapton.

LODGES 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.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sister's Tav., Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H.
" 1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
" 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
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.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.
" 95, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.

Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
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.
St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Town Hall, Catford Bridge.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
K.T. Precep. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's 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.
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, January 29, 1881.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24.

Lodge 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., So. N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Queen's H., Liscard.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.

Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

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