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## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda paper for Grand Chapter, on Wednesday, the 2nd of February:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th of October, 1880, to the 18th of January, 1881, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter.....	£1767	9	1
"  "  Unappropriated Account... ..	181	7	7
"  "  Subsequent Receipts... ..	362	13	8
	£2311	10	4
By Disbursements during the Quarter.....	£1089	6	6
"  "  Balance.....	1041	7	9
"  "  in Unappropriated Account.....	180	16	1
	£2311	10	4

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Charles Heywood, as Z.; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, as H.; Carl Johann Wilhelm Gotz, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645, Manchester, to be called the Humphrey Chetham Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

2nd. From Comps. John Segond, as Z.; Hamilton Stilon, as H.; the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Malta, to be called the Resurrection Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta.

3rd. From Comps. Joseph Loxdale Warren, as Z.; John Bodenham, as H.; Thomas Wood, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford, to be called the Royal Chartley Chapter of Fortitude, and to meet at the North-Western Hotel, Stafford.

4th. From Comps. John Higson Johnston, as Z.; Frederick King Stevenson, as H.; Charles Philip Titherley, as J.; and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, Liverpool, to be called the Fermor Hesketh Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,  
Grand Treasurer,  
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
19th January, 1881.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ST. AMBROSE LODGE, No. 1891.

The St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, was consecrated on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, Earl's Court, by the R.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary of England, who was assisted by the R.W. Bro. Robt. J. Simpson, M.A., Past G. Chaplain; R.W. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., as S.W.; R.W. Bro. S. Rawson (P.G.D.M. China), as J.W.; and R.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, G.S.D., as D.C.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. R. F. Gould, G.D. of Eng.; Peter McLagan, M.P., P.G.M. Linlithgowshire; J. Winborne Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; H. C. Close, M.P., P.G.M. Armagh; Sir Norman Pringle; G. A. Berkeley, 108; H. E. Francis, 857, P.G.S.D.; C. Cordingley, S.W. 45; A. E. Gladwell, W.M. 172; W. C. Glen, 197; W. Burch, 172; A. Abercrombie, 1769; F. E. Pocock, 1629; E. Letchworth, 2; R. Gifford; W. D. Becket; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; W. Temple, 92; A. B. Baker, W.M. 1828; R. Pierpoint, J.W. 1828; G. Edwards, 1507; W. F. Bates, 1507; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; T. Baxter, 145; T. Hancock, W.M. 1667; J. W. Barker, S.W. 1767; J. H. Taylor, J.W. 1767; Col. G. Haldane, P.M. 349 and 1618, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; E. E. Dawall; G. White; W. Harvey; W. O. Beazley; J. Horsman; E. Ayling, J.W. 975; J. Cockburn, 1381; Theo. Distin, Past G. Steward; T. Lloyd, 108; C. Greenwood, jun., P.P.G.R. Surrey; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.D. Middx., P.M. 1777; J. Clever; C. Thompson, S.W. 1769; B. H. Paul, 197; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. Hill, M.D.; C. H. Adams, W.M. 511; Major C. Harding, W.M. 778; W. Lake, P.M., P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemasonry*); &c.

After the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in announcing the granting of the warrant for the lodge by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, said that in the present day, when the lodges numbered nearly 1900, it was felt that the limits of progress had been arrived at; but an exception had been made in favour of this lodge, and, from his personal knowledge of those connected with it, he felt sure the result would be all that could be desired. He would say a word of warning to them, and hoped they would not be led away by a desire for large numbers. It was very easy to accept candidates, but difficult to get rid of unworthy members. He was sure, however, they would always exercise caution in this respect. He was glad to welcome among them that day a P.G.M. from Nova Scotia and representatives from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. They might also congratulate themselves on having such a distinguished and numerous company, notwithstanding the severity of the weather.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON then ranged the petitioners in due order, and read the warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of England, whereupon the Consecrating Officer enquired whether the petitioners approved of the officers nominated in the warrant, and having been answered in the affirmative, called upon the Chaplain to deliver the oration.

Bro. the Rev. J. R. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap., then said: Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren, let me in the first place congratulate the brethren of the St. Ambrose Lodge on the auspicious occasion of our present assembly—especially when we have regard to our distinguished brother in the chair, and the eminent Masons who are appointed to the principal offices in the lodge—and in the second place congratulate our Order in adding one more Tent to the thousands that now constitute the great Masonic encampment that extends over the four quarters of the world. It would be vain for me to carry back your thoughts to that remote antiquity of which Freemasonry boasts, and to our worthies of former days, whose words and deeds shed glory on the Craft; that antiquity has been illustrated, and those noble Masons have been eulogised, by poets and by sages, and are doubtless familiar to you all. But I would for a moment point to the immediate Past and to the Present, and I would fearlessly ask what body of men on the face of earth is more universal in its extent, higher in its aims, purer in its principles, more united in its operations, or more bountiful in its charities than the ancient Institution to which we belong; more zealous in providing "peace and goodwill" upon earth, and in pointing the road to heaven? It would, indeed, be strange if in an imperfect world such as ours we claimed infallibility, either for our Order, or its individual members. The frailties of human nature are incident to all communities, and the long and painful history of one great body of extravagantly spiritual pretensions, supplies us with as significant illustrations of this fact as any that the world's chronicles can furnish. But we may safely assert that Masonry, with its sublime principles, has from age to age, and in many a dark hour of that world's history, proved a mighty educator, in the hand of the Grand Master Most High, in elevating human nature from the dust in which it had sunk, placing it on the road to happiness, and bidding it with a potent voice echoed through centuries "Rise up and walk." It has taken the light from under the bushel of the cloister, and put it not only "on a candlestick," but "on a hill," that all around may benefit by its benign rays. It has broken down the self-constituted monopolies of human selfishness, and opened out to man the power, the wisdom, the glory, and, above all, the goodness of God. Can we wonder that a society of men bound together by such principles, and avowing such obligations, has weathered the storms of upwards of 2000 years, and lives to this day, more vigorous, more numerous than ever? What wonder that legislators, nobles, statesmen, princes, and kings crowd into our ranks, and that at this moment the Emperor of Germany, the King of Swe-

den, the King of Denmark, the King of Italy, the President of the United States, the Heir Apparent to the Imperial Throne of Germany, and last, not least, the Heir Apparent to the throne of England, should form a galaxy of Masonic beauty, and a bond of Masonic strength unparalleled in the annals of the world. Never since the day that York gave a birthplace to the first Christian Emperor, Constantine the Great, or the same ancient city was the site of Alfred's Masonic throne, has Masonry made such strides in England as at this day, and never has it held a higher character. It is ready to be tried by its own law—and I hesitate not to assert that in proportion as it stands that test it will "hold its own" against principalities and powers, against malicious sneers and impotent anathemas. The fierce light of public opinion beats upon us, brethren; let us come to that light, and it will be felt that Masonry does not ignore—nay, it points to enduring mansions and a final rest. It teaches the progressive nature of human knowledge, which we see evinced by the improvements taking place every day amongst us, and by a natural induction it leads us to conclude that what we see proceeding in such regular order towards perfection, will not suspend its operations even when the functions of the perishable body cease. This scene of human life, though the theatre of improvement is far from being that of perfection, we must look through the cloud therefore, and welcome that "Bright and morning star" which lights up all our prospects and points the pathway to immortality—"For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face, now we know in part, but then shall we know even as we are known," not in poetry but in fact,

"There's naught but what's good

To be understood

By a Free and an Accepted Mason."

It is no secret that in years far back in our history Masonry was not unaffected by the customs of the times through which it was passing, and gave more attention to the social than to the intellectual, the moral, or the religious elements in its constitution, that its clarity was too contracted and self-contained, and that that most significant image which God has given to us to be an emblem of high truths was in danger of being reversed by "the members," not the Head, taking the uppermost seat. I trust in God, that for God's sake, for our Order's sake, for our own sake, that now this view of Masonry is fading away, and that such a view is now publicly and rightly branded as a "Masonic heresy." Let us not be supposed for a moment to contend for a real or affected asceticism, nor to disparage or discourage the fair and reasonable social intercourse that is to be found in our assemblies at the festive board; but I do say the lodge ought to stand clearly first, the banquet second, in our estimation; and, I make bold to say, that Masonry would flourish as well (ourselves also) if the ordinary banquets in London (as in the provinces), were fewer in number, and not on so expensive a scale as they are at present. When I speak of the lodge standing first in our estimation, I do not merely allude to the principles there inculcated, nor even to our beautiful ritual. I would include also the mode in which they are conveyed and conducted, the attention to details, the order maintained, the bearing of the officers to the brethren and to each other, and, not least, the correct, reverent, and impressive manner in which our most beautiful, solemn, and instructive ceremonies are rendered. It is impossible to calculate the momentous effect with which this must tell upon Masonry in general, or upon the lodge or individual Mason in particular. Few scenes of my life are stamped upon my memory in deeper characters than my entrance into Masonry, and my being raised to what is called, in no exaggerated language, the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. And why? Not merely owing to the matter, but even more to the manner in which the Degree was worked. There is another point, brethren, to which I would venture to direct your attention and my own—I mean to our noble Charities. Let them be a first charge on our Masonic affections, not merely in regard to raising princely sums to sustain them (itself a glorious work), but in maintaining in them a high standard of efficiency and of moral and religious culture. Nor should we shrink from calmly, and without prejudice, considering, whether some obvious improvements may not be effected by which admission to our Institutions may be made on a more reasonable, more discriminating, more economical, and more equitable basis. I should not regret to see it made a qualification, for every London Mason at least, before he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason that he should have personally visited at least one of our Masonic Charities. Let me, brethren, in conclusion, say a few words on that sacred foundation on which our Faith and Hope are built. The knowledge of God is the grand end and purpose of true religion, and the result to which this knowledge leads is the supreme happiness of man. It is clearly not proposed that we should become acquainted with God merely by speculation and metaphysical research—but by the contemplation of His glorious perfections and His noble and benevolent designs in the kingdoms of nature and of grace, as they stand in connection with that eternal life to which our highest hopes aspire. The infinity of God, the awful grandeur of Him who fills all space and governs all the works of His material and intellectual creation, must for ever transcend the limited capacities of finite beings. An impenetrable veil is drawn before the throne of Him, Whom we are yet bound to adore as the Great Author of our being, and the Father of our spirits. But sufficient information is afforded to guide us, as it has thousands before us, to such conclusions respecting Him as may best promote our duty to Him, and bring down His blessing on us. And if He makes not all His

glory to pass by us, it is because we are not able to endure the sight. To submit to this wisdom of our heavenly Father is then surely our highest interest as well as duty; and though the full light of His presence cannot yet be seen by mortal eye, let us use the light He has given us, the light of nature, the light of science, the light of conscience, and the light of Revelation, and "walk as children of the light." Is it not suited to such a discipline of our reason and affections as may fit us for a higher world that humility and submission to the will of our Creator should be enforced upon us now? Many an obvious analogy points to such a reasonable service. The child that should refuse to accept the advice or obey the command of a parent till the entire propriety of that advice and command could be argued out and explained would scarcely be deemed a model of filial love or duty. Are we not too often, brethren, ready to pamper the pride and self-sufficiency of human nature, and to follow our own vain imaginations rather than the plain and steadfast word of eternal truth? Like the Syrian leper do we not seek our health and cure in the proud waters of Damascus, rather than in the despised stream of Jordan, though appointed by a prophet's voice? My brother Masons, on the volume of the Sacred Law let us build our firmest faith, our brightest hope. Let us hold fast, without wavering, our Masonic faith in the holy doctrines and practice it enjoins, and in the Divine authority which it claims. Thus instructed and trained as men and Masons we shall not have consumed our years in vanity; but having been shown "the path of life" we shall after its first portion is over find our second and better portion in that "presence" of the Grand Master where is "the fullness of joy," and at whose right hand there are "pleasures for evermore."

At the close of the oration, the acting W.M., assisted by his officers, performed the ceremony of consecrating the lodge, with choral accompaniments. The ceremony of installing Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall as first W.M. was then proceeded with, the ceremony being rendered most impressively by the Grand Secretary, and it is due to all concerned to say that the work throughout was very ably performed.

The following were the petitioners: Bros. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, Lt.-Col. Somerville Burney, F. W. R. Ramsey, M.D., S. Rawson, G. W. Marshall, W. H. Smith, Chas. W. Tayleur, and Chas. J. Foakes. The remainder of the founders were Bros. W. B. Harvey, H. Harris, Thos. Holland, W. D. Beckitt, Robt. Gifford, George Edwards, P. P. Perry, Jas. Clabery, G. White, J. Mallet Jones, J. H. Pippins, Ludwig Lechtwertz, D. Pocock, J. Plowman, and P. Skar.

Col. CLERKE in presenting the warrant, said that it was customary to say on such occasions that it had been handed down through a long list of worthy Past Masters, but he could not say that now; it had, however, come direct from, and bore the signature of, their Royal Grand Master, and it could not be presented to a more worthy Mason than Bro. Ambrose Hall.

The following is the list of officers for the year designated in the warrant as appointed by the W.M.: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Somerville H. Burney, G.D., S.W.; F. W. Ramsey, M.D., J.W.; Chas. W. Tayleur, S.D.; Chas. James Foakes, J.D.; Dr. Pocock, I.G.; Chas. Drummond, D.C.; W. H. Smith, Treas.; and Thos. Holland, Secretary.

The W.M. before closing the lodge, said that he had a proposition to make that would be received by members and visitors alike with enthusiasm. They had that evening amongst them several distinguished brethren who had come forward to perform the ceremony of consecration. His first thanks were due to Col. Shadwell Clarke, who had so ably inducted him into that chair, equally did he feel a debt of gratitude to the Rev. J. R. Simpson, who had favoured them with the oration they had just heard. He thanked him heartily, and regretted that he would be unable to remain with them at the banquet, which regret was increased by a knowledge of the reason that prevented him, likewise he thanked Capt. Phillips, whom they all esteemed so much, both on account of his private character, and his services to Freemasonry. He regretted the absence of Bro. Sandeman, who, he believed, was blocked in by the snow, but his place had been taken by their old and esteemed friend, Bro. Rawson. Bro. Frank Richardson, too, whose work was only secondary to that of the Consecrating Officer, had ably fulfilled his duties. He had much pleasure in proposing each of the brethren named as honorary members. He did not do this as a mere compliment, but hoped they would now and again come to the lodge. He tendered them at the same time their best thanks for the services rendered on that occasion. This was seconded by the S.W. and carried with acclamation.

Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, on behalf of his colleagues as well as himself, thanked them for their kind expressions. He considered it an honour as well as a privilege to have performed the ceremony, and also thanked them for electing him as honorary member, and hoped as time rolled on to come amongst them often.

The W.M. then said they were especially honoured that evening by the presence of representatives from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and he had much pleasure in proposing the R.W. Bros. P. McLagan, M.P., J. Winborne Laurie, and H. C. Close as hon. members. This was seconded by the S.W. and carried unanimously.

The R.W. Bro. J. W. LAURIE, P.G.M. (Nova Scotia), speaking for himself, said that the reception he had met with had given him very great pleasure; an old English Mason himself, he had risen to the position of presiding over the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. He had often performed the ceremony of consecration and installation himself, but he had experienced great pleasure in seeing it so ably performed by the Grand Secretary of England. He most cordially thanked them for the honour they had just conferred on himself and friends, by electing them as hon. members of so promising a lodge as the St. Ambrose.

The W.M. then proposed the founders as members of the lodge, and the following as joining members, Bros. J. Hill, M.D., C. Drummond, and George Augustus Berkeley. Several candidates were also proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

Letters of regret at being unable to be present were read from Bros. the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, Lord Tenderden, Sir Albert Woods, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Col. Burnaby, Sydney Turner, and others. A committee for preparing the bye-laws was next appointed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said there was no assembly in which it was better received, not because they were Masons, but because all Masons were loyal subjects. This being duly honoured, the W.M. next gave that of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," remarking that the toast came from his heart, and he felt sure that the hearts of all present would be animated with the same feeling towards their Royal Grand Master. Briefly he would state that theirs was the only warrant granted for a lodge in London during the past year. He hoped it would be in his power to thank His Royal Highness personally for the honour he had done the St. Ambrose Lodge. The toast of "The Pro. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers" followed. The W.M. said that they were honoured that evening with the presence of several Grand Officers, Present and Past, and he would couple that toast with the name of Bro. R. F. Gould, S.G. Deacon.

Bro. GOULD, in reply, said that he wished only to speak personally and for himself, for Bro. Richardson to-night was the industrious apprentice, and he was the idle one. He had started for the lodge on the Metropolitan Railway, and had been moving from one station to another until he must have been taken for a travelling inspector. Coming in so late he regretted that he should have been asked to respond in the presence of so many distinguished visitors. The year's work of the Grand Lodge had been a memorable one. There was the remarkable campaign in the West of England, and more recently the banquet to the G.M. at the Mansion House, which would long be remembered in Masonic annals. He regretted he was not present at the installation, but was quite sure that the illustrious brethren who had handled the forces so dexterously and well on the occasions he had just named, had done equally well in the present ceremony, and that it would serve to prove to young Masons that there was no Royal road to advancement in Masonry.

The W.M. then said that he rose to repay a debt of gratitude to those who had helped to bring them into existence—he referred to Bros. Col. Clarke, Capt. Phillips, and Frank Richardson—he was very nearly forgetting one of his own cloth—Bro. Simpson, who had given them such an excellent oration, and trusted they would not feel it an empty compliment that they were elected hon. members. They should be always pleased to see them at the lodge, and when they came they would always find a knife and fork. They had been long personal friends of his and he hoped they would not consider him egotistical when he said that a feeling of personal attachment to himself had much to do with their being present that evening.

Col. CLERKE thanked the W.M. for his kind and fraternal words; he had already been privileged to respond to similar sentiments in the lodge-room, and would only say that he had long had the pleasure of personal friendship with the W.M., and it gave him great satisfaction to see him installed that day in the chair of King Solomon. He regretted that the Chaplain, Bro. Simpson, was not able to remain with them, a recent family bereavement preventing him, and concluded by congratulating the W.M. on the position he had arrived at as Master of the St. Ambrose Lodge, which he felt sure was destined to occupy a high position in Masonry. Bro. Ambrose Hall had been a Mason forty-six years, and they all hoped he would serve another forty-six, and he begged them to drink with him "The Health of the W.M."

The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast. He had a feeling of diffidence as to carrying on the work of the lodge, but it gave way to a feeling of joy and exultation at arriving at the position he then held. The brethren might be assured, by what he had done already, he should not fail to exert himself to the utmost to benefit the lodge, and, although he might fail in some things, he should receive their united aid in the work. He thought it right that they should be informed briefly under what circumstances the lodge had been started. He had been asked by several residents in the neighbourhood, who wanted to hail under the banner of Freemasonry, to take steps for its formation. Then the question came, What should it be called; and as his name was Ambrose, it occurred to him that "St. Ambrose" would be suitable. He did not know whether St. Ambrose was a Mason, but, from what he knew of his Charities and erudition, if the members of the lodge would only emulate his virtues they would be right. He was just reminded by Bro. Laurie that he must have been a Mason if he possessed those virtues, but if not a Mason, according to the ritual, he was one in his performance of good works. He wished to add to the remarks he had made, that he had been assisted most ably by those who had associated themselves with him in founding the lodge, and concluded by heartily thanking all who had taken part in the day's proceedings.

The W.M. then rose to propose a toast which, he said, was an exceptional one. It was rarely that they had at such meetings so many representatives of sister Grand Lodges. He felt a peculiar pleasure in the fact that the St. Ambrose Lodge on its first meeting was honoured by representatives of the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and Nova Scotia, in the persons of Bros. McLagan, Close, and Laurie. It would have been his duty to have called on Bro. Close to respond, but that pleasure had been anticipated. In addition to being an officer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, he was one of themselves—a Past Grand Warden of England. He had great pleasure in giving them "The Health of Bro. McLagan, P.G.M. Lindisfarne; Bro. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; and Bro. Close, P.G.M. Armagh."

Bro. CLOSE, in responding, thanked them on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. He trusted that the fraternal feeling existing between the two Grand Lodges would be everlasting, and he offered to the W.M. the best wish that one Mason could convey to another—that the lodge might prosper under his hands.

Bro. LAURIE, in response, said it was a good deal to assume to be the representative of half a million of Freemasons; but he begged to thank them for the honour they had done him. It was sometimes said on the other side of the Atlantic that English Masons devoted themselves too much to the "Knife and Fork Degree," but all he could say was that they were equally famous for their Charities; and if English Masons took their pleasures as sadly as they had done that night, long might they continue them.

Bro. McLAGAN, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, heartily reciprocated the feeling that had been expressed. The brother who had just sat down had alluded to the Charities, and it had been said that there was much less attention paid to that Masonic virtue in Scotland than

in England. It was true they had not there the magnificent institutions that existed in England, but he hoped that in Scotland before long they, too, would be able to show that they had some regard for charity.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said that if hospitality failed, Masonry would fail, and he hoped this lodge would never fail in that duty. They had with them that day many excellent visitors. Bro. Sir Norman Pringle he had met to-day for the first time, but hoped in future to have that pleasure often. Col. Haldane, too, he was glad to welcome among them. He called on Bro. Sir Norman Pringle and Bro. Letchworth to respond.

Bro. Sir NORMAN PRINGLE, on behalf of himself and the other visitors present, thanked them most heartily for the reception the toast had met. As a very young Mason he could say that since he joined the body he had been more and more impressed with the fact that in Masonry they met together as brethren, casting aside all unworthy considerations. He congratulated the W.M. that another tent had been pitched in Masonry. He trusted that prosperity might remain now and for ever with the St. Ambrose Lodge.

Bro. LETCHWORTH said that after the eloquent speech of Bro. Sir Norman Pringle, and the feast that had been spread before them, he had little to say, but it had afforded him the greatest pleasure to be present at a lodge presided over by his personal friend, Bro. Ambrose Hall, whom he considered a worthy representative of that Saint whose name had been given to the lodge.

"The Health of the Founders" was then proposed by Bro. LAURIE, who said that although there were over 300 lodges in London already, and no other lodge had been chartered in London during 1880, it was quite clear there was a demand for it in the neighbourhood, and that the founders had supplied a clearly expressed want.

Bro. RAMSEY, in returning thanks, said that when it became known under whose auspices the lodge was to be formed it met with ready support. They had fully arrived at the necessity of being particular as to the position and character of those who wished to become members, and he felt quite sure that the honour of Masonry would be fully maintained by the St. Ambrose Lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Col. SOMERVILLE BURNIEY, who responded, and said that he considered it a compliment to be appointed to office. He should be always happy to attend to the duties, more especially under the Mastership of such a distinguished Mason as the W.M.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Mallitt Jones, assisted by Bros. G. T. Carter, Theo. Distin, and Thos. Baxter.

#### GRAND CONCERT IN LIVERPOOL IN AID OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

The name of Carl Rosa has become synonymous with all that is good and efficient in the operatic world, and as a consequence of this "name and fame" the morning concert given at Liverpool last Saturday afternoon by the chief members of his first-class company in aid of Masonic Charities excited an amount of interest which has not been equalled for many years. The locale of the musical meeting was the Queen's Operetta House, Bold-street, the free use of which was most generously given by Bros. Bell, P.M. 1609, P.P.G.J.D.; Woolrich, P.M. 1356, Treasurer 1609; and Brown, P.M. 241 and 1609, P.G. Treasurer; the lessees of this charming place of entertainment. The concert was given in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution (the boast and the glory of the province which enjoys the Masonic rule of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., R.A.V.P.G.M.) and the Benevolent Fund of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, under whose auspices the concert was inaugurated and carried out. The original idea with respect to the concert rightly belongs to the orchestral members of the Rosa Company who are connected with the Dramatic Lodge, and the spontaneous offer of their services was warmly taken up and carried out by the leading members of a lodge which has always been noted for its benevolence and true charity. A committee was appointed with the view of doing something towards securing the complete success of the proposed concert, the Chairman being Bro. W. Sandbrook, W.M.; Hon. Secretary, Bro. J. M. Boyd, Secretary of the lodge; and the Treasurer, Bro. John Atkinson, S.W. Mr. Carl Rosa, in a hearty and spontaneous manner, which is above all praise, did not hesitate for a moment to allow the full use of his undoubtedly great operatic resources, and each of the vocal principals, on being asked, most readily gave their services, which were all the more appreciated because they were given in a good spirit and in the cause of true charity. The concert was not advertised, and, therefore, all the more credit is due to the chiefs of the Dramatic Lodge, who succeeded in securing a complete success to the concert, notwithstanding the lukewarmness of other lodges in the effort.

A capital programme, supported by a company of vocal and instrumental artistes which has not been equalled in this city for many a day, proved sufficient to draw a crowded audience, and there was no mistaking the genuine enthusiasm which was elicited by each member on the most attractive bill of fare. The vocalists were Miss Georgina Burns, Miss Clara Perry, Miss Josephine Yorke, Mr. Joseph Maas, Mr. J. W. Turner, Mr. Leslie Crotty, Mr. G. H. Snazelle, and Bro. Henry Pyatt. The solo instrumentalists were Bro. E. Glover, violin; Bro. J. F. Rudersdorff, violoncello; and Bro. J. Van den Berg; and the orchestra was composed of about fifty instrumentalists.

Where there was so much that was excellent it is scarcely possible to single out any artiste for special praise. Taking the vocal "members" in their order, we should state that Bro. Pyatt sang Bishop's song, "Oh, firm as oak!" with manly force and feeling; Miss Clara Perry created a most lastingly pleasant impression by the extremely natural and effective reading she gave to Barri's song, "Beloved Again;" Mr. Leslie Crotty, the most promising of modern baritones, gave the ballad from "The Siege of Rochelle" with irresistible power and artistic refinement; Miss Josephine Yorke, occupying the first rank amongst living contraltos, sang Gounod's lovely air "When All was Young" with exquisite taste, the value of her efforts being greatly enhanced by the remarkably well played violoncello obligato of Bro. J. F. Rudersdorff; Mr. Joseph Maas created quite a *furore* by his splendid rendering of "The Death of Nelson;" Miss Georgina Burns, a prima-donna of the best order, secured "golden opinions" by her brilliant

rendering of Verdi's scena, "Ernani, involami;" Mr. J. W. Turner brought down the house with "The Bay of Biscay;" and the vocal members were effectively finished by Mr. G. H. Snazelle, who gave "The Tar's Lass" in good style. A conspicuously satisfactory feature of the concert was that no encores were insisted on, although each of the celebrated vocal principals were called at the close of their several appearances. Bro. E. Glover, leader of the Carl Rosa Orchestra, played a fantasia on airs from "The Daughter of the Regiment" in a most brilliant style; Bro. J. F. Rudersdorff, a worthy Mason and excellent musician, created a profound impression by the breadth of tone and marvellous manipulation he displayed in his performance of Popper's gems; and Bro. Van den Berg also secured much applause by his solo "Melancholie." Bro. John Pew, the conductor on the occasion, merits the highest praise for his skilful pilotage of the forces, and as a result the oldest musicians in the audience concurred in the opinion that the well-known overtures ("Freyschutz" and "William Tell") and the celebrated "Athalie" March could hardly have been better played than they were on this occasion by the noble band of fifty. The pianoforte accompaniments were exceedingly well played by Bros. J. J. Monk, 1609; J. W. Collinson, 1609; and R. Burgess, Organist 1609. This is the third occasion upon which the members of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge have come to the front in their efforts for pure charity, and it is satisfactory to know that they have never yet experienced a disappointment. The first dramatic venture at the Amphitheatre realised £100, given to the Decoration Fund of the Masonic Hall; a second similar effort brought in upwards of £50, sent to the Boys' School, London; and now it is expected that the Carl Rosa concert, so admirably carried out, will produce not far short of £100, to be allotted to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and the Benevolent Fund of the "Dramatic" (the first time, be it noted, the members have ever sought any part of the proceeds of their performances).

**BRO. MANUEL PRADO Y SANCHEZ AND FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.**

The following letter, the original of which is in Spanish, has been forwarded to us by its writer, with a request that it shall appear in our columns. Our readers, if they will refer to No. 597 of the *Freemason*, for August 14th, 1880, will find that Bro. Manuel Prado y Sanchez is the brother whom Bro. Juan Antonio Perez professes to have legally replaced as Sovereign Grand Commander of the true Grand Orient of Spain, after having received the Thirty-Third Degree from Bro. Prado y Sanchez. This letter confirms what our writer of the articles on "Freemasonry in Spain" says in regard to Bro. Perez, and his claim to recognition as a legally appointed Sovereign Grand Commander, and shows that Bro. Perez's claim to such recognition is entirely repudiated by the very "authority" at whose hands he claims to have received his Grand Commandatorial powers.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Much appreciated Brother,—  
In No. 597 of your excellent journal I have seen an interesting article entitled "Bro. Juan Antonio Perez, and Freemasonry in Spain," in which you comment upon the contents of a letter which you had received from Bro. Juan Antonio Perez, giving particulars as to his connection with Freemasonry in Spain.

In this letter of Bro. Perez, he declares that "Manuel Prado y Sanchez elevated Perez to the Thirty-Third Degree, and assumed the Grand Commandership" of the Orient over which Bro. Perez now presides, but he refrains from entering into particulars. I desire, therefore, to make certain statements with the intent that the whole truth shall become fully apparent.

Being at the time member of, and one of the original founders of, the "Oriente de Ibero" at Madrid, I found myself, in the year 1875, retired from all active Masonic work. In that year I was waited upon by a commission of Masonic brethren belonging to various Degrees, who explained the position in which Masonry in Spain then was placed, and who urged me to assume the Grand Mallet, and thus put an end to the dissensions which unhappily existed at the time. I accepted—although only provisionally—the arduous task required of me, with the sole desire to re-organise the Grand Orient of Spain, and then, when such a desired end was obtained, hand over my mallet to some fully competent brother able to assume the direction of my Masonic patria.

It was not long, however, after I had taken office, before I began to fear that the personal ambition of Bro. Perez would frustrate all my endeavours, and cause fresh division in our ranks; and a very short period elapsed before my fears were fully confirmed. Although myself only anxious to surround the high office I had assumed with brethren of acknowledged Masonic worth and prestige, both in the Masonic and in the outer world, I found myself opposed by Bro. Perez, who had only his own personal ambition to guide him. He annulled my appointments; he obliged me to dissolve the Supreme Council, which, in an evil hour for Spanish Masonry, I had been induced by him to create; and, finally, he induced me to declare null and void all my official acts and all the proceedings of the said Council, and to renounce in open Grand Lodge my pretended authority over it. But before doing this I was induced by Bro. Perez to confer upon him the Thirty-third Degree, although certain it is that I also subsequently annulled this act, and declared it irregular, as well as all the other acts which my excess of zeal induced me to perform whilst in exercise of the high office which I feel that I should never have agreed to accept.

So soon as brethren of position and influence came to know that I had separated myself from Bro. Perez, they rallied round me, with but few exceptions, and those who continued to support Bro. Perez were few in number, as well as in prestige or influence; but these few still continue to disturb the majestic march of Freemasonry in Spain, as represented in the person of the illustrious brother His Excellency Praxedes Mateo Sagasta, the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Spain.

The above is the true account of the proceedings which gave rise to the assumption by Bro. Juan Antonio Perez of the headship of the so-called "Oriente de Perez," and to his elevation to the Thirty-third Degree, and to the Grand Commandership and Grand Mastership, to which he is self-appointed. Very often, even with the best intentions, the hallucinations of a moment will lead us into error, of which

we very speedily repent. When such happens then self-abnegation should give us courage to confess that we did wrong, so that we may repair as much as possible the effects of our error. Thus animated, I made full atonement to the Grand Lodge of Spain, and I desire to confess my mistake in this, my present communication to you. I am also willing to repeat what I now say at any future time when necessary, as my conscience tells me this is right, whilst I anticipate the favourable support of the Masonic world.

I cannot allow the present occasion to pass without expressing my thanks to the brother who wrote for the *Freemason* those interesting articles on "Freemasonry in Spain," showing, as he does, in these not only veracity and perfect impartiality, but also a profound knowledge of my country, and of our customs, and also of Spanish Freemasonry.

I beg of you, brother Editor, to do me the favour of giving insertion to these lines, and allow me to assure you of my high esteem, respect, and fraternal regard.

MANUEL PRADO Y SANCHEZ.

**THE MASONIC SWINDLER AT NEWPORT.**

On Monday, the 17th inst., John Baker was brought up on remand, at Newport Police-court (before Messrs. A. J. Stevens, H. R. Evans, T. P. Wansbrough, and J. S. Stone), charged with stealing a Masonic certificate, the property of Joseph Rickards. There was a large number of Masons present during the inquiry. Mr. G. H. Llewellyn appeared for the prosecution. Prisoner was very subdued in his manner, and sought in no way to impeach the testimony given against him. He was also charged with forgery, which he did not deny. The evidence on both charges was briefly as follows:—

Bro. J. Rickards, waterman at the Alexandra Dock, and a Freemason, said on the 15th of December he met the prisoner on board a steamship. Prisoner asked him if he knew where there were any Masons, and witness replied, "Are you a Mason?" Prisoner said, "Yes, try me." Tried him, and found he was a Mason. Gave him a shilling, and took him home, where he gave him a dry suit of clothes, and fed him. Prisoner asked witness if he had a certificate, and showed him the one he had. Prisoner saw where he took it from. That night prisoner went to a lodging house. Next day and following day prisoner was at witness's house, and on the latter day left him in the house. Did not see him again. On Sunday, the 2nd inst., witness missed his certificate from the case in which he kept it. (Certificate produced.) It would cost a guinea to replace the certificate.

Alfred Jones, labourer, Penhow, said he was in the prosecutor's house on the 17th of December, when prisoner was there. Saw prisoner take the certificate out of the case, and fold it up, turning his back to witness as he did so.

Inspector Wilcox proved that he brought prisoner from St. Helen's to Newport. He produced the certificate which was taken from the prisoner at St. Helen's. In reply to the charge prisoner said he took the certificate to enable him to get some clothes.

Mr. Llewellyn then charged the prisoner with the offence of forgery by altering a request for the payment of 2s. 6d. into 5s. He said the prosecutors were very anxious that the prisoner should be committed for trial at the assizes, as he had been going all over the country and defrauding Masons. He had defrauded the superintendent of police at Abergavenny, and the like official at Hereford.

William Pickford, potato merchant, said he was Treasurer of the Silurian Lodge of Freemasons. On the 18th of December, 1880, prisoner came to him with a note, and wrote on the back, in pencil, the words "Dear Harry, give bearer 2s. 6d., and take his receipt." Directed prisoner to his son, and next morning when he saw the receipt he saw the 2s. 6d. had been altered to 5s. His son handed to him prisoner's receipt for the 5s., and there was an impertinent observation by him as well.

William Henry Pickford, son of the previous witness, said the prisoner came to him with the request for 5s., and he paid him 5s. (The impertinent observation was that the money would be repaid when he got to Liverpool, and the Master of the lodge would be reminded because he had refused to relieve him. The note sent to the Master was written by Mr. Chambers, who hoped the Silurian Lodge would do what it could for "Bro. Baker," who had been shipwrecked, and wished to go on to Liverpool.)

Prisoner said the forgery was done at his instigation, and not by himself. The Bench committed him for trial at the assizes.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair.

There were also present Bros. James Peters, Frank Richardson, Charles H. Webb, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Massa, Joshua Nunn, P. de Lande Long, J. H. Matthews, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reading of the minutes of the House Committee for information, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for £1840 for bills.

On the motion of Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. Col. PETERS, the salaries of several of the teachers were increased, and two more teachers were added to the staff, the increase being necessitated by the addition of Lyncombe House to the School.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN gave notice that he would move at next meeting that £100 a year be added to the salary of Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, from the 1st of January last, in consequence of his great exertion, on behalf of the Institution, and the successful result of those efforts during the past year.

One candidate was placed on the list for election in October next.

The Committee then adjourned.

"Olivette" reaches its 125th night on Tuesday next, and is as successful as on its first night, having lost none of its popularity, the handsome little theatre, the Strand, being completely filled every evening.

**REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.**

**Craft Masonry.**

**LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN (No. 145).**—The installation meeting of this centenarian lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended. There were present Bros. W. R. Lister, W.M.; John H. Leggett, I.P.M.; Dr. W. Whiteway Wilkinson, S.W. and W.M. elect; Charles Woods, J.W.; Thomas Bull, P.M.; Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx.; Sec.; John Chinnery, S.D.; Albert Daw Kerrell, J.D.; James Curtis, I.G.; John Reid, D.C.; Herbert C. Brock, W.S.; L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler; George Purkess, P.M.; David Haslett, P.M.; G. Spencer States, P.M., P.G.S.; C. V. Smith, G. Banks, J. Detraz, W. V. May, H. Dears, J. B. Lambe, W. F. Masters, D. Frost, W. Walker, H. Brooks, W. Harris, C. Parnacott; and the following visitors: Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Middx.; W. J. Ponton; C. J. Percival, P.M.; E. Lloyd; J. Bingham, P.M.; J. B. Docker, W.M.; H. Venn, P.M.; J. Dalde; C. F. Marriner; H. Pocock; H. Santer; F. Foxley; O. Lall Latreille; A. F. Spellet; F. D. Hume, P.M.; J. Finch, W.M.; W. Dawson; J. Green, P.M.; R. Roberts, P.M.; T. L. Wilkinson; W. Bohm; Alex. Pringle; J. Sothcott; H. M. Levy, P.M.; G. T. Carter, P.M.; and Theo. Distin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Leggett presented Bro. W. Whiteway Wilkinson to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Dr. W. Whiteway Wilkinson was duly installed in King Solomon's chair as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, proclaimed and saluted accordingly by the members, and generally congratulated by all present. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. Robinson Lister, I.P.M.; C. A. Woods, S.W.; A. Daw Kerrell, J.W.; T. Bull, Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, Sec.; J. Curtis, S.D.; J. Reid, J.D.; H. C. Brock, I.G.; G. Banks, D.C.; W. Masters, W.S.; J. B. Lambe, A.W.S.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. The usual P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. W. Robinson Lister, on his retiring from the chair, and as a mark of esteem. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to Tuesday, the 22nd of February. The brethren banqueted in their usual Crown-room at the Freemasons' Tavern, under Bro. Best's customary elaborate arrangements. The musical entertainment was under the direction of Bro. Theo. Distin, and was received with entire approbation.

**ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).**—This flourishing old lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. L. Norden. There was a large number of members and visitors present, the latter including Bros. Edgar Bowyer, G.S.W. Herts, P.M. 1580; George Kenning, Past G.D. Middx., W.M. 1057, P.M. 192; Wm. Russell, Past G.D. Kent, P.M. 77; R. Baker, W.M. 188; C. Wellard, W.M. 1310; B. D. Barnett, W.M. 1668; H. W. Gladwell, I.P.M. 1298; D. Nicholson, P.M. 19; S. M. Lazarus, P.M. 55, 95; C. W. Webb, P.M. 174; S. L. Hickman, P.M. 188; L. Lazarus, P.M. 188; C. Hunt, P.M. 194; J. Lazarus, P.M. 1017; J. Grinnebaum, P.M. 1017; A. B. Castman, 23; B. Newstead, 142; H. E. Batchelor, 153; F. J. Vanderpank, 162; A. Myer, 185; C. W. Cox, 188; C. W. Bowley, 248; D. M. Davis, 1017; R. Callingham, 1178; Thomas Frame, 1348; E. George, 1487; J. R. Johnson, 1541; B. Cohen, 1658; H. Cohen, 1658; G. F. Smith, 1706; W. H. Ginningham, 1707; and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. L. Norden, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. H. J. Phillips, S.W.; Joseph Da Silva, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Frederick Hogard, P.M., Past G.S. of Works Essex, Sec.; A. Bassington, P.M.; S. W. Harris, P.M.; H. M. Harris, P.M.; J. P. Cohen, P.M.; A. A. Abrahams, J.D.; John A. Gartley, I.G.; E. J. Ward, Steward; J. Rawles, Tyler; C. M. Anderson, A. L. Gartley, E. Richmond, A. P. Cohen, B. Boas, S. Gompers, E. H. Norden, E. Schumann, A. Abraham, A. Cohen, Solomon Jacobs, Joseph Jacobs, M. Jacobs, H. Shanly, and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been submitted, were unanimously confirmed, as were also the minutes of the Audit Committee. The Treasurer's report was also received, showing a satisfactory balance sheet of the receipts and general expenditure of the lodge, also of the Benevolent Fund, the latter showing a balance of £580 invested in Consols. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Samuel Henry Philcox and Phillip Oesterman, two candidates for initiation. The result being in their favour, they were, after due preparation, introduced, and impressively and solemnly initiated into the mysteries of our ancient Order. Bros. J. Jacobs, M. Jacobs, S. Jacobs, and C. M. Anderson were afterwards passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, both ceremonies being ably performed by Bro. Norden. Bro. Joseph Saber, of the Israel Lodge, No. 1502, Liverpool, was then balloted for as a joining member, which proving in his favour, that brother was duly admitted into the lodge. The installation ceremony was the next business—Bro. L. Norden in the chair of K.S.; Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1580, and C. W. Webb, P.M. 174, acting as Wardens. The W.M. elect, Bro. Humphrey J. Phillips, was then presented by Bro. Bassington, P.M., and having assented to the ancient charges, forcibly delivered by Bro. Hogard, P.M., he was duly obligated, and the brethren below the chair retired. On their re-admission, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed in the Three Degrees, and saluted by the brethren according to ancient custom.

The W.M. invested as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren: Bros. Joseph Da Silva, S.W.; A. Abraham, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); A. A. Abrahams, S.D.; J. A. Gartley, J.D.; E. J. Ward, I.G.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D. of C.; E. H. Norden, W.S.; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then given by Bro. L. Norden, who performed the whole of

the installation ceremony in a masterly manner and with remarkable effect, receiving valuable assistance from Bro. I. P. Cohen, as D. of C. The first duty the newly-installed Master performed was the presentation to Bro. Norden of a handsome Past Master's jewel. In doing so, the W.M. said it was a duty that he performed with the greatest pleasure and with the best possible feeling, as it was a proof of the good will that existed between the late Master and the brethren, also as a token of their appreciation of the able manner in which he had performed his duties, not only in the lodge, but at the banquet table. The W.M. briefly replied. The Secretary, Bro. C. F. Hogard, then read several letters from expected guests, who were prevented from being present owing to indisposition and other causes. These included Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Sir Albert W. Woods, G.D. of C.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; and others. The Secretary also announced that he had received a circular from the "John Hervey Memorial Committee," and gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose that the sum of £3 3s. be voted from the lodge funds to the said Committee. The lodge was then closed, the brethren adjourning to the Pillar Room to banquet, the serving of which was highly creditable to the manager of the hotel, Bro. E. H. Rand.

The W.M., in commencing the toasts, gave the one first given in all assemblies, and which nowhere was received with more loyalty than in Masonic lodges, "Her Majesty the Queen," with which he would couple the Craft. The next toast he felt great honour in proposing, it was that of "The M.W.G.M." The onerous duties attached to the position of G.M. had never been discharged in a more able manner than they had been by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The W.M., in proposing, "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said from the manner in which these distinguished Masons performed their duties it must be apparent that while such brethren were at the head of the Craft it would continue to flourish as it had done within the last few years. The I.P.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said that it had given him much pleasure to instal Bro. Phillips into the chair that evening. Bro. Phillips had doubtless reached the summit of his Masonic ambition when he found himself W.M. of the Israel Lodge. He (Bro. Norden) was sure Bro. Phillips would prove a good Master of the lodge, and would study in every way its interests. The W.M., in reply, said he felt some diffidence in replying, as he was but a poor speaker. He thanked the brethren very much indeed for electing him to such a proud position, and assured them that he would do his best to fulfil his duties well, and trusted at the end of his year he would be treated in the same hearty manner as he had been that evening. The next toast was "The Initiates," proposed by the W.M., who thought that the installation night was the best occasion for an initiate to enter a lodge, as it must have some influence over him, and cause him to aspire to the chair he now had the honour of filling. The initiates having responded in brief terms, Bro. Edgar Bowyer replied on behalf of "The Visitors," expressing the very great pleasure the working of the I.P.M. had afforded him, and also returned thanks for the hearty hospitality that had been extended at the banquet table. At this moment Bro. James Terry arrived accompanied by Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.M. 1717, W.M. 1835, and P.D.D.G.M. Malta, both of whom received a very hearty welcome. Bro. Terry had been invited to the lodge but could not be present owing to his having to instal the Principals of the Star Chapter at Greenwich. With the toast of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel was coupled the name of the father of the lodge, Bro. Cohen, President of the fund, who in the course of a long speech, eloquently appealed to the brethren for subscriptions to the fund, which was formed to assist the members of the lodge who through unforeseen circumstances might need relief. The worthy President having headed the list with a guinea, it was soon followed by other subscriptions, which in a very short time amounted to £16, including 10s. 6d. from Bro. Past Master Biggs, who though unfortunately not present, sent his donation. Bro. Phillips then proposed the "Immediate P.M.," complimenting him on the skill and ability with which he had discharged his duties, and hoped he would be spared many years to render the same valuable assistance to the lodge. In reply Bro. Norden returned thanks, assuring the brethren that it had been his earnest desire to do his best, and if he had pleased them by so doing, it was all he desired. He was initiated in the Israel Lodge, and he should always be pleased to give what assistance he could, though he knew little would be required as the officers were all efficient and always in their place. Bro. S. M. Harris having responded on behalf of the "Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, to which the S.W., Bro. Da Silva, suitably replied. A special toast was next given in honour of the visit of Bro. A. M. Broadley, barrister, of Tunis, who, in the course of an effective speech, said his only regret in visiting the lodge that evening was that he had not been present at the working, which he understood had been so excellent. Though he had never visited it before, still the Lodge of Israel was quite familiar to him, owing to the very favourable reports of the proceedings at the various meetings that had appeared from time to time in the Masonic press. The Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—The January meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-Hill. There were present during the evening Bros. Samuel Smout, W.M.; E. M. Lander, I.P.M.; J. S. Adkins, W.M. 990, acting S.W.; S. Smout, jun., J.W.; George Penn, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Nye, S.D.; James Bartle, J.D.; John Woodmason, I.G.; Samuel Hy. Parkhouse, P.M., D. of C.; W. W. Buckland, Asst. D. of C.; F. Delevanti, Org.; J. H. Wood, and F. Crabb, Stewds.; and R. Schofield, P.M., Tyler; Churchwarden R. H. Pearson, L. Lichtwitz, J. Linscott, F. Ernest Pocock, E. Rogers, John French, G. F. H. Rule, John M. Huish, W. Burgess, W. H. Wadham, H. Taylor W. T. Hook, G. A. Williams, John Whitlesee, Henry Hart, Wm. Oldrey, Caleb Manchester, Thomas W. Heath, James Flood, Joseph Robson, C. D. Gowland, W. R. Hatton, and the following visitors: Bros. James Neal York, Past G.S.W. Cambridgeshire; W. B. Broad, P.M., 457;

Past G.D. Mon.; A. B. Baker, W.M. 1828; J. W. Cuff, W.M. elect 1608; John Williams, W.M. elect 1791; W. Handover, P.M. 144; G. M. Grogan, P.M. 749; Major R. Thomson, 167; T. Fisher, 733; J. Blundell, 742; B. Jeffries, 1489; Chas. Webster, 1637; K. R. Montgomery, 1871; and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

Lodge being opened, the minutes of the installation meeting in November were read and confirmed. The chair was then assumed by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., who, together with Bros. Past Masters Murlis and Lander, impressively raised Bros. C. B. Broad, F. J. Broad, and G. W. Wilkinson to the Degree of Master Mason. The W.M., Bro. Smout, having resumed the chair, proceeded to pass Bro. Phillip H. Hardcastle, and subsequently initiated Mr. Wm. Henry Handover into the mysteries of Freemasonry, both ceremonies being performed in a highly creditable manner. Previous to the closing of the lodge, the Secretary announced the receipt of a letter from Bro. the Rev. Darby Reid, S.W. of the lodge, apologising for his non-attendance, caused by a severe cold. Bro. Murlis also drew the attention of the brethren to the forthcoming ball in connection with the lodge, which we understand takes place at the Town Hall, Kensington, on February, the 17th prox., and that whatever amount is derived by the sale of tickets will be given, less expenses, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The result of the last ball produced the handsome sum of fifty guineas, which was in due course forwarded to Bro. James Terry, the energetic Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a well spread supper awaited them. At its conclusion, the W.M. proceeded with the toast list. After the two first toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," had been loyally honoured, never with more enthusiasm, the W.M. gave, in cordial terms, that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master," remarking that it was the custom in this lodge always to make this toast a special toast, as it was to the noble earl they owed the special privilege of using his name and arms of the Herbert family. The toast of "The Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers" followed, and was heartily received. Bro. E. M. Lander, as I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he could not do in too praiseworthy terms. All that knew him, loved, honoured, and respected him, and he was sure he would shine as a star in the lodge as long as his health permitted him to be amongst them. He (Bro. Lander) wished him long life and happiness, which wish he knew was sincerely endorsed by every member present. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Lander for the kindly manner in which he had proposed his health, also the brethren for their hearty reception. He must say that he took a very great interest in the lodge, having been one of its founders, and it was his intention to continue to do his best for its welfare in the future as he had in the past. This was the first meeting in the new year, and he was afforded the opportunity of wishing it (the year) might be a happy one to them all. The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary, and Past Masters," were given together, and having been responded to by those brethren with their accustomed modesty, the W.M. gave "The Health of the Initiate," remarking that he was sure Bro. Handover would prove an honour to the lodge, and endeavour to reach the same office as his father held—that of Past Master. He was very pleased to see Bro. Handyside present at the initiation of his son. Previous to the reply of the initiate, which was neat and appropriate, Bro. Murlis favoured the brethren with a song, the "Lass of Richmond Hill." To the toast of "The Visitors," proposed in complimentary terms, Bros. York, Baker, Williams, and several others ably responded.

**CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).**—A meeting of this lodge was held in the handsome Masonic Room, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct, on Wednesday week, the 19th inst., Bro. Defriez presiding in the absence of the Worshipful Master; Bro. J. D. Simmonds not making his appearance until a late hour in the evening, having been "snowed up" at Rugby. Among the brethren present at the opening of the lodge were Bros. W. J. Hunter, P.M.; Frank S. Rothschild, I.P.M. 1288, S.W.; Arthur Millward, J.W.; Rev. W. H. W. Casely, Chap.; S. Rushton, Org.; Robert D. Cummings, I.G.; H. Thomas, Tyler; Charles John Scull, W. Cook, Thomas Hyland, P.M. 201; J. H. Collingridge, W. F. Garrud, W. B. Kidder, John Carnaby, W. P. Hollis, S. J. Fletcher, Harold Halliday, T. Pugston, A. J. Buckingham, J. Speller, Farr, W. Mackie, W. Moorhouse, C. J. Pull, and W. J. Eade. Visitors: Bros. A. Bonner, P.M. 569, S.C.; W. Tillett, P.M. 752; A. H. Hickman, J.W. 228; T. M. Tremere, 1314; W. Burrows, 1364; M. Gaze, 1687; and F. A. Kelly, (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Mr. Edgar Edward Home, which proving unanimous in his favour, that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. Bros. Halliday, Hollis, and Speller were afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where an excellent banquet, exceedingly well served, under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. A. Begbie, was provided. Grace was said both before banquet and at its close by the Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. W. H. W. Casely. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received. Bro. Past Master Hunter in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master" expressed his regret at the non-arrival of Bro. Simmonds, who he feared had been "snowed up" somewhere, as he was due from Birmingham early in the afternoon. The gap caused by Bro. Simmonds' absence had been admirably filled by Bro. Defriez, whose health he would ask the brethren to drink in bumpers. Bro. Defriez, in the course of his reply, also expressed regret at the absence of the W.M., whose position he had filled to the best of his ability. Bro. Hunter would have performed the duties, but was unfortunately suffering from a severe bronchial attack. During the worthy doctor's remarks, the W.M., Bro. Simmonds, made his appearance, and was received in a most enthusiastic manner, informing the brethren, as soon as he obtained a hearing, that his late arrival was caused, as we have already said, by the train being "snowed up" at Rugby. The toast of "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. Hunter, after which Bro. A. H. Hickman sang "Tell me the sign, John." The toast of "The Visitors" followed, eliciting replies from Bros. Hickman, Tremere, Burrows, and Tillett, the last

named expressing his desire to become a member of the Crusaders Lodge. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was facetiously replied to by the Chaplain, shortly after which the brethren separated.

**TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).**—A numerous assembly of members and visitors were present at the meeting of this lodge held on Thursday week, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, to witness the installation of Bro. Alfred E. Staley, S.W., as Worshipful Master. It being known that Bro. Bush intended to perform the installation ceremony a Masonic "treat" was anticipated. The anticipators were not disappointed, as the ceremony was certainly performed by Bro. Bush in a marvellous manner, he going through the whole of the ritual, without an error or pause of any kind. The lodge was opened with the usual formalities by Bro. Thomas W. Casburn Bush, Bro. A. E. Staley, W.M. elect, occupying the chair of S.W., Bros. Benj. Buckworth, J.W.; G. Adamson, P.M. Treas.; John Dixon, P.M.; W. Woodward, S.D.; G. S. Recknell, I.G.; R. Kimpton, D. of C.; E. N. Carter, Steward; A. B. Church, Tyler; E. Stubbs, C. Silverthorne, jun., P. Lehany, W. W. Codd, G. E. Smith, J. Booty, John Kimpton, W. Fowler, John W. Chapman, and others. The visitors included Bros. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, W.M. 1159; W. D. Bailey, W.M. 185; T. W. MacCauly, W.M. 1397; Frederick Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; H. Potter, P.M. 11; Charles Daniel, P.M. 65; John H. Ross, P.M. 185; Volney Keene, P.M. 203; T. Cunningham, P.M. and Sec. 754; G. W. Preston, P.M. 861; F. Croker, S.W. 185; John Taylor, J.D. 1790; Henri de Solla, Org. 11; F. R. Callow, 45; A. R. Carter, 257; G. L. Turner, 879; Robert Lawson, 1426; W. Furse, 1830; and F. A. Kelly, (*Freemason*). The first business before the lodge, that of confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, having been attended to, Bro. T. W. Casburn Bush proceeded to raise Bro. Harris to the Third Degree, which ceremony Bro. Bush performed in his well known able manner. Bro. Charles Butcher having resumed the chair, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Frederick Janes and John Lloyd Breeze. The ballot being proved in their favour, after being properly prepared, the candidates were admitted and regularly initiated into the mystic Order. The installation was then proceeded with. Bro. A. E. Staley having been presented and the usual charges read, the brethren below the degree of I.M. withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. Bush, in a most able and impressive manner, placed Bro. Alfred E. Staley in the chair of K.S. On the readmission of the brethren, the working tools in the several Degrees were presented, and the newly-installed Master saluted in ancient form. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Charles Butcher, I.P.M.; Kennett Harris, S.W.; B. Buckworth, W.M. 1790, J.W.; G. Adamson, P.M. 199 and 1268, Treas.; Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M., J.W. 185, Sec.; W. Woodward, S.D.; G. S. Recknell, J.D.; R. Kimpton, I.G.; E. N. Carter, D.C.; J. W. Chapman, W.S.; and A. B. Church, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was then read and unanimously carried. Bro. Adamson next brought forward the motion that stood in his name, "That the sum of five guineas be taken from the funds of the lodge, and handed to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Widows of Freemasons." This motion, which was seconded, was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the pillar room, and under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., partook of a most sumptuous banquet, well provided and served by Bro. Clemow. After banquet the usual toasts were proposed. The W.M. said: Brethren, the first toast it is our custom always to propose is that of "The Queen and the Craft." Her Majesty has so endeared herself to all classes of her subjects by her many amiable and queenly qualities that this particular toast is always well received, particularly in Masonic lodges. Bro. Silverthorne having sang the "National Anthem," the W.M. said the next toast was that of "The M.W.G.M." His Royal Highness, Bro. Staley continued, had shown his interest in the Order in so many ways by so closely connecting himself with Grand Lodge, and at all times exhibiting such willingness to give his time, when such would tend to further any good object, that it would be impossible to have a better Master. He sincerely trusted he might live long to fill the high position he now held. Bro. Staley then gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers." The names of these distinguished brethren were such household words, if he (the W.M.) might use the expression, and so well known to all that took any interest in Freemasonry, that it would be superfluous for him to mention their virtues. He would merely ask the brethren to drink to their healths in a bumper. The next toast was that of "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. C. Bullock, I.P.M., who said that, to judge by the energy he had displayed during his career as a junior officer since the formation of the lodge, he would add great lustre to the lodge during his year of office. He had in the minor offices rendered every assistance to the lodge, and had been so graceful in all his actions towards the members as to win for him the esteem of them all. The W.M., in reply, said that it had always been his ambition to fill the Master's chair of this lodge, though, now he had attained that position, he felt a great amount of diffidence as to the manner he should carry out his duties. He could only promise, which he did sincerely, to do his utmost during his year of office to make the Temple Bar Lodge equal to the best in the Craft. In reply to the toast of "The Initiate," Bro. Breeze hoped he would always prove a jealous guardian of the principles of the Craft; and Bro. Janes expressed the great honour he felt at belonging to the Masonic body. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said he was happy to see so many present, and to know that they excelled in number any previous meeting. Among them was Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, W.M. of the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, upon whom he should call to respond. That distinguished visitor, in the course of his reply, said he felt exceedingly grateful for the invitation for that evening. It was peculiarly gratifying of "The Treasurer and Secretary," introduced at this early stage of the proceedings in consequence of the ill-health of Bro. Adamson, who wished to retire. To their to him to be present at the installation of his friend, Bro. Staley, who possessed the esteem of all that knew him. No other engagement had he ever had more pleasure in keeping. The next toast was that

Treasurer the W.M. said they owed much for the diligence and attention he paid to all matters concerning the lodge. They were also indebted to him for instruction on various matters, he being an authority on everything connected with Masonry. With regard to the Secretary, they, personally, had been acquainted with one another for a very long time. Bro. Bush was initiated in the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, one month before him. He had occupied the chair in this lodge before him, as he would also do in the Tranquillity. Their Secretary was the "prop" of this lodge, and too much certainly could not be said to his credit. Bro. Adamson, in reply, said that, suffering as he was, the brethren would, he was sure, excuse him from making a long speech. So long as he saw the balance of the lodge increasing he was easy in his mind and perfectly satisfied. The lodge was, he felt exceedingly pleased to say, increasing most satisfactorily in members and funds. In their success they had not forgotten the Charities; they had been liberally supported last year, and he hoped this year the support would be doubled. Bro. Adamson then eloquently recited the claims of the three Masonic Institutions, the support which they annually received being he said, the wonder of the world. Bro. Staley next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," which was received with hearty cheers by the brethren. He said they were all extremely gratified and pleased with the very able manner in which Bro. Bush had performed that office. The effective manner in which he had gone through the whole of the ceremony, without a single hitch of any kind, elicited the admiration of all who had the privilege of witnessing the ceremony. Bro. Bush, in rising to reply, was heartily cheered. In a few graceful and well chosen terms, Bro. Bush assured the brethren that the services he had rendered as I.M. had been given with the greatest pleasure. Anything that he could do for the lodge, either as Secretary, Past Master, socially or privately, would be done by him to the best of his ability. In introducing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said, though the lodge, as all knew, was quite young, they had three Past Masters, and they all felt glad of having three such good Masons as Bros. Bullock, Bush, and Dixon. They had rendered very great assistance, and had done all they could for its interest and advancement in the Craft. Bro. Bullock having replied, the W.M. gave the remaining toast, "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's, toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. Between the toasts some excellent singing was given by Bros. Jno. H. Ross, Henri de Solla, W. D. Bayley, G. S. Recknell, and C. Silverthorne, jun.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—**On Thursday, the 20th inst., an emergency meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, when, considering the extremely inclement weather, and the inability of several of the officers, and others, to be present on account of illness, the attendance was much better than could have been expected.

The lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, W.M., supported by Bros. Philip Braham, I.P.M.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., as S.W.; C. Radway, J.W.; Ashley, P.M., and Treas.; James Clark, P.M., as Dir. of Cer.; Cater, Sec.; Mercer, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; Peach, as I.G.; T. E. Wilton, Stewd.; and Bigwood, Tyler. Many members were present, and as visitors, Bros. E. L. Hill, P.M. 906; F. Hartnell, J.W. 772; and W. H. Young, 906. The Secretary having read the circular of summons, it was announced that the three candidates for admission to the privileges of Freemasonry were in attendance, a favourable ballot having been taken for them at a previous meeting. All necessary preliminaries having been arranged, Messrs. F. S. Clark, G. H. Bartlett, and T. J. Pinker were introduced, and duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., assisted by the Treasurer, Bro. Mercer, with his usual care and accuracy, gave the description and application of the working tools, and Bro. Peach most creditably delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the Degree. The W.M. concluded the proceedings by giving the charge. The candidates appeared fully impressed with the solemnity and completeness with which the ceremony had been conducted, and severally returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them. A letter from the Secretary of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, was read, the object being to solicit the co-operation of the members of No. 41, in obtaining the consent of the Prov. G.M. to hold the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Bath. A discussion took place, in which the W.M., Treasurer, J.W., and S.D. took part, in which it was elicited that some months ago, when it was proposed to celebrate the centenary of the Freemasons' Hall medal presented to No. 41, at a provincial meeting at Bath, the D.P.G.M. had represented that it was the custom to take the several towns in which there are lodges in rotation, though in the particular instance the peculiar circumstances might in the opinion of the Prov. Grand Master justify a deviation from the rule. Moreover, it was suggested by the S.D. that in 1883 will occur the 150th anniversary of the formation of No. 41, and that it might be desirable to celebrate it, and to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge at Bath, on the occasion, rather than at the present time. A resolution was passed in accordance with this view. A discussion also took place as to a circular in reference to the "Pupils' Assistance Fund." The general feeling seemed to be that while there are so many more applicants for admission into the schools than can be received, it is not desirable to increase the advantages of those already admitted, and there was a general agreement with the views expressed at a meeting of the Governors of the "Girls' School," as recorded in the *Freemason* of January 15th. A resolution to this effect was unanimously passed. The lodge was closed at ten o'clock.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—**The first meeting of this lodge for the year was held at the rooms, No. 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 24th inst., when there was a capital muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened shortly after seven p.m., by Bro. John Wood, W.M., assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. Robt. Whitfield, I.P.M.; J. G. Smith, S.W.; E. Liddell, J.W.; W. Brewis Elsdon, Treasurer; E. W. Middlemast, Secretary; W. F. Carmon, as S.D.; A. Simpson, as J.D.; R. Ferry, Organist; Wm. M. Pybus, J.S., as I.G.; A. R. Rhagg, S.S.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. Amongst the members were Bros. R. B. Reed, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; Jas. McCulloch, P.M.; John Mackay, P.M. and W.M. 424; E. Shewbrooks, Geo. Bolam, W. Whitfield, R. Tate, W. Dalrymple, Jos. Ivison, W. F. Raeburn, W. Richardson, and

others. The visiting brethren consisted of Bros. F. H. Corder, W.M. 1664; G. F. Charlton, S.W. 1664; F. R. Bettenstadt, 1664; H. Aslier, S.W. 541; W. F. Carmon, 481; John Page, I.P.M. 406; A. Simpson, 406; T. V. Smith, W.M. 991; P. W. Thomson, J.W. 991; George Turnbull, J.W. 991; W. Gladstone, P.M. 991; C. Read, I.G. 991; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; G. Hardy, I.P.M. 1643; Wm. Eckford, S.W. and W.M. elect 1643; E. A. Gibson, 424; and R. Reid, 431.

The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Edwin Perry, proposed at last lodge, and he was declared duly elected. The candidate being in attendance and properly prepared was duly initiated into the mysteries by the W.M. The working tools were explained by the J.W. Bro. George Bolam was then passed to the Second Degree, when the nominations for Treasurer, Tyler, Organist, and Finance Committee were made. Bro. Anthony Clapham, P.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. A framed photograph of the illuminated address recently presented to the P.P.G.M., Bro. John Fawcett, was handed to the W.M., on behalf of the lodge. The visiting brethren tendered "Heart good wishes," and the W.M. closed the proceedings at nine o'clock.

The brethren attended the refreshment board in goodly numbers, and a pleasant evening was spent in harmony and in giving the usual Masonic toast list. The Tyler's toast was given at 11 p.m., when the company dispersed.

**LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—**The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Notwithstanding the fact that it has given off branches of no mean importance, the lodge is still in the enjoyment of vigorous life, as the proceedings on this occasion at Hope-street proved, when the brethren met to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. James Hilton, S.W., a deservedly popular member. Bro. Thomas W. Serjeant, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., took the chair, in the absence of Bro. C. Birch, W.M., through illness, and very efficiently installed the W.M. elect, who was presented by Bro. B. W. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.R., and Bro. C. Bromley, P.M., in the presence of a large number of members and visiting P.M.'s and P.G. Officers holding high positions in the Craft. After the usual salutations the following officers and brethren were appointed and invested: Bros. C. Birch, I.P.M. (by proxy); Thomas Hatton, S.W.; W. Gick, J.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); E. Catrall, Secretary; J. N. Hounsell, S.D.; E. Donnelly, J.D.; J. Galloway, I.G.; T. W. Serjeant, P.M., M.C.; H. W. Martin, Steward; and F. Johnson, J.S. (by proxy). Bro. Peter Paul was re-elected Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where dinner was well served by Bro. Chapman, House Steward, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge by the W.M.

**BRIGHTON.—Royal Clarence Lodge (No. 271).—**The installation meeting and following banquet of this, the oldest lodge in Brighton, took place on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Royal Pavilion. Bro. I.P.M. Smith, having thanked his officers for their attention during the year, vacated the Master's chair, which was taken by W. Bro. John H. Scott, J.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who performed most impressively the ceremony of installing the newly-elected W.M., Bro. F. Sundius Smith, who then appointed his officers, including Bros. Woodman, S.W.; Alfred King, J.W.; P. R. Wilkinson, Treasurer; C. Corder, Secretary; and others. The banquet, served in the banqueting-room by Bros. Sayers and Marks, was fully equal to any of their previous efforts; the wines were excellent, and the dessert (including pine apples, grapes, and Tangerine oranges) left nothing to be desired. The newly-installed W.M. presided most efficiently, supported by Bros. Scott, Kuhe, P.G. Org.; G. W. King, Provincial S.G.W.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. A. Stuckey, P.M.; P. R. Wilkinson, G. de Paris, Cecil Parsons, Passmore, W. H. Cockburn, Charrington, Lemon (5th Dragon Guards), T. Packham, W.M. York, 315; Hauxwell, W.M. Brunswick, 811; W. T. Nell, W.M. St. Cecilia, 1636; James Curtis, W.M. Southdown, 1797; the W.M. Worthing Lodge of Friendship; Powell, Burrell Lodge, and others. Apologies, expressive of regret at inability to attend, either from ill health or from the inclemency of the weather, were received from R.W. Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master; Gerard Ford, Prov. G. Registrar; T. Wilkinson, P.M.; various Masters of Sussex lodges, &c.

**OLDHAM.—Friendship Lodge (No. 277).—**The installation of Bro. the Rev. Joseph Harrison became *un fait accompli* on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. Abraham Clegg, W.M.; Rev. J. Harrison, S.W.; John Buckley, J.W.; Rev. J. Bumstead, Chap.; Wm. Myott, Treas.; Thos. Bailey, Sec.; H. T. Sortwell, S.D.; Ralph Holden, I.G.; J. E. Tweedale, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Joseph Braddock, P.M.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.M.; John Greaves, P.M.; Henry Thomas, P.M.; Isaac Frockter, P.M.; J. J. Midgley, P.M.; Joseph Brierley, D. Johnson, Hugh Shaw, J. M. Hamilton, Joseph Lord, J. G. Ireland, H. Smyth, R. A. Collinge, Bennett, C. Mattinson, John E. Rubie, and S. Alfred Thorp, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Potts, W.M. 467; G. A. Coleman, I.P.M. 467; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Hudson Lister, P.M. 1011; John Brierley, S.D. 1496; W. Edwards, P.M. 467; Nathaniel Dumville, P.M. 1011; and R. R. Lisenden 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in ancient form at 3.40, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The annual balance sheet was reported on by the S.W., Bro. the Rev. J. Harrison, who expressed his extreme satisfaction on the correctness with which their Secretary, Bro. Bailey, had kept the lodge books, thereby making his (Bro. Harrison's) task of auditing the accounts a very easy one. The report was adopted at the proper time. The W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. J. Harrison, was duly presented by Bro. J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G. Reg., to the Installing Master, Bro. J. L. Hollingworth, and by that assiduous brother duly installed with all due rite and ceremony into the chair of K.S. The Installing Master, assisted by the newly installed W.M., invested and addressed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Buckley, S.W.; H. T. Sortwell, J.W.; Rev. J. Bumstead, Chap.; Wm. Myott,

Treas.; Thos. Bayley, Sec.; H. Smyth, S.D.; J. M. Hamilton, J.D.; Ralph Holden, I.G.; J. G. Ireland, D. of C.; John E. Rubie, and Duckworth, Stewds.; and S. A. Thorp, Tyler. Bro. H. L. Hollingworth, who had throughout conducted the ceremony in a thoroughly efficient manner, concluded it by giving the addresses, and when "Heart good wishes;" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John by a banquet, which was all that could be desired, and at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In reply to the toast of his health, which was received with much enthusiasm, the W.M. remarked that if the G.A.O.T.U. gave him health, he would do all that laid in his power for the benefit of the lodge, especially if supported by his officers. The lodge, Bro. Harrison said, was now ninety years old, and there had been 117 W.M.'s. presiding over it during that time, and in adding one more to the list in himself, he felt extremely proud of the position to which the brethren had elected him, and trusted that the working which had been so ably performed by the different officers of the Friendship Lodge for a long period would be carried on with the same spirit during his year of office. Several other toasts were proposed, and responded to, and with some ably rendered glees and quartets by Bros. Mark Stafford, William and Nathaniel Dumville, and Hudson Lister, a most successful meeting was brought to a close shortly before eleven o'clock.

**LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—**The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, those present including Bros. S. Tanner, P.M.; T. R. White, P.M. and P.G.S.; R. Crosskey, Treasurer and P.G. Treas.; A. Holman, S.W.; R. Blaker, J.W.; J. H. Every, Sec.; Honey, S.D.; Starnes, Org.; H. Hall, Tyler; J. C. Lucas, P.M.; G. A. Jenner, G. Holman, Hawkins, G. J. Lenny, Visitors: Bros. Wells, W.M. 40; Croucher, M.D., W.M. 1842; Wilkinson, and Denman. After the usual working, which was ably performed by Bro. Tanner, the Installing Master, Bro. A. Holman, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he afterwards appointed the following as his officers: Bros. R. Blaker, S.W.; W. D. Stone, J.W.; Tanner, D.C.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; J. H. Every, Sec.; Bridges, S.D.; Chapman, J.D.; G. Holman, I.G.; Starnes, Org.; and Hall, Tyler. A banquet was provided in first-rate style by Bro. Cooper, at the White Hart Hotel, when about thirty sat down, there being in addition to those mentioned above, Bros. Adams, W.M.; G. Stone, I.P.M.; W. W. Turner, P.M.; Stedman, L. Smythe, M.D.; Whitcomb, Carvick, Hemmings, Pitcher, and Hendricks. The attendance was smaller than usual, owing to the inability of the brethren to attend in consequence of the severe snowstorm, letters and telegrams of apology being received from all quarters up to the last moment. Under the presidency of the new W.M., Bro. A. Holman, everything passed off most pleasantly.

**WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—**On Monday the 17th inst., the brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, to take part in the installation of Bro. W. G. Lockety as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the worthy Installing Master, Bro. John Stevenson, P.M. The new W.M. afterwards invested the officers of the lodge who have been appointed for the year now commenced as follows: Bros. Francis Thornton, I.P.M.; W. E. Wolsey, S.W.; Middleton Smith, J.W.; J. N. Lawson, P.M. Treasurer; J. B. Dale, Secretary; John Thornton, S.D.; J. Brooks, J.D.; T. Tate, I.G.; J. F. Jefferson, M.C.; T. H. Trueman, Tyler; J. T. Stewart, and T. Atkinson, jun., Stewards. Bro. H. Hallgate, P.M., was also reinstated in office as Organist. After the lodge had been closed, twenty-four of the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, to celebrate the anniversary of St. John and hold the installation banquet. The brethren sat down at 5.30 p.m. in the large banqueting-room to a sumptuous dinner, served by the hostess, Mrs. Atlay, in the superior style for which the establishment is so widely famed. The W.M. (Bro. Lockety) presided, and was supported by Bros. John Stevenson, P.M.; J. N. Lawson, P.M.; W. H. Marwood, P.M., (Major); W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M.; J. S. Moss, P.M.; Francis Thornton, I.P.M.; and others. The S.W. (Bro. Wolsey) occupied the vice-chair. The first toast given after dinner was "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with becoming cordiality and respect, after which a verse or two of "God save the Queen" were sung. The Chairman then gave the second toast, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.W.," which was honoured as a Masonic toast, and the brethren also joined in singing "God bless the Prince of Wales." The succeeding toast, "The other Members of the Royal Family," was ably proposed by Bro. W. H. Marwood, P.M., and was most respectfully received. The Chairman gave the Masonic toast, "The Earl of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M.," and the other Provincial Grand Officers, which was drunk with befitting honours, and Bro. W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M., responded in a felicitous manner. Bro. J. S. Moss, P.M., was the proposer of the patriotic toast, "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," which met with a cordial welcome. The toast was responded to by Bro. Marwood, P.M. (Major), and Bro. H. Atlay, of Stainsacre Hall (Lieut). Bro. Thornton, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the Lion Lodge," in very appropriate terms, and the toast was drunk with true Masonic sentiment and good feeling. The W.M. responded, and then gave the next toast, "The Health of the highly esteemed Installing Master, Bro. Stevenson," which was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Stevenson, P.M., suitably acknowledged the tribute of honour and respect which had been paid to him. The Vice-Chairman gave "The Past Masters of the Lion Lodge," in graceful terms, and the toast having been drunk with every demonstration of approbation, Bro. Thornton, the Immediate Past Master, responded. The Chairman then proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Lion Lodge," which was highly appreciated, and Bro. Middleton Smith, J.W., returned thanks in an excellent speech. Bro. Stevenson, P.M., proposed the toast, "All Poor and Distressed Masons," which was received as such a beneficent sentiment deserved to be, and met with a practical recognition from the assembled brethren. The Chairman proposed "The Visiting Brethren." Owing to a presentation being made at York on Monday to Bro. Peck, of Hull, the Provincial Grand

Secretary, brethren from other parts of the province were prevented from paying a visit to the Lion Lodge on this occasion. Nevertheless, the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," which emanated from the Chairman, and was most heartily received, was invested with more than ordinary interest. The respondent was Bro. Artur, captain of the Louis Henri, now in Whitby harbour, and one of the brethren of the Lodge of St. John of Themis, Caen (France), which lodge sent its fraternal greetings to the Lion Lodge at Whitby. Bro. Artur responded in the French language with much *empressement*. Bro. Marwood, P.M., proposed "The Ladies," in a humorous speech, and Bro. J. T. Stewart, S.S., made a neat response. Bro. Marwood also proposed as a toast "The Health of the Hostess," which was heartily received, and Bro. W. H. Atlay responded on her behalf. "Prosperity to the Town and Trade of Whitby" was proposed by Bro. J. Stevenson, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Maule. Between the toasts, capital songs were interspersed by Bros. J. Thornton, T. H. Trueman, W. H. Atlay, and W. H. Pitts, and recitations by Bros. Wolsey, Dale, and Maule. Before separating, after a very harmonious festival, which was much enjoyed, the brethren drank to their "next merry meeting," and then joined together in "Auld Lang Syne."

**PORTSMOUTH.**—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 342).—The installation of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Charles Knott, took place in the commodious and handsome hall belonging to the Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, 79, Commercial-road, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. The duty of installing Master was most ably performed by Bro. Samuel R. Ellis, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Hants, whose great experience in conducting these ceremonies renders it a pleasure to listen to the most impressive of our many beautiful rituals. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers: Bros. R. Barnes, I.P.M.; J. T. Craven, jun., S.W.; J. Brickwood, J.W.; J. T. Craven, P.M.; Treas.; C. W. Rand, Sec.; J. E. Buck, S.D.; J. Sanders, J.D.; Bechervaise, I.G.; J. S. Dyer, D. of C.; Bracey and Beuttell, Stewards; and Copus, Tyler.

The musical part of the ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. F. G. Bradbear, P.M., P.P.G.O., assisted by other enthusiastic brethren. The balance sheet of the lodge was presented for adoption, and its satisfactory statement elicited high encomiums from the many visitors who attended. In addition to the balance of £112 in the hands of the Treasurer, no less a sum than £425 is invested, to which should be added the money equivalent of the large number of votes held in the Masonic Charities, representing an additional £600. The lodge must certainly be congratulated on its financial prosperity, and proves that lodges can subscribe a proper proportion of their funds to the maintenance of our Charitable Institutions, retain a handsome provision for benevolence among their own brethren, and dispense hospitality, if their funds are judiciously and properly managed. In consequence of the very severe and inclement weather, the attendance at the installation was smaller than had been anticipated, as the W.M., Bro. Dr. C. Knott, is deservedly esteemed by the Craft, and from his large professional practice, and as a member of the School Board, his circle of friends is very large, and although the elements were against him at his installation, we shall not be out of place in predicting that his year of office will be a prosperous and happy one.

A most *recherché* banquet was supplied by the management of the Freemasons' Club in the large banquet room, which was appropriately decorated with evergreens, &c., the cuisine of the club being highly appreciated by all present. The menu cards and toast lists were patterns of good taste, quotations from Shakespeare, and other writers, following each toast. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Mark E. Frost, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. Ogburn, P.M., P.P.G.W.; E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; A. R. Holbrook, I.P.M. 309; W. Dart, W.M. 804; R. Downing, W.M. 903; J. Gieve, W.M. 1069; Strick, W.M. 1428; Godfrey, P.M. 723; F. G. Bradbear, P.M. 804; G. T. Cunningham, J.W. 1776; Outridge, J. Arnold, Reading, Crook, Burr, G. F. Brown, and many Past Masters and brethren of the lodge. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from Bros. Sir Hy. Drummond Wolff, G.C.M.G., M.P. for Portsmouth, Major-General Sir Frederick Fitz Wygram, Bart., Major-General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, P.G.W. of England; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M.I. Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, of which Degree the W.M., Bro. Dr. Charles Knott, is the Intendant General of the Province of Hampshire; and many others.

**HALIFAX.**—St. James's Lodge (No. 448).—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., the annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist was held in connection with the above lodge at the Masonic Hall. The R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Hy. Edwards, Bart., was present, attended by a very large number of the brethren. Bro. Richard Worsick was installed W.M. by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., in succession to Bro. W. Swale. The ceremony was perfectly gone through. The new W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. G. H. Radcliffe, S.W.; Jas. G. Lee, J.W.; Richard Jessop, P.M., Treas.; Walter Walshaw, Sec.; John Drake, S.D.; C. T. Kendall, J.D.; J. T. Simpson, I.G.; Stanley Dickinson, D.C.; John Farrar, Org.; Jno. Greenwood, P.M.; Tyler; Jno. H. Whadcoat, Hy. Sutcliffe, and Thos. Hammond, Stewards. A handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, was presented by the brethren to Bro. Swale, the Prov. G.M. making the presentation. Afterwards a magnificent banquet was served in the dining hall to over fifty brethren by Bro. Shaw Slater. Bro. Sir Hy. Edwards, and numerous other distinguished brethren, supported the W.M., who presided, and the usual toasts were enthusiastically honoured, that of "The Installing Master" being proposed in very complimentary terms by the R.W. Prov. G.M., who also responded on behalf of "The Ladies."

**SPALDING.**—Hundred of Elloe Lodge (No. 469).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on the 13th inst. The lodge being opened in form by the W.M. for the transaction of regular lodge business, Bro. Woodrow, P.M., proceeded to initiate a candidate who had been unanimously elected, and Bro. Symes, acting S.W., delivered the charge. After the

transaction of the usual routine of regular lodge business by the W.M., Bro. John Benner, J.W., was duly inducted into the chair by Bro. Woodrow, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., ably assisted by Bro. Barrell, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., with all the solemnity due to the occasion. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following brethren to serve in the several offices for the ensuing year: Bros. Dr. Perry, I.P.M.; Alfred Harrison, S.W.; E. Cammack, J.W.; Fountain, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; John H. Brummitt, Sec.; the Rev. A. W. G. Moore, P.P.G.C., Chap.; C. Hancock, S.D.; J. Capps, J.D.; J. Pocklington, I.G.; T. Blunt, Org.; and Barrell, D.C. That duty having been done, and after the expressions of the "Hearty good wishes" of the several visiting brethren, the lodge was duly closed by the W.M., when the brethren were called from labour to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Harper, of the White Hart Hotel, who, as usual, set before the brethren a choice selection of viands, &c., which were duly appreciated.

The loyal and Masonic toasts received full attention, and some excellent speeches of a truly Masonic character were made by several of the brethren, who endeavoured to inculcate the principles of Masonry by showing many of its magnificent beauties and excellences. Since the last communication was made to the *Freemason* of the events of this lodge, the brethren have succeeded in providing a suitable building of their own, one spacious compartment of which is set apart exclusively for a lodge room, and which is being beautified and ornamented with the proper emblems and devices of a Masonic character. This new lodge room was recently dedicated by Bro. Major Smythe, the R.W.P.G.M. of the province, assisted by the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Captain Locoock, and several other eminent Masonic brethren. We congratulate the brethren of this lodge now on having as good a lodge room as any in the province.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The brethren of this lodge met on Tuesday afternoon, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, for the purpose of installing the W.M. There was a large gathering of Past Masters of the lodge, and also visiting Past Masters, P.G. Officers, and other brethren. The chair was taken by Bro. John H. Gregory, W.M., supported by his officers; and subsequently Bro. G. S. Willings, P.M., presided, and very impressively performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Thomas Peake as W.M. After the usual Masonic honours had been paid, the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. John H. Gregory, I.P.M.; David Lloyd, S.W.; A. Bucknall, J.W.; John Ellis, P.M., Treas.; R. Foulds, Sec.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; James Bailey, S.D.; James Lees, J.D.; R. Hudson, I.G.; John E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.M.C. (by proxy); T. Mason and E. Carter, Stewards. Bro. Peter Ball was re-elected Tyler. During the ceremony a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Ockleshaw, P.M., in recognition of several years' honourable fulfilment of his duties. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Master for the impressive manner in which the installation had been carried out. The brethren afterwards dined together in the large banquet hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In the course of the evening the W.M. presented to the I.P.M. a tasteful Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by private members of the lodge. The musical arrangements were efficiently carried out by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O.

**NORWICH.**—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. S. N. Berry, W.M., P.G.S. of W.; Geo. Green, S.W.; T. Campling, P.M., acting J.W.; Jas. J. Hunt, S.D.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.D.; Henry Rosling, I.G.; Edwd. Parkhurst, I.P.M.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; R. A. Madge, Org.; Wm. Murrell, Tyler; Benj. Nochalls, P.M.; A. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Winter, T. Reeve, J. Holt, C. Payne, E. M. Scales, J. W. Bateman, R. J. Ford, W. N. Cooper, A. Barnes, Geo. Pigg, and J. W. Browne (*Freemason*). Among the visitors were included Bros. the Rev. R. W. Pitt, 52; J. B. Bridgman, W.M.; W. H. Smith, G. B. Robertson, Linging, 93; J. E. H. Watson, W.M.; Geo. Kersey, 213; E. Orams, P.M. 943; W. H. Pench, 996; A. Bullard, W.M.; and T. J. Carman, 1500.

After the ordinary routine business of the lodge had been gone through, the ballot was then taken for, and declared unanimously in favour of, Mr. Chas. Holborn, who was then duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in an impressive manner. Bro. Thos. Reeve was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ballot was then taken for a W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice of the lodge unanimously fell upon Bro. G. Green, the S.W. The business of the lodge being concluded, after supper, the evening was spent in the usual jovial manner in this lodge, numerous songs and glees being rendered by the brethren and visitors present.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—The brethren of this lodge met on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Griffin Hotel, for the dispatch of Masonic business. After confirming the minutes, &c., Bro. Edwards was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Sigismund Mitau was then presented before a Board of Installed Masters and duly placed in the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony being impressively rendered by Bro. P.M. Elsam, P.P.G.O. Surrey. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers: Bros. Linton, P.M., S.W.; A. Nuthall, J.W.; Tisley, S.D.; Weaver, P.M., J.D.; Edwards, I.G. The lodge was then closed in due form, when the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Hardy. Many visitors were present, representing most surrounding lodges, but the inclemency of the weather and the bad roads prevented others from distances attending. No doubt for similar reasons the representative of the *Freemason*, who had also been invited, was not there.

**SOUTHEND.**—Priory Lodge (No. 1090).—The installation and annual festival of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, on Thursday week. The W.M., Bro. G. F. Jones, occupied the chair, and the following brethren were present: Bros. G. Berry, S.W.; T. F. Barrett, J.W.; H. Beecher, W. G. Brighton, P.M. and P.Z., I.G.; T. Dickson, G. R. Dawson, G. Glasscock, W.M. 1817; F. Dorrell, Grayson, J. W. Harris, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J.

Harrington, W.M. 160; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P. G.D.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., Prov. G.D.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G. Director of Ceremonies; W. H. Lockey, H. Luker, W. D. Merritt, S.D.; W. Popplewell, J. Reeve, P.M.; J. Taylor, jun., F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S. G.W., Treas.; G. L. Wood, and J. A. Wardell, P.M. and P.Z., P.P.G.D., Sec. Letters of apology for non-attendance were also received from several brethren, amongst them being one from the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., who desired the Secretary to express his regret that an important engagement out of London prevented him being present. He sincerely wished the lodge prosperity, and a happy, united year under their new W.M. He also expressed a hope to be able to pay the lodge a visit at no distant date, and, in conclusion, extended to the brethren, one and all, his hearty fraternal wishes.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last lodge were confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Some further formal business also having been transacted, Mr. John Drummond was initiated in the mysteries of the Craft, and at the conclusion of the initiation the W.M. requested W. Bro. A. Lucking, Prov. G.D.C., to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Berry, S.W., was then presented by Bro. F. Wood, and having signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, the ceremony was very ably and efficiently performed by the Installing Master, the following brethren being subsequently invested by the W.M.: Bros. G. F. Jones, I.P.M.; T. F. Barrett, S.W.; W. D. Merritt, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; F. Wood, Treas.; J. A. Wardell, Sec.; F. Dorrell Grayson, S.D.; W. G. Brighton, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, I.G.; A. Lucking, D.C.; H. Beecher and W. Popplewell, Stewards; and A. W. Martin, Tyler. Bro. F. Wood then moved, and Bro. G. F. Jones seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. A. Lucking, for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation. The motion having been carried with acclamation, was then ordered to be entered on the minutes, and was subsequently acknowledged by Bro. Lucking. The W.M., on behalf of the brethren, then presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., dwelling upon the manner in which the W.M.'s duties had been fulfilled by Bro. Jones, and asking him to accept the jewel in recognition of his very able and valuable services to the lodge during the past year. Bro. Jones having heartily thanked the brethren for their kindness, the lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, which was profusely decorated with flags, where a *recherché* repast was excellently served by Mr. Taylor. The W.M., Bro. Berry, occupied the chair, being supported by the brethren above mentioned, and the following, who had not attended lodge: Bros. F. Cantor, C. Floyd, 1808; W. Waterhouse, H. Hassell, W. J. Chignell, and W. Griffin. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and heartily responded to with Masonic "fire," the W.M. remarking, in respect to "The M.W. Pro G. Master (the Earl of Carnarvon); the R.W. Deputy G. Master (the Earl of Lathom), and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," that he had not the pleasure of knowing those brethren, but from the very prominent position they were always placed in on the toast list, he had come to the conclusion that they must be very good men. With respect to the R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Tenterden, they all knew him to be a thorough Mason, and he thought the province was to be congratulated upon having such a man at its head. He had hoped to have seen the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., amongst them that evening, but, as they had heard, he was unable to be present; knowing him, however, as most of them did, he asked them to join heartily in drinking his health, and also the healths of the other Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past. The toast having been cordially received, Bro. J. C. Johnstone, with whose name it was coupled, briefly responded, referring with regret to the loss the province had sustained by the retirement of the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C. for Oxford. The I.P.M. (Bro. Jones) next proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Berry," for the ensuing year, and expressed a hope that the brethren would support their W.M. in the same kind manner as they had supported himself during his year of office. The toast, and also that of "The I.P.M.," having been heartily drunk and acknowledged, the W.M. in eulogistic and suitable terms, submitted "The Health of the Installing Master," which was received with cheers. Bro. A. Lucking, in responding, remarked that Bro. Berry was the twelfth brother he had installed, and as long as he had health and strength to be of service to the lodge, he need scarcely say they might rely on his assistance, and they would always have his best wishes. The toast of "The Visitors" having been acknowledged by Bros. Mackenzie, Harrington, and Farr, the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Harris, who, he remarked, proposed him about eighteen years ago. Bro. Harris, who was accorded a hearty reception, briefly responded. Bro. J. A. Wardell then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in the course of his observations he referred to the steps taken by Bro. James Girling with reference to the election of the son of the late Bro. Frank Collingwood to the Boys' School. He pointed out that Bro. Collingwood, who had been in a comparatively affluent position, had, through unforeseen circumstances, only been able to leave his widow a very small sum with which to support a family of children. To his idea, the Boys' School was not meant for the children of paupers, but rather for the children of Masons who had become reduced in circumstances. Bro. Girling succeeded in getting young Collingwood into the School by a large number of votes; and the Special Committee who were appointed to enquire into the case reported to the Board that in their opinion he was eligible to partake of the benefits of the Institution. But yet in face of the Committee's report, and the fact of 1600 votes having been given to the case, the Board had rejected it. He need scarcely say that Bro. Girling was deeply annoyed at the result, and took it as a personal slight, and it could not be looked upon as less than that to the Committee. He (Bro. Wardell) hoped Bro. Lucking would say a few words on the subject; and as they contributed thirty guineas a year to the School, he thought they had a voice in the matter. He then dwelt upon the vast amount of good done by the Masonic Charities, and said he had great pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. Brighton with the toast. Bro. Lucking said he was sure they all deeply sympathised with Bro.

Girling, who had worked hard, in fact he had never seen a man work harder, to get Bro. Collingwood's son into the School. If Bro. Girling asked him to support any case he should never think of going into its merits, as he was sure it would be unnecessary, because if the case was not worthy of support he knew Bro. Girling would not support it. If any wrong had been done in the case it was the fault of the Committee in the first instance in accepting it. He certainly thought they should convey their sympathy to Bro. Girling. Bro. W. G. Brighten then acknowledged the toast, and, referring to Collingwood's case, said he quite concurred in Bro. Lacking's views upon the question, as it was undoubtedly the fault of the Committee in the first instance in accepting the case and rejecting it afterwards, and he questioned whether they could legally do so. The W.M. said he certainly thought some steps should be taken by the members of the lodge to express their disapproval of the Board's action. Bro. Johnstone suggested the advisability of summoning a lodge of emergency to take the question into consideration. Bro. Cantor said that, as a very old friend of the late Bro. Collingwood, he could say he never knew a man more liberal to charities in proportion to his income; and the fact of the case under discussion having been taken up by Bro. Girling—a man who was endeared to all of them—was, in his opinion, a sufficient guarantee that it was well worthy of support. He, therefore, trusted the child would receive that which he conceived to be nothing less than right, and he should be very sorry to see the matter allowed to drop. Several other brethren also said they concurred with the views of the brethren who had preceded them; and it was ultimately agreed to take the case into consideration at the next monthly meeting of the lodge. The toasts of "The Treasurer," "The Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast were then duly proposed and acknowledged. The proceedings, which passed off satisfactorily in every respect, and were enlivened with some capital songs and recitations by Bros. Brighten, Merritt, Dawson, Hemmann, Farr, Hassell, Barrett, and J. Taylor, jun., terminating about eleven o'clock.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 17th inst., at the George Hotel, Australian Avenue, E.C. Present: Bros. C. J. Fox, W.M.; Pelliken, S.W.; Pardon, J.W.; Gush, Preceptor; Wing, Treas.; Nell, acting Sec.; Cordingley, S.D.; Heale, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; and others. Visitor, Bro. Davison. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and Bro. Davison was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason after answering the usual questions. Bro. Pelliken worked the First Section, assisted by the brethren, and Bro. Gush, Preceptor, the Second. Bros. Pardon and Johnson were unanimously elected joining members. The lodge was then closed in due form.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1056).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Morgan, W.M.; Lee, S.W.; Caton, J.W.; Snelling, Sec.; Larchin, S.D.; Abell, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Christopher, Tyler; Stacey, P.M.; Wedlake, Creak, Gush, E. Storr, Woods, Daniel, Lardner, Squirell, and Pardon. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which the First Section of the Third Degree was worked by Bro. Stacey, and Bro. Pardon raised to the Degree of M.M. The Second Section was worked by Bro. Larchin, and the lodge was then closed.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—This lodge met at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., on Monday, the 24th inst., when there was a good number of brethren present. This being an off-night, the First, Second, and Third Degrees were worked by the following brethren: Bros. Keeble, S.D. Great City (First); Baker, J.W. Grosvenor (Second); and Van Raatte, W.M. Cosmopolitan (Third). On the proposition of Bro. Pennefather, "That the hour of meeting be altered from eight to seven o'clock p.m.," the brethren were unanimous that seven o'clock p.m. would be much more suitable; the lodge will, therefore, meet at that time on and after Monday, the 31st inst. Brethren wishing to progress in "Masonic ritual" will meet with a hearty greeting. The ceremony of installation will be worked by the W.M. of the Royal Albert Lodge on the last Monday in February.

**Royal Arch.**

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on Friday evening, the 21st inst. There was only a small muster, owing to various causes, those signing the Janitor's book being Comps. E. Tyson, M.E.Z.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., as H.; G. Dalrymple, J.; Dr. Henry, P.Z.; J. Ray, S.E.; J. Rothery, as S.N.; F. Hodgson, P.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; J. Cason, Steward; G. Sparrow, S. Binkhorn, J. W. Miles, and J. M. Salisbury, Janitor. The chapter having been regularly opened, the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. There was no business on the agenda paper, and, after passing a resolution of condolence to the widow of the late Comp. G. Fitzgerald, the respected Janitor, the chapter was solemnly closed.

**NORWICH.**—Cabbell Chapter (No. 807).—The quarterly convocation and annual meeting of this resuscitated chapter was held at No. 23, St. Giles-street, Norwich, on Thursday, the 13th inst. There were present Comps. S. N. Berry, M.E.Z., O. 213, P.G.O.; Arthur J. Berry, H.; Jno. B. Bridgman, J.; Edwin Baldwin, E., P.Z. 40, 213, P.G.E.; Geo. Green, N.; H. A. W. Reeves, P.S.; Henry Rosling, 1st A.S.; G. W. G. Bernard, acting 2nd A.S.; Geo. Baxter, Treasurer; J. W. Browne, Organist (Freemason); W. Murrell, Janitor; James E. H. Watson; Joseph Stanley, Z. elect 213; Robert Baldry; H. G. Barwell, II. 52; M. J. Bailey, and J. J. Hunt.

After the chapter had been opened in solemn manner according to ancient custom, and the usual routine of business completed, the three Principals in an excellent and impressive manner performed the ceremony of exalting Bros. G. J. Berry and Hugh Fox, W.M. 93, as companions

of this chapter. Considering the short time which has elapsed since the three Principals were installed in their chairs, they are to be congratulated upon their proficient working, and the same may be said of the P.S. After the exaltation there were several proposals as candidates and as joining members. The officers were duly balloted for and declared elected: they remain the same as above.

The companions then adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent supper had been prepared, and the evening was afterwards spent in a manner customary amongst R.A.M. Comp. J. Stanley, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said it afforded him great pleasure in being there that evening, the more so as his father was not only one of the founders of the chapter, but also of the lodge from which the chapter took its name. He congratulated the Principals, Samuel N. Berry, A. J. Berry, and J. B. Bridgman, and all their officers upon the success of the chapter since its resuscitation, and said if those who would follow in the respective chairs of the chapter would try to imitate those companions who now filled them he was sure a bright future would await them. He reminded the companions it was not many years since when it was a difficulty to get sufficient companions together to form one chapter; now the times were changed, and three good chapters were doing their work most creditably in Norwich.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).**

The usual quarterly convocation of this excellent chapter took place on Thursday, the 20th inst., and was held at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road. There was a goodly gathering of the companions, and the M.E.Z., Comp. H. J. Butter, was supported by the following officers and companions: Comps. T. D. Hayes, H.; W. B. Lloyd, J.; H. Pryce, S.E.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.G.D.C., Treas.; Eugene Sweny, Scribe N.; H. Mason, P.S.; R. Edmonds, 2nd Asst. S.; C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; J. McDougall, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. Musto, P.Z. 933, W.S.; W. H. Myers, P.Z. 820, D.C.; H. Mabbett, Janitor; E. T. Gordon, 1; Dr. C. H. Godwin, 1604; G. Frost, D. C. Capon, G. Nichols, W. Rees, W. Tucker, Major W. Busbridge, W. Beaver, R. W. Hawkes, C. W. Russell, and C. Jolly (Freemason).

The Principals being seated, and the companions admitted, the minutes of the last convocation were passed. The following candidates for exaltation were then balloted for: Bros. C. J. Clapham, 913; E. B. Saunders, D. Campbell, H. Wilson, and R. Hewitson, all of 33. The result being unanimous, these brethren were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons in that superb style that is identified with the name of this chapter and its Principals. After some formal business had been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions sat down to an elegantly-served banquet, after partaking of which the usual loyal and Royal Arch Masonic toasts were given and responded to with enthusiasm.

In giving the toast of "Lord Holmesdale, Prov. Grand Superintendent of Kent," Comp. Butter said it was a toast that went home to the hearts of every Freemason in Kent, where the name of Lord Holmesdale was—not only as the Grand Superintendent of their chapters, but as Grand Master of their lodges—beloved and honoured by all who had the pleasure of knowing the inestimable qualities of his heart and mind. He asked the companions to pause for one moment, and consider the cares and anxieties that their Grand Superintendent must have in the ruling and well-governing of so large a province as that of Kent; and pointed out the grand manner in which he had administered the affairs of the province for the last twenty-one years, during which time, under his rule, Freemasonry had increased to a most remarkable manner. They all, however, knew how dear his lordship's well-being was to them in this district of the province, and he, therefore, asked them to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it deserved.

The next toast was that of "Comp. Eastes, D.P. Grand Superintendent and H. of Kent, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The M.E.Z. said that Grand Lodge was well represented in their chapter by both Present and Past Grand Officers, and, therefore, they were well represented at Grand Chapter. In Comps. Coupland and Denton they had two P.P.G.P. Sojourners of the province, and then they had a P.G.D.C. in Comp. Penfold. He must not forget Comp. McDougall, who was a P.P.G. Std. Br. So that they had four of their companions Present or Past Grand Officers of the province; and he should couple with the toast the name of Comp. Penfold. In reply, Comp. Penfold said he supposed his name was coupled with the toast because he happened to be in office at the present time, not because he was of the most importance, or that there were not more able Provincial Grand Officers present, although they had passed through their year of office. Upon those terms, therefore, he accepted the responsibility of responding to the toast. He returned them his most sincere thanks for the warm and cordial manner in which the toast was received. He thought that there could not be a better test of the high character and excellence of their Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. Lord Holmesdale, than the desire they all felt to take office under him. He felt sure that there was but one feeling in every officer serving under their distinguished companion and brother, and that was to make themselves worthy of the confidence placed in them by him, and also to carry out their duties in such a way as to show that they realised the position they were placed in. He cordially endorsed every word that Comp. Butter had said with respect to their Dep. G. Superintendent, Comp. Eastes, and after referring to the forthcoming presentation to Lord Holmesdale, thanked the companions on behalf of Comp. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers, for their toast. As time was on the wing, and gradually drawing towards the hour for the departure of some of the exaltees, their health was drunk, and in giving it the M.E.Z. said they had that night exalted five most worthy brothers, and made excellent companions of them, and he felt sure that they would do justice to the chapter. He felt especial pleasure in having exalted Comp. Clapham, as he had, during his year of office as Master of the Pattison Lodge, the privilege of initiating him into the secrets and mysteries of the Craft. In Comp. Campbell, and his colleagues of Lodge No. 33, they had not only good Masons, but engineers of considerable renown in the world, and altogether he could faithfully congratulate the Pattison Chapter upon the excellence of the exaltees received within it that night, and he had not the slightest doubt that they would practise out of the chapter what they had heard in it. Comps. Campbell, Saunders, Clapham, Wilson, and Hewitson, severally returned thanks, and then the toast of "The

Visitors" followed, coupled with the name of Comp. Dr. Godwin, who responded, and thanked the M.E.Z., and his officers for the grand working he had that night witnessed. Comp. Penfold then in eloquent language proposed the toast of "The First Principal," Comp. Butter. He said he was very pleased to be present, so as to be able to propose the toast, for nothing but a sense of duty to the chapter, and esteem for the M.E.Z., and knowing that at the same time he should have the pleasure of seeing their excellent three First Principals do their work, and also of proposing that toast, brought him some sixty miles through the snow and sleet to be present. After passing a high eulogium upon the brilliant manner in which Comp. Butter and his officers had carried out the ceremony of exaltation, he proposed the toast, which was drunk enthusiastically. Comp. Butter, in reply, thanked Comp. Penfold and the companions for the hearty reception of the toast. That night had been one of the most pleasurable in his life, for he had had some good work to do, and was proud of the opportunity of doing it in such a chapter, and among such companions. It was a very common thing for a man to say "this is the proudest moment of my life," but he thought that when a man had carried out the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, and done as well as their M.E. Comp. Penfold had told them they had done that night, he must confess that he felt proud of it; and proud of being in the position he held in the chapter. He had intended from the first, and did intend to do his best for its prosperity, as he hoped and trusted he had for the lodge, and that when his year of office was over it would not be said that he had laboured in vain. The next toast was that of "The Second and Third Principals," to which Comps. Hayes and Lloyd responded. The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the name of Comp. Edmonds, who responded. The toast of "The Masonic Press" was coupled with the name of Comp. Jolly, and after he had returned thanks, the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

**Mark Masonry.**

**YORK.**—York Lodge (T.I.).—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., there was a meeting of this strong and well worked lodge, when there was a good muster of brethren, the principal business being the installation of the W.M. elect. A brace of candidates having been duly advanced by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, S.W., was presented by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., to the W.M. for installation. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Valentine in a most able manner, and the newly-installed W.M. was saluted and greeted by the brethren, after which he thanked them for the honour done to him, and expressed the peculiar pleasure he had experienced from having been installed by a brother clergyman. The officers were then appointed and invested as follows: Bros. J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; C. G. Padel, J.W.; G. Garbutt, M.O.; M. Millington, S.O.; A. T. B. Turner, J.O.; T. J. Wilkinson, Chap.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; J. R. Jackson, Reg. of Works; T. G. Hodgson, S.D.; T. Humphries, J.D.; F. Smith, D.C.; G. Balmford, P.M., Org.; W. Harrison and R. Ware, Stewards; W. B. Dyson, I.G.; and P. Pearson, Tyler. The Secretary, reporting on the condition of Mark Masonry in the district, said that they had hopes that the Grand Master would take the matter into his own hands and form a province of N. and E. Yorkshire, which they all felt was much required for the good of the Order. There seemed to be a probability of another lodge being formed at Malton, and possibly a second at Middlesbrough, and if this were done the formation of a province would be a much easier task than under present circumstances. After the close of the lodge the brethren met at supper.

**FRIZINGTON.**—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., when, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Martin, W.M., Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.J.W., filled the chair, supported as follows: Bros. R. Wilson, S.W.; R. Baxter, P.G.I.G., J.W.; F. Whittle, M.O.; A. Crawford, S.O.; Jordan Ashworth, J.O.; B. Craig, Sec.; J. Harper, Treas., P.M., P.P. G.S.B.; D. Bell, S.D.; J. Mills, J.D.; W. Walker, P.M., P.G.D.C., Chap.; W. Swain, I.G.; John Close, Tyler; George Lowden, J. Banks, Edward Clarke, J. F. Kirkconel, J. Winter, and others. The principal business before the lodge was to install Bro. R. Baxter as W.M. for the ensuing year. On being presented by Bro. Harper, P.M., he was installed and proclaimed according to ancient custom, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Wilson, S.W.; Dr. Lace, J.W.; David Bell, M.O.; J. Winter, S.O.; J. Ashworth, J.O.; B. Craig, Sec.; J. Harper, Treas.; W. Walker, Chap.; A. Crawford, S.D.; W. Swain, J.D.; F. Whittle, Reg.; T. Swainson, Org.; E. Clarke, D.C.; J. F. Kirkconel, I.G.; J. Close, Tyler; J. Banks, George Lowden, and J. K. Turner, Stewards. A vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Dalrymple for acting as Installing Master, and one candidate having been proposed for advancement, the lodge was closed in due form.

**Rosicrucian Society.**

**METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.**—The quarterly convocation of this college was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, January 13th. The chair was taken by the Supreme Magus, Frater Woodman; the vice chair by the S.S. Magus, Frater Levander, in the unavoidable absence of the M. of T. and the D.M. of T. The following four candidates were admitted to the Grade of Zelatar: Bros. W. Stephens, Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489; W. Barkley, of Great Malvern; George Taylor, P.M. and P.Z. Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 377, Kidderminster; and W. H. Hodgkin, of Tunbridge Wells. Frater Cuthbert E. Peek, Secretary General, acted as C. of N., assisted by Fraters Robert Roy and N. Wynn Westcott. The chairs of the A. were filled by Fraters Ferguson, Dewar, Foulger, and Massa, assisted by Fraters George Kenning and J. Lewis Thomas. Frater T. Cubitt then took the chair of M. of T., and the convocation was closed, and the fraters adjourned to their customary banquet.

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R.W. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire,  
Has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the Office of Steward upon this occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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**To Correspondents.**

Will any Brother send us the "Philadelphia Keystone" for January 1st, 1881.

Boys' SCHOOL.—If an Old Pupil will comply with our rule by sending his name we will publish his letter with pleasure.

Owing to pressure on our columns the following stand over:—

Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norwich.  
MARK.—Hammersmith Lodge, No. 211, Hammersmith.  
Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 185, Twickenham.  
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Sunday Times," "Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Jewish Chronicle," "The British Workman," "Citizen," "Croydon Guardian," "Hull Packet," "The Colonies and India," "Central Glamorgan Gazette," "Freemason's Repository," "Der Long Islaender," "Charity Record," "Universal Instructor" (Ward and Lock), "Masonic Review," "Masonic Age," "Canadian Craftsman," "Freemason's Monthly," "Australian Freemason," "New York Independent," "Hebrew Leader."

**THE FREEMASON.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1881.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will soon be here, and we need hardly say that we wish for it heartily all possible success. The Institution itself is so needful and so useful, so well conducted, so admirably ministered, that it deserves, as it receives, the confidence and support of all members of our benevolent Brotherhood. The Chairman at the approaching Festival will be our distinguished Bro. SIR HENRY EDWARDS, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and under his energetic presidency we may expect a most successful gathering. His own province, ever foremost in all good Masonic work, is coming up with 111 Stewards, and has already collected the promised striking amount

of £1751 7s. 6d. It is but justice to West Yorkshire to say that it is never forgetful of the other great Charities, as it has already on the list of the Charity Committee nine Stewards and £190 19s. promised for the Girls' School Festival, and four Stewards and £27 16s. put down for the Boys' School Festival in 1881. These amounts and names will no doubt be largely added to. We congratulate the provincial authorities, and especially the Charity Committee and Bro. TOMLINSON, and the energetic Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. HENRY SMITH, on this most auspicious state of feeling, and this expression of active Yorkshire Masonic Charity. We need hardly add that we trust the Anniversary Festival of this excellently managed and most useful Institution may be a great triumph for all concerned.

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BRO. BINCKES, in a neat and characteristic letter in our last impression, asks pertinently enough if a previous communication in the *Freemason* anent the Boys' School, and signed "P.W.M.," was written "au sérieux." From "P.W.M.'s" position, respectability, and experience, we apprehend that what he has put forward he has put forward with a full sense of its importance, and his own responsibility. On such a subject "chaff" would be alike most improper and most unmasonic. It was exactly because we felt persuaded that we were really bound to admit such a "complaint" that we allowed the letter to appear. In the interests of the Boys' School itself we thought that such a "direct assertion" from a "competent critic" ought to be met, and though we believed, as we still believe, that there is some mistake in the matter, we yet venture to be of opinion, that it is idle on any grounds to ignore such remarks, and still worse to suppress them. If we did so, for the purpose of pleasing some and displeasing others, we had better suspend the printing of the *Freemason*. Our best sympathies go with the Boys' School, as we have often clearly and forcibly expressed.

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OUR readers will see elsewhere that Bro. YARKER impugns, under the head "Notes and Queries," the historical correctness of a recent account of the new Cerneau Council which we published in the *Freemason*. We will only add that it rests upon the authority of one of the most distinguished High Grade Masons in America, and one incapable of making fictitious statements to subserve any purpose, or support any body. We have ourselves entire confidence in the fairness and truthfulness of his assertions in our pages. At the same time in the conflicts which have ensued, and the discussions which have been carried on, some little possible "inaccuracy of quotation" on either side may be allowed and expected.

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WE call attention elsewhere to a "Review" of the "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France" for October and November. By this it seems that the Grand Orient of France has formally recognized the schismatic "Grand Loge Symbolique," which has seceded from the "Rite Ecossais." We deeply regret to hear it. It is the beginning of troubles of various kinds, and a precedent of a most dangerous and destructive character. Our Reviewer points out that the French Grand Orient objects at the same time to a Grand Orient for Roumania, "straining at a gnat to swallow a camel," and which, if it is a real Masonic movement, deserves, on the avowed principles of the French Grand Orient, and, indeed, upon true Masonic principles of recognition, to be commended and sympathized with. But then, "consistent in its inconsistency," the Grand Orient acknowledges a spurious body in Paris with readiness, an act we do not hesitate to characterize as utterly unprecedented and unwarranted by Masonic comity, courtesy, and law. We agree with our Reviewer that the alleged "concordat" of the "Rite of Mizraim" with the so-called Loge Symbolique is absolutely inexplicable. The French Grand Orient bases its action on the following ground, "to hasten the fusion of the rites and unification of Blue Masonry." But what has the

"Rule of Mizraim" to do with Symbolic Masonry? As our Reviewer adds, as the French diplomatist said, "c'est une raison comme une (autre)," that is to say, it is no reason at all.

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The *Alpina*, the organ of Swiss Freemasonry, according to the "Bulletin du Grand Orient," gives the following account of Masonic proceedings in Buenos Ayres, and in the Argentine Republic, which we think deserves notice and perusal. "It is announced from Buenos Ayres that on the 20th of May last, the 100th anniversary of Bro. BERNADINO RIVADARIA, who, as president, citizen, and Freemason, was well known to his contemporaries, in the procession, which took place in his honour, 600 Freemasons were seen, all dressed in black, with white gloves, and a white rose at their button-holes. The Masters of the Ceremonies wore white and blue scarfs. The lodge of Buenos Ayres has been actively employed in humanitarian efforts during the recent revolution. On the proposition of Bro. LANGENHEIM, whom the *Alpina* terms "Grand Master," a Masonic society for the help of the wounded has been founded. As all parties have agreed to recognize it, it has been productive of much good. Its members when actively employed wear white caps with a 'square' on them and a 'compass' in red, a white overcoat with the same 'insignia.' After the combat of June 21st, the Freemasons offered succour to the wounded of both sides." The writer seems to attribute the pacification of July 14th to these proceedings of the Freemasons. Be this as it may, we think the humane proceedings of the Freemasons of Buenos Ayres deserve recognition and remembrance.

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OUR old friend the *Bauhütte*, according to the "Bulletin du G. Orient," gives us the text of the address of the anti-Masonic candidate, GENERAL PHELPS, in the recent Presidential contest in America. We have before expressed our opinion as to the absolute absurdity and childish intolerance of the proceedings; but some of our readers may like to know what he had really to say against our excellent and friendly Order. Listen, oh! ye incriminated Masons! "The North and the South ought to unite in forming one uniform opposition directed against the Masonic lodges, in order to give to the country an American fraternal feeling. The lodge is an English invention, dating from a barbarous age, and professing tendencies exclusively aristocratic, and is entirely opposed to all Republican institutions, which, nevertheless, it dominates, controls, and corrupts. An opposition against it offers the best possible reasons for a political union in all the countries of the Union. Freemasonry is, so to say, one of those grains of seed, not yet destroyed, of that exotic malady against which the United States sustained the war of seven years. (It seems that the General commanded in 1861 the Union army in Virginia.) Freemasonry has become that political power which directs things with us since the power of slavery has been broken, and it is more dangerous than the 'Slaveocracy' itself was. In the firm persuasion that a reform in this direction is one of the first necessities for the country, and that all reforms are impossible so long as the public offices are filled by the Freemasons or given away by them, I am ready to accept the banner you offer me, and to carry it on high, whether few or many follow me it matters nothing, and whatever may be the result of the struggle in which we are now engaging." It almost seems incredible to us English Masons that 76,000 votes can have been given to such a "monomaniac." But so it is. We can only hope that his friends will look after him.

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UNDER the heading "Duty," the following little paragraph appears in the *Times* of Saturday last, and seems to suggest some not useless considerations to many of the readers of the *Freemason*. We, therefore, reproduce it for the information and instruction of us all alike.—"About two years ago a heroic act was performed by CAPTAIN SHARP and JOHN M'INTOSH (ship's carpenter), of the



“Annabella Clark,” in rescuing the burning crew of the ‘Melanie,’ a French barque, laden with petroleum, which took fire while lying in the river Adour, off Bayonne. The Frenchmen were saved, but CAPTAIN SHARP and JOHN M’INTOSH were severely burnt. The latter was carried home to Ardrossan an invalid, and long continued unfitted to work for his living. The circumstances connected with this heroic act having been related by DR. SMILES in his recent work entitled ‘Duty,’ LORD BRABAZON has forwarded to the author a contribution of £20 for M’INTOSH’S benefit, in the hope that others may be disposed to follow his example.”

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We are much struck with the printed account of the “proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Peebles and Selkirk for 1880,” of which a copy has been sent to us. We are quite astonished, we confess, to find that any opposition was offered at “head-quarters” in Edinburgh to the very reasonable proposal to have Provincial bye-laws. The Masonic “Decentralization” has been the “life” of English Masonry, and we are somewhat startled to find that, in 1880, any of our worthy brethren in Edinburgh could have proposed to keep up Masonic “Centralization,” and to deny to Prov. G. Lodges the right and power of having Provincial bye-laws. We are glad to note that the proposal was carried in Grand Lodge, and we trust that by wise reforms and judicious changes, Freemasonry in Scotland may soon make speedy strides. The three main points of amendment, according to us, are (1) enforced lodge subscriptions; (2) amendment of the proxy system; (3) increase of Masonic charitable funds. Scottish Freemasonry has been lately progressing, and we warmly hope that it may continue to do so.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Will you state in your next publication, if the first Master of a lodge has the privilege of always sitting next to the immediate Past Master or not, at the banquet table—that is whilst he is a member of that lodge—and if it is so, kindly say where the rule I refer to is to be found, at Grand Lodge or elsewhere?

[As the senior P.M. of the lodge he sits next to the I.P.M., as in the absence of the I.P.M. and W.M., he presides over the lodge.—Ed. F.M.]

Original Correspondence.

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

THE D.G.M. ON PAUPERISM.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
You have given extra publicity to the remarks of the Earl of Lathom, at Ormskirk Workhouse. They had already received great currency from the local press. But, if correctly reported, surely his Lordship must have misconceptions which ought not to pass without opposition. Englishmen and Freemasons are alike taught that self-help is the true remedy for existing ills; and not because we are compelled to pay poor rates to look forward to the workhouse as the goal or right of old age and poverty. It is rarely the real payers of rates are recipients. Paupers are, as a general rule, as much a class from generation to generation as are gypsies, thieves, &c. The distaste to parochial aid should not be lessened but increased. If we had a system of National Insurance, such as the Rev. William Lewery Blackley, M.A., Rector of North Waltham, Micheldever, Hants, advocates, then all might receive as a right what all have equally paid. The poor laws were not made to foment but to prevent pauperism. If persons will be careful, industrious, thrifty, and religious, they need not depend on any; and to encourage a low, loafing, tipsy, sponging sort of people is a mistake. Too many seek for popularity by pandering to the weakness of the people, but a wise statesman will speak wholesome truths, and try to induce his countrymen to be self-denying and heroic.

I am, yours, &c.,  
B. W.  
[We insert this letter, but we think our brother is drifting into matters outside Masonry.—Ed. F.M.]

THE PROVINCIAL CHARITIES ASSOCIATION OF N. AND E. YORKS.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
In the *Freemason* of the 22nd inst., I notice your report of the Provincial Charities Association for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, but regret that it is slightly incorrect.

As your record may possibly be referred to in times to come as an authority on the subject, perhaps you will kindly make the following correction.

A working committee of nine members were appointed as follows: Bros. Sir James Meek, Chairman; J. W. Woodhall, Vice-Chairman; M. C. Pick, Sec.; J. S. Cumberland, Charity Steward; W. Tesseyman, P.M. 57; W. H. Cowper, P.M. 602; R. H. Peacock, P.M. 1760; Jackson, P.M. 643; Atkinson, P.M. 566.

Yours fraternally,  
WILLIAM H. COWPER,  
Grove-hill, Middlesborough, Jan. 24th.

THE HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to correct you in one respect only. It is not proposed to add to the benefits enjoyed by the successful candidates for the “Old People’s” annuities, but to salve over disappointment by giving moderate donations (I hope of £10 each) to the highest unsuccessful candidates at each election.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,  
JOHN B. MONCKTON.

January 25th, 1881.

FREEMASONRY IN TUNIS.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In re the communication of Bro. Holmes in your last issue I may perhaps be allowed to say that no clue is given in Bro. Broadley’s book as to the identity of Bro. Tristram, no very uncommon name in the north. I have the esteemed pleasure of the acquaintance of Bro. Tristram, and am a great admirer of his writings, but had not the least idea he was the hero of the adventure recorded.

I am, yours fraternally,  
YOUR REVIEWER.

JEWES AND THE HIGHER DEGREES.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can a member of the Hebrew persuasion take the Degrees of the “Rose Croix,” “Rosicrucian,” “Knight Templar,” or any Degree beyond the Royal Arch, to the 33rd?

Trusting to receive a reply in your next issue,  
Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
JUVENS.  
[The Higher Grades being more or less “Christian,” we cannot see how a Hebrew can join them.—Ed. F.M.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the “Revelations of a Square,” by Dr. Oliver, I found the following question: What does this stone smell of?

Can you oblige me with the proper Masonic answer?  
I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
A YOUNG MASON.

Reviews.

BULLETIN DU GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE.

October and November.

By some curious mischance, which we cannot explain, this number of the French Masonic Official Journal has only quite recently reached us. We have not seen either the December or January numbers. It contains a good deal, interesting only to French Freemasons, and one or two statements which concern in some sense Freemasonry generally. It seems that the G. Orient has recognized the so-called “Grande Loge Symbolique,” which is an illegal Craft Grand Lodge, formed by some dissidents from the Rite Ecossais. In France the “Rite Ecossais” grants charters to symbolic lodges as well as High Grade chapters—a system not good in itself, which leads necessarily to many complications, and which is not happily the custom in Great Britain or in America, or where Anglo-Saxon Masonry prevails. This “swarm,” or “schism,” is composed of a body of Masons in the Rite Ecossais, who wish to place themselves on the same level as the G. Orient of France, (low enough in all conscience), and to destroy the Cosmopolitan landmarks of Freemasonry, to deny the name of God, and sweep out all allusion to T.G.A.O.T.U., alike from ritual and declaration. The G. Orient of France, in its official publication, at p. 400, gives the following reason for its unprecedented proceedings: “Le desir avoué de l’Assemblée de hâter la fusion des rites et l’unification des loges bleues;” “The avowed desire of the assembly to hasten the fusion of the rites and the unification of the blue lodges.” And then, in the same breath, it talks of the “Rite of Misraim” as joining the movement, a purely High Grade body. We do not profess to understand such a proposal. Of the illegality of such a step, Masonically speaking, there can be no doubt, as it is only an incentive to unmasonic illegality and surreptitious bodies everywhere. It is, indeed, a mournful outlook. French Blue Masonry without any recognition of God, is thus illegal, and revolutionary; and unfaithful as regards Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We fancy that in America, as in England, there will be but one feeling and one voice of repudiation and condemnation as regards such proceedings by the G. Orient of France. And, yet, we are very sorry for it. We are among those, we confess, who had expected better things of Bro. St. Jean and Bro. Thevenot.

SMITHFIELD. A Paper read before the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society by Bro. GEO. LAMBERT, F.S.A.

This “paper,” of our well-known and valued Bro. Geo. Lambert, deserves to be read, and it will then be appreciated as it merits. It has information of a varied and interesting kind, both for the student and lovers of antiquarian memories and ancient days; and we have ourselves perused it with great pleasure. We trust that it is not the last archaeological essay we may have to hail from the same pen. It is a pity that the little pamphlet is not for general sale, as all such treatises are of much value to us in our common busy life today, who are too apt to forget the “locale,” the traditions, the souvenirs of a past which has faded away, out of sight and out of mind.

OCCULT LITERATURE.

Mr. John Wilson, of 12, King William-street, Charing Cross, London, W.C., has issued a catalogue of nearly 1100 works, (part 55), many of great rarity, on alchemy, astrology, Freemasonry, the Cabala, Rosicrucianism, magic, witchcraft, and we commend it to the notice of students and book collectors. Among the books on Freemasonry was a copy of Cole’s Constitutions of 1731, on copper plate, and marked as with a frontispiece, second edition, for the “incredibly small sum of 6s. 6d.” It was, of course, immediately picked up. There is also among many noteworthy notes a copy of the “Habbala Denu-data,” two thick quarto volumes, £6 6s. There are some exceedingly rare works and curious books in the collection.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET BOOK FOR

1881. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, London.

Price 2s.

The second edition of this useful *vade mecum* has again been published. We have gone carefully through its pages, and note that the many alterations which have occurred since the first edition went to press have been made, and the several errors rectified. It is now, we think, as near perfect as a book containing so vast an amount of information can ever be. As the first edition sold so well and quickly, we have no doubt the second will be equally successful.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ENGLISH HIGH GRADES AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF LONG LIVERS, 1721.

In replying to “Masonic Student” I am labouring under great disadvantages, because I am prohibited from expressing myself clearly, but will do my best—first taking the historical question. I did not state that the Templar Priest dated from 1686 in Ireland; I said it was of old date in Ireland. Archdeacon Mant makes mention of the Degree, and Bro. Dr. Graham, 33-95°, informed me that it had been suppressed in Ireland for some fancied political reason. But the late Bro. Lawrence Newall, of Littleborough, near Rochdale, a gentleman of recognised shrewdness and great ability, more than once told me that he could trace the Degree of Knight Templar Priest in Ireland to the year 1735. I made enquiries from other brethren respecting this, who confirmed his statement, and told me that he derived this datum from an old Templar Priest ritual, which had come into their possession from an Irish source (the details of the genealogy from which 1735 was derived being given to me), and that this ritual, being very old and faded, had been rendered worthless by the application of chemicals to bring out the faded ink. The late Bro. A. Deuchar, who was Grand Master of Scottish Templars at the close of last century, asserted that he could trace back the Templar Degree, by means of living members, to the year 1743. These two things, and I see no reason to doubt the facts, bring back the Degrees to the oldest mention of the Arch—that in D’Assigny, where a brother makes claim of having received the Degree at York in 1743. I conversed, twenty years ago, with very old Templars upon the knowledge which they had derived from their predecessors; it is confirmatory of the foregoing, with the assertion that no minutes were made of those higher Degrees, and sometimes from political fears. Hence I do not pin my faith on documentary records, but there are such about 1780 which assign all these three above-named Degrees a time-immemorial authority—I allude to the Bath and Bristol documents. I hold, therefore, that the Templar and Templar Priest are of equal antiquity with the Arch Degree, and that it is this last which Doctor Rawlinson was said to have called the Fifth Order about 1723. As to the alleged revival of 1686, I may point out that Ashmole makes the London revival of Freemasonry and the occult Rosicrucian system, with which he was connected, as both taking place in 1686; this is the true “crux” for all Masonic students, and whoever finds documentary history of this period will, I believe, prove the position which I have assumed from carefully-examined traditional data as compared with the outside Masonic facts, as I have printed them in “Speculative Freemasonry.” My attention was first called to this “year of revival” in the papers of that good genealogist, Bro. Jesse Lee, the Registrar of the Jerusalem Conclave; he had put together a substraction sum and added—“Query, find out what important Masonic event occurred in 1686.” I am so convinced of the general likelihood of this that I have never hesitated to express my belief of its reliability as a thing which will be proved if documents are ever discovered. The fact is this, the Guild theory has of late years been so exclusively dominant that the present generation of Masons are likely to lose the truth of Masonic history. In this enquiry, also, we must not lose sight of the fact that the Continental High Grades claimed a derivation from this country, a circumstance which necessarily implies their establishment about the time I have named.

This will bring me to the language of Long Livers, which I have this day re-read in the version of the “Masonic Magazine” (pp. 161-174). What is the whole language but a resumé of the symbolism and history given in these three Degrees, even containing what I hold to be quotations from these same old rituals? I do not know how “Masonic Student” can for a moment doubt this, if he has read these old rituals, as I understand him to say that he has. Now let the reader make a careful perusal of the pre-Reformation works in the veiled language of Alchemy, separating carefully what is really Alchemical from what is only professedly so. Then let him take the later works when freedom of conscience was entirely established, and compare the assumed Alchemical works with those which are truly Alchemical, as Glauber. He will witness how far the Theosophical Alchemist had dispensed with the thick veil of darkness, and he may easily discover the Philosopher’s Stone which lies hid therein, and will find the last page of the language of 1721 to be identical in allegory with that of the previous century. Is there one word about real alchemy from pages 161 to 173? Is it not a history of a sort of Theosophical Masonry drawn from the Bible, and this in 1721? Then the writer says, “And now, my brethren, you of the higher class, permit me a few words, since you are but few, and these few words I shall speak to you in riddles, because to you is given to know those mysteries which are hidden from the unworthy.” In the single page which follows, why does the writer continually point out to this higher class that he “speaks as a fool?” Because this was the way in which these symbolical writers pointed out to the reader that he was to exercise his wits in order to discover the hidden allegorical meaning—it was a custom spreading through several centuries amongst these Gnostics, for “Sacred things must not be given to dogs” (cowsans). As common gold is refined in the crucible so must these High Grade Masons pass through the fiery crucible (as the Arch Mason passed through that of Nebuchadnezzar) before he can arrive at that “Diaphanous Palace,” which is elsewhere termed “the Heavenly Jerusalem.” Pyropus—carbuncle, opal metal—is a term that was used by the actual alchemist to indicate fused gold at a certain period of the philosophical process. But is the chemical carbuncle and opal hue meant when the writer goes on to term this his Pyropus,

"the immortal, eternal, never dying, whence proceeds everything that is great, and wise, and happy?" Assuredly not, all the little book is written against such a thought. The writer almost shows as much as asceticism as a Hindu Yogi who refuses to touch money lest it should defile him. But why have we now to dispute on the allegorical sense of these particular books which treat on the Philosopher's Stone? Because we are locked up in worldliness, riches, and sensuality. Send the books to some despised Hindu Swami, for he can teach the Western Christian the truth of the Philosopher's Stone and his own religion. Several of these Rosicrucian writers, as also Paracelsus and Paschalis, learned it there, but have failed, it appears, to teach the secret of it to the West, and the best must fail with the man who either has no soul, or believes he has none, which may possibly mean the same thing. Therefore, I attach myself to the system of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry which indicates the mode of proof, and develops the true Philosopher's Stone.

N.B.—1. If Bro. Gould can show me the first use of the term Royal Arch, and what the grade was named before that time, he will unquestionably do a great service to the history of modern Masonry. Most assuredly nothing but documents will reason me out of what "Masonic Student" terms myth in the face of "Long Livers," combined with known facts.

2. The suggestion that Dr. Mead was the author of the preface of 1721 was made me by the late Bro. Herbert Irwin, 31-92, but I have not had the opportunity of examining the suggestion, and I give that from memory, as it would be very troublesome to run over my letters.

3. As to Morin, in 1766, the first step is to establish beyond question what High Grade system the Grand Lodge of France then recognised.

4. I am obliged to "Masonic Student" for the hint as to the Montauban documents of 1814, and will try to follow it out.

5. I think you would render a Masonic service by reprinting this preface to Long Livers in a sixpenny pamphlet. I am somewhat selfish in this suggestion, as it is calculated to form a good historical basis for our own system, another proof that the writer means what I have credited him with.

JOHN YARKER.

[We have had to "excise" some passages relative to "ritual," &c., as they would only draw down long discussions of no good. This mixture of Craft and High Grade ceremonial is peculiar to Bro. Yarker.—Ed. F.M.]

#### THE CERNEAU COUNCIL, 33°, AND H. J. SEYMOUR.

Without attempting to enter into any conflicting arguments in respect to the Cerneau, Gourgas, and Van Ransellaer Councils at New York, their mutual expulsions and anathemas, it is possible apparently to give, in a short notice, the gist of the true position in relation to the circular letter from which you extracted a few weeks ago, and to the accuracy of which you appear to lend the weight of your journalistic reputation. The Cerneau Council of 1807, though it had two opponents, seems to have gone on flourishing until the year 1865, when its Grand Secretary was Bro. D. Sickles, and its Grand Com. Bro. E. B. Hays, and it was in alliance with the Grand Orient of France. At this date Bro. Sickles attempted a fusion with Van Ransellaer and his council, and altered without authority the headings of the Cerneau circular to the form of the northern jurisdiction of Van Ransellaer, which had I believe the support of Bro. Crucifix in England. Hays was in bad health, but had a meeting called, at which Seymour presided; a resolution was passed condemnatory of Sickles' action and denouncing any fusion with the other council; these voters being Seymour, Leveridge, Neefus, Roberts, Holmes, Patten, Turner, Hanna, Beck, Peck, Millard, Johnson, Haines, Silke, (Sec. pro. tem). A secession of Sickles, MacClennahan, Lawson, Innes, and most likely some others followed; and Seymour denounced the newly organised council as an illegitimate body. For this he was summoned before them to shew cause why he should not be expelled from this body, to which in the strongest possible language he had refused to belong. As he took no notice of the citation he was expelled in December, 1865. One month following the expulsion Sickles wrote to request Seymour to call upon him, and a week after this placed his name on a "Grievance Committee," which Seymour "treated with silent contempt." In 1867 the Sickles' council resolved—"All action heretofore taken in expelling members from either council on account of former differences is hereby revoked." Seymour's body met May 21st, 1867, and the following members again renounced and denounced the seceders and their council—Haines, Turner, Beck, Peck, Solomon, Kay, Patten, Brown, Shipsey, Ellard, McGee, Diction, the Vanderbecks, Neefus, Wells, May, Stanton, Dockson, Hodson, Hanna, Bliss, Flanders, Bennett, Dodge, Helmsley, Pine. In 1870 the Cerneau Council had twenty-three members. The above summary I extract from the "Condensed History," printed by Barry, 316, Washington-street, New York. It rests under these circumstances for the American Craft to consider, irrespective of acknowledgments, which side in strict justice has the best claim to their consideration.

JOHN YARKER.

[We have had to take out one or two passages. We refer Bro. Yarker to our leader.—Ed. F.M.]

#### AN OLD MS.

I purchased at Bro. Spencer's sale of his Masonic library, through Mr. E. W. Stubbs, a curious old M.S., which had belonged to Bro. Dr. Oliver, in which, if I remember rightly, he seemed to think there were, as he said somewhere, though my reference is mislaid, some tokens of Masonry. I have myself gone through the book carefully, but wishing to have the opinion of an "expert" upon it, at the suggestion of my friend, Bro. Canon Greenwell, I submitted it to Professor Fowler, of Durham, and his "analysis" of it follows, and is very interesting in itself and to all collectors and students:—

"Mr. Woodford's MS. volume, with autograph of Geo. Oliver, D.D., 1836, is in its original stamped binding, having on one side Our Lady standing on the Moon with the Divine Infant in her arms, and surrounded by rays of glory, on the other Christ stripped, his hands bound together, and His head with cruciferous nimbus. Over Him the letters I N R I and I C K C. Clasp gone and binding otherwise damaged. Size 7 x 5 in. Leaves (of vellum) not numbered. It is written in black, and rubricated, with blue capitals ornamented with red. Date about 1420.

"It begins with the headings of the several chapters, in

15 'distinctions' or groups, then the chapters themselves, under their rubrics or headings, and after the last a colophon, giving the date of 1317 to the compilation of this particular set of statutes. This is at the end of the 8th quaternus or gathering.

"That very rare collection of the *Nomasticon Cisterciense* contains a set of statutes of 1289-1316, which are probably the same as these (Nom. Cist. 481-532).

"The upper part of fo. 3 is torn away, but only contained part of the headings, and the beginning of the *Carta Caritatis*, which has often been printed (a).

"After the 8th quaternus come the statutes of Benedict XII. (Nom. Cist. 586-614). The rubrics are defaced on account of the Pope being mentioned.

"Then come the *Novella* of 1350 (Nom. Cist. 616-662), in 14 distinctions, ending at last leaf of 14th quaternus.

"Then a form for visitations, and one for resignation and election of an abbot.

"These seem to be the most valuable parts of the MS., as they are not to be seen anywhere in print so far as I know.

"At the end are memoranda of (1) dates of foundations of Waverley and of Furness, (2) privileges to abbots of the Order, and (3) homicide, and on the last remaining page, there being three cut out, a letter from John Abbot of Garandon, father abbot and immediate visitor of the monastery of Bordesley, concerning the election of a new abbot (1452).

"The *Nomasticon Cisterciense* is the great collection of Cistercian statutes; it is very scarce, but probably in B.M. and other great libraries. There is not one in any of our Durham libraries. (Fo. Paris 1664, pp. 686, with Index, &c).

"*Les Monuments Primitifs de la Regle Cistercienne Dijon, Imprimerie Darantiere, rue Chabot Charry, 1878*, contains the Benedictine rule, the earliest Cist. statutes in Latin and in old French, &c., pr. 10 fr. postage 1 f. 15.

"There is a good introduction and it is well edited altogether. "J. J. F.

"Durham, February 17." —

(a) It comes at the beginning of all sets of Cist. Statutes.

#### STEPHEN MORIN. PART THE SECOND.

Had my friend and brother, "Masonic Student," awaited the second part of my investigations into the history of Stephen Morin, he would not have supposed it necessary to enlighten any one as to Grand Orient—Grand East—Orient or East—a phrase understood by every bright Mason all over the world. I have however to do with Stephen Morin and his patent, and therefore recur to the trustworthy pages of Bro. Kloss, merely premising that this is a continuation of my former article at page twenty-nine of this volume. "A peculiarity," says Kloss, "in the beginning of this patent deserves special notice, because in later times an especial stress has been laid upon it, in the measure that certain party interests have arisen, either to affirm or to ignore in the intention of forming conclusions. This consists in the expression, 'In the Grand Orient of France.' Dazard, who on the 27th of February, 1812, first printed Morin's patent from the Golden Book of de Grasse Tilly, and after him Vassal, give the commencement of the patent in the same literal way that we have given it. Thory, whose history of the Grand Orient also appeared in 1812, gives the initial pages thus: 'To the Glory of the Almighty Architect of all worlds,' and then follows on the rest of the text. We also find this in Besirchet (II. 207) and in the *Univers Maconique*, col. 117, from which Thory no doubt reprinted. The interest of Thory and his party evidently consisted in maintaining that the Grand Lodge of France in 1761 had no relations with the High Degrees, although it is plainly seen, from the signatures to the patent, and the continual references to the Grand Lodge in the text itself, that such a connection existed. In addition to this it is impossible to explain, without such an amicable union between the two bodies, how the two highest officials, signatories to the patent, could have allowed themselves to have endowed Stephen Morin with the power to form a St. John's Lodge of a vague and migratory character, in the name of the Grand Lodge. Although Thory and the French writers, expressly following him, declare that Stephen Morin was a Jew, it is only necessary to indicate his Christian name and his connection with the Lodge *La Trinite*, to shew that as a High Grade Mason he would be most unsatisfactory to his presumed co-religionists, but it is further settled by Article II. of the statutes of 1755. We should also mention a misprint in Thory. According to him, Morin was empowered in all places where the Sublime Grades were not yet diffused to nominate Inspectors. But Dazard writes in full conformity with the actual condition of things 'substituts grades.' Thory also omits the not unimportant word Bordeaux in his reprint." It is somewhat remarkable that the Philadelphia body of 1783-6 was chiefly composed of Jews, and it is additionally curious to find a number of Christians continually in the Royal Arch Degrees masquerading as Jews and descendants of the tribes, particularly when such gross unmasonic conduct is being every day exercised towards the Jews in such a Masonic country as Prussia. If Masonry be derived from the Temple of King Solomon as we are taught, then doubly dear to us should be those families and tribes traditionally descended from the co-religionists of David and Solomon, but if Masonry has nothing but universalism to recommend it, then the Jews should in no way be excluded. In the High Grades the whole series of teaching is entirely Jewish, until we reach a point with which the Scottish Rite has nothing to do. To denominate the High Grades Christian is a misnomer, for the few Christian attributes in Masonry are so recent as to be unworthy of historical consideration. We will not now follow Stephen Morin across the Atlantic, but in my next I will describe what he actually performed under his patent, and that this was unsatisfactory was evident from his having to return and another be empowered in his stead.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IN°.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS combine both sanative and emollient powers in a high degree.—by the former term is understood their ability to preserve health, by the latter their capability to restore health. With these remedies at hand no invalid need be at fault to guide himself or herself through the many trials to which every one is subjected during our long and oft-times inclement winter. Coughs, colds, ulcerated throats, whooping cough, can be successfully treated by rubbing this Ointment upon the chest, and by taking the Pills during damp, foggy weather, asthmatical sufferers will experience the utmost possible relief from the innunction of the Ointment, and all tender-hearted persons will save endless misery by adopting this treatment.—[ADVT.]

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. J. S. WOOLLEY.

We record with very deep regret the death of Bro. J. S. Woolley, of Upper Herbert-place, Swansea, who expired at his residence on Monday morning, the 17th inst., at a comparatively early age, being in his 43rd year at the time of his death. We cannot speak too highly of his many excellent qualities; he was a kind husband, an affectionate parent, and a firm friend. Bro. Woolley leaves a wife and four children to lament his loss—two sons and two daughters. One son holds an engagement under the eminent firm with which his father was for so many years connected; the other son is a medical student; and the youngest daughter is in the Royal Academy of Music. Bro. Woolley was particularly identified with Bridgend, having actively interested himself in the establishment and direction of the "Ogmore" Lodge; he was the first W.M., and was re-elected at the end of his term of office. We add the remarks which have appeared in an evening contemporary, and which will, we feel, be thoroughly endorsed by his numerous friends in this locality: "Bro. Woolley was for many years the representative in South Wales of Messrs Ind, Coope, and Co., the well-known brewers of Burton, in the furtherance of whose trade he brought to bear those business instincts, and pushing, energetic capacity, which were his chief characteristics. He held a very prominent position in connection with the Masonic body, being a Past Provincial officer, a Past Master of the Indefatigable Lodge, and also a Past Master of the Ogmore Lodge at Bridgend, of which lodge he was the first W.M., and in the prosperity of which he always took a most active interest. Genial and generous-hearted in disposition, he made innumerable friends throughout the district over which he travelled for so long a period of his life, and there is not one who knew him but will hear of his death with sincere regret, and those who knew him best will feel most regret at his loss."

##### BRO. DR. J. D. MOORE, P.M., P.G.S.B. OF ENGLAND, &c.

We record this week with regret the death of Bro. John Daniel Moore, M.D., which took place at his residence in Queen-street, Lancaster, on the 17th inst., at the age of forty-six. For some months back Dr. Moore has shown signs of failing health, but much against the advice of his friends he continued to attend his professional duties instead of taking that rest which he stood so much in need of himself. About three months ago Dr. Moore had a severe attack of illness, which subsequently developed into a complication of diseases, and from which—although at one time he had sufficiently recovered to be able to take outdoor exercise—he never rallied. For a couple of weeks or so prior to his death, Dr. Moore was slightly better, but on Friday last a relapse set in, and it was evident he could not long survive, his frame being exhausted by the previous sufferings he had undergone, and he died, as already stated. Although Dr. Moore was not a native of the town yet he has been resident here so long as to have become identified with it. He first came to Lancaster about 1862, as assistant medical officer to the Lancaster County Lunatic Asylum. Subsequently he entered into partnership with Mr. Howitt, surgeon, of Queen-square, and in conjunction with that gentleman carried on a large practice, which since the retirement of the latter a few years ago, was successfully continued by the deceased. Some few years back Dr. Moore took considerable interest in subjects of natural history and science, and on which he frequently lectured, treating the matter in hand with a freshness and vigour which made it at once interesting and instructive. Dr. Moore was also the surgeon to the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, an office which he held at the time of his death. For the last fifteen years Dr. Moore devoted considerable time and attention to Masonic matters, and very rapidly, and at the same time very deservedly, attained the front rank amongst the members of that body, and in this district was looked upon as the leader in Masonic thought. His advancement in the Craft was mainly attained by sheer hard work and constant study of Masonic lore, and it may truly be said of him that no Lancaster gentleman ever manifested a more lively interest in all matters connected with the Craft. He was a member of all the lodges in the town, and always met with a hearty welcome at the business and other meetings of the Order. The remains were interred at Lancaster Cemetery on Thursday morning, the 20th inst., and the funeral was attended by about eighty gentlemen, representatives of Freemasons' lodges, and others. Three beautiful wreaths were laid upon the coffin. A goodly number of persons congregated around the grave to take a lingering look at the coffin after the body had been consigned to its last resting-place.

##### BRO. S. W. IRON.

By the death of Bro. Past Master S. W. Iron, the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, has lost one of its most esteemed members. The departed brother was initiated in the above lodge on the 18th April, 1864, and having duly served all the minor offices was unanimously elected to the chair of K.S., into which he was duly inducted on the 23rd February, 1869, and has ever since taken the deepest interest in the welfare of this his mother lodge. Some ten years ago he was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in the Buckingham Chapter, 591, at Aylesbury, but we believe he never occupied office in this holy rite. Our brother's death was the result of an accident directly attributable to the late inclement weather. Alighting from a cab at the door of his private residence, on his return from his usual avocation on the evening of Wednesday, the 12th inst., and proceeding up the first flight of steps on his way to his dinner, in his dining room, he slipped on a piece of ice at the top step and falling down the entire flight struck the back of his head upon the iron scraper, sustaining a star fracture of the skull, from which he never rallied but expired painlessly twenty-four hours afterwards. A coroner's inquest, held on the following Saturday, returned a verdict of accidental death. The unhappy occurrence of course placed the Burgoyne Lodge in mourning at its regular meeting, on Monday evening last.

**BRO. GEORGE LITTLE, O.C.**

We regret to announce the death of Bro. George Little, O.C., Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and a member of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99. Bro. George Little was called to the bar by the Hon. Society of the Middle Temple on 8th May, 1840, and practised at the then Chancery bar. He afterwards had the dignity of one of her Majesty's Counsel conferred on him, and was elected subsequently to a seat at the Bench of his town. The deceased brother had long an extended practice in the County Palatine Court, and on the transfer of the late Mr. Wickens from the office of Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy to that of one of the Vice-Chancellors in the High Court of Chancery in 1862, Bro. Little was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, an office he held to the time of his death, which happened at his residence near London on Thursday morning.

**Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.**

One of the sea-lions at the Brighton Aquarium, the male, has died suddenly, it is supposed from heart disease.

The first meeting of the Kryle Society was to be held at the Vestry hall, Kensington, on Thursday, with the president, Prince Leopold, in the chair.

Professor Farinelli, of the University College, London has been appointed to deliver the Barlow lectures on Dante. They will be given at the College, in Italian, commencing after Easter; and the public will be admitted without payment of tickets.

The year 1881 has two peculiarities: whether backwards or forwards, or even upside down, it remains the same in value, and this circumstance has not occurred since 1111, and will not recur till 8008. Further this is a year of "nines," like 1863, the first two and last two figures each making nine, the four units added together being 18—the two first, as they stand being also 18, and the two last 81, or nine times nine.

Two fresh Egyptian pyramids have been discovered near Sakakrah, to the north of the former site of Memphis. They were built by two kings of the Sixth Dynasty, and the inner walls are covered with several thousand inscriptions.

The successful rise of a distinctive school of American Art is very gratifying to Transatlantic pride, and *The American* notes that this year Christmas publications have been more exclusively national, and have shown a striking advance in taste as well as in luxury. This alteration "is the more gratifying as these evidences of the nation's social sentiments indicate a degree of refinement and chaste delicacy different from English massiveness, French polish, or German innocence. There is a decided American taste, and an American school of artisans and artists tries faithfully to meet its wants; it succeeds, and promises an interesting future." On the other hand native production has not been highly appreciated at the recent exhibition of the works of living Americans at Boston—the first of its kind. Hardly any pictures were sold, but this is in a great measure attributed to the supineness of the authorities. No salesman was at hand, no information as to prices could be gained in the gallery or from the catalogues, and the female attendants in charge seemed much more interested in the progress of their own needlework than in directing would-be purchasers.

There are at present sixty-five geographical societies in the world. The oldest of these is that of Paris, founded 1821; there is also a Society of Commercial Geography at Paris, founded 1873. Besides these France has geographical societies at Lyons, Bordeaux, Marseille, Montpellier, Rouen, Nancy, Bergerac, Périgueux, Rochefort, Mont-de-Marsan, Agen, Epinal, Rochelle, Douai, Dunkirk, St. Omer, Lille; and one is about to be founded at Bar-le-Duc. The Berlin Geographical Society was founded in 1828; besides which Germany has similar societies at Frankfurt, Darmstadt, Leipzig, Dresden, Munich, Bremen, Halle, Hamburg, Friburg, Metz, Hanover; other societies are in formation at Halberstadt, Magdeburg, and Jena. The London Geographical Society, the only one in England, was founded in 1830. The next oldest society (after Frankfurt), is that of Rio Janeiro, founded 1838; then Mexico, 1839; St. Petersburg, 1845; in Russia there are besides societies at Tiflis, Irkutsk, Vilna, Orsnburg, Omsk. The other societies are those of the Hague, 1851; New York, 1852; Vienna, 1856; Geneva, 1858; Rome, 1873; Buda-Pesth, 1872; Amsterdam, 1873; Bucharest, 1875; Lisbon, 1875; Madrid, Antwerp, Brussels, Copenhagen, Lima, all 1876; Stockholm and Quebec, 1877; St. Gall, Berne, Oran, 1878; Tokio, 1879; Buenos Ayres, Algiers, and Oporto, 1880.

A design made by Colonel Arthur Ellis, C.S.I., for the cross to be given to those who took part in the march from Cabul to Candahar, under Sir Frederick Roberts, has been submitted to and sanctioned by the Queen. It will be engraved with the words, "From Cabul to Candahar."

The Goldsmiths' Company have passed a resolution increasing their subscription to the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education from £2000 per annum to £4000 per annum, the increase to commence from the 1st of January, 1881. This subscription of £4000 per annum is granted in addition to a donation of £10,000 already promised towards the building fund of the central institution, which is shortly to be erected in Exhibition-road, South Kensington.

Amongst the discoveries made during the recent excavations at Pompeii is a fountain which is described as being a very fine work of art.

The museum of the Louvre was closed on Wednesday week, on account of the heavy fall of snow which had accumulated on the skylights and rendered the gallery almost as dark as night.

The Bey of Tunis is said to be a devoted amateur of photography, and devotes several hours daily to that fascinating art. As the Koran forbids the faithful to make images of living things the Bey has had the portrait of his wife taken by a Circassian photographer. His own pictorial efforts are used for the decoration of his palaces.

M. François Coppée has read to the artists of the Odeon the MS. of a comedy in verse, entitled "Madame de Maintenon," which is intended to succeed "Jack."

A bronze statue of Louis Spohr is to be erected on the Opera Square at Cassell. The sculptor is Herr F. Hartzer.

The *New Free Presse* says that the highest honorarium ever received by an artist was obtained by Adolina Patti, whose two performances in Nice brought 15,000fr. each.

Last month occurred at Melbourne the production of the first oratorio written in Australia. The words and music are by Mr. C. S. Packer, and the title is "The Crown of Thorns; or Despair, Penitence, and Pardon."

According to the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, Verdi is at present busy composing his *Otello*. It is to be given first at Vienna, Frau Materna taking the part of Desdemona.

The *Athenæum* says that M. and Madame Enault have been commissioned by one of the more important firms of French publishers to proceed to Jerusalem and prepare a volume of descriptions, illustrated by woodcuts and other plates of the kind prepared by M. Yriarte on Venice and Florence.

The *Estafette* states that the Empress Eugénie, on settling herself at Farnborough, will publish a biography of the Prince Imperial, written by herself, to be followed by "Les Notes de Napoléon," which will contain revelations as to some politicians of the day. M. Rouher has assisted her in collecting all the notes written by the Emperor during his reign.

THE FRENCH VINTAGE.—The yield of the last year's vintage, according to the *Bulletin de Statistique* just published, amounted only to 29,600,000 hectolitres, which is 2,000,000 hectolitres under the average of the last ten years. The yield of 1879, however, was still smaller, viz., 25,700,000 hectolitres. The imports, which before 1878 never reached 1,000,000 hectolitres, consequently rose to 3,000,000 hectolitres in 1879, 6,400,000 hectolitres last year, exclusive of the month of December, for which the returns have not yet been made up. Of this quantity Spain contributed more than 4,000,000 hectolitres.

At the last meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bengal an interesting paper was read by Mr. Valentine Ball, of the Geological Survey of India, in which he discussed the identity of the diamond mines visited by M. Tavernier in the 17th century. These mines have long been lost to memory. Mr. Ball now identifies Raolconda with Raudukonda, on the Tungabudra river; Ganicolour, where the Koh-i-noor was found, with Kallur, on the Kisana, and Soumelpour, with Simah, in Chota Nagpore, and not with Sambalpur, as hitherto supposed. Burageesh, which is mentioned in the Ain-i-Akbari, is identified with Wairagurh, in the Central Provinces. The paper explains the various traditions connected with diamond mining as formerly practised in India, and throws much light on this attractive, but now almost extinct industry.

**Masonic and General Tidings.**

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.—It is as well perhaps to remind those of our readers privileged to attend Grand Chapter, that the meetings are now held at six o'clock, instead of seven, as heretofore. The next meeting is on Wednesday, the 2nd proximo.

Bro. Lord Kensington, P.G.W., arrived at Osborne on Saturday, and had an audience of Her Majesty to present an address from the House of Commons.

NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.—The meeting of this lodge will, in future, be held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, having removed thereto from the New Cross Hall, Lewisham-road.

Bro. Walter Hallett will be installed W.M. of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on the 17th proximo.

Bro. H. A. Isaacs, the newly-elected Master of the Liners' Company, presided on Monday evening last at the inaugural banquet at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

We learn from the *City Press* that the presentation to Bro. Alderman Knight, on his recent marriage, will take the form of a silver ornament for the table, representing the old Cripple-gate. It will be a beautiful work of art, and will be a lasting memento of the ward with which the alderman is so honourably connected, as well of the esteem in which he is held.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1623.—We are asked to state that the hour of meeting of this lodge has been altered from eight to seven o'clock to suit the convenience of City brethren.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., has accepted the Lord Mayor's invitation to the banquet to be given in honour of Sir Frederick Roberts on Monday, February 14th.

From the numerous accidents which have occurred during the frost and snow storms, we regret to have to announce the following at Brighton. W. Bro. J. Dixon, P.P.G.D. of C., P.M., &c., in leaving a house where he had been attending a patient, slipped down the front door steps and fractured a rib. W. Bro. Alderman W. Hudson, P.P.G.M., S.W., P.M. 75, and 164, &c., when walking down West-street, slipped, fell, and sustained a severe shaking, which has confined him to his room. W. Bro. T. Clarke, G.M.S., P.P.G.M., Sec., &c., in stepping over a ridge of drifted snow slipped and fell, dislocating the knuckle of the third finger and breaking the small bone connected therewith on the right hand. We are pleased to be informed that they are progressing satisfactorily.

The members of the Sir Hugh Myddelton and New Finsbury Park Lodges, Nos. 1602 and 1695, have jointly arranged to hold a Masonic festival, on the 7th of February, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and for that purpose have engaged the whole of the spacious and elegant suite of rooms, which will be strictly at the disposal of the visitors. The number of tickets being limited, early application is necessary. A dispensation has been obtained enabling the brethren to wear Masonic clothing and jewels. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. R. P. Thomas, Bro. J. Jarvis acting as M.C.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn's, Bart., M.P., mansion, in Wynnstay, near Ruabon, Denbighshire, was discovered to be on fire on Tuesday night. The flames broke out in a spare bedroom attached to the mansion and situated between the main building and the stabling. The private engine was speedily brought to work, and in half an hour the fire was entirely under control, and shortly afterwards put out. Sir Watkin himself superintended the arrangements; and fortunately there was no breeze at the time.

ALBION ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 54.—The meetings of this chapter are now held at the New Concert Rooms, Warrior-square, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on the third Tuesday, in January, April, July, and October.

Bro. R. Gooding asks us to state that a lodge of instruction, attached to the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, meets every Monday evening at the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, Woolwich, at half-past seven o'clock.

Bro. Captain John Gordon, the enterprising lessee of the Theatre Royal, West Hartlepool, had a complimentary benefit at that house on Friday night last, the 21st inst., and has presented half the receipts to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, will preside at the tenth annual festival in aid of the funds of the United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Association and Railway Orphan Fund, on March 16th, at Cannon-street Hotel.

Bro. William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master North Wales, is, according to "Who's Who," the oldest member sitting in the House of Commons. Bro. Hughes is in his 83rd year.

Bro. W. G. Lockey was installed W.M. of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, at the Masonic Hall, John-street, Whitby, on Monday week, the 17th inst., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. John Stevenson, P.M.

BEADON LODGE, No. 619.—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the above lodge met as usual at the Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich, and, although the members were not so many as usual, after the business of the lodge was finished the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

Bro. W. Knell, W.M., will represent the Islington Lodge at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons' and Widows' Festival, on February, the 23rd, 1881.

Bro. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., will deliver a course of lectures on "Domestic Sanitation, or Health at Home," for the Ladies' Sanitary Association, in the hall of the Society of Arts, on Saturday, February 12th, and the eight following Saturdays.

The installation of W.M. of the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, was impressively celebrated at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, on the 20th inst., Bro. J. E. Williams, P.P.S.G.D., acting as Installing Master. Ten pounds were unanimously granted out of the lodge funds in aid of the poor relief fund of the city. A banquet was afterwards held in the council chamber of the Town Hall.

Bro. J. W. Benson has had the honour of submitting to the Queen the gold casket manufactured by him to contain the address voted to the King of Greece by the Corporation of London.

Bro. W. Nicholson, Sec. Lodge 1282, asks us to state that the day of meeting of the Ancholme Lodge has been altered from the first Thursday in the month to Thursday on or nearest the full moon. The place of meeting is the Masonic Rooms, Cary-lane, Brigg, Lincolnshire.

On Wednesday Sir Frederick Roberts was presented at Bristol with a massive silver salver, &c., purchased at a cost of £400, "by a few friends and admirers of the Bristol boy who has made himself so famous." The same night a ball was given in General Robert's honour by the Guild of Merchant Venturers. On Thursday he left for Cardiff, where another round of festivities awaits him.

A stone monument, weighing about thirty tons, to commemorate the loss of the training ship *Eurydice*, when so many officers and men perished, has been completed, and will shortly be erected in front of Haslar Hospital.

M.E. Comp. W.W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent, presided at the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight on Friday last, at the Masonic Hall, Winchester. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

Bro. Ellis Jones was installed W.M. of the King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, on Monday last.

Bro. John Derby Alleroft, P.M. 1657, has forwarded the sum of £100 to the poor box of the Mansion House.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, J.G.W., P.M. No. 1, has been elected President of the City of London Bicycle Club.

The *Builder* of Saturday gave an excellent view of Purbeck House, Swanage, the residence of Bro. ex-Sheriff Burt, J.P.

*Truth* notices as a singular coincidence, that no sooner does the water supply fail in some of the suburban districts than the milk ceases to be delivered.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will hold a levée at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Monday, February 21st.

Bro. J. T. Briggs, W.M. 1732, P.M. 177, will work the ceremony of installation in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at 7.30, on Monday evening next, at The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C. Brethren are cordially invited to be present.

Bro. E. Dresser Rogers has been elected a member of the Camberwell Ratepayers' Association.

The third Annual United Masonic Ball takes place, as already announced in these columns, on Monday next, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., arrived in London on Wednesday from Osborne.

A full report of the Masonic service held in St. Clement's Church, Longsight, Manchester, on Sunday last, will appear in our next.

Bro. Frederick Brasted was installed W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, on Thursday, and not Bro. Brand, as announced in our last. The installation ceremony was performed by the first Master of the lodge, Bro. Wm. Henry Lee, P.M. 975. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, P.G.S., P.M. 21, at a Court of the Loriners' Company, held on Monday last, was accorded a vote of condolence on his recent most severe domestic bereavement.

Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, P.M. 15, presided at the first annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Girls' School at St. Mary's College, Beckenham.

Bro. J. Whittaker Ellis, Alderman of the City of London, P.G.S., S.W. Grand Masters' Lodge, entered his fifty-third year on Tuesday.

Bro. C. W. Thompson has, we are pleased to learn, sufficiently recovered from his accident as to be able to return to his duties at the Guildhall.

Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., will take the chair at the forthcoming banquet of the London Orphan Asylum.

Bro. F. A. Bevan, ex-Sheriff of London and Middlesex, has been elected a Vice-President of the Gravesend Amateur Rowing Club.

Bro. J. L. Toole has been appearing during the week at the New Sadler's Wells Theatre in the "Spitalfields Weaver." This is another proof of Bro. Toole's kindness of heart and sympathy with Miss Isabel Bateman, who is now the directress of the theatre, owing to the lamented death of her esteemed mother, Mrs. Bateman.

The Prince of Wales, who is staying with his regiment, the 1st Life Guards, now stationed at the Cavalry Barracks, Windsor, attended church parade on Sunday, the 23rd inst. His Royal Highness marched at the head of his regiment to Holy Trinity, and hundreds of people lined the road to witness the regiment pass. The band of the regiment, with a string band, played the musical part of the service, which included a hymn to the Trinity, written and composed by the Rev. Arthur Robins. The lessons were read by the Revs. R. P. Bent and G. C. Bateman, and the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Robins, preached a very impressive sermon, the text being taken from the Lesson 8th chapter of St. Matthew, and 9th verse, "For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me." The Prince attended the evening service at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and was met there by the Prince and Princess Christian and party. The Prince and Princess Christian, Lord Claud Hamilton, Hon. R. Cathcart, the Rev. Arthur Robins, chaplain to the Prince's regiment, and a large number of distinguished persons were entertained at mess at the Cavalry Barracks by Colonel Fraser and the officers of the regiment.

**A PIGEON IRISH STEW DINNER IN ARCTIC LONDON.**—The fearful weather which has visited London during the last few days is unprecedented. The intense frost and heavy snow have made all, from the highest to the lowest, suffer from its severity. Conder-street, Limehouse, the scene of the London Cottage Mission Irish Stew Dinners, presented a sight that was heartrending in the extreme. The sufferings of those who have no fire, little clothing, and scanty food surpass description, and will hardly bear thinking about, yet we must not only think, but act, and try to mitigate their deplorable condition. The London Cottage Mission does all it can in this direction, and on the 19th inst., for many hours fed the hungry children, nearly one thousand in number, including men and women, besides supplying a large number of families at their homes. The Irish Stew, now rendered famous, was the richest ever given; some two hundred pigeons, besides the ordinary supply of meat and vegetables, forming a dish such as the East-end poor seldom taste. The pigeons were the result of the "Poverty Pot" shooting competition, inaugurated by Mr. Tucker, and presided over by the Editor of the *Sportsman*, the birds being supplied by Mr. J. R. Hammond. Mr. J. Tucker, Mr. J. R. Hammond, and other members of the "Poverty Pot Irish Stew Relief Fund" were present, and the latter gentleman gave away to the children and women who attended some nine hundred threepenny pieces. The gratitude for such kindness was indeed marked. We hope our readers will not forget to give with an open hand, during this hard winter, to help this Mission to feed the hungry of Arctic London in one of its poorest districts. A little help is better than a pound of pity, and we feel confident that help will be freely given to Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., and to Mr. Walter Austin, founder of this merciful Charity, Finsbury-pavement, E.C.

## Amusements.

**LYCEUM THEATRE.**—It is no exaggeration to say that since the days of the immortal Kean a picture such as that presented by the Temple of Artemis at the Lyceum has not been produced at any English or foreign theatre. The plot of "The Cup" is already familiar to our readers, we shall, therefore, only touch upon those points of the piece which appear to us to be the most remarkable and striking. All the dresses are arranged with an amount of care and skill seldom seen on any stage. When Miss Ellen Terry sits down upon the classical chair prepared for her reception we can almost fancy we see a living picture taken from the leaves of "Hope's Antiquities of the Ancients." In this standard work we see only the forms and not the colours of the dresses of antiquity. We are almost prepared to see the actors and actresses arrayed in nothing but white garments, with perhaps a key pattern on the edge of the dress of black or of some sombre hue. It has been reserved for Mr. Irving to present to us these costumes in all their glory of gorgeous colouring of gold and silver

embroidery, illuminated by lights of every appropriate hue cast upon them with the highest artistic skill which modern science can command. We have always looked upon Mr. Irving as being a better manager than an actor, although all must acknowledge his great histrionic powers. One point especially is noticeable in the manner "The Cup" is put upon the stage. This is the extreme "naturalness," if we may so speak, of every incident in the piece. When the huntsmen rush upon the stage with their dogs in the first act we can almost fancy that a real stag has escaped them, although no stag is in view. With regard to Mr. Irving himself we must remark that his "get up" was faultless, his acting appeared to us to be more vigorous than usual, and the singularly weird expression he is capable of throwing into a part was particularly suitable to the rôle of the semi-repentant murderer and seducer. To sing Miss Terry's praises would be to attempt to gild refined gold. Suffice it to say that she fully realizes the intense tragedy intended to be conveyed by the poet. Her facial play was indeed wonderful in some situations of the piece, as, for instance, where she stands on the pedestal in front of the shrine of Diana and commands her attendants to admit her lover, the murderer of her husband: one expression of her countenance, when she is struck with horror at the deed she is about to perform, appeared to have been carefully copied from the ancient heads of the Gorgon Medusa. Every fold of her dress was arranged with studious care, and her finished acting all through the performance gave a reality to a part hitherto only existing in the imagination of students of classical literature. Mr. Ferris, who has now taken his place as one of the leading actors of the day, threw much varied feeling into the different situations of his part, first as the loving husband, next as the accuser, then accused, and finally as the adversary of the murderer, and seducer of his wife. His death was very naturally arranged, at least for a stage death. Some of the details of the performance should not be left unnoticed. We would particularly call attention to the manner in which a distant crowd, with a hum of voices, is made to approach the hearer, and to a similar effect produced by the advent of marching music. The singing of the choir is excellent. When the appeal from the assembled voices goes up to Diana on a high note, and is answered by an angry crash of thunder, the effect is almost sublime. Such a climax has rarely been reached on any stage. We cannot help again adverting to the management of the lights in this piece. Such a detail, carefully studied, makes all the difference as to whether the effects presented resemble those of an ordinary stage scene or of a grand picture designed by the hand of a skillful artist. The success already attained by this wonderful poem renders any criticism unnecessary. We can only offer our praise where we feel it is so justly due.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 5, 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 29.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

#### 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 31.

United Masonic Ball, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.  
Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
Chap. 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, S.  
London Masonic Club.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, S to 10.  
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, S 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.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, S.  
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.  
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.  
West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.  
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, FEBRUARY 1.

Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.  
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.  
" 217, Stability, Anderson's Hot.  
" 705, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of G. Hope Tav., E.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, W.  
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington.  
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.  
" 1602, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.  
" 1608, Samson, F.M.H.  
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.  
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
Mark 236, Clapton, White Hart Hot., Lower Clapton.  
Rose Croix, 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.

#### 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, S.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.  
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Supreme Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.  
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderson's Hot.  
" 1491, Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Holloway.  
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox & Hounds, Putney.  
" 1637, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.  
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Hackney.  
Chap. 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Islington.

#### 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, S.  
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
Thistle, M.M.M., The 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, FEBRUARY 3.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hot.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, 225, Strand.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1672, Londoners, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
" 1681, Mornesborough, Regent M.H.  
" 1708, Plucknett, Railway Hot., Finchley.  
" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Regent M.H.  
" 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.  
" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms, Millbank, S.W.  
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.  
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1381, Kennington, S. Club House, Kennington Oval.  
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
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., Amherst-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, FERRUARY 4.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
 " 800, Hornsey, F.M.H.  
 " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Balls Pond-rd., W.  
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.  
 " 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.  
 " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.  
 " 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 Mark 8, Thistle, F.M. Tav.  
 " 223, West Smithfield, New Market 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.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Mark Lodge, 161, Walton, Skalmersdale H., L'pool.  
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.  
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.  
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Lodge 249, Mariner's, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.  
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

HALSEY.—On the 21st inst., at Gaddesdon, the wife of T. F. Halsey, Esq., M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, of a son.  
 HUBBACK.—On the 22nd inst., at Ridgway Vicarage, near Chesterfield, the wife of the Rev. G. Hubback, of a son.  
 SOPPETT.—On the 15th inst., at Cromer House, Hammer-smith, the wife of Bro. C. E. Soppett, of a son.  
 RICE.—On the 16th inst., at Danehurst, Sussex, the wife of Captain C. Augustus Rice, Royal Engineers, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HARRISON—WOODS.—On the 15th inst., at the parish church, Walton, Suffolk, by the Rev. Charles Maunder, assisted by the Rev. H. Andrew, Curate, George T. Harrison, of Bucklesham, Suffolk, son of the late Rev. W. B. Harrison, Rector of Gayton-le-Marsh, Lincolnshire, to Lois Eleanor, daughter of the late Mr. E. H. Woods, of The Grange, Walton.

JONES—MCQUIE.—On the 20th inst., at St. Nicholas's Church, Blundellsands, Lancashire, by the Rev. J. H. Becke, M.A., brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. C. de B. Winslow, M.A., Charles Henry Jones, Derby, son of Mr. C. H. Jones, J.P., Huddersfield, to Geraldine, daughter of Mr. P. B. McQuie, Sunnyside, Blundellsands.

DEATHS.

BARTON.—On the 24th inst., at Wolsingham House, Roupell-park, Streatham, Mr. Richard Carrol Barton, aged 67 years.  
 BONTEIN.—On the 7th inst., at 17, Rue Belliard, Brussels, Mary Anne Bontein, widow of Capt. Bontein, in her 80th year.  
 PALMER.—On the 24th inst., at 278, Essex-road, Islington, Mr. G. J. Palmer, sen., in his 80th year.  
 WISE.—On the 17th inst., at St. Ives, Hunts, Mr. Richard Rilton Wise, in his 71st year.

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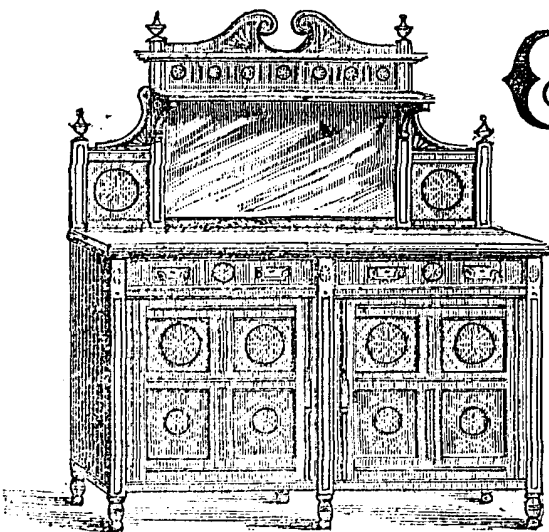
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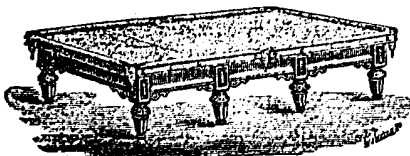
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