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THE CALEDONIAN LODGE SOIREE.

The members of this popular lodge organised a soiree and ball, which was brought to a most successful issue on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Fairrie, W.M.

Dancing commenced at 8.45 and continued uninterrupted until 10.30, when the company adjourned to supper, which was served in the lodge room. To those brethren who have been accustomed to see the lodge room on regular meeting nights, the brilliant assembly of some ninety-seven ladies and gentlemen must have been a gratifying spectacle, and contrasted favourably with its ordinary sombre appearance. After the company had satisfied the cravings of hunger, the Rev. Philip Hains rose, and in a humorous and apropos speech, proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which was enthusiastically received, and responded to on their behalf by Bro. Hurrie. "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Fairrie," was also proposed, duly honoured, and responded to, as was that of "The Stewards," Bros. John Roberts, P.M.; H. Paulden, Sec.; R. Spencer, J.W.; Bagnall, S.W.; Sawyer, J.D.; Lawton, (Steward); Cliff, I.G., and Duckworth (Steward). Bros. Roberts and Paulden responded. Shortly after twelve o'clock dancing was resumed, and kept up with unflagging spirit until four o'clock, terminating with "Sir Roger de Coverley," in which nearly all the company took part, and thus ended a most enjoyable evening, of which all those who were fortunate enough to be present will retain a lively recollection. During the evening several songs were sung by Bro. J. H. Greenwood and Mr. Thos. Roberts. The highest praise must be awarded to the "Stewards," who did all in their power to promote the comfort of the company, whilst Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, the indefatigable D. of Cers., rendered valuable assistance during the evening. A meed of praise must also be awarded to Bro. and Mrs. Phillips, successfully for catering at the supper table, and in the general arrangements.

Amongst the company were:—Bros. T. Fairrie, W.M., and Mrs. Fairrie; W. Bagnall, S.W., Mrs. and Masters W. and F. Bagnall; R. L. Spencer, J.W., and Mrs. Spencer; Rev. Phillip Hains, P.M. Chap.; J. C. Hind, P.M. Treas., and Mrs. Hind; H. Paulden, Sec., Mrs. and Miss M. J. Paulden; T. Sawyer, S.D.; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D. of C., and Miss Eldershaw; J. Cliff, I.G., and Miss Cliff; S. Lawton, Steward, and Mrs. Lawton; C. Duckworth, Steward; J. Roberts, P.M., (Charity representative), and Mrs. Roberts; G. S. Mullock, I.P.M., and Mrs. Mullock; E. Clay, P.M., and the Misses Clay, (2); M. Thomas, jun., P.M., Miss and Miss Bertha Thomas; J. Hurry; J. N. Harrop; B. Taylor, and Mrs. Taylor; A. B. Whittaker, W.M., 1633, and Mrs. Whittaker; T. Naphtali, I.G. 1147, and Mrs. Naphtali; Lyon, Steward, 1633; Miss J. Trafforis, Miss Watson, Miss Amy Watson, Miss Carter, Miss Walker, Miss Griffin, Miss Burrell, Miss Clara Smith, Miss Walker, Miss Mountain, Mr. and Miss Jennison, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hind, Mr. Cowen, jun., and Miss Ida Cowen, Mr. and Miss Hopkins, Mr. and Miss G. F. Hind, Mr. and Mrs. Gledhill, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Heaps, Mr. N. Gooch, Mr. and Mrs. Pass, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Pass, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Burn, Mr. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. John Siller, Mr. J. Wolfenden, Mr. Saml. Aylard, and Miss Aylana, Mr. Williams, Mr. James Lowe, Bro. Edward Smith, 317, and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. John Elderton, Bro. R. R. Lisenden 317, (Freemason), and Mrs. Lisenden.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.

The annual dinner of this popular lodge of instruction took place at The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Monday last, under the presidency of Bro. W. Side, W.M., who was supported on the right by Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1732, &c., and on the left by Bro. James Willing, jun., 1507, &c.; the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs being occupied respectively by Bros. Henry Stiles, S.W., and Edwin E. Barratt Kidder, J.W.

The rest of the company included Bros. E. J. Scales, J.P.M.; Henry Lovegrove, P.M. 1777; George Clark, jun., W.M. 1777; W. Browne Kidder, P.M., 12; Edwin Storr, Sec.; Paul Storr, C. J. Smith, F. H. Sillis, Lewis Solomon, B. Kauffman, Leon Jacobs, J. B. Edwards, T. C. Edmunds, W. W. Morgan, jun., W. J. Ferguson, J. R. Thompson, S. Heyse, Fulcher Johnson, George H. Deller, G. Emblin, J. G. Humphrey, F. A. Kelly (Freemason), and many others.

After the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily received.

In response to the toast of "The President," proposed by Bro. SCALES, Bro. SIDE said he was very pleased to see so great an assembly present, more particularly when he considered the short existence of the lodge. They were determined to make this lodge of instruction second to none in the Craft, and having the Preceptor that they had (Bro. W. M. Stiles) it would not, he thought, be a difficult matter to do so. Bro. Side in kindly terms referred to the late Bro. Adams, their first Preceptor, and said it was pleasing to know that their present instructor was brought up by Bro. Adams.

The next toast—"Success to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction"—was proposed in genial terms by Bro. JAMES WILLING jun., who said that when the lodge of instruction

was first established, just six years to a week, they never anticipated anything like the success which had attended them. To Bro. W. M. Stiles was due this great success. A more popular or more successful Preceptor few lodges could boast of. Bro. Willing then presented Bro. Stiles with a silver goblet and cigar case, handsomely chased and engraved. The former bears the following inscription: "Presented, with a cigar case, to Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., by members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction; No. 1507, on his accepting the office of Preceptor, as a token of their high esteem and regard, and in recognition of his valuable services while Secretary, 1875-1880."

Bro. WILLING, while presenting the testimonial, made some highly complimentary remarks to Bro. Stiles, which elicited loud cheers from the brethren.

The cheers were renewed with fresh vigour on Bro. STILES rising to respond, who said that he scarcely knew what to say in return for such a handsome present. It had been a labour of love on his part to perform his duties. He owed much to Bro. Willing, through whom mainly he had taken the Preceptorship. He felt highly gratified at so many of his friends being present to witness the presentation, a favour he should always remember with pride.

Bros. FERGUSON, W. BROWNE KIDDER, and others having responded on behalf of "The Visitors," the toast of "The Officers," was given by the W.M., who praised Bros. Stiles, Willing, and Edwin Storr for the attention they paid to the lodge. They all knew the ability with which Bro. Stiles, as Preceptor, worked the various ceremonies, and the care with which Bro. Willing, as Treasurer looked after the lodge funds. The courtesy and attention with which Bro. Edwin Storr performed his duties, as Secretary, were also well known and appreciated.

Bro. WILLING, in reply, regretted that he was not able to be more regular in his attendance, living as he did so far from town.

Bro. STORR felt much pride in occupying the position of Secretary. His mother lodge was No. 167, but No. 1507 possessed his friends, and those he most appreciated. Bro. Storr then referred to the pleasure it was to the brethren to see Bro. James Willing, jun., amongst them again after his severe illness.

During the evening some capital songs were sung by Bros. W. M. Stiles, Henry Stiles, E. Storr, and others.

FREEMASONRY IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTS.

Before the Union of 1813 the attempts to establish Masonic lodges in this province appear to have been of an intermittent character, and far from enduring. Masonry, indeed, spread with marvellous rapidity into most of the counties of England, but there were a few exceptions, and among them must be ranked the two which constitute the province for so many years presided over by the Duke of Manchester. Thus on the 16th January, 1730, as will be seen in the Grand Lodge lists from 1730 to 1732, was warranted a lodge, No. 62, at the George, Northampton, which in the lists for 1736-9 is described as being held at the George and Dragon. This lodge in the 1740 list will be found as "No. 64, St. George and Dragon, Northampton, January 12, 1730," but Masonry cannot have proved a great attraction to the working people of the county town, seeing that this lodge was erased from the Grand Lodge list on the 29th November, 1754, after an existence of less than a quarter of a century. Full thirty years elapsed ere we trace the evidence of a revivide care for the principles of the Craft, for it was not till the year 1789 that the Lodge of Harmony, No. 544, held at the White Hart, in the Drapery, Northampton, was constituted. At the alteration of numbers in 1792 this became No. 453, but some time between this year and the year of the Union, the Lodge of Harmony migrated to Boston, in Lincolnshire. There, at all events, according to Bro. Hughan's "List of Lodges" at the time of the Union, we find it was held, and there it still continues to flourish, having at the several periodical revisions of numbers become in 1814, No. 512; in 1832, No. 339; and in 1863, what it still is, namely, No. 272. In 1802 a lodge of St. Peter's, No. 596, was established in the cathedral city of Peterborough, but it had ceased working before 1813. The above came under the category of "modern" lodges, but there was in existence at the Union one "ancient" lodge, namely, the Good Intent Lodge, No. 87, Stamford, which in 1814 was renumbered 109, and subsequently died out. So far, then, as we have carried our researches, we find no trace in this province of any pre-Union lodges, the solitary one which still remains having long since transferred its allegiance to Lincolnshire. Since 1813, however, Masonry has succeeded in establishing itself firmly in the most important places in Northamptonshire and Hunts, the county town of the latter having one lodge, while the other eight lodges all belong to the former, two of them, namely, Nos. 360 and 1764, meeting at Northampton, one at Peterborough, one at Kettering, one at Stamford, one at Towcester, one at Thrapstone, and one at Wellingborough. The premier lodge in the province is the Pomfret, No. 360, of Northampton, which was warranted in 1819. Next in order of seniority is the Socrates Lodge, No. 373, founded in 1823. After an interval of fourteen years, Masonry made a further and most satisfactory start, for in 1837 two lodges were added to the list, namely St. Peter's, No. 442, of Peterborough, and Fidelity, No. 445, of Towcester. The year following a Lodge Perseverance, No. 455, was established in Kettering, and in 1840 the town of Stamford was again in a position to boast of having a lodge of Masons in its midst, namely, the Lodge of Merit, No. 466. Then the Craft would seem to have rested somewhat, a rest which, considering that, in this brief period of

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Masters was first held. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence, occupied the President's chair; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, held the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Charles Fred. Hogard, Henry Garrod, P.M. 769; James Kench, G.P.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney, G.J.D.; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; William Stephens, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Constable, P.M. 185; W. Mann, P.M. 186; J. M. Klensch, P.M. 1339; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; Albert Fish, W.M. 1366; K. J. Taylor, W.M. 144; Thomas C. Corpe, W.M. 1839; George Boulton, W.M. 901; S. T. Catterson, W.M. 558; Charles A. Smith, W.M. 1305; Frederick Brasted, W.M. 1524; H. Cristall, P.M. 1704; Capt. S. George Homfray, P.M. 1098; C. Wellard, W.M. 1319; A. A. Richards, W.M. 8; Charles Nott, W.M. 87; Joseph Wright, P.M. 1158; F. J. Stohwasser, W.M. 509; G. M. A. Low, W.M. 1670; Frederick T. Edgington, W.M. 1321; S. Perkins, W.M. 749; Charles Atkins, W.M. 1260; Arthur E. Gladwell, W.M. 172; Charles J. Wase, W.M. 180; J. H. Passmore, W.M. 260; Eugene Sweny, W.M. 706; F. C. Wemyss, W.M. 1615; George Britton, W.M. 22; James Abbott, P.M. and Sec., 9; J. H. Coulson, W.M. 27; B. R. Bryant, W.M. 1326; Robert J. Voisey, W.M. 1641; H. J. Phillips, W.M. 205; F. Kearney, W.M. 1743; Thomas Morrison, W.M. 141; Ernest E. Smith, 1559; V. Jagielski, M.D., W.M. 533; J. F. Van Raalte, W.M. 917; W. J. Edney, W.M. 933; James Chapman, W.M. 913; G. C. Andrew, W.M. 92; W. Carlton Kale, W.M. 1216; Percy F. Tatham, W.M. 14; John C. Lathbury, P.M. 320; Charles F. Poupard, P.M. 1446; John Edward Shand, W.M. 1563; A. B. Baker, W.M. 1828; Aug. Darch, W.M. 72; W. Ashwell, W.M. 1441; T. R. Eames, P.M. 171; Bedford Lemere, W.M. 193; Robert Ward, W.M. 511; R. W. Rickwood, W.M. 192; Geo. Davis, W.M. 167; W. Shury Marshall, P.M. 1549; H. Shaw, W.M. 834; Thos. W. Murley, W.M. 1257; H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason).

At the Board of Masters the brethren were informed of the business to be transacted at Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication on the 2nd of March. When the Lodge of Benevolence was opened, the brethren first confirmed grants and recommendations of grants made at last meeting, to the amount of £235, and afterwards proceeded with the new cases, of which there were forty-one on the list. Of these five were deferred through incompleteness, and one was dismissed. The remaining thirty-five were relieved with the following grants: One £150 (£150); two £50 (£100); two £40 (£80); four £30 (£120); three £25 (£75); seven £20 (£140); two £15 (£30); ten £10 (£100); one £7 (£7); one £5 (£5); and two £3 (£6); or a total sum of £813.

The lodge having sat nearly four hours was then closed.

three years, the number of lodges had been exactly tripled, must be regarded as justifiable. However, in 1852, was established, in Thrapstone, the Chichester, No. 607. The year 1858 witnessed the birth of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 737, Wellingborough, and then again there would appear to have been a further period of contentment. At all events, an interval of twenty years passed without the addition of any new lodges to the roll, nor was it till the year 1878 that the brethren in Northampton, being well assured of the security of their position, obtained a warrant of constitution for a new lodge, bearing the style and title of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, of Northampton. Thus there are in all nine lodges in the province, three of which, namely, No. 360, of Northampton, No. 442, of Peterborough, and No. 466, of Stamford, have Royal Arch Chapters attached to them. Royal Arch Masonry, however, has not apparently developed itself in sufficient strength to be thought worthy of having assigned to it a provincial organisation. There is a P.G. Lodge, but not a P.G. Chapter. The present Grand Master, or rather, as we believe we shall be most correct in describing him, the recently-resigned P.G. Master, the Duke of Manchester, has, during a presidency of some seventeen years, carefully watched over the interests of the Craft in the province committed to his care. He has, too, on occasions, taken the leading part at our Charitable festivals, and the province has liberally supported him in his efforts to promote the welfare of our Institutions. As regards his grace, this is not very surprising, for one of his ancestors who flourished during last century for some time guided the destinies of the whole Craft, nor will the knowledge that his grace's deputy is Bro. Butler Wilkins. Can it be matter for wonder that the brethren of Northamptonshire and Hunts should have exhibited a zeal and activity which is to be highly commended? We trust this fortunate state of things will continue.

THE ALLIED DEGREES OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

At a meeting of the Great Orme Council, No. 5, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno, North Wales, on the 9th inst., Bro. Capt. Hunter, P.P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire East, and Grand Representative of Greece, Secretary 32°, &c., &c., in the chair of W.M.

The council being opened he admitted the following brethren into the Degrees of St. Laurence the Martyr, and afterwards to Knights of Constantinople: W. Bros. Geo. L. Woodley, P.M. 755, P.P.G.D. North Wales and Salop; R. S. Chamberlain, P.M. 755; Thos. Davies, I.P.M. 755; Thos. Pike, P.M. 755; Bros. J. T. Purvis, S.W. 755; G. F. Felton, Organist 755; P. M. Evans, Jun. Steward 755. Through the absence of the V.W. Bro. Major Tudor, P.G.M. elect for Staffordshire, and V.W. Bro. Wm Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Deputy P.G.M. of North Wales and Salop, Bro. Major Gordon Warren, P.M. 1575, and others who were to have taken the Degrees, the W.M. did not confer as he had intended on the Royal Arch companions the Orders of High Priest and the Red Cross of Babylon, as he desired that all the companions should take all the Degrees if possible together.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by W. Bro. Chamberlain, and seconded by W. Bro. T. Davies, I.P.M. 755, to W. Bro. Captain Hunter for having obtained a warrant from England to work the Degrees, and the pleasure it gave the brethren in participating in the many Masonic Orders, namely, the Mark Degree, the Allied Degrees, and Royal Ark Mariner, which were not known in Wales until Captain Hunter introduced them, and took an active interest in their workings.

There being no further business the council was closed, after which the brethren dined together at the Imperial Hotel, where the usual Royal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The brethren afterwards separated before the departure of the last train from Llandudno, well pleased with the evening which had been spent.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY.

The ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held at Trenton recently. It was a very harmonious session, and very largely attended.

The address of M.W. Bro. Hamilton Wallis, Grand Master, was an able and interesting production, worthy of its scholarly author.

One new lodge—Mariners, No. 150, 'at Barnegat—was warranted. The bye laws were amended so as to constitute three new districts, for which districts Deputy Grand Masters will be appointed.

The following are the Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Joseph Martin, 27	...	M.W.G.M.
William Hardacre, 15	...	R.W.D.G.M.
Rev. Henry Vehslage, 10	...	R.W.S.G.W.
Joseph W. Congdon, 88	...	R.W.J.G.W.
Charles Bechtel, 5	...	R.W.G. Treas.
Joseph H. Hough, 76	...	R.W.G. Sec.
T. H. R. Redway, 19	...	R.W.D.G. Sec.
Rev. Gustavus M. Murray,	...	R.W.G. Chap.
John Whittaker, 126	...	W.G.S.D.
Thomas E. Cooper, 87	...	W.G.J.D.
Charles Russ, 33	...	W.G. Marsh.
Charles H. Brinkerhoff, 39	...	W.S.G. Stwd.
Albert F. Randolph, 2	...	W.J.G. Stwd.
Thomas Cook, 9	...	W.G. Swd. Br.
George W. Fortmeyer, 124	...	W.G. Purs.
Heber Wells, 80	...	R.W.G. Instr.
Amos Howell, 5	...	G. Tyler.

Of these officers, W. Bro. John Whittaker, Senior Grand Deacon, will be recognised by some of our Philadelphia brethren as a former member of the Franklin Lodge, No. 134, Philadelphia; and Bro. Murray, the Grand Chaplain, was also formerly a Philadelphian.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to the retiring Grand Master, who declined a re-election, and a committee, consisting of Past Grand Master Bros. Marshall B. Smith, William A. Pembroke, and William E. Pine, was appointed to prepare and present to him a Past Grand Master's jewel, in the name of the Grand Lodge.

Our old Grand Lodge is approaching her hundredth year, and when that time comes our brethren of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania will, no doubt, be fraternally remembered.—*Keystone*, Philadelphia.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

We have received the following from America:

Many inquiries reaching us as to the so called "Cerneau Council" now pretending to confer the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in this city and elsewhere, we deem it a duty to give briefly the actual facts in the case, so that if henceforward any of our brethren are led astray by the officers and members of this clandestine organisation, it will be due to perversity and not ignorance, and by preserving this letter you will, as occasion requires, be able to refresh your memories.

The earliest Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree is that now governing the Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, with its Sec at Charleston, S.C., organised in 1801.

The next in order of date was the Cerneau Council, organised by Joseph Cerneau in 1807, and third the De La Motta Council, organised in 1813.

These organisations existed with varying fortunes until the event of the anti-Masonic excitement in 1826, when they all became dormant.

The first to revive was the Cerneau Council, in 1843, then followed the Gourgas Council, in 1848, having its Sec in New York City, but removing to Boston in 1851 or 1852, then known as the Gourgas Council there. In 1860 the Gourgas Council became divided. It was then called the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction.

The division created two Supreme Councils, viz.: one known as the Raymond, the other as the Gourgas, making four Supreme Councils in the United States, three of which were in the Northern Jurisdiction.

Ill. Albert Pike commanded the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction.

Ill. Kilian H. Van Rensselaer commanded one of the Supreme Councils of the Northern Jurisdiction; Ill. E. A. Raymond commanded the other; while the Cerneau Council was commanded by Ill. Edmund B. Hays, and of which, on the 18th of September, 1861, Bro. Harry J. Seymour became Grand Master of Ceremonies. Amid the contentions for supremacy in the Northern Jurisdiction, on the 7th February, 1863, a solemn treaty of union was entered into between the Supreme Councils commanded by E. A. Raymond and Edmund B. Hays—the body taking the name of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Rite for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, with Ill. E. B. Hays as Grand Commander, E. A. Raymond as Deputy Grand Commander, Bro. Harry J. Seymour being the Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Thus, all there ever was of the Cerneau Supreme Council was then merged beyond the power of any combination of Inspectors-General to revive it.

There still remained three Supreme Councils in the United States.

The newly united (Cerneau-Raymond) Council progressed successfully and actively, having its Grand East at New York City. At all its sessions, Bro. Seymour was in attendance, discharging his duties as Grand Master of Ceremonies, up to and including the session of October 19th, 20th, and 21st, of 1864. On the last day of this session, to wit, October 21, a regular election of officers took place. Edmund B. Hays was re-elected Grand Commander, but Harry J. Seymour was superseded by Charles T. McClenachan as Grand Master of Ceremonies; from this time forward Bro. Seymour remained away from the Supreme Council.

At a session of the council, held September 11th, 1865, Bro. Hays presiding—of which council Bro. Seymour was an active member—charges of unmasonic conduct were preferred against the said H. J. Seymour, referred to a commission for trial, which commission was composed wholly of those who were originally members of the late Cerneau Council. The charges being fully sustained, on the 14th December, following, his membership in the Rite terminated from that date.

In the meantime (October 22, 1865), the Cerneau-Raymond Council had changed its title from "Supreme Council for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies," to "Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States," thus, leaving two Bodies with the same title, one having its Sec at New York, and the other at Boston.

On the 17th of May, 1867, these two councils settled upon terms of consolidation, each unanimously agreeing to give up its separate existence, and to become constituent parts of the body now known as the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Hon. Josiah H. Drummond was then elected Grand Commander, and re-elected, until September, 1879, when the Hon. Henry L. Palmer was elected, and still is Sov. Grand Commander.

It will thus be seen that the Cerneau Council, by its own voluntary and unanimous act, dissolved its organisations, and that there exists no power to revive it, and it necessarily follows that the membership of Mr. Seymour having been lawfully terminated two years previous to the final union of the Cerneau, Raymond, and Van Rensselaer Councils could neither take part in the dissolution of the one or in the formation of the united body.

The names of prominent members of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction are mentioned as having formerly belonged to the Cerneau Council. It is quite true that they did, but when, by the union in 1863, and the final union in 1867, the Cerneau organisation was merged, its members then, as men of honour, transferred their allegiance to the present Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, and, with one accord, they deny the right of any man, or body of men, to revive either of the Councils which, as active members, they united with its other members in finally dissolving.

It is asserted that Seymour and his adherents claim to have the original charter of the Cerneau Council.

A Grand Body has no charter, no Supreme Council has, nor does it require, a charter. From whom could it come? It being Supreme! Has any Grand Lodge a charter? It follows therefore, that no such document now exists; the parchment claimed to be the original charter is simply an old warrant of a subordinate body of another Rite, as any one who reads French will discover, on examination of the Relic!

This clandestine Cerneau Body has not been recognised by any lawful Supreme Council in the world, nor can it or any of its members ever be, in these days of enlightenment—so, brethren wishing to unite in the fortunes of a clan-

destine organisation will have only themselves to thank for the disappointment they are preparing for the future.—John W. Simons, 33°; R. B. Folger, 33°; Daniel Sickels, 33°; John L. Lewis, 33°; Clinton F. Paige, 33°; C. T. McClenachan, 33°; Joseph D. Evans, 33°; Henry C. Banks, 33°; Albert G. Goodall, 33°; Hopkins Thompson, 33°; Charles Roome, 33°; Jesse B. Anthony, 33°; and Horace S. Taylor, 33°.

The above named illustrious brethren were formerly members of the various councils enumerated, but since 1867 have been active and emeritus members of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States.

R. M. C. GRAHAM, 33°,
Deputy of the Supreme Council for the
State of New York.

New York, Jan. 28th, 1881.

WOMEN AND MASONRY.

At a late Masonic banquet E. P. Brown, a Cincinnati humorist, thus delivered himself in response to "The Ladies:"

It may be a light matter for you, brethren, to conscript me in this way, but it is far from being such to me. Do you realise what you have called upon me to do? Have you for one single instant considered the magnitude of the task you have thrust upon me? You have not, or that far-reaching Charity which makes its headquarters in this lodge-room would have spared me. You impose upon me a task that would have made Hercules turn pale and feel like a small boy with a boil on his elbow. You ask me to enlighten you upon a subject that has always been incomprehensible to the minds of men, from the beginning of humanity down to the last new bonnet—in fact, ever since the morning when the first woman filled her pretty eyes with tears, put on her water-proof, and went home to her mother in high dudgeon, with what she conceived to be a broken heart, and a deep seated impression that her hubby was a beast, because he persisted in going to the lodge every other night. From that unfortunate moment, I say, up to the present time, woman has been a riddle that no man could guess, and yet not one of them would give her up. The little boy wasn't far out of the way when he said, "Man is a mister, and woman is a mystery." But a mystery, you know, is always attractive until it is solved and understood, and as the ladies never have been, and never will be fully understood, it is safe to say the time will never come when they will cease to be attractive. My subject is an old one, or at least of uncertain age, but a most interesting one, especially in the morning of youth; in the days of the first budding moustache, when John Henry looks into the loveliest eyes of Mary Ellen, and sees in their limpid depths everything in this world worth looking for and a large slice of heaven besides. For him the magic pencil of inspiration itself can produce nothing brighter than the sweet look of affectionate confidence that beams upon him at the moment of betrothal, and fills his heart with noble aspirations and a new born interest in the market value of household and kitchen furniture. In the priceless gems of coronets can be found no jewel that shines with brighter and purer light than the eyes of love. Brawny smith and relentless anvil have never forged a more binding fetter than has been found in one little tinny golden curl; and, in all the marvels of mechanism, where, I ask, can you find anything in machinery that can keep up with a woman's tongue, without a break or a smash up?

In many respects women and Masonry strongly resemble each other. Both are celebrated for their good works. Masonry is the handmaid of religion; so, also, is woman. The mission of Masonry is to relieve the suffering, minister to the distressed, comfort the afflicted, and watch by the bedside of disease and death, and in all these good offices the soft hand of woman is never missing. Masonry has signs and symbols to remind its members of the cardinal virtues, but in women they are all manifest, even to a near-sighted man like myself, and require no gilt or tinsel emblems to advertise their presence. Masonry has its altar, upon which are pledged vows of fraternity and virtue, but not more sacred is it than the altar of woman's heart, which never shrinks from sacrifice in behalf of those she loves.

Masonry raises man to sublime degrees of beauty, prunes his heart of vice, and implants in their stead vines of virtue and flowers of fragrant goodness. Woman "raises" him also—if he happens to stay late at the lodge, to sublime degrees of consternation and infinite amazement at the high-pressure endurance of her vocal machinery, while she plants on his alabaster brow a hand that means business and destruction to hair, as she twines her taper fingers in his ringlets, and enquires, with an inflection that pries up the shingles, if this thing is to go on for ever! Masonry has its jewels, but none to compare with women—at least many of the brethren think so. In the hands of the Master the gavel is one of the most impressive instruments, and never fails to enforce silence, but, in a match for a silver cup, brethren, don't you think it would come out about a neck behind the rolling-pin in some lodges you could name?

How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in peace and unity! The wise man didn't say anything about the sisters getting along together in that same way, because in his wisdom he could see that it was one of the things that "couldn't be did." But talk about the compasses binding the brethren together in fraternal love! Where, may I ask, can be found a greater love, without the walls of Heaven, than that encircled by a mother's arms when they enfold their first-born babe? To Masonic ears the square speaks volumes, enjoining correct principles and upright conduct toward all mankind; but which, think you, has done most to make men honest, good, and honourable in all the relations of life—the square, which we revere so highly, or that formed by the bended limbs of childhood at the mother's knee, lisping forth the first prayer? The "lights" of Masonry have thrown their pure and life rays into all the dark corners of the earth, and have done much to make the world brighter and better; but, though the beneficent influence of our beloved Fraternity stands as high with me as with the next brother, I am ready to concede that the bright lights typified in female eyes have penetrated farther, and have done much, ay, much more—and I say it with no irreverence—to make life sweet, and beautiful, and grand, than all the lights of Masonry put together.

And yet, though our good sisters so strongly resemble Masonry, they have always been more or less antagonistic

to it. They can't see why they are shut out and debarred from its privileges. "If the women are not good enough to belong to our Fraternity," says the pouting fair ones, "will you please tell us why not?" This is the very trouble, dear madam and miss; you are too good. The necessity for your membership does not exist. Of the highest possible good you are the embodiment. Now, Masonry was founded for the express purpose of making men better—for the Lord knows they needed it. There was abundance of material ready to hand to work on, and Masonry undertook a big contract when she assumed the job. But with the crinolined angels Masonry had no mission, because they were already better than Masonry could ever hope to become, and so you were left out of the programme, with no slight intended. If Masonry ever gets the advance of you in true goodness, you may rest assured the doors will be thrown wide open, and the Tyler will be instructed to oppose nothing wearing back hair. But if that ever comes, the prediction goes on record right here, that you will be so fully occupied in taking an inventory of what the candidate has on, that the sublimity and impressiveness of the ceremonies will do you but little good. The man who said you were kept out because you couldn't keep a secret was the basest kind of a slanderer, and not a married man, or he would have known better. Ask any census taker who ever tried to find out a woman's age how well he succeeded, and see if the good man don't heave a sigh and begin talking about the weather right away.

But, though a woman cannot become a Mason in all that the term implies, the close observer of human nature will bear me out when I say that in nine cases out of ten she is the Master of the lodge, and no one understands better than she how to wear the apron and call the brethren to refreshment. She may not be able to give the pass word in the due form, but if she don't know how to give the last word every time, and in all sorts of forms, will some brother please have the kindness to inform me, at the close of this entertainment, who does? And when she gives the *grip*—on a man's hair—something has got to give way.

Although woman cannot come as an Entered Apprentice to the inner sanctuary, she never fails to enter, heart and soul, into every good work. It is easier—ten thousand times easier—for her to pass another woman on the street without looking back than it is for her to pass to the Degree of Fellow Craft; but when it comes to making a "raise" to buy Christmas presents, or pay off a church debt, she is right at home every time, brethren; and talk about "lectures"—but I must draw the line somewhere.

Woman! the divinest work of the Supreme Architect! The shrine to which all hearts must come! Poets have gone into rhapsodies over her beautiful eyes, her will has swayed the destiny of nations, and her "won't" has kicked up all sorts of trouble. Kings and princesses have bowed the knee in obedience to her mandates, and the small boy has made woe eloquent when inspired by the slipper swaying to and fro in her elegant hand—an emblem, by the way, which she can extract more good from than the Mason of the lodge. Bless the ladies! We admire them for their many graces of mind and person, respect them for their virtues, and love them—well, just because we can't help it. —Voice of Masonry.

Royal Arch.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—The election meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 14th inst. Amongst the companions present were Ex. Comps. Henry Smith, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; R. N. Field, H.; Samuel Poynter, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., S.E.; Comps. Thomas Meggy, S.N.; B. R. Bryant, P.S.; J. W. Watts, 1st A.S.; Ex. Comp. R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; Comps. H. M. Baldwin, J. S. Terry, Gilbert, and others, and Ex. Comp. H. Thompson, M.E.Z. 619. Bro. William Wilkins, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, was a candidate for exaltation, and the ballot proving unanimous in his favour, that worthy brother was duly exalted into the Supreme Degree, a noticeable feature in connection with the ceremony being the fact that the Three Principals and other officers of the chapter are members of the Burgoyne Lodge, from which he hailed. In regard to the working of the ceremony itself, a more perfect rendering of the beautiful ritual we have seldom, if ever, heard. Every officer was perfect in his work, and in consequence his introduction into the R.A. Degree made a strong impression on the newly-exalted companion.

The election of officers for the ensuing year, in each case unanimous, resulted as follows, viz., Ex. Comps. R. N. Field, Z.; Poynter, H.; Comp. Thomas Meggy, J.; Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., S.E. (thirteenth re-election); Ex. Comp. Henry Smith, P.Z., Treas.; Comp. B. R. Bryant, S.N.; Comp. J. W. Watts, P.S.; and Comp. Gilbert, Janitor. Comps. Watts, Baldwin, Terry, and Arnold were appointed on the Audit Committee. A cordial vote of thanks to Ex. Comp. Henry Smith, P.Z., for his excellent services on this and a former occasion in the absence of the M.E.Z., was carried by acclamation. Comp. Bryant announced his intention to act as Steward for the Boys' School at the ensuing festival. A copy of the new map of Masonic lodges and chapters was ordered to be provided and handsomely framed for the chapter room, and after some few matters of routine business had been discussed, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to supper. The evening was enlivened by songs and recitations, and the few toasts given by the acting M.E.Z. received due response, the most noticeable reply being that of Ex. Comp. Henry Thompson, M.E.Z. 619, the only visitor on this occasion, who expressed his great pleasure and satisfaction with the working he had heard and witnessed, and which, in his opinion, could not have been surpassed. He paid a well deserved compliment to each and every officer, and said that although he had been made acquainted with the fact that in the Panmure Chapter the perfection of Royal Arch ritual was earnestly sought for, he had not imagined he should hear such a careful interpretation of the entire ceremony, which to his mind left nothing to be desired by those who visited the chapter. He hoped to again enjoy the privilege of attending and receiving similar enjoyment of good work. After a most enjoyable evening, the companions separated.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CANONBURY LODGE (No. 657).—The installation of Bro. Henry Gustavus Buss as Worshipful Master of this successful lodge took place at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when a goodly number of brethren were present to do honour to our esteemed Assistant Grand Secretary. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Stevens, supported by Bros. George P. Gillard, S.W.; A. J. Duff Filer, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Treas.; H. G. Buss, Sec.; J. G. Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Llewellyn Jones, P.M., Past G.D. Middx.; R. H. Dean, P.M.; J. Douglas Mathews, P.M.; J. J. Chapman, J.D.; W. Maple, P.M., D. of C.; W. Pearson, I.G.; J. G. Ward, F. A. Warner, T. T. Roe, A. Haslett and the following visitors. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; D. W. Pearce, P.G. Registrar Middx.; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1572; J. Bergmann, W.M. 1671; Fredk. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge; J. Davis, P.M. 17, I.P.M. 1794; D. H. Jacobs, P.M. 27; John Green, P.M. 27; T. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27; J. J. Avery, P.M. 70; George Cooper, P.M. 108; George Drysdale, S.W. 222; G. Butler, 55; W. Snodin, 157; E. Churchill, 1269; F. W. Potter, 1426; F. Ducker, 1687; Dr. W. Porter, 1719; W. Boswell, 1733; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). The only business before the lodge was the installation, which ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones, assisted by Bro. W. H. Stevens, I.P.M., as D. of C. At its conclusion Bro. Buss appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. P. Gillard, S.W.; A. Leigh, J.W. (by proxy); A. J. Duff Filer, P.M., Treas.; W. Maple, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Chapman, S.D.; W. Pearson, J.D.; J. G. Ward, I.G.; and J. G. Chancellor, D. of C. In again investing Bro. Filer as Treasurer, the W.M. remarked that that worthy brother had held the office for twenty-five years. He was the first Master of the lodge, and was elected Treasurer the night his successor was installed. He had fulfilled his duties since to the satisfaction of them all, and it was his (Bro. Buss's) sincere wish that he might be spared another twenty-five years to be among them. A handsome Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. W. H. Stevens, I.P.M., by the Treasurer, who, in doing so, said that it had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge, and that he was sure Bro. Stevens would treasure it, not for its intrinsic value, but as a mark of the sincere friendship with which he was regarded by the lodge. The I.P.M. returned thanks in appropriate terms for the handsome jewel, which, he said, he should look upon as a good passport to any lodge.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in excellent style by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and genially presided over by the W.M. In giving the first toast—that of "The Queen and the Craft"—Bro. Buss said Her Majesty was loved and adored by her subjects, there being none more loyal than Freemasons. This was confirmed by the expression made use of by the M.W.G.M. at his installation, "That the watchwords of Masonry were loyalty and charity." The next toast was "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," in proposing which the W.M. said that no Grand Master had done so much for Masonry as the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. at all times being happy to devote much of his time for the best interests of the Craft. The toast having been loyally received, Bro. Buss said the next word, he was sure, be received with the same enthusiasm—it was that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The kindness and ability with which these noble men performed their duties were well known and appreciated, as were also the services of the rest of the Grand Officers, who were always ready and willing to execute their duties at any time. With this toast he would couple the name of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had honoured his installation by being present, and whose presence afforded him (Bro. Buss) the greatest amount of gratification. Bro. Col. Clerke had long been associated with the Craft, but, perhaps, had become more widely known since his appointment as Grand Secretary, the duties of which office he performs with that courtesy for which he was so celebrated. Bro. Col. Clerke, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received, and assured them that the manner in which the toast was always responded to afforded the greatest pleasure to the Grand Officers. The Canonbury Lodge was fortunate in possessing in their own circle two such shining lights among the Grand Officers as Bros. Buss and Filer. For himself, it had been the greatest pleasure to be present at the installation of Bro. Buss; and the brethren were to be congratulated upon having such a Master to preside over them. Bro. Clerke concluded by expressing his best wishes for the prosperity of the Canonbury Lodge. Bro. W. H. Stevens then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," which he did, he said, with feelings of the greatest pleasure, intensified by the fact that Bro. Buss had been associated with them for so long a period. It was with great satisfaction he proposed the toast, and he was sure it would be received with the greatest pleasure by the brethren. The toast having been heartily received, Bro. Nelson Reed favoured the company with a song. In reply, Bro. Buss said he felt great diffidence in responding to the toast. He had been connected with the lodge twenty-six years, and had acted as Secretary fourteen or fifteen years. The present was the first occasion he had been installed W.M. of this lodge, though he had been asked upon some three or four occasions to take the chair, but, always having found younger members aspiring to that proud position, did not avail himself of the honour. Under the existing circumstances he had taken the chair, and felt proud of his position. He would acknowledge that, like "Will o' the Wisp," he had been led on by the hope of at some time filling the chair of the lodge he had been so long connected with. Bro. Buss concluded by again expressing his pleasure at being installed, and his intention to do his best to promote the welfare of the lodge. The next important toast was that of "The Past Masters," the virtues and services of each being described seriatim by Bro. Buss, who called upon Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones to respond and Bro. Stevens to harmonise. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," in proposing which Bro. Buss said of all the pleasing duties

a Master had to perform there was none more pleasing than that of proposing "The Visitors." The Canonbury Lodge was never without them, being always pleased and gratified to see a goodly array—he might say, a grand array. Among those present that evening they had some of the greatest luminaries of the Craft, including the Grand Secretary, who had responded to the toast of the Grand Officers. There was also Bro. Binckes, so well known as the indefatigable Secretary of the Boys' School, but who was not present representing that estimable Institution. The Canonbury Lodge always supported the Charities without troubling the Secretaries to plead their merits. Bro. Binckes, in the course of an able speech, expressed his indebtedness to the W.M. for causing him to appear out of the usual rôle of the one specific toast. It was a great relief to him to reply for the visitors; the number present that evening was sufficient proof of the great hospitality of the Canonbury Lodge. With regard to the W.M.'s remarks respecting the Grand Master's speech at Albert Hall, in which he described the watchwords of Masonry as "loyalty and charity," he (Bro. Binckes) would with all diffidence add hospitality. He was present at the consecration of the lodge, upon which occasion he had acted as J.W., and, perhaps, for this reason felt all the more delighted at being one of the honoured guests that evening. Bro. Binckes then, in graceful terms, alluded to the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Buss, whose name, he said, was respected throughout the Order. The toast next given was that of "The Treasurer and Secretary," in introducing which Bro. Buss said Bro. Filer was the first Master of the lodge, and at the expiration of his year of office became Treasurer, which position he had continued to hold for a period of twenty-five years. He had carefully treasured the funds year after year, always showing a good balance. The Secretary, Bro. Maple, was new to the office, but he was sure nothing would be found wanting on his part for the efficient discharge of his duties. Bro. A. J. Duff Filer made an amusing reply, thanking Bro. Buss for the dulcet and beautiful observations he had been pleased to make concerning him. He had been Treasurer since the commencement of the lodge, and in the manner in which he performed the duties satisfied the brethren he was amply repaid. It was exceedingly gratifying to him to be re-elected Treasurer, and he would always endeavour to act in that position in the future as he had in the past. He was extremely pleased to see his old friend Bro. Buss in the chair at last, but for Bro. Buss's extreme modesty he would have filled that position long before. Bro. Gillard having replied on behalf of "The Officers of the Lodge," the toast of "The Masonic Charities" was given, the W.M. expressing with what great pleasure it was he always proposed this toast. It was his sincere hope that the Canonbury Lodge would continue to support the three Masonic Institutions in the future as they had in the past. He (Bro. Buss) would represent the lodge at the Benevolent Festival on the 23rd inst. With the toast were coupled the names of Bros. Filer and Maple, Stewards for the Boys' and Girls' School respectively, the first of whom made a most eloquent and able appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, which festival would take place in June. Bro. Maple, in his appeal, made the pleasing announcement that he had already secured one hundred and thirty guineas for the Girls' School, and hoped to obtain a great many more, so as to reach that position the Canonbury Lodge was noted for. He should feel exceedingly proud to take up a good list, standing, as he did, between two Grand Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—On Thursday, the 10th inst., this highly respected and rapidly advancing lodge held its usual annual meeting for transacting its business, the most important of which was to instal Bro. John Williams as Master for the ensuing year. All the officers were present at the appointed hour, when the W.M., Bro. H. J. Johnson, took his position; Bros. Col. J. Creaton, P.M., G. Treas., I.P.M.; and J. J. Cantle, P.M., acting as D.C. The minutes, balance-sheet, and auditors' report were read and unanimously accepted. The D.C. then presented Bro. J. Williams, W.M. elect, to receive from the hands of his predecessor the benefit of installation, which duty the W.M. carried out in a most efficient manner, receiving the approbation of the brethren of the lodge, and high encomiums of the many and distinguished visitors present, amongst whom were Bros. Col. Burney, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.D.C.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; H. A. Dubois, P.P. G.W. Middx.; E. M. Lott, P.G.O. Surrey; W. W. Philp, W.M. 186; J. W. Waldron, W.M. 1833; J. Docker, W.M. 1687; S. Jones, W.M. 1624; J. Finch, W.M. 186; W. Side, W.M. 1507; J. Wyer, P.M. 1314; A. Longhurst, P.M. 1423; E. Collins, P.M. 733; D. Robinson, P.M. 186; J. C. Flatteley, P.M. 1624; G. C. Woodward, P.M. 780; S. Ward, 186; R. King, 1624; C. Medworth, 1598; W. Munday, 1201; T. Merchant, 902; W. Williams, 902; G. Edwards, 1507; W. C. Smith, 1563; F. Unite, 55; G. Unite, 55; W. Norris, 1602; P. Palowker, 1257; P. Prickett, 1101; J. Hardcastle, 1642; W. Williams, 1828; J. Chapman, 194; H. Bond, 1314; and W. Park, 511.

After the W.M. elect had been duly installed in the chair of K.S., he, in a most excellent manner invested the following brethren as officers of the lodge: Bros. H. J. Johnson, I.P.M.; J. Neilson, S.D.; J. H. Buck, J.D.; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treasurer; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. Carrington, S.D.; R. G. Shute, J.D.; W. Williams, I.G.; Jas. Kift, Organist; D. Ferguson, D.C.; R. H. Rogers, W.S.; T. T. Matthews, A.W.S.; and Woodstock, Tyler.

After the addresses had been most impressively delivered by Bro. Johnson, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, when all the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room of the tavern, where a most recherché banquet was served by Bro. Best, which seemed to be thoroughly appreciated by all. After grace being sung the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." In proposing "H.R.H. the M.W. G.M.," he said he was only asking the brethren to do honour to whom honour was due, and he felt sure having so excellent a personage at its head was one great cause of the success of Freemasonry. In reply to "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Col. Burney, P.G.D., said the Grand Officers were always ready to do their duty in Grand Lodge, and willing to assist any lodge when called upon, but he recommended all brethren to assist themselves by attending lodges of instruction, above all the Lodge of Emulation, presided over by Bro. Fenn, P.G.D. The gavel having been entrusted in the hands of Bro. H. J.

Johnson, he, in most feeling terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying with what care and attention he had always worked, no matter in whatever position he was placed, and he was certain the lodge had in him a most efficient and worthy Master. Bro. J. Williams, W.M., in reply, said he thought he hardly deserved all the I.P.M. had been pleased to say of him, but he would say his heart was in the cause; he would work to the very best of his ability; he hoped the brethren would give him some work to do, but he also asked them to bear in mind that whoever they introduced they must feel sure that they would prove worthy Masons and a credit to the Order. In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said it was the privilege of this lodge to always have distinguished visitors, no doubt from the fact of its first Master being a Grand officer, and such a distinguished Mason to-night was no exception to the rule, and after a few appropriate words of welcome, he associated the toast with the names of Bros. Dubois, P.P.G.W. Middx., and Waldron, W.M. 1383. In reply, Bro. Dubois, P.M., said it was not the first time he had had the pleasure of being present at the Creation Lodge; he was very pleased at the success that had attended it, and the high position it had gained in the Craft. With such a distinguished brother as Bro. Colonel Creaton, after whom it was named, at its head, he was sure success must attend it. The work they had listened to in the lodge was performed admirably, and the banquet they were invited to partake of was also excellent. He wished them every success, with thanks for mentioning his name. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," fully endorsing what had been said by others of his good work during his year of office, and thanking him for the very excellent manner in which he had installed him in the chair that night. He was pleased to say he was at that moment the mouthpiece of the lodge, and in the name of the brethren would present to Bro. Johnson the P.M.'s jewel they had unanimously voted to him, wishing him long life and health to wear it. Bro. Johnson returned his cordial thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had done him not only in presenting him with that jewel, which he should always wear and most highly prize, but for their appreciation of his endeavours and their unanimous good wishes towards him. In responding for "The Past Masters," Bro. Col. J. Creaton thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hearty good wishes towards him. The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given, when the W.M. spoke in high terms of Bro. Thurler as Treasurer, and the kind manner in which he had discharged his duties towards the lodge, also of Bro. Cattle as Secretary, whom he said was really the founder of the lodge, and beyond that his father in Freemasonry, for it was he who first initiated him into the Order, and afterwards taught him all the ceremonies connected therewith, and he was sure that if the trees of Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens could speak, they would be able to reveal many secrets of the Craft, for it was there he had from Bro. Cattle received many of his lessons. After the replies of Treasurer and Secretary, the toast of "The Officers and Tyler" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The members of the lodge present were Bros. Capt. B. C. Helden, A. Wolter, E. Austin, T. Richards, B. Brett, W. Russell, H. Johnson, G. F. Williams, W. Mardon, T. Hine, J. Seagrave, J. H. Saul, J. J. Johnson, G. Slingsby, F. Hensman, and J. R. Long. During the evening an excellent selection of music, vocal and instrumental, was given by Miss Grace Godolphin, Mr. Albert James, Bros. E. M. Lott, J. Kift, and J. Ion Cattle.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—A most successful meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when a large number of brethren were present, including many of distinguished rank. Lodge was opened punctually at half-past four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. John Rhodes, assisted by Bros. B. Turner, S.W., W.M. elect; F. West, P.G. Reg. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; J. L. Thomas, F.S.A., P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Secretary; Rev. J. Welsh Thomas, M.A., Chaplain; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G. Purs. (hon. mem.); J. Oliver, P.M.; R. Payne, P.M.; C. Sendry, P.M.; J. W. J. Oswald, P.M.; G. de Naid, P.M.; D. W. Pearce, P.M., Past G. Reg. Middx.; Cecil G. Saunders, J. E. Bloxam, W. Wilkinson, F. S. Osmond, A. Edwards, R. Cooke, E. J. Pain, R. Masefield, G. H. Chapman, F. H. O. Hardcastle, and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., P.G.M. Middx.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., Secretary of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 239; H. C. Levander, M.A., Grand Secretary Middx., W.M. 142; J. Early Danks, G. Sup. of Works Berks and Bucks, P.M. 1101; J. R. Dare, Grand Org. Herts; S. M. Lazarus, P.M. 53; H. T. Kent, P.M. 60; W. G. Harrison, Q.C., P.M. 143; E. White, P.M. 177; W. Palmer Jones, P.M. 190; James Terry, P.M. 228; E. M. Lott, P.M. 245 and 1765; W. Maple, P.M. 657; J. Boulton, J.W. 1056; Rev. C. A. Solbè, M.A., J.W. 1789; J. Stedman, Sec. 1765; G. French, 591; Perkins, 749; John Wake, 749; Charles Clifton, 944; R. C. Prickett, 1101; R. Morley, 1237; A. Christie, 1287; H. W. Turner, 1347; John T. Pidditch, 1420; J. A. Radford, 1420; E. J. Chant, 1507; Wilkinson, 1540; Thomas Oliver, 1558; E. Roberts, 1623; Fred. Cambridge, 1706; John Jeffrey, 1706; Z. King, 1706; E. L. Cleavis, 1809; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. George Thomas Chretien and Henry Edward Bloxam were passed to the Second Degree. Ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Philip Upton, which proving in favour of the candidate, he, after due preparation, was introduced, and received from the hands of the W.M. the First Degree in Freemasonry. Bro. Benjamin Turner was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Rhodes, for the benefit of installation. The ancient charges were then read with much impressiveness by the Secretary, Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, and Bro. Turner having assented thereto, he was duly obligated as Master elect. The brethren below the Degree of Installed Master having retired, Bro. Turner was installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner. The following were the brethren selected to serve for the ensuing year: Bros. Kirk, S.W.; J. Oswald Gardner, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Thomas, M.A., Chap.; Fredk. West, P.M., Treasurer; James Lewis Thomas, P.M., Secretary; F. Swain, S.D.; Thos. Wilson, J.D.; A. Mount, I.G.; R. Masefield, D.C.; W. F. Rowell, W.S.; W. T. Tonkin, Asst. W.S.; and Woodstock, Tyler. The Instal-

ling Master, Bro. Rhodes, then delivered, in the same impressive manner as he had rendered the whole of the ceremony, the addresses to the Master and Wardens. The first duty the newly-installed Master performed was presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Rhodes, with a handsome Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge, and which Bro. Rhodes acknowledged in suitable terms. Bro. Thomas then read the report of the Audit Committee, which was received and adopted. After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered from the many visitors present, and after a brief interval the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet, well served under the personal supervision of Bro. Dawkins. At its conclusion grace was sung by the musical artistes, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, "The Queen and the Craft" being followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts being admirably rendered by Miss Etta Poole. To the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy P.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," was coupled the name of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Past Grand Warden, who, in reply, expressed the great pleasure he felt at attending the Granite Lodge, at which he had been present so many years, and hoped to be present for many more. The manner in which the toast of the Grand Officers was received everywhere was a gratifying proof of the opinion of the Craft as to the manner in which those brethren performed their duties. The next toast was that of "The W.M.," proposed in eulogistic terms by the I.P.M., and aptly acknowledged by Bro. Turner. Bro. Upton, the initiate, having replied to the toast given in his honour, the W.M. gave, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the Visitors," to which Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; and Bro. W. G. Harrison, Q.C., responded. Bro. Colonel Clerke said that he should be sorry to lose the opportunity of thanking the lodge for the great hospitality with which the visitors had been entertained that evening, it was a virtue for which the Granite Lodge was notorious. During the eleven years that the lodge had been in existence it had taken great prominence in the Craft, and he took this opportunity of congratulating the members on its success, and on the able manner in which the working was performed. Bro. Fenn felt some difficulty in replying after the eloquent speeches of the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Philbrick. His only resource was to refer to a personal incident that had occurred a few years since, when he had the pleasure of meeting the members of this lodge in a body in a wood near Marlow. On that occasion he (Bro. Fenn), accompanied by his wife and daughters, was on a boating expedition when his little squadron, consisting of a row boat and two canoes, was suddenly threatened by one of those monsters of the Thames—a steam launch. Had he known that Bro. Thomas was at the prow he should have felt secure; as it was, he deemed it the better part of valour to run into a neighbouring creek and land. Much to his surprise the launch followed and landed its cargo in the same place. He well remembered the courtesy of Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, who kindly invited him (Bro. Fenn) to dine on board the monster, but as he could not leave Mrs. Fenn to row back alone to Marlow against the tide, he, of necessity, had to decline, with an engagement to visit the lodge on some future occasion. He had been greatly pleased that evening to redeem that promise, and felt sure he was speaking the sentiments of all the visitors when he said how extremely gratified they were by the kind reception accorded them. The next toast was "The Past Masters," proposed in eulogistic terms by the W.M., and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Rhodes. The W.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," regretted that the former, Bro. West, had had to leave early. Bro. West had passed through the chair with great credit, and since had devoted a great deal of time to the advantage of the lodge as Treasurer. Bro. James Lewis Thomas had proved of great service to the lodge, and the members felt highly honoured at possessing so distinguished a Craftsman as Secretary. Bro. Thomas, in acknowledging the toast, expressed his regret that Bro. West, P.M., had had to leave before his health had been proposed. The confidence reposed in the Treasurer by his re-election was fully merited, as Bro. West was unceasing in his labours for the best interests of the lodge. For himself, his appointment was in the hands of the W.M. The Secretary's duties were no small task. He was happy to say that the success of the lodge continued, the present year being second to none of previous ones. They had been visited that evening by Grand Officers occupying prominent positions in the Craft, and who had graced the lodge with their presence. Among the visitors was Col. Sir Francis Burdett, who had expressed privately to him (Bro. Thomas) that the Granite was one of the lodges he had the greatest pleasure in visiting. On behalf of himself and Treasurer he returned his hearty thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to. Several other toasts were proposed, the "Tyler's" bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close. The pleasures of the evening were considerably enhanced by the excellent programme of music given under the direction of Bro. John Stedman, Secretary Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, the artistes being Miss Etta Poole, Bros. E. M. Lott, E. Roberts, John Jefferys, and John Stedman.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 12th inst., at the Cannon-street Hall. Present: Bros. T. Hamer, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Freeman, P.M. (pro tem), J.W.; Headon, P.M., Treas.; Blackie, P.M., Sec.; Keeble, S.D.; Baber, J.D.; Fendick, I.G.; Bowen, Steward; Steedman, P.M., Tyler; and the following visitors: Bros. Swanson, 567, S.C.; Medwin, 1613; Tims, 1539; W. Williams, 858; adm Thompson, 1580 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Lodge was passed to the Degree of F.C., the work being well done by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers. On the lodge being resumed, a motion by Bro. James Freeman, P.M., was considered, and passed in the negative. A donation was made from the funds of the lodge towards the Hervey Testimonial, the object being to give some assistance to those aged Freemasons and widows who are unsuccessful at the elections for the Benevolent Institution. Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., brought under the notice of the lodge the subject of the Preston lectures, not for the purpose of moving a resolution, but simply that the subject might be ventilated, and perhaps it might lead to some inquiry upon it. In

the "Freemasons' Calendar," under the head of "Remarkable Occurrences" was an announcement that Bro. William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, had in 1819 bequeathed, in addition to other Masonic gifts, £300 Consols for the Prestonian lecture. Now he had had the opportunity of hearing those lectures, and they were very beautiful in themselves, but for many years they had never been delivered, and he believed the last one was delivered by Bro. Henry George Warren—if his memory served him rightly, that of the Second Degree. Now, should like to know why the lecture was discontinued, and also, as it was many years since the last lecture was delivered, to what purpose the interest of the £300 Consols was applied.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured, as was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master." The W.M. said the next toast was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said he felt he need not say anything as to that toast, as the qualities of the Grand Officers were well known in Masonry, and they had the full confidence of the Craft, and long might they maintain it, trusting that the right men will always be in the right place. Bro. Blackie, I.P.M., said for a minute or two he had been entrusted with the W.M.'s gavel, and the brethren knew to what purpose it would be applied, which was to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. All that he had done was most satisfactory, but he doubted whether in the future any Master would have a great amount of work to do. Let them hope, however, that small as the amount might be, it would continue to be as well done as it had been before. He gave "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Hamer." The W.M. in responding, said he rose to return his grateful thanks to the Immediate Past Master for the very flattering manner in which he had proposed his health, and to the brethren for the reception they had given it, as they always did, but he felt he did not deserve it, although he was most anxious to merit the confidence they had always reposed in him. He hoped to do better, and he thanked them for the indulgence they had shown to him. It was his ambition to get to the position of W. Master, and especially of the Great City Lodge, but he could assure them that it was not at all times a bed of roses, to do rightly and please everybody. It was his desire to do all he could for the benefit of the lodge, and he was quite sure that he should always receive the support of the lodge while he acted up to those principles. If he made mistakes it was not intentional, but for want of thought, as they were not at all perfect. The Worshipful Master next gave "The Past Masters of the Great City Lodge," and he was sure this was a toast that would receive a hearty response, and from the summons all the brethren had received, they would see the good work the Great City Lodge had done in the last seven years, and he was sure that their good deeds would ever live in the memory of Masons. Bros. Blackie, Stevens, Headon, Freeman and Stanway severally returned thanks. The W. Master next gave "The Visitors," and having enumerated them descanted upon their good qualities, and on the part of the lodge gave them a hearty welcome. The visitors severally returned thanks for the cordiality and hospitality with which they had been received. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," and he was sure that the brethren were grateful to them for their services, for more zealous officers it was impossible to obtain. He understood that their brother Treasurer was thinking of doing something for the benefit of the members, for on the 26th of March it was proposed that they should bring their wives, daughters and sweethearts, and he believed that it was a movement that would be attended with success. Bro. Headon said he had again to return his hearty thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The W. Master had made an allusion to a matter that was in contemplation. Upon inquiry they found that the rooms in that hotel were all engaged up to the 26th of March, and that was the earliest day on which the contemplated soiree could take place, when the whole of the house would be at their disposal for that evening, and he understood on that night the W. Master would bring a galaxy of talent for a concert, as a number of volunteers had placed their services at his command for that occasion. This concert would probably occupy an hour and a half, after which Mr. Benn had volunteered for twenty minutes or half an hour to give his entertainment, which it was believed would be acceptable to all. At about eight o'clock they would be supper, which would take about an hour, and after that those who liked could have a dance from nine to twelve, and those who did not dance could have a hand at cards, and taken altogether he believed they would have a very pleasant evening, but he must remind them that the hall would not accommodate comfortably more than two hundred and fifty, and the house must be closed at twelve o'clock. In conclusion he thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on himself and the Secretary in so heartily responding to the toast. Some other toasts were given and the proceedings were brought to a close.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, the 10th inst. The lodge was opened at 2.30 by the W.M., Bro. U. Knell, and there were present a large number of the members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Hes, D.G.M. Herts; Ed. Stillwell, Grand Masters Lodge; James Terry, P.G. Herts; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S. of W. Essex; J. L. P.G.D.C. Herts; George Kenning, W.M. 16; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were duly read and confirmed, and the Third Degree conferred on Bro. J. Samuel. Bro. A. Job was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. A. Uffindell, who had been previously initiated for, was initiated. Mr. R. Seamer was balloted for and accepted as a candidate, and Bro. C. Hammond, of Lodge No. 820, was admitted as a joining member. The W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Cresswell Sanders, was then proposed for installation, and the ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Senior Grand Warden. The officers were then appointed. The balance-sheet was presented to the lodge and taken as read, and the reading of the

laws, which was a part of the business on the agenda paper, was deferred until the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, the arrangements for which were personally superintended by Bro. Baker, and gave great satisfaction. At the close the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The members of this lodge met for the first time in their new quarters, the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Saturday, the 5th inst., the occasion being the installation of Bro. Ernest E. Smith as Worshipful Master. Bro. Smith is the sixth Master of the lodge, and is to be congratulated upon reaching the chair of his mother lodge in the short space of time that he has. Bro. Smith was initiated in March, 1876, and has therefore attained the chair in less than five years. Since the foundation of the lodge the chair has been occupied as follows: 1876-7, Bro. Walter Bingley Woodman; 1877-8, Henry Keeble; 1878-9, Walter Simmonds; 1879-80, Louis Beck; 1880-1, Eugene H. Thiellay. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Thiellay, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Cowley, J.W.; W. A. Simmonds, P.M. Sec.; H. Keeble, P.M. 12, 1275, 1559, and P.Z. 1559; Louis Beck, P.M.; T. Grummant, S.D.; H. Henton, J.D.; A. B. Church, Tyler; James Moss, W. Waters, James Ross, R. R. Cloag, Thomas Metham, J. D. Graham, Charles Henry, E. J. Fry, F. W. Cash, J. W. James, W. A. Sturdee, and the following visitors: Bros. Charles Fowler, W.M. 79; D. Rose, P.M. 73, 1622; H. Roberts, P.M. 79; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; N. Defriez, P.M. 185; C. W. Kent, P.M. 879, 1571; Govan Macdonald, P.M. 1158; J. Walter, P.M. 1158; J. T. Moss, P.M. 1423; J. Mackenzie Bell, 26; A. Miller, 65; G. M. Miller, 65; Thankful Sturdee, 1471; T. G. Davies, 1471; A. E. Thiselton, 1599; W. Mole, 1687; R. J. Wishart, 1789; and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a joining member was then balloted for, and subsequently initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. David Rose, P.M. 1622, then proceeded with the installation ceremony. Bro. Ernest Smith, having assented to the ancient charges, was, on the withdrawal of the brethren below the chair, duly installed W.M. of the New Cross Lodge. The manner in which Bro. Rose executed his task deserved as much praise as his performance of the other Craft ceremonies of which he is known to be a skilled Master. The following officers were appointed and invested, with the exception of the Junior Deacon, absent through illness (this officer, Bro. Wise, will be invested at the next meeting): Bros. W. Cowley, S.W.; T. Grummant, J.W.; Eugene H. Thiellay, I.P.M.; P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; W. A. Simmonds, P.M., Sec.; Hinton, S.D.; E. J. Fry, I.G.; F. W. Cash, D.C.; T. Metham, W.S.; and A. B. Church, Tyler. Before closing the lodge, a vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Keeble, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Beck, P.M., was accorded to Bro. Rose for the very able manner in which he had performed his duties as Installing Master. The vote was unanimously carried and feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Rose. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, to which full justice was done. In proposing the first toast, the W.M. said that "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen" was always heartily received, as they all knew she had at heart the welfare of her subjects. The next toast, "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.V. Grand Master," the W.M., in introducing, said that those brethren who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge fully appreciated the Prince's appearance among them. His duties he fulfilled in such a manner as to be a pattern to them all. The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was next given in complimentary terms and heartily received. Bro. Louis Beck then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he said undoubtedly was the toast of the evening. From his knowledge of Bro. Smith, he (Bro. Beck) could with some authority speak as to his efficiency for the office he had that evening been placed in. He had had the pleasure of acting as Deacon on the night their Master was initiated, and it was with much gratification that he watched the great zeal Bro. Smith exhibited in his advancement to the chair. They all felt proud at seeing him in that position, and were all confident that he would perform his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge. The W.M., in the course of his reply, referred to the period of his initiation, when he certainly aspired to the chair, but thought ten years at least would elapse before he attained that honourable position. He had been appointed to the S.W.'s chair a year earlier than he expected, owing to Bro. Green, to whom the W.M. referred in endearing terms, having retired from the lodge. It was his earnest wish, with the assistance of his officers, to terminate his year of office with credit to himself and satisfaction to them all. In proposing "The Initiate," the W.M. described him as the Chaplain of the lodge in "prospective," and from the attention he had paid to the ceremony he had gone through, he felt sure they had a brother who would do credit to the lodge and to the Craft in general. The Initiate, in the course of an interesting reply, said he had never in his life experienced so much pleasure as he had that evening, nor had any ceremony impressed him more than his initiation. He hoped to become efficient in the various ceremonies, and to give the many genial friends around him every satisfaction. The toast of "The Visitors," proposed in glowing terms by the W.M., elicited able replies from Bros. Moss, J. Walter, and Govan Macdonald. A special toast was then given in honour of the Installing Master, who, in reply, expressed the surprise that he had felt when asked to instal the Master, not having had the remotest idea such a service would be required of him. He had much pleasure in congratulating Bro. Smith on his elevation to the chair and upon the good officers he had to support him. Bros. Louis Beck and H. Keeble having replied on behalf of "The Past Masters," the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was given, the W.M. paying high tribute to the services of Bro. Thiellay, remarking that the lodge could not have a better Treasurer. From the manner in which these remarks were received, the brethren were also of the same opinion. Bro. Thiellay, in reply, expressed the pleasure the unexpected honour of being elected Treasurer had afforded him, and promised to look after the funds of the lodge with the greatest care and attention. He trusted, with the support of the brethren, to place the lodge in every sense on a par with the best in

the district. The present was the first meeting at the Ship Hotel, but he trusted it was a new era in the lodge, and he hoped the prosperity of the lodge would, if possible, be greater in the future. Several other toasts were given and duly responded to.

Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from Bros. Col. Creaton, Grand Treas.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; E. Swanborough, C. J. Smith (of Brighton), and others.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last, the 14th inst. The lodge was punctually opened at 3.30 by the W.M., Bro. George Kenning, and there were present Bros. A. J. Altman, I.P.M.; Rev. R. Lee, Chap.; John Derby Allcroft, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, P.M.; Alfred Brookman, S.D.; Samuel Benton, J.D.; Thomas Benskin, D.C.; Samuel White, I.G.; E. Y. Jolliffe, and George Sims, Stewards; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C. (Hon. Mem.); Rev. P. M. Holden, Past G.C. Middx. (Hon. Mem.); W. H. Froom, P. Saillard, George Vickery, J. Renals, E. Anderton, H. Matthew Webb, and the following visitors: Bros. A. M. Broadley, Past D.G.M. Malta, W.M. 1835, P.M. 1717, &c.; James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., Past Asst. G.M. D. of C., P.M. 142; Edgar Bowyer, Grand Senior Warden Herts; James Terry, Past G.W. Herts; Charles F. Hogard, Past G.S. of W. Essex, P.M. 205; John L. Mather, Past G.D. of C. Herts, P.M. 1471; Fred Brackford, W.M. 515; U. Knell, W.M. 1471; D. Nicholson, P.M. 19; Edward F. Storr, P.M. 22, 1679; John H. Cummings, P.M. 544; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; W. T. Whitmore, J.D. 4; E. J. Altman, J.D. 101; E. Collins, 25; G. V. De Luca, 101; Fred H. Cozens, 907; C. Jolly, 913; W. F. Fitch, 1541; H. Field, 1602 Capt. W. R. A. Cole, 1744; James Kift, 1791; and W. Lake, Past Grand Reg. Cornwall, P.M. 131 (*Freemason*).

Letters regretting their inability to be present were received from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., W.M. 82, P.G. Reg. Gloucestershire; J. Judd; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1572; F. G. Faithfull, M.A.; Murray Janes; H. C. Levander, W.M. 142, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; and F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., D.G.M. Hertfordshire.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the statement of accounts, showing a favourable balance, was presented by the Secretary, and received and adopted. The W.M. announced that he intended to go up as a Steward for the Boys' School at the next festival, and asked for a vote from the lodge to place on his list. He thought the brethren had done so nobly in their individual capacities on former occasions that it was not right to call upon them for further donations at present, but the lodge was in a position to afford a grant. A sum of £10 10s. was then proposed and carried unanimously. The W.M. then read a communication from a distressed brother, whereupon the Treasurer, Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, proposed that the sum of £5 5s. be given him from the funds of the lodge. This was also carried unanimously. The W.M., Bro. Kenning, then proceeded to carry out the business on the agenda paper, which was rather of a formidable character, viz., to raise Bro. Vickery, to pass Bro. Renals, and to initiate Mr. Matthew Webb, jun., and Mr. Arthur Hudson. The ceremony in each case was performed in an able manner. The installation was then proceeded with, but as the W.M. had been re-elected to fill the chair, it was not necessary to repeat the whole of the ceremony. Bro. the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, as on the last occasion, acted as Installing Master, and Bro. George Kenning was again placed in the chair of King Solomon, receiving the hearty congratulations of all present on the well-deserved honour that had been conferred on him. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Alfred Brookman, S.W.; Samuel Benton (M.D.), J.W.; Rich. Lee (M.A.), Chaplain; J. D. Allcroft, Treasurer; Thos. Jones, Secretary; Samuel White, S.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.D.; George Sims, I.G.; P. Saillard, D.C.; H. Matthews and E. Anderton, Stewards; and W. S. Chapman, W.S.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Benskin. The W.M., Bro. Kenning, presided, and was supported by many distinguished visitors. In proposing the health of Her Majesty the Queen the W.M. said it was with pleasure he gave what was always the first toast at all Masonic meetings, and he knew it would be accepted by them with loyal satisfaction. Her Majesty the Queen was both the friend and Patroness of their Order. He asked them to drink heartily the good old Masonic toast, "The Queen and the Craft." The "National Anthem" was then sung, and the W.M. said that the next toast was one which required very little commendation from him, for it would be heartily received by them all. It was "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the Grand Master of English Masonry. As Freemasons they were proud of the fact, that the Heir Apparent to the throne was the head of their Order, and they rejoiced to remember that the government of their great Fraternity had been entrusted to him with the entire acquiescence of the always loyal Brotherhood, and they gratefully acknowledged his kind and genial qualities. Bro. Kenning then gave "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; and the Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge." All of them must be sensible of what they owed to these two distinguished rulers, whose names were household words amongst them. For the Officers, Present and Past, of Grand Lodge they had the deepest regard and respect, remembering their past services, and knowing well how ready they always were to advance the best and truest interests of Freemasonry. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain of England. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, in reply, said he regretted that there were not on the present, as on a former occasion, some of those distinguished Present Officers of Grand Lodge who could return thanks in a more effective manner for the toast which they had so lately and so kindly honoured. But as his friend, Bro. Thomas, and himself were by fortuitous circumstances the only two Past Grand Officers present, he ventured, on his behalf and his own, and the Present and Past Grand Officers, to return them their very sincere acknowledgments for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received. The Present and Past Grand Officers were always glad to be present at such meetings as these, to testify their continued interest in Ma-

sonic work, and to express their sympathy with the progress and labours of their excellent and useful Brotherhood. To some of them, as to himself, this opportunity of being present was very gratifying, as he had seen the formation, and had witnessed the onward progress, of the Aldersgate Lodge, and now rejoiced to think, on personal grounds, that Bro. Kenning had been unanimously elected, for the second time, W.M. of this important lodge, and that they were able to congratulate him on his renewed honours and his well merited position as a ruler of the Craft. He felt sure that he was expressing Bro. Thomas's feelings as well as his own, when he said that he sincerely hoped that the future of the Aldersgate Lodge might be, as in the past, one of prosperity and peace, comfort, and concord to all the brethren. (Hear, hear.) Before he sat down, two points occurred to him which he thought well shortly to allude to. It was often said, "what is the good of Freemasonry?" He would reply, borrowing the words from the epitaph of Sir Christopher Wren, "si queris circumspecte?" Surely their Charity returns, above £40,000 a year, attested the large heartedness of the brethren and the reality of Freemasonry. He knew of no other body of men, not richer than others they must bear in mind, who thus sought year by year to prove to the world both the value of Masonry and the sincerity of their own professions. It had been said that Masonry was only a "convivial club." He utterly denied it. It properly, most properly, encouraged sociality. Long might it do so. But it sought to teach the great truth of moderation in the enjoyments of the social circle and the good things of this world. Some of them who had grown old in Masonry would agree with him when he said that some of the happiest moments in their lives had been spent in Masonic sociality, and thus while Freemasons wisely encouraged the legitimate use of the enjoyments a Beneficent Creator had placed within their reach, they never forgot those unchanging and elevating principles of true charity, which characterized happily the "outcome" of English Freemasonry to-day. He thanked them once more for the honour they had done the Grand Officers. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, in response to many calls, also replied. He said that Bro. Woodford was many years his senior as a Grand Officer, and worthily represented Grand Lodge on that occasion. He desired to express his satisfaction at the working of the lodge that day; the ceremonies had been very ably performed by the W.M., and he was quite sure that the Aldersgate Lodge in re-electing Bro. Kenning to the chair was conferring an honour which was fully deserved. Their hospitality, too, for which he had to thank them, was so well known that he would not further refer to it. He could quite support Bro. Woodford in his remarks on the Fourth Degree—they met in the first instance as a social body, and as Englishmen they believed in social intercourse. They were proud of their great Charities; but they were no less proud of that bond of friendship which was cemented at such meetings as these. Bro. Altman, I.P.M., in proposing the next toast, said that they were doubtless all aware, from the fact of its being placed in his hands, that it was that of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. George Kenning." They must all sympathise with him in the difficult position in which he was placed in having to speak to them for the second or third year of the good qualities of the W.M., and he should be doing him an injustice if he represented him as better this year than last; they had always been pleased by his geniality. He could say a good deal more about his good qualities, but they all knew how sensitive he was on that point. He considered it a great honour to serve twice as P.M. to so worthy and estimable a brother. Bro. Kenning, in reply, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the hearty manner in which they had received his health, and his worthy friend for the forcible way in which he had proposed it. He felt deeply the honour of being a second time unanimously elected W.M. of that lodge, and no efforts would be wanting on his part to show his sense, both of the dignity of the chair and the kindness of his brethren. He begged them to accept both his warmest thanks and hearty good wishes for the honour and prosperity of the Aldersgate Lodge. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and the W.M., in introducing it, said that hospitality was a virtue, of which the Aldersgate Lodge claimed if not a monopoly, yet a very large share. On behalf of his brethren he begged to say they were always happy to welcome their friendly and kindly visitors, to see them amongst them, and to record their honoured names. Nothing gave the lodge over which he had the honour to preside more gratification than when, as on that day, they beheld a goodly array of visitors, and they wished them all hearty welcome. They were especially pleased to meet brethren from other parts of the world, and they had among them that evening a brother from the district of Malta, Bro. Broadley, D.G.M., and he trusted he would take back some pleasant recollections of his visit to the Aldersgate Lodge. He gave them "The Visitors," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Broadley. Bro. Broadley, in reply, said that although he hailed from Malta, he possessed through the Masonic press a knowledge of all Masonic doings in England, and came amongst them as a friend. The district of Malta, he said, was a highly important one, and as an instance of the position of the Malta lodges, he would mention that the next brother who had come into the lodge room after himself was an actual W.M. of a Malta lodge. He could assure the brethren if any of them ever came to Malta they would receive a hearty welcome. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.W. Herts, also replied. He heartily thanked the W.M. for the terms in which he had proposed the health of the visitors. For himself he would say that he had greatly enjoyed being present at the second installation of Bro. George Kenning, whose name was a household word amongst them. The Secretary then announced that the charity box that evening had produced a sum of £1 16s., and the W.M. proposed that it be added to the £5 5s. already voted in aid of the distressed brother. This amount was further supplemented by donations from the brethren to £10 10s. The toast of "The Past Masters" was next given, Bro. Kenning remarking that they possessed some very able Past Masters. Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, he regretted to say, was unable to remain, but they had with them Bro. Dr. Brette, whom they all loved, and Bro. Altman, their worthy I.P.M. He felt almost that in taking office a second year he had cheated the lodge out of a Past Master, and that he owed them an apology. Bro. Dr. Brette, in reply, said he was rather taken by surprise, as he always thought it was the duty of the I.P.M. to respond to the toast of the Past Masters. He had in Masonry, as in all other paths of life, endeavoured to do his duty. It was not because he wanted to shirk work that he had declined the chair this year, but that he felt that the honour and pros-

perity of the lodge was secure in the hands of the present W.M. He deserved that success which would attend his year of office. Bro. Altman also replied, heartily supporting all that had been said in reference to the W.M. by Bro. Brette. For himself, he took the warmest interest in the affairs of the lodge. He had never been absent from one meeting, except when he was in America, and he hoped the day would be long distant when he failed to put in an appearance at the Aldersgate Lodge. The W.M., in giving the next toast—that of “The Initiates”—said that all lodges attached great importance to the toast of the initiates. They did not presume to be a large lodge, at present they numbered twenty-three, and it was proposed to limit it to twenty-five; but they hoped, if small, it would be “A little heaven to heaven the whole lump.” The brethren who had just been admitted would, he felt sure, do honour to their choice, and he had much pleasure in asking the brethren to drink heartily to the toast. Bro. Webb, in reply, said that he had been much impressed with the beautiful ceremony. Whether that ceremony was more than usually impressive, by reason of the sincerity of the W.M., he was not prepared to say, but it would ever be remembered by him. He thanked them heartily for the manner in which his name had been received. Bro. Arthur Hudson also replied, remarking that he knew he should never regret joining the Masonic body. Many of the signs given to him that evening were familiar to him in his profession, which gave peculiar interest to the ceremony. He thanked them for the honour they had done him. Bro. Kenning next gave the toast of “The Charities.” The Aldersgate Lodge had made a great point of supporting the Charities—the first Worshipful Master qualified as a Vice-Patron, and the lodge had endeavoured to be ever mindful of the claims of charity. They had amongst them that evening the Secretary of one of their great Institutions—the Royal Masonic Institution for Old Men and Women—Bro. Terry, and he would couple his name with that toast. Bro. Terry, in response, said that it was quite unnecessary to bring before them the claims of the Charitable Institutions, they had been so well supported hitherto by the Aldersgate Lodge. If all lodges had done as well there would be less occasion for the appeals which were made from time to time. Their first Master had qualified as Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and also of the Boys’ School—it was a great honour to the lodge that through it such a brother had been introduced into Masonry. Bro. Kenning had done everything he could to aid the Institutions, and, in fact, was the personification of Masonic Charity. The episode which had just occurred, the relief of a distressed brother, was an evidence of the warmth of heart which characterised the W.M., and it was something to have such a brother to rule the lodge. Bro. Brette too, whose breast also beat warmly in response to the calls of Charity, represented the feelings of the whole lodge with regard to the Charities. The W.M. had stated that a small lodge was their desire, which he considered was a wise resolve; this would always retain the Aldersgate Lodge in the position of almsgivers instead of alms takers, and they must take rank among the first lodges of the land. Reverting again to the Institutions, he said that it had been stated some time since in the pages of the *Freemason* that the amount contributed during the past year was nearly £40,000, but he believed he could now say that it would be close on £50,000. (Cheers.) He would ask them to realise what that large sum meant. It represented a steady contribution of £1000 a week; and showed that the liberality of the Craft knew no bounds, save prudence. On behalf of his colleague, Bro. Binckes, he thanked them for the amount they had voted to the Boys’ School that day. The position the lodge was in financially proved the truth of the saying that the larger one gives the more he shall receive. They had already for the coming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution a list of 363 Stewards—the largest Board of Stewards that had ever been formed. He was proud to say that the chair was to be filled by the Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire, R.W. Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, and he would be supported by the whole strength of the province. They could not all do so much as West Yorkshire, but they could follow their example. Although distress had been very prevalent they had steadily increased their contributions. That increased effort was needed would be evident from the fact that although in the Girls’ School there were only twenty eight candidates, and they were going to elect fifteen, the Boys’ School were in the position of only being able to elect twenty out of seventy-six candidates and the Benevolent Institution were only able to elect twenty out of a list of ninety-eight candidates unless, as he hoped, the subscriptions would enable them to add to the number. He trusted that the good example set by the W.M. and Past Masters of the Aldersgate would be followed by their successors. “The Health of the Officers” was next given, the W.M. tendering hearty thanks to those who had gone out of office. Bro. Brookman, S.W., thanked the W.M. for his kind words; he had been much gratified that evening in listening to the kind expressions that had been used towards the W.M., in which he heartily joined. The Secretary, Bro. T. Jones, also responded, and the Tyler’s toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Cousins, assisted by Bros. Collins, Kiff, and Lawler.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, on the 7th inst., Bro. John Atkinson, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S., supported by the respective officers. The lodge room was draped in black, and the brethren appeared in mourning, the lodge having gone into mourning for three months, by the order of the W.M., as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bro. J. D. Moore, M.D., P.M., P.G.S.B. of Eng., &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Charles Calvert and James Heald were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons by the W.M., who also presented the working tools. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. Dr. Moore, on the motion of Bro. Kelland, P.M., seconded by the W.M. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

SELBY.—St. Germain Lodge (No. 566).—On the 11th inst., this lodge held its annual installation meeting at Selby. A number of brethren were present, the ceremonies being impressively performed by Bro. J.

Todd, P.M. 236, P.P.G.R. Bro. Wm. Staniland, P.M., was the W.M. elect, and he appointed the following brethren to office: Bros. J. Dunn, I.P.M.; Rev. H. Greeves, P.M., S.W.; W. Leatham, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Jackson, Chaplain; M. Scott, P.M., Treasurer; W. Rawling, Sec.; N. Brooksbank, S.D.; M. A. Kenney, J.D.; J. T. Atkinson, P.M., M.C.; S. Webber, I.G.; W. Elston and W. Bellerby, Stewards. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Londesbro’ Arms, when a pleasant evening was spent, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were observed. Amongst the brethren and visitors present were Bros. Weddall, P.M., Paiker, P.M., W. H. Gainforth, P.M. (York), Hawdon, Henry, Anderton, and others.

BANBURY.—Cherwell Lodge (No. 599).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Tuesday, the 8th inst., upon which occasion Bro. W. P. Ellis was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Potts. Bro. Potts afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. W. Holland, I.P.M.; J. S. Palmer, S.W.; C. Claridge, J.W.; Rev. A. W. Aytton, P.M., Chap.; R. Havers, P.S.G.D., Treas.; E. J. Hartley, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Garland, S.D.; W. A. Samman, J.D.; Dr. Griffin, P.M., D.C.; T. Fowler and W. Chamberlin, Stewards; H. Kilby, I.G.; and T. Moss, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, when Mr. Johnson catered in a style that does the highest credit to the *cuisine* of the Red Lion. The dinner was truly sumptuous, and was served up most admirably. The W.M. presented the wines.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John’s Lodge (No. 673).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at 6.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. L. H. Herman, supported by the following officers and upwards of sixty members: Bros. W. Brackenbury, I.P.M., P.G.S.; H. Burrows, P.M.; Thos. Clark, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Roberts, P.M.; J. Callow, P.M., P.P.G. Treasurer; Hocking, P.M.; Jos. Ball (City Councillor), S.W.; C. Marsh, J.W.; D. Jackson, P.M., Treasurer; W. T. May, P.M., Secretary; H. Marshall, S.D.; R. Whitehead, J.D.; G. Godfrey, I.G.; S. W. Halse, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Pemberton, P.M. 1264, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Williams, 1264, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. P. Bottomley, P.M. 1075; T. H. Hull, S.W. 1458; C. Warren, 241; R. Weale, 249; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*); and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Drysdale and Oliver, and they having been duly elected, were prepared and initiated into the secrets of Freemasonry, the tools were presented by the J.W., and the ancient charge was delivered by the S.W. Bros. Edmonds, King, and Parker having given proofs of their proficiency were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., in a very impressive and efficient manner.

After several gentlemen had been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room for refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. After spending a pleasant evening the brethren separated at an early hour.

LOUTH.—Lindsey Lodge (No. 712).—The annual installation ceremony of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 11th inst., Bro. F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec. Linc., acting as Installing Officer, assisted by a full Board of Installed Masters, comprising among others W. Bros. E. Locock, D.P.G.M. (a subscribing member of the Lindsey Lodge); James Fowler, 712, P.P.G.S.W.; C. M. Nesbitt, 712, P.G. Treas.; G. H. Porter, 712, P.P.G. Org.; G. G. Birkett, 712, P.P.G.P.; W. B. Oliver, 712; John Mawer, I.P.M. 712; E. F. B. Lucas, (the retiring W.M.); J. H. H. Doughney, P.M. and P.Z. Pythagorean Lodge No. 79; R. Garfit, 1600, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Palmer, 838, P.P.G.A.D. of C. The following brethren were also present: Bros. J. G. Tupholme, S.W. and W.M. elect; Salah Cartwright, J.W.; Rev. E. L. Gardner, Chap.; J. W. Richardson, Treas.; I. Y. Collingde, Sec.; F. Adlard, I.G.; W. J. Shepherd, Org.; C. A. Kirby, 712 and 838; J. Davies, J. H. Spry, T. Harrison, 712 and 1802; Rev. Gilbert H. F. Vane, R. Cartwright, S.W. 426; H. Christian, 1600; J. S. Pritchett, 1644; and R. P. Hodgson, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last regular lodge read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Mark Smith, and it having proved satisfactory he was forthwith initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masonry, by Bro. Lucas W.M., the secrets of the Degree being communicated and the working tools ably explained by Bro. G. H. Porter, P.P.G.O., who also delivered the address. On his retirement the chair was taken by Bro. F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec., and Bro. John Gilden Tupholme, S.W., was formally presented by Bros. Past Masters C. M. Nesbitt and E. F. B. Lucas, and installed with all honours in the chair of K.S. in the manner peculiar among Masons. Bro. Porter, P.P.G.O., presiding in his usual efficient manner at the organ, and Bro. Kirby acting, in the absence of Bro. Griffin, as D. of C. The newly appointed officers were: W. Bros. E. F. B. Lucas, I.P.M.; Salah Cartwright, S.W.; C. A. Kirby, J.W.; Rev. G. H. F. Vane, Chap.; J. W. Richardson, Treas.; J. Mawer, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Smyth, S.D.; F. Adlard, J.D.; W. J. Shepherd, I.G.; and R. P. Hodgson, Tyler; the last named brother having filled the office of Tyler since the constitution of the lodge in 1857. The remarks of the W.M. to each officer on investiture were to the point, and shewed the brethren that he at least understood the duties of, and the qualifications for, each respective office, and meant to have those duties properly carried out. Bro. Tupholme has himself served the lodge long and faithfully in various capacities, having acted as Secretary for several years, and has always set an excellent example of attention to any duties allotted to his share. The lodge having been reduced and the various charges given, Bro. John Suckling Pritchett, 1644, was proposed as a joining member. The W.M. having thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him to “the highest honour the Craft can give or the lodge bestow,” and “Hearty good wishes” having been expressed by the brethren of the lodge and the visitors for a successful office, the

lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Mason’s Arms Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Richardson, was done ample justice to, the brethren separating at an early hour. Absence from home alone prevented the attendance of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. H. Smyth, of Ellington, who is one of the chief supporters of the lodge, and a subscribing member, in whose name the brethren of the Province of Lincoln are now endeavouring to raise a fund to enable them to obtain a perpetual presentation to the R.M.I.G., such as they now enjoy in respect of the R.M.I.B. We cannot but feel that a year thus auspiciously commenced, will prove to be one of great importance in the annals of the Lindsey Lodge.

NORWICH.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 943).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the rooms of the Norwich Masonic Association, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when Bro. Robt. E. Thorns was duly installed into the chair of K.S., by Bro. J. C. Chiltock, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors present to do honour to the occasion. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. T. W. Musckett, I.P.M.; R. J. Mills, S.W.; G. W. G. Barnard, S.W.; E. H. Jones, S.D.; J. A. Mills, J.D.; W. H. Moss, I.G.; E. Orams, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treasurer; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler, Secretary; G. Brittain, P.M. 213, 1500, P.P.G.O., Organist; and Joshua Morse, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most *recherché* banquet had been prepared, at the conclusion of which the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, and the brethren spent a very pleasant evening. Bro. T. W. Musckett, the retiring W.M., must be congratulated on his successful year of office.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—This lodge held its monthly meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, on the 7th inst., Bro. J. Aldous, W.M., presiding. By order of the W.M., the lodge has gone into mourning for four months as a mark of respect to the late Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of England, &c., and the brethren appeared in mourning. The lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Irwin was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the Worshipful Master, who went through the ceremony in an impressive manner. The working tools were given by the Junior Warden, Bro. Cutts. Bro. Taylor, I.P.M., gave the lecture on the first tracing board, for which he received the thanks of the lodge. A vote of condolence to the widow of the late Bro. Moore was passed, after which the usual proclamations were made, eliciting “Hearty good wishes” from the visiting brethren. The lodge was subsequently closed with the usual formalities.

MANCHESTER.—St. David’s Lodge (No. 1147).—The installation meeting and St. John’s Festival in connection with this highly esteemed lodge took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., the former at the Freemasons’ Hall, Cooper-street, and the latter at the new Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. John Taylor, W.M.; Ishmael Davis, I.P.M.; J. O. Evans, S.W.; Frank Griffin, J.W.; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Mark Fairweather, S.D.; Ellis Jones, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Thomas R. Peel, P.M.; Thomas Elliott, P.M.; Thomas Gibson, P.M.; Edwin Williams, P.M.; S. Wood, Harry Elliott, E. Roberts, T. Naphtali, and J. Sly, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.G.S.; J. Barker, P.M. 1134 and 1345, P.P.G.T.; John Collinge, P.M. 467, P.G.J.W.; J. L. Page, P.M. 467, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. F. Parkinson, W.M. 44; Rev. H. Davis Marks, W.M. 1708; Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, S.W. 1357; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Dawson, W.M. 1219; Henry Hatch, W.M. 220; Benjamin Taylor, P.M. 935, P.P.G. Treas.; John Sheldrick, 815; T. Raosbam, 1030; James Hamilton, W.M. 1045; R. P. Wood, 749; Robert O. Mellwrick, I.P.M. 350; F. Hill, P.M. 220; A. E. Gaskell, J.W. 815; W. Honck, P.M. 350; W. Appleby, 1219; G. Hunt, 1219; Robert Mercer, 467; C. Hindley, P.M. 148; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 4.15, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, and the W.M. elect, Bro. T. O. Evans, duly presented, and with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. Thomas R. Peel, P.M., assisted by Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. On the re-admission of the M.M.’s, the usual proclamation was made and salutes given. The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year by Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., viz., Bros. Frank Griffin, S.W.; R. Barlow, J.W.; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G.C., Chap.; Ishmael Davies, Treas.; Mark Fairweather, Sec.; E. Staveley (by deputy), S.D.; Harry Elliott, J.D.; Thomas Elliott, P.M., D. of C.; S. J. Naphtali, I.G.; E. Roberts, S.S.; G. Kinloch, J.S.; and J. Sly, Tyler. After the investiture, Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., delivered the addresses, and Bro. the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw concluded the ceremony with prayer. We can only speak in terms of highest praise as to the manner in which Bro. Peel performed the installation ceremony, which was most efficiently done. After “Hearty good wishes” had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45.

The brethren, whose numbers were augmented by several others, adjourned to the Grosvenor Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been provided for them, and to which, after grace had been said by the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, full justice was done. On the conclusion of the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, Bros. John Collinge, P.G.J.W., and J. L. Page, P.G.S. of W., replying on behalf of “The M.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie; the V.W. Dep. P.P.M., Bro. Geo. Mellor; and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.” In reply to the toast of his health, the W.M., Bro. T. O. Evans, said he was not aware of the sensations experienced by previous W.M.’s who sat for the first time in the position he now occupied; but his own feelings at the present moment were very nervous ones. He had been more impressed with the beautiful ceremony which had been performed that afternoon in his honour than ever he had been previously, and he trusted that, with the help of so many experienced and able Past Masters as the St. David’s Lodge possessed, to successfully carry out his important

duties, and thereby truthfully sustain the motto of the lodge—"The red dragon leads the van." In concluding his remarks, the W.M. added that although the St. David's Lodge had not done as much for the Masonic Charities as they would like to have done, still they had relieved those nearer home, and trusted in the future to do more for those Institutions than had been done in the past. Bro. Edwin Williams, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," remarked he had a very pleasing duty to perform, inasmuch that although the brethren of St. David's Lodge were accustomed to see a goodly number of visitors, yet he thought he was safe in saying that on no previous occasion had they been honoured with such a large and distinguished array. They were favoured that evening with brethren representing most of the important professions connected with the city of Manchester. He saw around him the Church brightly represented, and also the municipalities of both Salford and Manchester, together with brethren who represented the principal commercial interests of that city, so that he considered the St. David's Lodge was highly favoured indeed by their presence; and he offered them all a hearty welcome. Bro. Williams further remarked that the lodge had been honoured during the last twelve months by one of their esteemed members being elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and that fact recalled to his recollection the time when he was visiting a number of lodges, but until then had no idea of the unbounded Masonic hospitality that existed, and which was tendered to him on every occasion, and, in return, he offered the visiting brethren similar hospitality; and concluded by expressing his approval of brethren visiting other lodges, believing that such a practice tended greatly to promote by exchange of sentiments the importance and interests of Masonry. The toast was received and drank with great enthusiasm. Bros. the Rev. Bigoe Bagot and W. Dawson, W.M. 1219, responded to the toast; the rev. brother in a most brilliant speech, and which was a perfect treat to listen to. The toast of "The Installing Masters, Bros. T. R. Peel, P.M., and Ellis Jones, P.M., P.G. Treas.," was proposed and responded to. "The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G.C., in an able and telling speech, and Bro. J. L. Hine responded with his accustomed eloquence. During the evening our versatile Bro. J. H. Greenwood contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren by his singing "Knott Mill Fair" and "The Wreck of the Calabar," both songs being much enjoyed, and gaining for him much applause. After songs were sung by Bros. J. L. Page, P.G. Supt. of Works; Brandon, P.M. 1219; and others, the brethren separated at a somewhat late hour.

WATERLOO.—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1380).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this popular and prosperous suburban lodge (of which Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, was the first Master) was held at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, on the afternoon of the 7th inst., when, considering the wretched weather, there was a good representation of the Craft. The business was opened promptly by Bro. R. H. Exton, the retiring W.M., and amongst those present we observed Bros. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M.; R. W. Hickson, J.W. (W.M. elect); F. Smitton, Sec.; R. A. Davies, S.D.; W. Watt, J.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., M.C.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; H. A. Tobias, P.M. 1502; S. Ratcliffe, H. E. Betts, S. Sinclair, A. V. Williamson, W. S. Limerick, T. G. Bark, P.M., and others. The visitors included Bro. the Rev. R. T. Leslie, W.M. 1713; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.M. 786; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M. 1609; J. Orr Marples, 1609; J. P. Bryan, J.W. 1035; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Williams, 1609; R. Hobart, 1505; and others.

The ceremony of installing Bro. R. W. Hickson as W.M. was admirably carried out by Bro. R. H. Exton, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. H. A. Tobias, P.M. 1502, and the officers appointed were Bros. R. H. Exton, I.P.M.; F. W. Barnes, S.W.; F. Smitton, J.W.; R. Brown, Treas.; R. A. Davies, Sec.; W. Watt, S.D.; H. E. Betts, J.D.; A. F. Williamson, I.G.; G. Broadbridge, P.M., M.C.; J. Almond, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The balance sheet showed that the lodge was in a prosperous financial condition, and that during the year a very large per centage (about one-half) had been dedicated to charity.

The brethren subsequently dined together, and during the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. R. H. Exton, I.P.M. The jewel was of the most *recherché* description, and of beautiful design. The usual Masonic emblem, "the square," was ornamented with rubies serving as rivets, and enriched with the passion flower. The turquoise blue ribbon bears the arms of Lord Skelmersdale (the present Earl of Lathom), in 18-carat gold, *repoussé*, with the proper supporters in relief, the arms themselves being emblazoned in heraldic colours executed in cloisonné enamel. The whole is surmounted with the gold trowel, also enamelled, with the name and number of the Skelmersdale Lodge. A choice musical programme was furnished during the evening by Bros. W. Williams, Child, Hobart, and others.

NORWICH.—Walpole Lodge (No. 1500).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. A. Bullard, assisted by his officers, who were as follows: Bros. D. Mannings, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; John Harper, S.W.; Geo. B. Jay, J.W.; S. J. S. Carman, Treasurer; Saml. J. Carman, S.D.; Donald G. F. Gaul, acting J.D.; Thomas Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D. of C.; Geo. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.O., Organist; Mansfield, J.; Bailey, I.G.; W. Stevens and C. Payne, Stewards; E. Hollidge, Tyler; R. H. Gissing, Secretary; F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Isley, P.M., P.C.D.C.; F. B. Quinton, P.M., P.P.A.D.C., P.G.R.; Thomas Mackley, P.M., P.P.A.D.C.; J. Weyer, Prov. Grand Steward; J. G. Chalker, G. E. Smith, E. Haward, W. R. Tidnam, B. G. Woodhouse, F. Nash, C. J. Campling, E. Ellis, J. Churchard, and J. H. Cooper. Among the visitors were Bros. A. H. Santy, W.M., and H. Bullard, 52; W. W. Lake, 33; Joseph Stanley, P.M., P.P.A.D.C.; T. C. R. King, 213; J. W. Browne (*Freemason*) and A. Barnes, 507; R. E. Thorns, W.M.; G. W. G. Barnard, 943; Thos. H. Gedgce, 1429; and F. A. Mann, P.M., P.C.O. Suffolk, 1452.

The lodge being opened at 6.30 p.m., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. in a most impressive manner performed the ceremony of

raising Bro. J. G. Chalker and W. R. Tidnam to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bro. G. E. Smith, after which, the ballot having been in the earlier part of the evening declared in favour of Messrs. W. N. Warner, C. W. Bacon, and A. N. Mann, the W.M., in a very able manner, performed the ceremony of initiating those candidates for Masonry into its light and beauty. A word might here be said of the working of the esteemed W.M. of this lodge. He was its first initiate, and has regularly worked the several offices up to his present proud position, and no small amount of praise and congratulation should be accorded him for having so successfully and beautifully rendered the ceremonies of the Three Degrees in one night, the more especially so as he had that day to journey from London in order to be present. Walpole Lodge has reason to be proud of its W.M., who well deserves the respect in which he is generally held by the Masons of the province.

The business of the lodge being over, it was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which had been prepared for them in the banqueting room. The W.M., owing to a recent family bereavement, was unable to stay, but the chair at the social board was most ably filled by the I.P.M., Bro. D. Mannings. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, at the conclusion of which the brethren separated in peace and harmony, having enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

BANGOR.—Royal Leek Lodge (No. 1849).—A meeting of the members of this lodge, convened by Bro. Major Platt, W.M., was held on Monday, the 7th inst., to consider the advisability of erecting a building to serve the purpose of a Masonic Hall, for the use of the two lodges now established in that city. It was stated that an eligible site in High-street, immediately opposite the premises of Messrs. Nixon and Jarvis, had been secured on a long lease, and that plans of the proposed building had been prepared by Mr. Bell, architect, Manchester, the estimated cost being £6000. About £2000 worth of £10 shares were taken up in the room, it being decided that the present issue should be confined to members of the Craft, Bro. W. Jarvis, P.M. 384, St. David's, being appointed Honorary Secretary. It is probable that a portion of the building will be utilised by the Treasury for the purposes of the county court, the existing premises having been strongly condemned by the judge and the professional gentlemen who practise in the court.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—This lodge met at Bro. Stephenson's, the Mitford Tavern, close to Hackney Downs Junction, on Monday last, the 14th inst. Bro. J. Macgregor presided as W.M.; Bros. McDonald, I.P.M.; Robson, S.W.; Partridge, J.W.; Goddard, Loring, Hildreth, Franckel, Seymour-Clarke, Sec., and others. After the usual formalities Bro. Seymour-Clarke answered several questions, was entrusted, and afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in a very able manner. Bro. McDonald worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Robson, S.W., was then elected W.M. for Monday next, the 21st inst., and we trust he may have a good attendance, when the Third Degree will be rehearsed. In cordially inviting brethren to this lodge, which by contiguity to Hackney Downs Junction offers every facility for attendance from the city, we would remind them that the funds are applied to the purchase of a Life Subscribership, which is balloted for amongst regular attendants.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The regular meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Monday, the 14th inst., when there was a good attendance of brethren. There were present Bros. King, W.M.; Lawrence, S.W.; Mallett, J.W.; C. Taylor, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Danner, I.G.; and others. The lodge was opened in due form at seven o'clock p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Willis having offered himself as a candidate, was examined, and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Davis worked the First and Third, and the W.M. the Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren.

Mark Masonry.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 12th inst. There were present Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; C. P. McKay, I.P.M.; T. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M., &c.; G. Clark, S.W.; G. J. Dunkley, J.O.; H. Baldwin, Prov. G.A.D.C., Sec.; C. Axford, R.M.; C. Gilham, S.D.; J. Holliday, J.D.; A. Daw-Kerrell, I.G.; R. Johnston, W.S.; J. Wyatt, A.W.S.; R. Potter, Tyler. Bros. D. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec., and J. K. Pitt, P.P.G.D.C., honorary members, attended.

After the opening of the lodge, the reading and confirmation of minutes, and taking the ballot for candidates, Bros. P. Check, E. Storr, and J. Gibbs were introduced, and duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master, the ceremony being effectively aided by Bro. Poore as S.D., and Bro. Johnston at the harmonium. The lodge was closed in due form, and a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners opened by Bro. Poore, as W.C.N.; Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.C.N., as J.; and Bro. G. Clark, W.C.N., as S.; assisted by Bros. Baldwin, Dunkley, and McKay. Bros. Holliday, Check, Storr, Wyatt, and Johnston were elevated, the ritual being rendered in an impressive manner. The brethren dined together at the close of the proceedings, under the presidency of Bro. H. Lovegrove, W.M.

HULL.—Minerva Lodge (No. 12).—On Monday evening, the 7th inst., the annual meeting of this lodge for the installation of Bro. R. Huntley, the W.M. elect, was held at the Masonic Hall, Prince-street. The ordinary business of the evening having been transacted, Bro. Huntley was installed as W.M. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. W. Reynolds, P.M., P.G.D.C. The newly-installed Master, upon taking the chair, invited the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. H. Johnson, I.P.M.; T. Sissons, Chap.; A. W. Ansell, S.W.; J. J. Field, J.W.;

George Hardy, P.M., P.G.S.O., Treas.; Walter Reynolds, P.M., P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Holder, M.O.; C. S. Jacobs, S.O.; G. E. Selby, J.O.; A. Johnson, Reg.; J. H. Walker, S.D.; G. H. Loveridge, J.D.; George Nightscales, D.C.; Vessey King, Org.; J. Y. Torr, Steward; W. England, I.G.; J. Faulkner and D. Swallow, Tylers. A banquet was subsequently held, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CARLISLE.—Cumberland Lodge (No. 60).

—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, on Friday evening, the 11th inst. Although the oldest lodge in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, having been constituted in 1863, and practically the mother of the whole of the other half-dozen lodges, for some cause or other, work has been suspended for a long time. At last, however, a few of the older Past Masters set to work, got a list of candidates for advancement, and a lodge of emergency was summoned, as stated. The following members were present: Bros. G. Hayward, W.M., and P.M., P.G.I.G. of England; G. Potter, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., as S.W.; Rev. W. Cockett, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M., P.G.S.W., as M.O.; H. Bewes, as S.O.; W. Court, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., as J.O.; J. Haswell, J.W., and Sec., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. C. Mason, P.P.G.I.W. The W.M. having for some time past suffered severely from a bronchial affection, he invited Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 147, and 229, P.G. Secretary, to take the chair, whilst Bro. E. Diggle, P.M. 56; Bro. Scarlett, 189, P.G.I.G. of England, kindly acted as J.W.; and Bro. E. Crompton, 129, officiated as I.G.

After opening the lodge, the following candidates for advancement were balloted for, and accepted: Bros. W. Blaylock, W.M. Union Lodge, No. 310, Carlisle; C. Nanson, R. Atkinson, P. Webster, J. Storey, W. Matthews, and J. D. Oliver, all of the Beecive Lodge, No. 1532, Carlisle; and H. T. Creed, Hengist Lodge, No. 195, Bournemouth. All the candidates, with the exception of Bro. Webster, being present, they were admitted, and regularly advanced to the Honourable Degree by the W.M. in the chair, the brethren who acted as officers, despite their rustiness, working most correctly and efficiently. Bro. Diggle having delivered the lecture appertaining to the Degree, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the visiting brethren for their kind assistance. Bro. Lamonby, in response, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present on so interesting an occasion, and he trusted the infusion of new blood would once more place Cumberland Lodge on the footing it ought to occupy, as being the oldest in the province, whilst the founders of the other lodges hailed from it. He feared the persistency with which he had pushed the matter of revival forward would subject him to the charge of being irrepressible; but the proceedings of that evening were a complete justification, and he now hoped everything would go on smoothly and regularly. Bros. Diggle and Crompton replied. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from Lodges 56, 129, 147, 189, and 229, and the lodge was closed with the customary address from the chairman. Subsequently an hour was spent in conviviality, in the adjoining room, which with the lodge room is part of one of the oldest buildings in the "merrie citie." The place has quite a historical reputation, from the fact that our eminent brother Sir Walter Scott temporarily resided there, and was married to Miss Charlotte Carpenter, at the Cathedral opposite, in the year 1797, the year after the Union Lodge, No. 310, received its charter from the Grand Lodge of England, after some years working under the Scotch Constitution—*vide* Bro. Murray Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel)," and Bro. Lamonby's "Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland." In connection with Cumberland Lodge of Mark Masters, it is interesting to know that amongst the newly advanced members is Bro. H. T. Creed, now engaged in restoring the cathedral, who, in response to the toast of his brethren's health, showed that many of the Masons' Marks to be found on continental cathedrals are identical with those at Carlisle. At the suggestion of Bro. Wheatley, a well-known Cumberland antiquarian, Bro. Creed promised to prepare a paper on Masons' Marks, and read it at the next meeting of the lodge.

Obituary.

BRO. SIR R. C. MUSGRAVE, BART., M.P.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Sir Richard Courtney Musgrave, Bart., M.P., a prominent member of the Craft in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. The deceased was initiated in Lodge of Unanimity, No. 339, Penrith, October 11th, 1860, and in 1875 was elected to the chair of W.M., in which capacity he represented his lodge at the installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master in the Albert Hall. He was also a P.P.G. Reg. of his province, and later P.P.G.S.W. Sir Richard was moreover a member of the Royal Arch Chapter attached to his lodge. As a public man, he was Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Westmorland, and at last general election was elected M.P. for East Cumberland, being returned, in the Conservative interest, at the head of the poll, after three contests. Like his father—the late Sir George Musgrave—the deceased baronet was a liberal supporter of the Charities connected with the town of Penrith, in the vicinity of which was his ancestral mansion of Eden Hall; and the poor and needy will miss a warm friend through his early death. He was married, and leaves a widow and five young children, the heir to the estates being only seven years old. Sir Richard Musgrave died at his town house on Sunday morning last, after a short illness, the result of a severe cold.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Dangerous Chest Complaints.—The enumeration of these diseases is scarcely necessary, as, unfortunately, the inhabitants of these islands know them to their cost. Coughs, colds, influenza, bronchitis, asthma, pleurisy, inflammation of the lungs, and even consumption in its early stages, are best treated by rubbing Holloway's Ointment upon the chest and between the shoulders. It penetrates internally, checks the cold shiverings, relieves the over-gorged lungs, gradually removes the oppression from the chest, and restores the obstructed respiration, hitherto so fearfully distressing and so highly dangerous. In treating this class of diseases, Holloway's Pills should always be taken while using his Ointment; they purify the blood, promote perspiration, and allay dangerous irritations.—[Advrt.]

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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.

BRO. MACKENZIE.—We decline to publish any more letters upon the subject.

It is a great pity that "AN OLD PUPIL" will not send his name, as it is a very fitting letter to go in.

W. S. DUNCKLEY.—The Emulation Lodge of Improvement meets every Friday evening throughout the year at seven o'clock. The only exception is the occasion of the annual festival, in November, when it meets at six o'clock.

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

Lodge of Honour, No. 379, Bath.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Sunday Times," "Hull Packet," "Keystone," "New York Dispatch," "Night and Day," "Cox's Monthly Legal Circular," "Freemason's Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire for 1881," "Who are the Welsh," "Seventh Annual Report of the Hospital Saturday Fund," "Jewish Chronicle," "Der Long Islaender," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Advocate," "Masonic Age," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow."

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

THE correspondence which has taken place ament the "Ancient and Primitive Rite," so termed, and Bro. YARKER has elicited one fact, which has come by surprise on ourselves and many of our friends. It is, that Bro. YARKER is not now a subscribing member of any lodge or chapter under the Grand Lodge of England. We have already expressed our views decidedly as to the evil arising from brethren discontinuing their lodge subscriptions,

and yet coming before the world and the Craft as Masons, and as the *Freemason* is published with the direct sanction of the GRAND MASTER of English Masonry, and has always endeavoured to support the authority and prestige of Grand Lodge, it becomes a very serious question whether it can constitutionally or Masonically allow those to contribute to its columns who belong to no "lawful lodge," and while they enjoy the fruits bear none of the burdens of Craft Masonry. Unwilling as we are in the *Freemason* to appear even to limit fair discussion, or to seem in any way to impede the flow of correspondence, though it would be for our interest often to check it, we shall be glad if some of our many able friends will assist us in coming to a decision on this really important point.

SOME warm writing has taken place relative to the High Grades and our Hebrew brethren. We are anxious, therefore, to state distinctly, though it is, as far as the *Freemason* is concerned, pure surplusage, that as we began our literary career, so we continue it to day—friends to entire, supreme, and unlimited toleration. We have no "arrière pensée" in the matter, no mental reservation of any kind. We consider that the Hebrews are on every ground entitled to the fullest regard, respect, and kindly good feeling, whether as loyal citizens or active Masons. We object to all attempts to limit their lawful claim to be admitted on Masonic principles to the full participation of the rights and privileges of Craft Masonry. We have always advocated their claims, and we shall always do so, to the sympathy of their contemporaries, and the goodwill of their fellow citizens. There is no reason, à priori, why a Hebrew should not be a zealous citizen and a loyal subject, and indeed their whole history proves them to be governed by patriotic and national considerations in the highest degree. If it be said, as it is said, that now that they are a "nation within a nation," be it so—that fact only proves the reality of their position, the truth of their wondrous annals, and in no way entitles those who seem still to have a grudge against Hebrews, qua Hebrews, to deny their absolute right to all that toleration would sanction, or goodwill enjoin. The persecution of the Hebrews in various parts of the world to-day is a disgrace to the age in which our lot is cast, just as the proscription of God's ancient people in the years that are past is a bitter reflection on the profession and practice of Christians themselves. The anti-Semitic persecution in Germany is indeed both a subject of surprise and wonder, when we remember the good genial tolerant German mind, and we rejoice to think that our Bro. H.R.H. the CROWN PRINCE IMPERIAL OF GERMANY has spoken out in such sensible and manly and truthful words on a subject which must be a deep sorrow and humiliation to all who believe in the progress of the tolerating principles of improving civilization. We quite agree with our correspondent, who signs himself "One who is Englishman, Jew, and Freemason" that any personal reflection on the Hebrew race or on Hebrew brethren are alike a proof of "bad form," worse taste, and most unmasonic feelings, and we regret if by a little punctiliousness as regards correspondence any remarks should have appeared which should have given the slightest pain to any Hebrew brother. That the High Grades are essentially Christian is a matter about which we think there cannot be, and ought not to be, any controversy. They are Christian, absolutely and entirely Christian, in their idea, their ritual, their esoteric teaching, and their outcome. We cannot profess to understand how any possible question can arise. In France, and to some extent elsewhere, the Rose Croix Degree and ceremony may be altered and pared down to a philosophical ceremonial, to a nihilistic performance; but the Rose Croix is the most entirely Christian Grade in existence, and Dr. LEESON once contended that it was derived from the "Disciplina Arcani" of the early Christians. There ought to be no doubt on this subject, no hesitating words, and no slipshod utterances, as it is an injustice to the Rose Croix Grade to say otherwise, and is actually opposed to what every mem-

ber or student of the Grade knows to be a matter of fact, impossible to be ignored, or explained away.

How far a Hebrew could conscientiously assent to the teaching and formulae of the Rose Croix Grade seems to us to be a matter which can only be settled by the authorities of the Ancient and Accepted Rite on the one hand, and the candidate on the other. We do not, "primâ facie," ourselves see how any Hebrew, with honest convictions and clear opinions on certain subjects, as Hebrews mostly have could enter into the Rose Croix Grade; and we are, therefore, sorry that the question has been raised at all in our columns, and beg to suggest at once, in a pleasant, friendly, and fraternal way, the termination of a discussion which can do no possible good, can be of no practical value, and may seriously hurt the feelings of many worthy brethren on one side and the other.

FREEMASONS are lovers of peace at all times, but they are also patriots, and at this time their sympathies will go with those gallant officers and soldiers of ours who, on the far Transvaal, are fighting so gallantly under their colours, and upholding the QUEEN'S authority and the prestige of England among the insurgent Boers. It is well to remember that at the bottom of this desperate struggle lies the question of slavery of the native people, which was in existence, and with great oppression and cruelty, under the Boer regime, but which has been wisely and righteously suppressed under the beneficent sway of QUEEN VICTORIA.

THE Dover and Calais Submarine Tunnel promised once to strengthen the promise of peace, and to advance the progress of civilization, by rendering war between France and England again all but impossible. We regret to see that our able contemporary the *Builder*, whose words we subjoin, takes a gloomy view, financially speaking, of this really humanitarian, if wondrous, undertaking:—"Precedents as to cost would hardly justify an engineer in estimating a tunnel under the Channel at less than £200 per yard, or £352,000 per mile, being less than half the cost of the Metropolitan lines, of the cost of which, however, we must remember that the price of land formed an important though undistinguished portion. To pay 5 per cent. on £352,000 per mile requires a traffic of about £35,000 per mile per annum, or more than five times that of the South-Eastern Railway. No English Railway approaches the quarter of this figure, with the exception of the two Metropolitan lines, which take respectively £38,600 and £34,300 per mile. These, it is well known, are entirely exceptional cases, fed by constant local urban traffic, with stations little more than half a mile apart. In the Channel Tunnel there can be no local traffic." Let us hope for better results when this great work of skill and of international connection and comity is accomplished.

WE rejoice to learn, from what Bro. TERRY said at the Aldersgate Lodge on Monday, that there are now 363 Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the returns promise to be even beyond precedent. It seems there are ninety candidates, and, so far, only twenty vacancies, so that our best wishes go with this excellent Institution.

WE were glad to note that the Aldersgate Lodge voted £10 10s. for the list of Bro. KENNING, W.M., for the Boys' School Festival for 1881.

THE meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge on Monday last, as by our report elsewhere, was a very successful one, and the re-election of Bro. GEORGE KENNING, well known throughout the Masonic world, was hailed with acclamation by his many friends and brethren. The Aldersgate, though a young lodge, and of limited numbers, has set a most laudable example to our lodges in its ready and remarkable support of the Masonic Charities.

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 ROSE CROIX GRADE.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
That the Rose Croix Grade is a wholly Christian Grade is, I beg to say, both undoubted and undeniable. That any one who is not a Christian can enter upon its "esoteric teaching" or partake of its "mysteries," is, I venture to believe, simply impossible.
I do not quite see the object of "Rose Croix's" original letter, but, leaving all other questions and considerations out of the case, I wish to affirm, for "conscience sake," that none but Christians can be properly members of the Rose Croix, 18^o.
This is the real difference between Craft Masonry and the High Grades; the former is open to all Theists, the latter only to Christians.
I state this, not for controversy's sake, but simply as a matter of historical truth, and in justice to all.
I am, yours most fraternally,

ROSY CROSS.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
A candidate having been cast in the ballot, is it competent for his proposer to at once nominate him again in the same lodge?
If this be so, a persistent brother may disturb the peace and harmony of a lodge, meeting after meeting, by continuing to bring forward a rejected candidate, unless stopped by the W.M., but has the W.M. any right to veto a second or continued nomination, even after the lodge has expressed by the ballot its disapproval of the candidate?
As this is rather an important point, I should be glad if you could throw any light upon law or custom bearing upon this question.
Perhaps some of your readers will kindly say what is usually done under such circumstances.

Yours fraternally, M. M.

QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Kindly give me your definition of the following case. A brother proposes in open and regular lodge a gentleman as a candidate for Masonry, two other brethren represent to the W.M. that the gentleman is about to leave the country for the continent for an indefinite period, as he is going for the benefit of his health. The W.M. calls a lodge of emergency to ballot for him, and if elected to initiate him. Query, is this in conformity with the Book of Constitutions, or, more plainly speaking, is it legal and according to the land-marks of our Order? Your reply will oblige
Yours fraternally, P.M.
[Yes. See Poole's Constitutions (if he has complied with section 2, page 84).—ED. F.M.]

THE MEETINGS OF GRAND CHAPTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I quite expected, that some of your readers would have noticed the mistake in your report of the last meeting of Grand Chapter. It was stated that the hour of meeting had been altered from six to seven, whereas it was from seven to six, in my opinion a very desirable alteration. You also state that the attendance was small, but it appears to me that the average number attended, it being the rule so far as I can judge for a companion to attend once soon after promotion to the third chair in a chapter, and then stay away all together. In my circle of friends, I have not met more than one or two companions who have been to Grand Chapter since their first visit, while many energetic members have never been at all.
Could not something be done to make the meetings more attractive? They might be held on the same evenings as Grand Lodge at six o'clock, and in that way secure a larger attendance. I have only been once, and I do not know when I shall take the trouble to go again.
I remain, yours fraternally,

"THIRD PRINCIPAL."

THE MASONIC AND CO-OPERATIVE BANK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Can any brother afford me information about the above? What are its claims to be considered a "Masonic" institution, as implied by its name?
Yours truly, INVESTOR.

MASONIC THRIFT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I do not know what may be the real motive underlying the sentiments propounded by your correspondent signing himself "An Anxious Senior" in your last week's *Freemason*; but I hope I may be forgiven for doubting whether the "anxiety" expressed is born of sincerity. Whether it be true or not that Masons are less provident than other people, as is more than hinted at in this extraordinary epistle, I will leave to the individual experience of my brethren; but as far as my observation goes I am inclined to call it a libel on the Craft.
My object, however, in writing is to ask why in the name of common sense "An Anxious Senior" wants any special facilities for the encouragement of thrift—simply because he happens to be a Mason. There are sound insurance offices, building societies, savings' banks, and numerous other beneficent agencies in existence—enough and to spare—whereby the philanthropic yearnings of your correspondent can be satisfied without organising any special "financial" undertaking, dubbing itself "Masonic," and using the square and compass to attract the unwary. We have seen enough of such "schemes;" and depend upon it, Sir, the more we keep the good old Craft out of the hands of speculators on the name, and traders on its reputation, the better it will be for the future of Masonry, and the higher will be its standard from year to year.
I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. M.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In my letter of last week relating to P.W.M.'s charges against the Boys' School, I am made to say in the last paragraph "I think I have heard enough." It should have been, "I think I have said enough." Will you kindly insert this evident misprint and oblige
Yours truly and fraternally,

THE WRITER.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Seeing the letter above named in last Saturday's issue, and having myself a very great regard for true and genuine brethren, I thank Bro. "P.M. 448" for his able letter, on behalf of my own lodge and Freemasonry generally, and beg to endorse all he says in it. To-day the same individual (from the description) presented himself to me, and almost used the same words as in the above letter. I referred him to our Almoner, whom he said he had already seen, but not being able to produce his certificate, could not be relieved. He also stated that he came from Preston, and that his stock of paper got spoiled by the rain yesterday, at the same time producing certain tools in proof, but having read "P.M. 448's" letter, I did not allow him to prove himself a Freemason, and refused to assist him. I also found shortly after that he was telling a falsehood, by saying a certain brother had sent him to me, as I saw that brother within a quarter of an hour afterwards, who had never seen this individual. My promise also to discountenance all impostors, and to respect true and genuine Masons, is my excuse for troubling you to insert this in your next issue.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, W.M. 345.

February 16th.
P.S. Since writing the above, the W.M. from our sister lodge, No. 346, called, from whom he got two shillings, and a promise of further aid if he called on Friday.

THE JEWS AND THE HIGH GRADES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
"One who is Englishman, Jew, and Freemason" appears to think I have a private grudge against the Jews; let me, before I try to explain, ask him to disabuse his mind on that score entirely, for I have not; but, on the contrary, I have a regard for them, their personal appearance, and their nationality, and nothing is, or was, farther from my thoughts or intentions to sneer at, or cast any reflections on, anything belonging to them.

The question was asked by "Juvens" in your issue of the 29th, ult., "Can a member of the Hebrew persuasion take the Degrees of the Rose Croix, &c. My answer to the question was, and is still, that any brother M.M. is eligible (if qualified I will add) who can enter into its requirements. It is of course obvious, if he cannot conscientiously do so he cannot take the Degrees.

I am still of opinion that a Jew is a Jew. He may be an English citizen, a good and loyal one too (which I am not aware I questioned), he may be converted to some faith which Jews do not approve, but he remains a Jew, the same as an Englishman who adopts religious views approved by Jews remains an Englishman, is my theory, my opinion that Jews are *born* so. No religion will alter that.

Your correspondent would lead one to suppose he had been made a Jew as well as a Freemason.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
A. P. ROSE CROIX.
[We confess that with all deference to our correspondent we hardly see the "drift" of this little controversy, and have already expressed our opinion editorially on the subject.—ED. F.M.]

Reviews.

THE LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. Fourth Annual Report, 1880.

This little Masonic and helpful Institution, now in the fifth year of its existence, has collected a capital sum of £906 13s. 9d. from various sources, mainly from the Leeds brethren, and spent £51 10s. 4d. in assisting the education and partial maintenance of eight children, two daughters and one son of the late Bro. Dagliesh; two daughters and one son of the late Bro. Shackleton; one son of the late Bro. W. Wilson; and one son of the late Bro. Kearney, in 1880. It is impossible but to wish well to the unobtrusive labours of this useful and friendly Institution. Each of the seven lodges in Leeds takes part in the proceedings and labours of the Association.

FREEMASON FOR 1880. George Kenning, 19S, Fleet-street.

The 13th volume of the *Freemason* comes before us, and without saying a word in favour of our own work, we beg to announce the fact, as many brethren and libraries may be glad to possess the bound volume.

MAGAZINES.

"Scribner" appears abounding in interest and marked by the highest development of artistic illustration. It is, as far as we know, without an equal in serial literature.

"Temple Bar" is, as usual, varied and full of animation, and claims attention from its numerous circle of readers. "The Freres" promises to be an effective story.

"All the Year Round" is very interesting indeed, and "Asphodel" has great charms for a large circle.

"The Antiquary" puts before us one or two very striking papers. We must allude specially to Dr. Simpson's account of Old St. Paul's. The Shakespeare controversy is amusing.

"Journal of the Society of Arts."—This weekly journal contains much that is useful, as well as what is worth perusal. In the last number appears a very striking paper on wood carving, by J. Hungerford Pollen.

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

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ESOTERIC MASONRY.

I may add to the remarks which I made on this subject last week, that the whole question of Hermeticism requires very serious and careful treatment, and cannot be simply dismissed as a needless and useless "factor" in the history of Freemasonry. I believe in this, as in everything else, the truth is "mid-ways," and that while it is wrong to discard the influence of Hermeticism altogether, it is equally wrong to assert in vague terms, or on unhistorical authority, that the Craft movement of 1717 was the product of, or dominated by, Hermeticism.

It appears to me that Craft symbolism—Esoteric Masonry, if you like—and Hermeticism are two co-existent, concurrent forces, whose relations to, and mutual influence on each other, we have yet to ascertain. Up to the present we have, perhaps, ignored both these "factors," but with our present opportunities there is no earthly reason why they should not meet with careful treatment, and undergo a thorough discussion.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC HISTORY.

Unwilling to make my "note" too long last week, I omitted to notice the two points started in Bros. Whytehead's and Hughsan's communications as regards the Hermetics, that the Blue Degrees were, according to Bros. Pike, the outcome of "Adepts in the Hermetic Philosophy," and that the Templars were those, according to Bro. Carson, "who banded together to preserve the landmarks of unity."

I. Certainly such a remark comes upon me by surprise, and such an idea I have never met with before. I admit, at once, that the existence of "Long Livers," in my mind, alters the whole condition of the evidence, as regards the High Grades, but that fact in no way affects the proceedings of 1717, and which, unless we give up Anderson and Preston, and even our own records, are entirely free, apparently, from any Hermetic influence. At the same time I say this I do not, for one, deny that a Hermetic Society existed in 1717, but we have, so far, no open traces of it that I am aware of, and none in connection with our Grand Lodge.

It has always seemed to me doubtful whether we could entirely depend upon Dermott and Oliver, to whom we are indebted (and Oliver borrows from Dermott) for his statement of the proceedings of 1717. In "Kenning's Cyclopædia" the names are recorded (p. 158) of those who are said to have practically elaborated the revival and ritual of 1717.

It has occurred to me that these names are taken from the list of Masters, &c., in the Constitutions of 1723.

Some difficulties, however, occur as to these names, and Dermott's authority is only after all an "ut dicitur," and Dermott, for various reasons, cannot be relied on.

It is very unfortunate that Grand Lodge possesses no minutes or papers before 1723, so that, so far from 1717 to 1721 is a blank in our Masonic annals.

In Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 there are no traces of Hermetic influences, and it is quite clear that the tendency, from that time downwards, was unfavourable to the High Grade theories.

With the exception of "Long Livers," and which I look on as purely alchemical, perhaps the remains of Ashmole's old Hermetical Astrological Society, we have no trace that I know of, until 1778, when a "Rite of Perfection," according to some German writers, was existing under Robert Lintott. Of this chapter, nothing, I believe, now is known, though the earlier minutes may exist. No trace, that I am aware of, has so far, been found of them. Perhaps some High Grade brother can give us some information on this point.

I shall, therefore, be interested in hearing how Bro. Pike proves the existence of a Hermetic Society in England, in 1717, and if he will point out how its influence was manifested. I repeat, nevertheless, that an Hermetic Society may have existed.

II. The Templar perpetual theory of Bro. Carson is still more untenable. His words are judiciously vague as to the "time when," and the "place where they met." Do what you will you cannot get them to York before 1780, and very little earlier in the south. I have seen dates given of 1740 and 1750, but I have as yet seen no proof of such "facts."

MASONIC STUDENT.

STEPHEN MORIN.

As regards Stephen Morin, it is now quite clear that the whole matter rests upon a mistake. Bro. Mackenzie does not yet seem to realize the fact that in 1764, as Levesque points out, two Grand Lodges of France, owing to intestine strife, prevailed, and that Thory's words refer to these two bodies, and the Council of the Emperors.

It is a very pretty theory, but is historically indefensible, and, as regards 1717, it is clearly inadmissible. Or he may have alluded to the Grand Lodge of St. John of Perfection, a different body from the Grand Lodge of France.

It is again equally clear that the proceedings in re Martin had nothing legitimately to do with these in re Morin.

If a Symbolic Grand Lodge in Paris claimed in 1764 to have anything to do, qua a Grand Lodge, with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Perfection, &c., in 1761, the matter is too absurd to deserve any further notice.—Both Thory and Besuchet concur in the statement, which Levesque also preserves, and the very words of the patent show that the act was the act of the "Council of the Emperors," and that no real concordat as to the High Grades took place until 1772, though a question had arisen about it in 1766.

There could, however, be no possible legal question of revision or reconsideration of a patent granted in 1761 by a competent and different body. Indeed, the terms of the minute given by Bro. Mackenzie are a clear proof that the supposition that the Symbolic Grand Lodge could grant a patent to Martin to establish High Grades, when then it had nothing to do with High Grades, or that it could supersede a patent which it had never granted, is too absurd to treat seriously. I have only taken up the question as a matter of history, as the validity of Stephen Morin's patent appears to me incontestable.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE CERNEAU COUNCIL.

It seems that the present Cerneau Council is materially a revival of a portion of our old Council, absorbed in the union of the three Councils, and mainly led by H. G. Seymour. He was at the adjourned meeting of the Supreme Council, New York, October 21st, 1864, superseded by Bro. C. T. McClauachan as Grand Master of Ceremonies, and from that moment he seems to have thrown his whole energy into the revival of an offshoot of the old Cerneau Council. And here let the matter rest.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE REVIVAL OF 1686.

I cannot find that Bro. Yarker has any more proof of what he alleges.

Backhouse and Ashmole were interested in the search of the Philosopher's Stone, and the secret alluded to, as appears elsewhere, was Backhouse's supposed discovery of that great secret of—"Moonshine."

But Ashmole nowhere mentions Rosicrucianism, at least I should like to find such a passage, for various reasons. That he belonged to an astrological, and probably an Hermetic Society, is, no doubt, true; equally so, that he belonged to Freemasonry, but what the connection between the two, if any, does not appear.

I wonder that Bro. Yarker did not see the point I have alluded to elsewhere as to "Long Livers," for "Long Livers" are purely alchemical. What does Bro. Yarker mean by saying twenty-two years from seventeen twenty-one (1743)? "Masonry had a system of Seven Degrees." To what system does he allude? The Rite of Bouillon? It had only six. The York? It did not, and never did, exist as such. To what system of seven Degrees can Bro. Yarker allude to in 1743?

There is no proof of any "revival," I repeat, of any kind in 1686. Unfortunately a large portion of Ashmole's MSS. have never yet turned up, though it has been said that they are possibly still extant.

MASONIC STUDENT.

JONES, INIGO.—A celebrated architect, who was born in 1572, and died in 1651. Anderson, in his Constitutions of 1738, declares, apparently on the alleged authority of Nicholas Stone, in a MS. burnt in 1720, that he was Grand Master of the fraternity, and present as such at the levelling of the footstone of the new Banqueting Hall, Whitehall, in 1607, before King James I., and that then the Masons drank to the "King and the Craft." Anderson further says that he held annually the quarterly communications and annual general assembly and feast on St. John's Day until 1618. He is said to have been reappointed Grand Master, and to have died in 1652. Of his connection with the Order we have no further proof than what rests on the authority of Stone and Anderson. All that we can say is, that this tradition is both probably and possibly true.

JOSEPHINE.—Wife of Napoleon I., née Rose Tascher de la Pagerie, and widow of General Vicomte de Beauharnais, a gallant soldier, who perished by the guillotine. After the 13th Vendemiaire, the young General Buonaparte married M^{me}. Beauharnais; and among the greatest of his mistakes was his subsequent repudiation of his wife. Josephine, who after her divorce lived and died at Malmaison, was most friendly to the Masonic Institution, and herself a member of the "Maconnerie d'Apoption." In 1845, at Strasburg, she was present at a "Loge d'Adoption," when the Lodge "Des Francs Chevaliers," Orient de Paris, united with the lodges at Strasburg for a fête. Madame la Baronne de Detrich, wife of the mayor, presided over the lodge, and the Empress witnessed the initiation of Madame de Cunisy, proposed by herself. The Lodges "St. Josephine," of Paris, and "Josephine," of Milan, were named after the Empress.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia.*

Ireland.

DUBLIN.—Dublin Lodge (No. 25).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 11th inst. At 5.30 p.m. the lodge was opened in due form, Bro. A. S. Deane, J.P., presiding as W.M. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the Secretary, Bro. Dr. Cameron, P.M., a ballot was opened for the election of three gentlemen, Messrs. Ellis and Myles (two), and the box having been found clear, they were declared duly elected. The names of several other gentlemen having been proposed and seconded, and scrutineers appointed, Bro. Henry Arthur Blyth, and Bro. James Blyth, both of whom had been initiated in this lodge five and a half years ago, were duly passed to the Second Degree by Bro. J. C. Meredith, LL.D., in a most able and impressive manner. Several visiting brethren having been admitted and saluted, the lodge was subsequently closed in peace, love, and harmony.

At 7.40 p.m. the brethren, to the number of 130, adjourned to the dining room, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. Grace having been sung after dinner, and a collection amounting to £9 10s. taken up for the Male and Female Orphan Schools, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Queen," and in doing so, stated that when Irish Freemasons met together for refreshment no toast was more cordially received than that of our Most Gracious Sovereign, who was very dear to them all, having given her three sons to labour in the Craft. Three cheers having been given for Her Majesty, the National Anthem was sung. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M. of England and the rest of the Royal Family," said all were aware of the deep interest taken by the M.W.G.M. in the welfare of Freemasonry, of which there was ample proof when His Royal Highness last visited Ireland. A further illustration of his kindness was afforded by his sending a telegram conveying his good wishes to Irish Freemasons at the installation of Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, at Londonderry, a short time ago. The toast was enthusiastically received, Bro. Oldham singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was that of "The M.W.G.M. of Ireland and the rest of the Grand Officers." The W.M. was quite sure they all regretted the absence of the D.G.M., Bro. Shekleton, Q.C., through a domestic bereavement. The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Warren, responded, and remarked that nothing but a domestic bereavement would have prevented the D.G.M. from being present. The toast of "The Past Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers" was then given, which was responded to by Bro. the Hon. Judge Town-

send, P.D.G.M., who was pleased to find that although one of the "past," he was not forgotten. His colleagues had passed away, but the names of Thomas Mostyn, George Handcock, and others still lingered among them. The spirit of Masonry was such that none of those who had passed away were forgotten, and he felt that the past officers were always received with cordiality. He could never forget the way in which the brethren had received his name that evening. He could remember the time when Masonry was very backward in Ireland, when the Grand Lodge was held in an upper room in an hotel, and when the Masonic School was in a dirty house in a back street in Dublin. They had to congratulate themselves on the great change which had since taken place. Masonry was now flourishing in Ireland, and when they looked at the magnificent hall in which they were assembled, and at the condition of the Masonic Charities, they had great cause for thankfulness. He was happy to see their Bro. the Lord Mayor there that evening, who, whatever his dignity might be, did not bring his fur cap and sword into the lodge. Before sitting down he had great pleasure in giving them "The Health of their W.M." The W.M., in responding, said Lodge 25 was one of the strongest in Ireland, and was certainly the most prominent in works of charity, it having contributed over £1000—the largest sum given by any lodge in Ireland—to the Building Fund for the new Female Orphan School, Ball's Bridge, Co. Dublin. The next toast was that of "The G.M. of Scotland, the Pro G.M. of England, and the Grand Masters of all Foreign Lodges." Bro. Dr. Smyly having responded, the W.M. then rose, and stated that a member of Lodge 25 had been chosen as Chief Magistrate for the City of Dublin; he was known to them all as a true and honourable Mason, as well as a worthy citizen. He had taken the greatest interest in the welfare of the lodge for the past eighteen years, and his brethren could not allow the occasion to pass without presenting their Bro. Dr. Moyers, to whom he referred, with a slight mark of their esteem. The Deacons then brought up two handsome claret jugs, and a gold bracelet, which were presented to Bro. Moyers by the Worshipful Master. The Secretary then read an accompanying address, which was beautifully illuminated. Bro. Moyers replied in feeling terms, observing that this was a demonstration of which any man might be proud; he felt overcome by seeing so many brethren gathered to do him honour, and he felt that it would require the powers of a Cicero or a Demosthenes to reply suitably to the occasion. He felt proud of having been elected as Chief Magistrate for the City of Dublin, but he might say that he esteemed it a greater honour to have received what his brethren had presented to him that night. A man might pass muster in public life, but to meet with the approval of his brethren, as he felt he had, was indeed a proud distinction. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their kindness to himself, and also on behalf of her who was dearer to him than his own life, and he felt that in honouring the Lady Mayoress they had honoured himself. He would to his latest hour treasure these marks of his brethren's esteem; and when the time came that he should yield up his spirit to the G.A.O.T.U., he would hand down these tokens to his children as heirlooms of priceless value. The next toast was that of "The Immediate Past Master," which was suitably responded to by Bro. Thompson. The toast of "Our Guests" was then given and responded to by Bro. Sir Jocelyn Coghill, Bart., who expressed great pleasure at being present on such an auspicious occasion; he had never been present at so large a Masonic gathering. Bro. Lord Justice Fitzgibbon also replied on behalf of the guests, and in the course of his remarks mentioned that Lodge 25 had set a noble example in the cause of Masonic Charity, and he hoped each of the guests would go back to their own lodges with the feeling that they would profit by the example set by the lodge in which they were now enjoying true Masonic hospitality. He had great pleasure, before sitting down, in proposing "The Health of their worthy Secretary, Bro. Cameron." The toast was enthusiastically received by all present, particularly by the members of his own lodge, with whom Bro. Cameron is a great favourite. Nothing can exceed the energy and ability which Bro. Cameron exhibits in successfully managing the affairs of this very large and important lodge. His labours in bringing that evening's proceedings to a successful issue deserved the highest possible praise. Bro. Cameron, P.M., replied in his usual ready and good natured manner. The toasts of "The Senior Warden," and "Our Newly-affiliated Brethren," brought the proceedings to a close.

At an emergency meeting held the following day, Bros. H. A. and J. Blyth were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, by a special dispensation from the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland.

ROYAL NAVY LIST.—"The Royal Navy List" for 1881, which has just appeared, under the patronage of the Lords of the Admiralty, is based on the "biographical" principle, so long familiar to the public in "Hart's Army List," to which it forms a companion. It gives for the first time a full account of the war and other "meritorious" services of all naval officers. It gives dates of the commissions and retirements, and in many cases of the births of flag officers, and official details of acts of gallantry for which various officers have received the Victoria Cross, the Albert Medal, and the medals of various philanthropic associations, such as the Royal Humane, the Royal National Lifeboat, and Shipwrecked Mariners' societies. In the "Retired List" will be found also a note of a large number of civil appointments held by former officers of the Navy; this will be found useful to those who wish to trace out the careers of old friends. It is as well to add that the book includes the Medical Department of the Navy, the officers of the Royal Marines, present and retired, the Civil Departments of the Navy, and the staff of our principal dockyards. It is published by Messrs. Witherby, of Cornhill and High Holborn.

AFRICAN EXPLORATION.—Mr. Joseph Thomson has, we understand, received the offer of an advantageous post under the Sultan of Zanzibar, which no doubt he is likely to accept. Mr. Thomson's work will be mainly that of geological surveying in the region of the Rovuma River, and the Sultan has offered him every facility for carrying on the work. The Sultan deserves every credit for showing such enterprise, and we have no doubt that Mr. Thomson will be able to do work of great scientific value.—*Nature.*

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

The bicentenary of Calderon's death is to be kept at Madrid in May.

There are four Russian translations of Lord Beaconsfield's "Endymion."

A new volume by Mr. Alfred Rimmer, on "Our Old Country Towns," is nearly ready.

Miss Thackeray's new volume, "Mrs. Williamson's Divagations," is to appear next month.

The *Zuricher Post* says that Schiller's "Lay of the Bell" has been translated into Japanese.

The death is announced of the well known Italian writer Cesare Cartu. He was best known as the author of a "Universal History."

A bust of Sir Charles Hastings, the founder of the British Medical Association, has been commissioned from Mr. Brock, the sculptor, and is to be placed in some suitable locality in the city of Worcester.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS.—The Old Masters' Exhibition will, from February 12th to its close on Saturday, March 12th, be lighted at dusk, and remain open till seven o'clock p.m. every evening.

The *Athenæum* reminds its readers of the fact that the planet Venus will be at her greatest eastern elongation from the sun about noon on the 20th inst. Her close apparent proximity to Jupiter next week will be very conspicuous.

Lessing's "Nathan der Weise" and Schiller's "William Tell" have been translated into modern Greek by A. R. Rangabé, Greek Ambassador at Berlin. It forms part of the ninth volume of a collected edition of his writings.

Messrs. Vizetelly and Co.'s series of translations of "Popular French Novels" is continued with "A Woman's Diary" and "The Little Countess" of Octave Feuillet, and with Prosper Mérimée's "Colomba" and "Carmen"—the latter being the story from which Bizet took his famous opera.

"Queen's Hair," "Stifled Sighs," "Indiscreet Murmurs," "Vain Desires," and "Needless Regrets," are the singular names of some of the new colours in Paris this spring. The favourite style of hair-dressing just now is *à la vicime*, the tresses being arranged at the back in two long wavy curls.

The gift of Trojan antiquities collected by Dr. Schliemann has been acknowledged by the German Emperor in an autograph letter to the famous discoverer. They are ultimately to be placed in the Ethnological Museum, when that building is completed, in a room to be named the Schliemann Hall.

The *Bookseller* calls attention to an elaborate work on the Basilica of St. Mark's at Venice. It was begun in 1843 by Herr Kreutz and his wife, but was left incomplete at their death. The portion then printed has now become rare. Signor Organia is now endeavouring to complete this work in an edition of five hundred copies.

A German archaeologist is stated to have read two documents in the Mazarin Library, written by Leonardo da Vinci, in the reverse fashion, which he sometimes affected, and which needs the aid of a mirror in order to be read at least with facility. They extend from 1472 to 1483, and show, it is said, that Leonardo instead of being in Rome all that time, as has been thought, was during some part of the time in the service of the Sultan of Egypt, and in order to study with greater ease the artistic decoration of the mosques, then rigidly closed to Christians, made some sort of profession of Islamism.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society, held last week, Lord Aberdare, president, in the chair, the following candidates were duly elected Fellows, viz.: John Capron Bigg, Douglas Brown, Miss Emily Bunbury, Major Charter, Joseph Cheal, J. J. T. Somers-Cocks, Mrs. W. J. R. Cotton, Lady Denison, Rev. F. J. FitzWygram, Mrs. James Foster, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Hamlin, Mrs. Le Champion, Joseph Little, Mrs. Charles Mercer, Louis Nathan, J. C. Nelson, Arthur Parson, Amos J. Perry, Benjamin Piercy, Henry Potter, Major W. Salmond, R.E., Octavius Toogood, Mrs. B. G. Wainson, J. R. Worcester, Miss A. M. Worcester, and Colonel J. Copley Wray.

The School of Art Wood-carving is now in connection with the City of Guilds of London Technical Institute. It is under the direction of a committee of management, of which Lieut.-Col. J. F. D. Donnelly, R.E., is chairman. Day and evening classes are held in the school. The day classes are held from 10 to 5 on five days a week, and from 10 to 1 on Saturdays. The evening classes are held from 7 to 9 on four evenings a week, viz., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The fees for day students are £2 a month or £5 a quarter. The fees for evening students are 15s. a month, or £2 a quarter. There are at present 12 free studentships in the school, viz., six in day classes and six in the evening classes, the fees for which are paid from funds supplied by the City and Guilds of London Institute for the advancement of technical education. The holders of the studentships are selected by the committee of the school from persons of the industrial class, who are intending to earn their living by wood-carving. Candidates must have passed the 2nd grade art examination of the Science and Art Department in freehand drawing at least. Those who have some knowledge of wood-carving, or have passed in the other subjects of the 2nd grade art certificate, or in drawing from the antique and the figure, architectural drawing, or designing, or in modelling, will be preferred. There are now several vacant studentships, and there is also available accommodation for a few additional paying students. Students who have been in the school not less than twelve months may, on the recommendation of the inspector, receive such payment for their work as the committee may determine. By permission of the Lord President of the Council, students of the school have the privilege of free admission to the South Kensington Museum and libraries, on production of the school tickets. Wood-carving for the trade is undertaken by the school. For further information on all the above points, applications should be addressed to the secretary at the school.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Grand Orient Masonic Lodge of the Netherlands, at which the Grand Master, Prince Frederick, presides, has resolved to send an address to the Grand Orient Lodge of England in favour of Transvaal independence.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Senior Grand Warden Hertfordshire, entertained at dinner, at his residence, Highbury Grove, on Tuesday last, the R.W. Bro. J. T. Halsey, Grand Master of Hertfordshire, R.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire.

TENDERS.—The following tenders have been sent in for the erection of a workhouse in Edmunds-place, E.C., Bro. George Vickery, architect:—Mr. Greenwood, £4743; Messrs. Ashby Brothers, £4483; Mr. Brass, £4473; Mr. Nightingale, £4470; Mr. E. Conder, £4380; Mr. Crabb, £4209; and Mr. Lawrence, £4156.

Reading at night has been greatly facilitated by a Turinese invention, according to the *Parisian*, combining light-giving materials with printer's ink. The print becomes so luminous in the dark that it is possible to read during a night journey or in bed without the aid of any artificial light. A new daily paper, in which this new material will be used, will accordingly be brought out at Turin.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Anglo-Jewish Association, held on Sunday, at Silver's Rooms, Gower-street, at which those present included the Rev. A. Lowry, Professor Marks, Dr. M. Davis, Mr. E. H. d'Avigdor, Mr. C. Davis, Mr. H. G. Lousada, Mr. L. E. Pyke, Mr. C. Samuel, Mr. D. F. Schloss, and Mr. I. Seligman.

At a recent meeting of the Ex-Sheriff's Club, Sir C. Crossley presiding, Bros. Woollotton and Bayley, the late sheriffs, were unanimously elected members of the club.

A handsome mural monument, the work of Bro. Forsyth, has just been placed in the Presbyterian Church, Regent-square, in memory of the late Bro. James Watson, a popular member of the London School Board. It bears the following inscription: "To the memory of James Watson, born 10th June, 1816, died 1st Sept., 1880. For twenty-one years an elder in this congregation. For fourteen years treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in England, and for ten years a member of the School Board for London. This tablet has been erected by his brethren in office in this congregation, that within this House of God which he loved, his valuable services, wise counsel, uniform urbanity, and devotion to his Saviour's cause may be held in lasting remembrance."

During the absence of the Prince of Wales abroad, the Princess and her daughters will visit the Queen at Windsor.

The Prince and Princess of Wales intend giving a ball at Marlborough House, on Thursday, the 10th proximo.

We learn from *Nature* that Mr. Alexander Adams, one of the technical officers of the Post Office Telegraph Department, has discovered the existence of electric tides in telegraphic circuits. By careful observations he has determined distinct variations in the earth currents present on telegraph wires, following the different diurnal positions of the moon with respect to the earth.

The death is announced of Mr. F. T. Amhurst, the only brother of Bro. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P.

Bro. John Stedman, Sec. of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, conducted a most successful vocal and instrumental concert at the Birbeck Institution on Wednesday evening.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, F.R.A.S., P.M. 1657, will take the chair at a meeting of the Islington and Highbury branch of the Young Men's Christian Association at the Myddelton Hall, Upper-street, N., on March 1st, at half-past seven o'clock.

Bro. W. F. Green, Superintendent of the N Division of the Metropolitan Police, was, on Thursday evening week, at the Holborn Restaurant, presented with a purse containing a sum of 500 guineas and an address, expressive of the high appreciation of the faithful and impartial manner in which he had discharged his duties as the chief officer of police in the district for sixteen years.

Bros. Henry Irving, Kendal, J. L. Toole, Edward Terry, and Mr. Edwin Booth have promised their services at the morning performance at Drury Lane Theatre, on Monday week, in aid of the Royal General Theatrical Fund.

Bro. Sir James M'Garel Hogg, M.P., and the Hon. Lady and Miss M'Garel Hogg, were among the guests at Earl Spencer's dinner party on Saturday last.

Bro. W. Kuhe's eleventh annual musical festival commenced at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday evening, and was continued daily during the week.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Sir Richard C. Musgrave, M.P. for East Cumberland, P.M. 339, and Past G.W. Cumberland. In referring to this sad event, *Truth* says, "Sir Richard Musgrave, who has died so suddenly, was very popular in the House of Commons owing to his frank and genial manners. He went last Wednesday to the Speaker's dinner, and on leaving it went to a concert without putting on an overcoat. The evening was wet and cold, and the exposure proved fatal to him."

Bro. Sir Richard Musgrave was the life tenant of "The drinking glass of Crystal tall; They call it the luck of Edenhall."

It is an ancient goblet that came to the Musgraves many centuries ago, and which, so long as it remains unbroken, is believed to secure the family good fortune.

The inmates of the Paris Jardin des Plantes suffered very little from the recent severe weather, being chiefly affected by the thaw. Then most of the animals from warm countries grew very uncomfortable, and though artificial heat was provided only the bears were happy. As the animals were temporarily deprived of the gifts of an admiring public—the gardens being closed during the thaw—they were supplied with additional rations, and the monkeys in particular benefited by the change, as their visitors frequently throw them tobacco, which considerably ranges their digestion.

Eleven horses were suffocated in Camdare Colliery, Aberdare, the property of Bro. Sir George Elliot, by a fire that broke out recently at the bottom of the shaft, a depth of ninety-six yards.

TELEGRAPHING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.—Railway and telegraphic communication between Aberdeen and Peterhead being stopped by the storm, a message was sent from Peterhead by the North Sea Cable to Egersund, where it was translated into Norwegian and sent by Arendal and Christiana to Gothenburg. Here it was retranslated and dispatched to Newcastle, where it was again turned into English, and sent to Edinburgh, thence to Aberdeen, its destination, which it reached six hours after leaving Peterhead.

Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., R.W. Grand Master of Worcestershire, will consecrate the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, on Wednesday next, at one o'clock. Sir Edmund will be assisted by Bros. W. Masefield, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; the Rev. J. B. Wilson, Prov. Grand Chaplain; W. Bristow, Prov. Grand Sec., and other officers of the province. The officers designate are Bros. George Taylor, P.M. 377, S.W. 560, Prov. Junior Grand Warden, W.M.; G. W. Grosvenor, P.M. 377 and 560, P.P.G.R., S.W.; and G. W. Naylor, P.M. 560, J.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at a meeting of the members of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, to be held on Monday next, the 21st inst., at the lodge house, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. The lodge will be opened at seven p.m., Bro. Martin presiding as W.M., assisted by Bro. Milbourne as S.W.

Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Deputy Grand Mark Master of Sussex, has been appointed Chairman of the Committee of the Grand Masonic Ball, to be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the auspices of the Mark Degree, on Thursday next.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh will leave London on Thursday evening next for Berlin, to attend the marriage of Prince Frederick William of Prussia and Princess Augusta Victoria of Holstein-Augustenburg (niece of Prince Christian). The Prince of Wales will not be absent longer than a fortnight. He is expected to stay in Berlin for six days, and will pay a short visit to Paris on his way home.

Bro. Joseph Langton, solicitor, P.M. 1673, of 37, Queen Victoria-street, has taken his son, Bro. Joseph David Langton, into partnership, and will practise in future under the style of Langton and Son.

Bro. E. M. Hubbuck, P.G.S., of Lime-street, has admitted into partnership Messrs. W. and A. G. Hubbuck, but we are informed no alteration will be made in the style of the firm, which will continue to be Thomas Hubbuck and Son.

Mr. Fawcett's scheme of saving small sums in stamps continues thoroughly successful. In less than three months 131,500 new accounts have been opened at the Post Office Savings Banks, by this means, 3,600,000 stamps having been received. The companion scheme of investing small sums in Government Stock by the same agency is equally flourishing, £230,087 having been invested between November 22nd and January 31st.

A HOT STEW DINNER AT THE EAST-END.—Not a very fashionable locality to find one's self in at mid-day, or, for that matter, at any hour in the four-and-twenty, but then one does not get an invitation there every day, nor a chance of forming one of a luncheon party about a thousand strong, as we did. This wonderful party was Mr. Austin's Irish Stew Dinner Party at the hall of the Mission in Conder-street, Limehouse, where many hundreds are every week entertained. On Wednesday last there were nearly a thousand fed, and even then many had to be sent away empty. The terrible distress, always excessive at the East-end, has been greatly increased by the late severe weather, and consequently the funds of the Mission have been very heavily taxed. In order that the good work may not be discontinued, it is hoped that the appeal now made by the London Cottage Mission will not be in vain. All contributions can be sent to Miss F. Napton, Lady Superintendent, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., or Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., who will gratefully receive and acknowledge them.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Bro. George Moyers, LL.D., was at the last meeting of the Dublin Lodge, No. 25, held at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, presented with two handsome claret jugs, a valuable gold bracelet, and an address beautifully illuminated, in recognition of the great interest he had taken in the lodge during a period of eighteen years.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts Bartlett, who was to have presided on Wednesday afternoon at the annual meeting of the British Bee Keepers' Society, sent an apology to the Secretary stating that it would be very inconvenient for her just at present to come to town. Mr. Cowell, in her absence, took the chair.

Bro. Hyde Clarke on Friday evening, the 11th inst., read a paper on the "Gold Fields of India" at the Society of Arts, John-street, Adelphi. At the close, a vote of thanks to Bro. Clarke was proposed by the Chairman, Sir W. Rose Robinson, K.C.S.I., and unanimously carried.

Bro. Sir Richard Musgrave's funeral took place at Edenhall, on Thursday.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough has returned to Thomas's Hotel from Canford Manor, Wimborne.

Bro. Wm. Holland took his benefit on Tuesday last, at the Surrey Theatre. There was a morning and evening performance, both being witnessed by a very large audience.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., as the nearest male relative, and head of the family, gave his cousin, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, away at the wedding at Christ Church, Mayfair, on Saturday last. Sir Francis was afterwards present at the installation meeting of the Granite Lodge at Freemasons' Hall.

There will be a *file* in honour of Prince Leopold, P.G.W., on Tuesday week at Sandown.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold is giving sittings to Mr. Walter Goodman, for his portrait to be shown at the Academy.

Bro. Lewis Solomon has been presented with a handsome and massive silver inkstand, by the members of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, as a token of regard and esteem for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary.

Bro. James Willing, jun., has, we are pleased to announce, quite recovered from recent serious illness.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1732, &c., was at the Festival of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, held on Monday last, presented with a very handsome goblet and cigar case, suitably inscribed, and elaborately engraved and chased.

The annual ball of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday next.

An account of the proceedings of the Westbourne Lodge ball, which was given on Monday last, will appear in our next, as also will the report of the installation meeting held on Thursday last.

The *New York Nation* speaks in very high term of the recent facsimile issued at Leipsic of the Aztec Dictionary of Fray Alonzo de Molina, of which the second edition appeared in 1571. "From an average calculation," it adds, we infer that the vocables in Molina's Aztec Spanish portion exceeds by far the number of 50,000."

The next Triennial Choir Festival will be held this year at Worcester, commencing with a special service in the Cathedral on Sunday, September 5th. The only new work which will be produced will be "The Widow of Nain," by Mr. A. T. Caldecott, of Worcester. The other performances consist will of Mendelssohn's "Elijah," Rossini's "Stabat Mater," Beethoven's "Mount of Olives," and Handel's "Jephtha" and "Messiah."

DOMESTIC SANITATION.—Dr. Richardson's course of nine lectures, to be delivered before the Ladies' Sanitary Association, in the Hall of the Society of Arts, commenced on the 12th inst., at 5.30 p.m., and will be continued on successive Saturdays, until April 9. Tickets admitting to reserved seats, one guinea for the course, or 3s. 6d. for each lecture, can be obtained at the office of the Association, 22, Berners-street, W., or at the Society of Arts. Admission to unreserved sittings, 1s.

On Wednesday evening one of the Paragon omnibuses between the City and Brixton turned over on its side, near the clock tower, Newington-butts, through one of the wheels skidding on a tram line. The outside passengers and the driver were thrown on the pavement, but only two were slightly injured, and the inside passengers were shaken. One side of the omnibus was broken in and the windows smashed.

We are asked to state that the installation meeting of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, will take place on the 9th of May, when the newly-elected Principals will be installed with fully ceremony by Comp. James Stevens, P.Z. of this chapter.

The Prince of Wales dined with Admiral Sir Charles Shadwell and the officers of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, on Wednesday evening.

The Newcastle Gas Company has reduced the price of gas to 2s. 3d. per 1000 cubic feet.

The Lodge at Fredricksburg, Virginia, U.S.A., in which Bro. Gen. George Washington was initiated on November 4th, 1752, has determined to erect a Washington Memorial Masonic Temple. The proposal has received the approval of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Bro. Viscount Ebrington, R.W. Grand Master of Devonshire, and his sister Lady Mary Fortescue, left England on Thursday, in the Warwick Castle mail steamer, for Natal.

Comp. Elliott will be installed M.E.Z. of the Smithfield Chapter, No. 1623, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday next.

Her Majesty the Queen has telegraphed to General Colley, expressing her admiration of the conduct displayed by all ranks on the occasion of the battle of Ingogo, and her sympathy with the wounded.

A SUBJECT FOR THE CURIOUS.—The year 1880 is a mathematical curiosity. From left to right and from right to left, it reads the same; 18 divided by 2 gives 9 as a quotient; 81 divided by 9 and 9 is the quotient. If 1881 is divided by 209, 9 is the quotient; if divided by 9, the quotient contains a 9; if multiplied by 9, the product contains two 9s. One and 8 are 9; 8 and 1 are 9. If the 18 be placed under the 81 and added, the sum is 99. If the figures be added thus, 1, 8, 8, 1, it will give 18. Reading from left to right it is 18, and 18 is two-ninths of 81. By adding, dividing, and multiplying nineteen 9s are produced, being one 9 for each year required to complete the century.

The *Athenæum* says that no less than four biographies of Mr. Carlyle are in preparation. Mr. Froude will, we believe, bring out very speedily the fragment of autobiography left by Mr. Carlyle, and will reserve till a future period the publication of his biography of the Sage of Chelsea. The *Academy* says that a series of etchings of Mr. Carlyle has for some time been in process of execution by Mr. Howard Helmick. They are faithful reproductions of authentic and unpublished portraits and sketches in possession of the philosopher's family; and, covering a period of some fifty years, they show him in the more intimate aspects of his home life—at ease in his garden and at work in his study.

The offices of the Society of Arts have lately been connected with the Telephone Exchange, the head offices of which are situated in Coleman-street, E.C. Any member of the Society, whose place of business is also connected with the Exchange, can thus communicate with the Society. The Society's offices are connected, in the first instance, with the company's Exchange in Chancery-lane, and this can be put into communication with any other station from which wires radiate to the various places using the Exchange system. The offices are also connected by a private wire to the Society's printers in Fleet-street, the company's telephone being now used instead of the Wheatstone A. B. C. instrument, which had previously been employed on a Post-office wire for the same purpose.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, February 25, 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, FEBRUARY 19.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Chap. 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
- Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav.
- " 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

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, FEBRUARY 21.

- Ball of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, Cannon-st. Hot.
- Lodge 1, Grand Masters', F.M. Tav.
- " 8, British, F.M.H.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
- " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
- " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- Prince Leopold, Milford Tav., Sandringham-rd, Dalston, S. London Masonic Club.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- 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 Mai, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
- " 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
- " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
- " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms.
- " 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H.
- " 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden.
- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- Rose Croix 29, Palestine, 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 Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
- St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- Anniversary Festival, R.M.B.I.
- Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
- Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
- " 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poolar.
- " 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H.
- " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot.
- " 1768, Progress, F.M.H.

- " 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.
- " 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
- " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

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., 8.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
- Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
- Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
- Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
- " 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
- " 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
- " 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
- " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bdge.
- " 1563, City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall.
- " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
- " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
- Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- " 657, Canonbury, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st., Hot.

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, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
- United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
- Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
- West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
- St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
- Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.
- Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- " 569, Fitzroy, Hd.-qtrs., Hon. Artillery, City-rd.
- " 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge.
- Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
- Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
- Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 26, 1881.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool (Installation).
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

- Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Clap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Prince Arthur, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st. Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 217, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
- Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

- Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

- Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

- BOURCHIER.—On the 13th inst., at Steeple Morden Vicarage, Royston, the wife of the Rev. Walter Bouchier, of a son.
- CLOSE.—On the 9th inst., at Waltersland, Stillorgan, county Dublin, the wife of Henry W. Close, of a daughter.
- EAST.—On the 6th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand, the wife of Mr. S. B. East, of a daughter.
- FOX.—On the 14th inst., at Stamford-hill, the wife of Mr. Stanley T. Fox, of a son.
- GORDON.—On the 13th inst., at Todhill Bank, Newton Mearns, near Glasgow, the wife of Mr. Charles Shipley Gordon, of a son.
- KEMP.—On the 14th inst., at Chigwell, the wife of Sir Kenneth Hagar Kemp, Bart., of Gissing, Norfolk, of a daughter.
- PEARSON.—On the 6th inst., at The Mount, Malton, Yorks, the wife of Mr. Hugh William Pearson, of a daughter.
- VIRET.—On the 13th inst., at Marston House, South Mjms, Herts, the wife of Mr. Edward Sydney Viret, of a son.
- WHITAKER.—On the 12th inst., at Wingadec, Belsize-road, N.W., the wife of Mr. Wm. Whitaker, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- CHAPMAN—LANCASTER.—On the 14th inst., at St. Mary's Boltons, S.W., by the Rev. Frederick Beag, John Chapman, son of Mr. Charles Chapman, of Chelsea, to Jane Harriet (Janie), daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Harding Lancaster, of Kensington.
- HOPGOOD—POTTER.—On the 9th inst., at St. Barnabas, Pimlico, the Rev. J. B. D. Hopgood, to Frances Louisa, daughter of Mr. Thomas Potter, South Norwood.
- KENNETT—BOWEN.—On the 12th inst., at St. John's, Angell Town, Brixton, by the Rev. D. Eldale, assisted by the Rev. G. F. Garwood, George Arthur Kennett, of Norfolk House, Chelsham-road, Clapham, to Elizabeth Annic (Lillie), daughter of the late Mr. Edward Bowen, of Brixton.
- MALDEN—RAINBOW.—On the 10th inst., at the Wesleyan Chapel, Clapham, by the Rev. Joseph Rhodes, Benjamin John Malden, of Bloomsbury, to Eliza (Lillie), daughter of the late Mr. Ephraim Rainbow, of Camden Town.

DEATHS.

- CALLAGHAN.—On the 10th inst., at 15, Circus, Bath, Frederick M. Callaghan, Captain North Cork Rifles, and J.P. for the county Cork, son of the late Mr. Gerard Callaghan, M.P. for the county Cork, in his 58th year.
- HAMMOND.—On the 11th inst., at St. Mary's Lodge, Crooms-hill, Greenwich, Mr. Arthur Oldfield Hammond, of Lloyd's, in his 59th year.
- LE MARE.—On the 4th inst., at Hazelwood, Clevedon, in his 84th year, Mr. E. R. Le Mare.
- MADGIN.—On the 10th inst., William, son of Mr. James Madgin, of Holloway, aged 29.
- MURPHY.—On the 12th inst., at Islington, Elizabeth Jane Murphy, aged 64.
- MUSGRAVE.—On the 13th inst., after a few days' illness, Bro. Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart., M.P.
- RENNER.—On the 14th inst., at the Chestnuts, Woodvale, East Dulwich, Catherine Mary, wife of Mr. Ralph Renner, R.N.R., in her 27th year.

The *Academy* announces the death of A. T. Pisemsky, which occurred on the 2nd inst. Though less known than Tourguenief and Tolstoy in Western Europe, in his own country he was deservedly one of the most popular authors of recent years. Among his numerous novels and tales, "A Thousand Souls," which has been translated into German, "Troubled Waters," and "Bourgeois" are perhaps the best known. In 1879 he turned his efforts to historical romance, and produced "The Freemasons," first published in the periodical *Ogonyek*. In this, his last work, he drew a vivid picture of the Russian Freemasons at the beginning of the present century. Of his dramatic pieces, *Gor'kaya Soulbina* ("Bitter Fate") was the most successful. M. Pisemsky, who had long been in feeble health, was not yet sixty years old, so that he cannot be said to have escaped the premature death which seems to be the lot of most Russian literary men.