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SOME remarks of ours relative to the Grand Lodge accounts having attracted the attention of others, we think it right to explain that these remarks were based to some extent on a slight misconception of the facts of the case. The accounts are kept quarterly, and the end of the quarter was 30th September, 1880, as may be seen by the "debit side," though on the "credit" side no later payment would appear after August 10th. The payment to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as "debited" in the Fund of Benevolence, is, it seems, in pursuance of a distinct order of Grand Lodge, March, 1842, on the principle that lodges should thus contribute as they obtain two votes each from this Charity—not so the other Charities. We hope we have now made sufficiently clear, firstly, our own little error, and, secondly, the full explanation.

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We call attention elsewhere to a statistical account of American Masonry, which is very clear and striking, and which suggests to all who are interested in Masonic progress, several very prevailing considerations. It is a most interesting composition, and one we should like to see reproduced as to other countries. We need hardly say we will gladly find room in our columns for such "figures," as not only are facts "stubborn things," in all they are in themselves and all they proclaim to others, but in our humble opinion, they are worth just now a good many startling theories, and a good many magnificent perorations. This total of 545,887 Master Masons does not include Royal Arch Masons, the Templar Encampments, or the High Grade Masons, but as we must make allowance for duplicate, triplicate, and quadruple "entries," we apprehend that if we fix the grand total at 700,000 we are not much, if anything, over the mark. These, no doubt, are goodly figures, but, considering all things, we venture to think they might fairly be higher. Still we ought not to complain of such a famous array of Masons, good and true, and we can only wish them in all sincerity "God speed."

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A REMARK we made some time back as to the Balance Sheets of American Grand Lodges, though controverted and commented on by some good brethren of ours across the Atlantic, is entirely confirmed by the printed report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1880. By the report of the Committee on Ways and Means, it seems that there were in the hands of the Treasurer 2225.31 dollars, and paid to the treasury 12,609.49 dollars, making a total of 14,834.80 dollars. The pay-roll of members of Grand Lodge was 3735 dollars, and mileage, 3000 dollars, and that, in addition, salaries and other expenses took 2000 dollars, making 8375, leaving a balance of nearly 7000 dollars, 851 dollars being paid in subsequently. And yet there is no appearance of any grant for charity! We recommend this fact to the kind and fraternal consideration of our good brethren in America, as we cannot help thinking that if a little more was done, carefully, habitually, and annually for Masonic Charity the annual "increment" of new Masons would be larger than it is. But yet we speak with some hesitation and in all deference. It is just possible that American Masonry as it is suits America, and that English Masonry as it is suits England better than any other form of development or practice, and we feel quite sure that allowance will be made for this expression of honest opinion, only dictated by a desire to see Freemasonry still advancing and still expanding for the prosperity and happiness of mankind.

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We have been requested to announce that the London Charity Masonic Association has selected its candidates for the Boys' and Girls' School elections, April 9th and 11th respectively; that the cases are all pressing cases, and deserve the support of the metropolitan brethren. The three girls are for the first and last chance, one of them being the daughter of our poor Bro. MARCH. Any brother or W.M. of a lodge who has no special and pressing case to support, will confer a great favour by sending his voting papers to Bro. A. TISLEY, 1, Clifford's-inn, Fleet-street, E.C., the Secretary of the Association, as soon as possible.

WE have received one or two communications about the "canard" as regards the Girls' School Festival. We think, though it be right to point out the mistake, it is inadvisable to prolong the discussion. It is clear to all that the Girls' School wants all the support which it can receive from our always kindly Craft to carry on the good work to which it is devoted. As an Institution it has not, as far as we know, its equal anywhere.

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THE elections for the Girls' School and the Boys' School, April 9th and April 11th respectively, are drawing near, and the voting papers are issued. Each election seems and serves to require a much larger number of votes than of olden days to ensure success. The Girls' School election will be a comparatively easy one, as 15 candidates out of 20 are to be elected; but the Boys' School election must necessarily be a very severe one, there being only 20 candidates out of 75 to be elected. We would venture to impress upon many excellent friends and readers the absolute inadvisability of throwing away votes on patently hopeless cases, that is to say altogether, from figures and facts, impossible to succeed, and would also venture to advise them, though "advice gratis" is, perhaps, worth little, unless their candidate comes up for the last chance, to reserve their full voting power until October next, when by a friendly arrangement they can vote for the case with more assured chances of a successful issue.

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THE Balance Sheet of the Girls' School for 1880 is now before us, and a most striking and suggestive one it is. Let us note its items.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance	1046 6 0	Purchase of Lyncombe House (Junior School)	6500 0 0
Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Annual Grants	160 10 0	Fixtures	110 0 0
Special Grant Grand Chapter Individual Subscriptions, London	300 0 0	Alterations	293 0 0
London Lodges and Chapters	5875 4 6	In all	6903 3 10
London Lodges of Instruction	1188 4 6	Laying out Grounds, Play Ground, Fence, &c.	300 0 0
Individual Subscriptions, Provinces	36 15 0	Building Boundary Wall	271 1 0
Lodges and Chapters, Provinces	4200 11 0	Repairing Laundry	85 10 0
A. and A. Rite, London	3123 17 0	Purchase of Stock	490 0 0
Miscellaneous, London	68 5 0	To Sustentation Fund	1400 0 0
Ireland, Scotland, and Colonies	28 7 0	Ordinary Expenses	7184 1 9
Dividends	196 4 11	Insurance	193 2 6
Interest on Deposit	1245 0 0	Law Charges	132 9 3
Bentley Shaw Memorial	17 10 0	Pensions	350 0 0
For Musical Instructor	1050 0 0	Sundry Special Expenses	235 0 0
Legacy	183 5 6	Balance in Banker's hands, 31st December, 1880	1690 19 0
Small items	100 0 6	In Secretary's and Matron's Hands	110 0 0
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	£19,433 16 11		£19,433 16 11

This is a very remarkable Balance Sheet, inasmuch, indeed, we need hardly point out, as despite the large expenses of the most wise and needful purchase of Lyncombe House—not only has everything been paid but a large balance remains, and a fresh investment has taken place. We have seldom perused,—and such we fancy will be the verdict of the Craft at large—a more significant or satisfactory Balance Sheet.

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BRO. MATIER has given notice of an important amendment in the rules of the Boys' School, to be discussed at the Quarterly Court April 11th. It is to this effect—That in all cases, even of death, &c., a minimum subscription of three years to a lodge by the father of the child is to be required as a qualification for candidateship. It is no doubt true that there are two sides to this as to every sublunary question, but, on the whole, taking everything into consideration, as we have said before, we are favourable on principle to this very important change.

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BY a little error in our last we credited our esteemed Bro. LIEUT.-COL. CREATON, Grand Treasurer, with attendance at the Girls' School when the place was visited by the West Yorkshire brethren. Our information was at fault in this respect, inasmuch as he had intended to go, but he remained to transact the business of the General Committee. Bro. HOPE, P.M. 2, was the Chairman of the month.

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IN summarising the results of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution last week, we omitted to notice the sum of £207 19s. 6d. contributed by Berks and Bucks, and £1165s. brought up by Bro. J. WELFORD, as Steward for Lodge 733. Having mentioned separately all other amounts over £100 we feel an apology is due to the contributors of such a goodly sum.

## A HISTORY OF THE HIGH GRADES AND FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

The history of the High Grades is so commingled with that of French Freemasonry that it is almost, at first sight, impossible to separate one from the other, but though the task be difficult, it is not impossible, and such is the contribution to Masonic history which I offer to-day.

The annals of all Freemasonry in France are still doubtful, and involved in much obscurity. It is almost impossible to separate what is traditional from what is historical, and to affix the limit where fable ends and history begins. For instance, what was Lord Derwentwater's real position as regards French Freemasonry, on the one hand, and English Freemasonry on the other, is not known, and cannot now be ascertained. Who Lord Harnouester represents is at present really an enigma. No traces, as far as we know, have yet been found of Lords Derwentwater and Harnouester, of Maskelyne and Heguerty, in common with the records of the Grand Lodge of England, Scotland, or Ireland. The earliest authentic names seem to be those recorded in the "St. James's Evening Post," of September 7th, 1734, among which we notice as French the President Montesquieu, in 1734, and that of the Marquis de Lomuren, (if correctly given), of Count de St. Florentin in 1735. Of the James Hector Maclean, mentioned by some foreign writers as Grand Master before Lord Derwentwater, no trace at all, so far, appears. We may assume, however, that as our old lists declare the existence of two French lodges, one founded at Paris in 1732, and the other at Aubigny in 1735, that French Masonic writers justly claim the derivation of French Freemasonry from England. It is, however, perfectly clear that the first appearance of Freemasonry was as Craft Masonry, and the subsequent pretensions of a "chapter of the High Grades" to have a Constitution of 1721 is more than doubtful, and historically, as far as we now know, inadmissible. Whether the statement is correct, which some French writers make, that in 1737 there were seven lodges in Paris, and that 600 brethren had been initiated in the Lodge of the Rue des Boucheries alone, is, we confess, not yet quite clear to us, though the fact may be so. It seems that on March 21st, 1737, there was a meeting of the Grand Lodge, or what Ramsay terms to Cardinal Fleury "Une assemblée Generale de l'Ordre," and that Ramsay's famous address, previously submitted to the Cardinal, was then delivered, and not in 1740, as is generally stated.

We may observe that Ramsay apparently left Freemasonry in 1737, so that his alleged influence on Freemasonry is more than doubtful.

It seems that in 1737, a certain Chapelot, in "La Rapee," whose hotel was the "Shield of St. Benedict," was condemned by the Court of the "Chatelet" to a heavy fine for allowing Freemasons to assemble at his house, and his house was closed for six months, and Louis XV. was notoriously hostile to the Freemasons.

Nevertheless, it seems to be a fact that Louis de Pardaillan de Gondron, Duke d'Antin, formerly Duke d'Epemon, was elected Grand Master of the "Grande Loge Provinciale" in 1737, probably at the meeting March 21st. He died in 1743, and was succeeded by the Count de Clermont.

Some writers say that in 1743 the Grande Loge Provinciale took the name of the Grande Loge Anglaise de France.

Freemasonry must have existed, and expanded, as in 1741 it is mentioned that the scholars of the Jesuit College at Caen played a "pantomime," which represented the initiation of a Freemason, in derision of the Freemasons.

It is said that in 1743 some Freemasons at Lyons formed the Rite of "Kadosh Templier," but this seems very doubtful.

In 1744, and again in 1745, sentences of the Police of the Chatelet are recorded against the Freemasons, one hotel-keeper being fined 3000fr., and French Masonic writers pretty generally agree that the Count de Clermont neglected his duties, and that at this period the High Grades began to appear, though this fact is also doubtful.

In 1744 the Grand Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem of Perfection was formed, though of its history little is known, and it seems to have disappeared after a short space.

Charles Edward Stuart is said to have given a charter in 1745 to a chapter of Rose Croix of Herodom at Arras, but of this fact grave doubts exist.

In 1747 the Lodge of Ecossais Fideles, or La Vieille Bru, was founded, also by Charles Edward Stuart, it is said, at Toulouse.

In 1747 several Androgyne Orders seem to have been established in Paris, especially the "Fendeurs," l'Ordre de la Felicite, l'Ordre de la Perseverance, the first by the Chevalier Beauchaine, the second by some officers of the French Navy, the third by the Countess Potocka and the Counts Brotocky and de Seignelay.

In 1751 a Scottish brother is said to have founded a lodge at Marseilles, which took the title of the "Mother Lodge," and afterwards adopted the name of the "Scottish Mother Lodge of France," or sort of Grand Lodge, and granted charters.

In 1754 the Chapter of Clermont was formed, some declare by the Jesuits, but that fact is not at all substantiated, and mainly by the Chevalier de Bonneville, no friend to them. From this chapter the Templar movement of Von Hund, and others, took its rise.

Martines Paschales, in 1757, introduced at Marseilles his mystic grade of "Elect Cohens," which, however, we may say in passing, does not seem to have reached Paris until 1768, nor to have been spread at all until 1775, when they were termed "Martinists."

In 1756 the French Grand Lodge had declared itself independent, the French writers say, of the Grand Lodge of England. It was not, however, until January 27th, 1768, as it is recorded in the English lodge minutes that two letters had been received from the Grand Lodge of France, expressing a desire of opening a regular correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England, when it was resolved that a mutual correspondence be kept up, and that a Book of Constitutions, or list of lodges, a form of deputation, bound in an elegant material, be presented to the Grand Lodge of France. It is just possible that these documents still exist in Paris. At the same Grand Lodge, the lodge in the Rue des Boucheries, and that at Aubigny, was struck off the list of the English Grand Lodge. Thus this early independence of the French Grand Lodge is somewhat doubtful. But to return.

In 1757 several High Grades, and chapters, and councils, were established in Paris. A Mr. de St. Gelaire set up the Noachites ou Chevaliers Prussiens, a complete misnomer, and in the year 1758, the Chapter or Council of the Emperors of the East and West appeared. Some assert that it founded in 1761, at Bordeaux, the Council of the Prince of the Royal Secret; others that this High Grade Chapter was independent. In 1761, owing to La Corne's foolish proceedings, a second French Grand Lodge was formed, and these two Grand Lodges, and the Council, issued patents and warrants.

But in 1762 the two Grand Lodges again became but one. In 1761 a Council of the Knights of the East and West was formed in opposition to the Council of the Emperors, and in 1762 the last named council and the chapter at Bordeaux of the Princes, &c., are said to have drawn up, though the accounts are by no means clear, certain regulations of Scottish Masonry, or rather of the "Masonry of Perfection." In 1761 Stephen Morin's patent was issued by the Council of the Emperors.

In 1763 the rites and chapters continued to increase, owing mainly to the dissensions and the folly of the Symbolic Grand Lodge—so much so that in 1767, after the meeting of June 24th, the Government interdicted the meeting of the Grand Lodge, which did not again assemble until in 1771. We have forgotten to say that in 1766 the Grand Lodge of France, by an edict which no one obeyed, professed to be the sole depository of power, and to suspend and quash all chapters and councils, to revoke their patents and annul their charters. This seems to be the foundation of the absurd claim to interfere with the patent of Stephen Morin, granted years before.

In 1770 the Count de Clermont died, and then the Duke of Orleans was elected, with the Duke of Luxembourg as his Substitute Grand Master, and then an attempt was made to harmonize all contention, heal all wounds, and recall all expelled Freemasons. Twenty-two Grand Inspectors were appointed to look after the provinces and visit the lodges, thus far too long neglected. It seems unnecessary to pursue this history further.

The position at present in France is that the Grand Orient confers the 18° as one of its seven Grades, the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite granting symbolic charters, as well as Grades up the 33°.

Some writers have contended that as the Grand Lodge of France was finally incorporated with the Grand Orient in 1799, the powers of the concordat vested in the Grand Orient in 1772, as between it and the High Grades, the powers of the ancient "Council." But that does not quite seem to be so, as the concordat assumed the fact of perpetuation of Scottish Masonry, so called, which the Grand Orient did not desiderate.

When Count Grasse de Tilly, in 1804, assisted in the revival of a Grand Council of the Rite Ecossais, and forty officers of the Grand Orient were made Rose Croix, and others 31°, 32°, and 33°, he was, in fact, carrying out the concordat of 1772, which had been neglected owing to various circumstances.

It seems that a Grand Chapter of the Scottish Rite had also claimed to exist, though how far its pretensions were valid deponent doth not enquire into. It was in all probability identical with the old Grand Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem of Perfection. There were also further questions in 1804 between the Grand Orient and the Supreme Council, which resulted in the movement in 1805, September 6, which may be considered the great landmark of the Supreme Council, when eighty-one Prince Masons and a large number of the Ancient and Accepted Rite assisted at this conference under Marshal Kellerman. This movement was finally completed September 16, 1805. Bro. Roettiers de Montaleau, and Bro. Pyron, as representing older chapters, took part in these conferences.

Some have asked, how is it explained that the twenty-five Degrees of 1761 had become thirty-three in 1804? We reply on the principle of accretion and subdivision, and certain alterations of form, more or less. It seems to us, however, a needless question to day to raise or to discuss. Neither need we enter upon the "vexata questio" of the thirty-two regulations of 1762, Bordeaux, or the later ones of 1786.

The Ancient and Accepted Rite in America rests upon the original valid patent of Stephen Morin, the Ancient and Accepted Rite in England on direct descent and succession from the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction in America.

We have thought it well, however, to put these "notes" together, in order to give an outline of the history of the High Grades in France, and we trust that, as we have asserted nothing without proof, this may be found to be a short and accurate sketch of the history, practically, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite extending back to 1761.

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## MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

As Bro. Hughan kindly refers to me in his last interesting paper under this head, I think it well to say a few words to-day in the *Freemason* on the various subjects he touches upon with an able pen.

1. I am glad to see that Bro. Hughan endorses my view as to a thorough reconsideration of the whole matter of Masonic history, and the absolute necessity of a most scrupulous dealing with "facts," and "facts only," if we are to hope to arrive at last at a satisfactory history of Freemasonry. We have still, as ever, to avoid the "Scylla" of inane repetition, and the "Charybdis" of personal prepossessions.

2. It is true, no doubt, that, as Sidney Smith once said, our Masonic writers have been too fond of "sheepwalking," that is to say, treading the same path, repeating the same story, without investigation or critical judgment of any kind.

3. We are just now exposed to a great danger of too hastily dogmatizing on what is still obscure, dubious, and most difficult of decision, and just as in former days our Masonic criticism was "nil" or useless, so now it seems to me to be far too hastily destructive, and not based either on sound canons of "exegesis," or even fully dealing with accumulated facts. Therefore, I repeat that I hope we shall all have only one end in view—"historical truth"—even at the risk of seeing our own little "vanities" disappear in the struggle, and I will only add that we are in a better position to do justice to the whole question than our literary forefathers were, as we have access to evidences they knew not of, and have been able to collate MSS. they had never seen, nor even knew apparently the existence of.

4. As regards Anderson, as I said last week in "Notes," I do not think he intentionally made a misstatement, or deliberately told an untruth. If you look at the MS. and the "context" you see at once that what was running in his head was the "Assembly," and that he understood the word Master, as, indeed, it actually means, Grand Master, and could be used in no other sense, as the "Assembly" was not a "lodge." He ought, however, to have given the "ipissima verba." Preston undoubtedly had no one either to interpolate the words "instalment of a Master," and Bro. Hughan has hit a blot.

5. As regards the "vexata questio" of Degrees, I am glad to have the opportunity of making my words more clear and precise. No one, I repeat, has ever contended that the Three Degrees as we have them to-day were the same before 1717, in arrangement, in teaching, and terminology, because,

considering the alterations which have taken place since 1721, to go back to that date would be an absurd and impossible contention. But what we have asserted is this, that there is undoubted evidence of the existence of more Degrees than one previously to 1717, and that, remembering the continuous division of the Craft into Masters, Fellows, and Apprentices, from undoubted evidences, partly Masonic and partly unmasonic, it is a fair hypothesis, not a forced presumption, in fact, a rational and logical argument, that "esoteric" ritual also run "on all fours" with "exoteric" arrangements. To assume that the Second and Third Degrees were all arranged between 1717 and 1721, or 1723, has always appeared to me, and appears to-day to be the actual negation of all evidence and even common sense, as it is impossible to suppose that Anderson and Payne and the Masons of 1723 deliberately gave their names and assent to a tissue of lies. And when the position above is confirmed by the fact of the existence of a sodality with a "secreta receptio" in the seventeenth century, as may be found by Plot's statements; Ashmole's diary, the (Chester) Harleian MS. especially, and a good deal of other evidence which might surely be pressed into the case, I do not, for one, think that those who, like myself, after many years of careful study, still adhere to the antiquity of our system, both as to formal order and inner divisions, can be rightfully accused of being either credulous, or unscientific writers. It is always very difficult to "prove a negative," but we have a right to say, do not let us again fall into the usual error of reaction,—having accepted statements too easily to reject them too hastily. At any rate, let our motto be "Festina lente." I am quite aware of the underlying theory that the grades are technical and honorary, and mark no difference of teaching, or secret symbolism. But against this view must be set off the fact, that we have early in the 18th century, whether friendly or inimical testimony matters nothing for our argument, a statement that a distinct threefold division of Degree teaching did exist, which is utterly hostile to the hypothesis that our present arrangement dates only from 1717-21. On the whole I am rather inclined to think that in Dermott's statement we have the "germ" of truth of the whole matter, namely, that from 1717 to 1721 the Society was in a weakly state, and Stukeley's evidence is important on this head. But to suppose "per contra" that, having all put their hands officially to a deliberate lie in 1723, and again in 1738, the Society of Freemasons having concocted the present system between 1717 and 1721-23 should suddenly come to the fore with two new Degrees is contrary to all experience, and is, I apprehend, a theory which destroys itself by its own utter impossibility and improbability.

6. I conclude this paper with asking what are the evidences on which we are to build up the new theory? Are they MSS. rituals? Until I see a MS. ritual of the middle even of the eighteenth century, I shall certainly decline to accept any such evidence, as, in fact, no "expert" would receive it. I shall be delighted if any one will convince me that I am wrong, by putting into my hand a MS. ritual evidence of any part of the last century. When we have it, it has to be weighed carefully as to what it says, or what it suppresses; and it is not always the case because a MS. claims to be of such a date that it is of that date at all.

The earliest ritual MS. evidence is transcribed 1715, though probably composed earlier, but this supports the antiquity of the Degrees.

What, then, are the printed evidences? They commence in 1721, whether friendly or hostile, and certainly seem clearly to point to a long continued system. And here I stop to-day, gladly adopting all Bro. Hughan's words as to caution, discrimination, and the danger of confounding later usages with earlier customs.

RECORDS OF EXTINCT LODGES.

THE MARINERS LODGE, No. 576, SELBY.

Some time ago I placed before your readers an account of the extinct lodge once held at the Punch Bowl, in York. I now have much pleasure in giving a sketch of the career of the Mariners Lodge at Selby, near York, a lodge which existed apparently less than twenty years, but which during that period did a good deal of work. Its minutes are now in the safe custody of the St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566, at Selby, and I am indebted to the courtesy of the W.M. and Secretary of that lodge for the privilege of examining them thoroughly.

The minute book is in excellent preservation, and has on the first page a form of the summons issued by the lodge. Beneath this is the following entry: "In the making, after the prayer in Preston's Illustrations, last chapter in 2nd Thessalonians, to be read previous to the obligation. In the 2nd Degree we read the 13th chapter 1st Corinthians, and in the 3rd Degree 13th Hebrews, all previous to the obligation."

The first minute records the constitution of the lodge, which took place on the 7th June, 1799. The ceremony was performed by four brethren of the Union Lodge at York (now the York Lodge, No. 236), and Bro. Hardisty, of the now extinct Apollo Lodge, at York, who were appointed by the Provincial Grand Master for the purpose. Five or six brethren of Selby were also present. Having read their authority, which was signed by Bro. J. Watson on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master, the "Deputation" constituted the lodge, and "dedicated it to Holy St. John the Baptist, to Freemasonry, virtue, and universal charity and benevolence." An oration was given by Bro. Lund, of York; the First Lecture was given by a second brother; the Second Lecture by Bro. Lund; and the Third by a P.M. of the Union Lodge. A ballot was taken for a W.M., and Bro. A. Shepherd was chosen. "The Health of the W.M. Elect was drank with Masonic honours, and he was duly invested with the insignia of his office," and proceeded to appoint his officers: E. Aspinall, S.W.; Joseph Sawyer, J.W.; John Sawyer, Secretary; and T. Winter, Senior Steward. These having been invested "the charges were given."

On the 12th of the same month an emergency meeting was held, when Bro. John Sawyer was appointed Treasurer, and a candidate was proposed. I may here mention that in all cases the ballot for candidates was taken in the 3rd Degree.

On the 21st Aug., 1799, it is recorded that the J.W. acted as W.M. in the absence of the latter, and on the 28th of the same month the same thing occurred, when two candidates were initiated and passed by him.

On the 20th Nov. "it was ordered the Master shall apply for a constitution for this lodge," and "harmony prevailed until Bro. Joseph Sawyer, J.W., came into the lodge in a very abrupt and insulting manner to the Order of Masonry, and particularly the Worshipful Master, whereupon the lodge was closed." On the 21st November an "Emergency and Inquiry Apprentice Lodge was opened," and it was resolved that the conduct of Sawyer was reprehensible; accordingly the Apprentice Lodge was closed,

and a Master Masons' Lodge was opened, and Sawyer was "unanimously expelled" and the Secretary was ordered to wait on him and inform him of this unpleasant circumstance, and "return the money he had advanced;" also to inform Bro. E. Peck, the W.M. of the Union Lodge, at York, and also the lodge at Wakefield.

On the 4th December, 1799, Bro. A. Shepherd was re-elected Master. About this time the members seem to have formed a Masonic Benefit Society for the benefit of their own distressed members. Members joining it were regularly proposed and balloted for, and it was quite distinct from the lodge funds. In April, 1800, Bro. J. Staniland was appointed by the W.M. as Provincial Steward for the lodge, and in May of the same year a lodge of instruction was formed.

On June 21st, 1800, Bro. E. Aspinall was elected W.M., and an emergency meeting was held to celebrate "the Festival of our Patron, St. John the Baptist." On that occasion "an Apprentice lodge was opened, when E. Aspinall appointed himself to the chair, in the absence of our late W.M., A. Shepherd, and installed his officers." A brother was then "exalted" to "the Third, or Sublime Degree." The terms passed, raised, and exalted were at this time used indiscriminately.

On the 3rd July the W.M. "requested the opinion of the brethren respecting the proper chairs for the lodge, which were unanimously ordered to be procured."

In October of this year it was resolved that in future elections should not be by ballot, "all candidates to be publickly announced in full lodge and the assent or dissent of the brethren accordingly," but in November this resolution was rescinded and the ballot was again adopted, "as the other method was not according to Masonic rules."

The Mariners Lodge was staunchly loyal, for I find that in October, 1800, "Mr. George Bennett was balloted for and unanimously approved of, provided he recanted from his former political principles and promised due allegiance to the king and the laws and constitutions of these realms." Mr. Bennett is described as "Hatt maker." At this meeting the "lecture" was given by Bro. T. Dickenson, who afterwards gave the "Apprentice Song." At the following meeting "Mr. R. Bill and Mr. G. Bennett were initiated into the Mysteries of Masonry in this lodge in the First Degree, or that of an Apprentice, having first declared that they will pay due allegiance to King George the Third and the laws and constitutions of these realms." On the 19th of the same month several brethren were raised to the Third Degree and the "floor-cloth was explained." It was at the same meeting ordered that Bro. Garbutt make "the passage of the staircase properly secure from coeins." The meetings were held throughout at the Rose and Crown Inn.

(To be continued).

THE GROWTH OF MASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

The census, just completed, affords interesting food for reflection, and pre-sage of the continued prosperity of the country.

Ohio takes especial interest in the statistics of the growth of the States west of the Ohio river; for howbeit it is true that many Ohio men reach public place in Washington, many Ohio men in all these thirty years past have moved west, and their influence has been felt in business and Masonry.

The following table shows the population of all the States, and the members on rolls of Masonic lodges:—

	Census 1880	Masons 1880
Alabama	1,262,341	8667
Arkansas	802,564	8293
California	864,686	12,214
Colorado	194,649	1641
Connecticut	622,683	14,600
Dakota	134,502	404
Delaware	146,654	1270
District of Columbia	177,638	2712
Florida	266,566	2151
Georgia	1,538,983	12,174
Idaho	32,611	225
Illinois	3,078,635	36,374
Indiana	1,978,358	25,046
Iowa	1,624,463	18,491
Kansas	995,336	7443
Kentucky	648,599	16,613
Louisiana	940,263	5187
Maine	648,943	19,303
Maryland	936,139	5082
Massachusetts	1,783,086	25,505
Michigan	1,634,695	25,624
Minnesota	780,807	8647
Mississippi	1,131,899	9240
Missouri	2,169,991	23,697
Montana	37,157	705
Nebraska	402,432	3257
Nevada	62,265	1476
New Hampshire	347,784	7731
New Jersey	1,130,892	11,968
New Mexico	118,430	174
New York	5,083,173	73,113
North Carolina	1,400,000	11,482
Ohio	3,197,734	29,000
Oregon	174,167	2580
Pennsylvania	4,282,738	35,879
Rhode Island	276,528	4195
South Carolina	995,706	6165
Tennessee	1,542,463	16,531
Texas	1,597,500	17,177
Utah	143,997	377
Vermont	332,286	7724
Virginia	1,512,203	9777
Washington	75,120	953
West Virginia	618,193	3386
Wisconsin	1,315,386	10,789
Wyoming	20,788	339

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—Report of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

**LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.**

APRIL ELECTIONS, 1881.

The Committee have selected the following Candidates and request the votes of the London Brethren on their behalf:—

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| <b>GIRLS.</b>  | <b>BOYS.</b>  |
| Anscomb, L. M. | Fellows, A.   |
| March, E. J.   | March, G. A.  |
| Penny, E. M.   | Estlin, C. N. |
|                | Carey, S. D.  |

Proxies to be sent to Bro. A. TISLEY, Hon. Secretary, L.M.C.A., No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

**THE UNITED KINGDOM RAILWAY OFFICERS' AND SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION, AND RAILWAY ORPHAN FUND.**

PRESIDENT.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, K.G.

The Tenth Annual Festival in aid of this Institution will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Wednesday, March 16, 1881.

The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM will preside.

HONORARY STEWARDS.

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| Col. C. Alexander, M.P.                         | C. W. C. Hutton, Esq., J.P.          |
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|                                                 | Baron de Worms, M.P.                 |

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**To Correspondents.**

For the information of the brethren of "The Province of Middlesex" it is requested that an error which occurred in the report of last Grand Lodge may be corrected. The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex occupied the chair of "I.P.M.," and not another brother, as therein stated, to whom the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, is many years senior.

P. T. G. and L. NADEN.—In our next.  
THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR in our next.

The following reports unavoidably stand over: Lodge of Industry, 48; Prince of Wales Own Lodge, 154; Mark Lodge, Royal Sussex, 75; Albion Lodge of Instruction, 9; and Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, 1445.

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

"Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhutte," "Boletin Oficial del Gr. Or. de Espana," "Voice of Masonry," "Sunday Times," "Citizen," "Hull Packet," "West Chester Local News (U.S.A.)," "Canadian Craftsman," "Freemason's Depository," "Hebrew Leader," "Der Long Islaender," "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal," "La Acacia," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Mahratta," "Report of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Virginia," "The Keystone."

**THE FREEMASON.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1881.

**ANSWERS TO QUERIES.**

A TYLER.—The Colonial Board gave the following opinion in 1873: "There does not appear to be anything in Masonic law forfeiting the rights of a regularly initiated brother who afterwards acts as paid Tyler." T. F.

TYLERS.—By the Book of Constitutions, page 87, section 9, a brother initiated by dispensation without fee for the purpose of acting as a serving brother, cannot be a member of the lodge in which he was "so initiated;" but there is nothing disentitling a brother who has paid his fees and contributions to any of the usual privileges and benefits of the Craft. The Tyler who has been initiated without fee can by the same article become a joining member of another lodge, and upon being registered and paying his contributions in like manner with other members becomes entitled to all privileges. It would be very desirable if the bye-laws of every lodge provided that a Book of Constitutions should be presented to every newly-initiated brother; a hint on this point from the P.G. Sec. in the preparation of bye-laws for a new lodge would almost invariably secure the insertion of such a provision; this could also often be done when bye-laws are revised. P.P.G. SEC.

**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.]

**GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTIONS.**

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I would beg to remind many kind friends and correspondents who favoured me with their "votes" last October, that if they have no special or pressing cases of their own to support, and to which they are pledged, I should be greatly obliged by a repetition of their kind confidence for these elections. I would only add that still true as ever is the old adage, "bis dat qui cito dat."

Yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W.  
March 9, 1881.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to state in reference to the comments on my notices of motion, in your last week's issue, that the motions do not relate to mere questions of "usage and etiquette," and it is hardly probable, that after more than seven years professional connection with the Institution, I should either waste the time of the managers, or be devoid of "Masonic good feeling."

Yours faithfully,

THOS. MASSA.

**BRO. BOND AND THE MASONIC CHARITIES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having very carefully read the attack Bro. Bond has thought fit to make upon the three Masonic Charities in your issue of the 5th, the first thought that naturally occurred to me, and probably to most of your readers, is, what position does Bro. Bond occupy, as regards either one or all of those Charities? Is he a Life Subscriber, a

Life Governor, or Vice President of one or all. From his remarks one will expect to hear he is a Vice-President of all, and as a good Mason has the cause of all at heart. On this point perhaps he will kindly enlighten the Masonic world as early as possible; at the same time perhaps he will explain how the large amounts annually collected are to be maintained. If by the praiseworthy exertions of the three Secretaries the sums subscribed have risen from three to fourteen thousand, I am at a loss to see how our Grand Secretary, who is already fully occupied with the affairs of Grand Lodge, is to perform the additional duties which must inevitably be entailed upon him by the formation of such an absurd scheme as our Bro. Bond proposes. Your insertion of this in your next will be esteemed a favour by, yours fraternally,

W. CLARKE, A.G.P.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you be so kind as to inform me under what regulation of Grand Lodge Bro. Major Bond was in order in rising to the question of "privilege" at the meeting on Wednesday last? I have looked through the Book of Constitutions, but am unable to find any rule under which he had a claim to be heard by Grand Lodge. I don't wish in any way to refer to the particular matter on which Bro. Bond desired to address Grand Lodge, but should like to know how far it is competent for a brother to introduce at the Quarterly Communication any subject not included in the agenda paper of "business to be transacted in Grand Lodge."

Yours fraternally,  
7th March.

J. B. M.

**GRAND LODGE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you well know, the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge is called at six for seven o'clock. In order to secure their seats, many brethren arrive soon after six o'clock. They have consequently a long time to wait, especially when it happens, as it did on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the proceedings did not commence punctually at seven o'clock. I for one should be glad if the excellent Grand Organist, who is always early in attendance, or some other skilled brother, would give those in waiting a performance on the organ. I would beg to suggest, if the arrangement can be made, that it should be announced that the organist would commence playing at half-past six. This would allow half-an-hour for the performance before the commencement of the proceedings at seven p.m.

Yours fraternally,  
7th March, 1881.

P.M.

**THE MASONIC AND CO-OPERATIVE BANK.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reference to the question of "Investor" in your issue of the 19th ult., as to the claims of the Masonic and Co-operative Bank to be considered a "Masonic" institution, will you grant me a small space in your valuable and esteemed journal to reply thereto?

It will be necessary to give the origin of the Society, which was briefly as follows: It had long been talked about by members of two or three lodges that a meeting place other than at a public-house was desirable. In fact, by some among us it was considered an urgent necessity. The subject, from constant discussion, took shape, and the nucleus of a society was formed. The idea did not receive that amount of financial support among members of the Craft to justify the forming of a building society for the object alone of erecting a Masonic hall. Eventually the brethren agreed to incorporate a society under the Industrial and Friendly Societies Act, with the object of combining banking with building society business.

The primary object was kept steadily in view, and first upon our prospectus enclosed, herewith, is the following: "Facilities are offered to Masonic lodges for erecting their own temples at exceptionally small percentages on advances; in this manner a lodge, either separately or in combination with others, may become its own freeholder."

Another claim to be considered Masonic may, perhaps, be allowed, and that is that the first nineteen members of the Society, holding nearly two hundred ten-pound shares, are Masons and members of one lodge, while we have many other Masons among our shareholders.

Should "investor" or any other inquirer desire further information, or a "sure, safe, and profitable investment," I cannot do better than refer them to the manager, Bro. A. A. Wing, P.M. No. 45, who can be seen daily at the offices of the Society 27, Chancery-lane. I enclose my card and subscribe myself not only a brother who objects to Masonry in public-houses, but

**ONE WHO HAS FAITH IN CO-OPERATION.**

March 2nd, 1881.

**THE "HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND."**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Quot homines, tot sententiae."

"A P. Prov. G. Chaplain" but illustrates this indubitable and very reasonable axiom. I thank him for his letter and the interest he evidently feels on the subject of the "Hervey Memorial Fund," and I am glad of the opportunity of explaining that the Committee, who considered the question very carefully and anxiously, especially felt

that the main point to be kept in view was the memory of the late Grand Secretary, and that this would be most thoroughly and extensively, as well as most charitably, done, by to some extent assuaging the disappointment of those "old folks" who, perhaps, only missing success by a few votes, are sent back to wait another year before obtaining the hoped for annuity. The annuities arising from "perpetual presentations," had such a plan been resolved on, would probably remain with the same one or two recipients for several years, and the gift of it or them would revert to the elective body, whoever that might consist of, so seldom that the original object would, so far as the Craft is concerned, be almost or quite lost sight of; whereas, the annual gift of such a sum of £10 each to several recipients who change every year, and practically arrive at that gift by the votes of the Craft at large supporting the Benevolent Institution, would surely serve to keep the memory of our late Bro. Hervey perennially green, and in a direction that he himself would have delighted in.

I will only add that from all parts of the provinces hearty approval is being daily expressed and warm co-operation promised. A D.P.G.M. of one of the largest provinces in England writes: "I cordially approve both the object and the proposed application of the fund." Another D.P.G.M. writes: "I entirely approve all I read about the Hervey Memorial Fund, and you may calculate upon my best exertions."

May I say, in conclusion (that I may not again trespass upon your good nature), that every lodge and chapter in England and Wales has been addressed once, and will during the present month receive a second communication containing the fullest information. I fear, from what I hear, that in some cases accurate delivery of our letters does not take place, arising, no doubt, from a variety of causes which the Committee regret, but cannot control.

I am, faithfully and fraternally, yours

JOHN B. MONCKTON  
(Pres. Board of General Purposes), Chairman  
of Committee.

Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W.,  
7th March, 1881.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In thanking you for inserting the list of contributions actually received up to the 2nd inst. in your last issue, you will perhaps allow me to point out that there was a typographical error in the name of Bro. John A. Farnfield, P.M. 256, &c., who liberally subscribed five guineas to the fund.

Since the original circular was sent out, seven distinguished Present and Past Grand Officers (all old friends of our late Bro. Hervey) have joined the Committee.

In order to make this fact known and also with a view to show what progress has been made, it has been decided to issue a fresh circular, a copy of which I beg to hand you enclosed.

The list, to which allusion is made in paragraph five, is a reprint of that which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 5th inst., with the addition of such sums as have been subsequently received.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256,  
Hon. Sec. "Hervey Memorial Fund."  
Melville Lodge, Manor-road, Wallington, Surrey,  
March 9th.

[COPY.]—COMMITTEE.

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The whole of the lodges and chapters in England and Wales have been already addressed on the subject of the Hervey Memorial Fund, and many have responded. In order promptly to enlist the attention and co-operation of those that have not yet replied, it has been thought right, by the Committee, that the progress made should be at once reported.

1. It is intended to invest the contributions in the Government Funds, in the names of Bros. Sir John Monckton (Chairman of the Committee); Thomas Fenn, P.G.D. (Treasurer of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement); Charles A. Murton, P.G.D. (P.M. of the Royal York Lodge, No. 7); and Reuben R. Davis (P.M. of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, and Hon. Secretary of the Committee), and to give the annual dividends in sums of £10 each (more or less, as may be, from time to time, thought desirable) to the highest unsuccessful candidates, male and female, at the yearly elections of the Masonic Benevolent (or "Old People's") Institution. Such donations to be known as the "Hervey Benefactions."

2. Moneys as received are at once paid into the London and Westminster Bank (Bloomsbury Branch), to a special account opened for the purpose, in the names of the Chairman and two of the Committee.

3. By the kindness of the proprietor of the *Freemason*, sums actually paid are announced in the first number of that journal in each month (commencing with the month of March of the present year).

4. At the request of the authorities of several provinces, whose Provincial Grand meetings do not occur till late in the year, the fund will be kept open until the end of the present year, when the accounts will be audited and a report thereof forwarded to the *Freemason* for publication as early as possible in the month of January, 1882. Meanwhile the investment in Consols will take place as often as the receipts render desirable.

5. A list of contributions actually paid into the Bank is annexed for the information of lodges and brethren.

Remittances on account of the fund and all communications connected therewith should be sent to the undersigned.

R. R. DAVIS,  
P.M. 256, 1851. H. No. 7, Chapter,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Melville Lodge, Manor-road, Wallington, Surrey,  
March, 1881.

Cheques should be crossed "London and Westminster Bank, account of Hervey Memorial Fund."

Post Office Orders should be made payable at the Chief Office, London, E.C.

## Reviews.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS—  
PRINTED REPORT, LIST, &c., FOR 1880. February, 1881.

This is now a goodly sized volume of 376 pages. One feels tempted to ask how much larger is it to be, as we see it year by year "visibly increasing," and one hardly realizes to what size it may yet attain. On the 31st of January, 1881, there were 228 girls in the Institution, of whom seventy-seven are London cases and 151 Provincial and Colonial. The balance sheet is very striking; but we do not repeat it, as it is commented on elsewhere. All of us may well feel great pride in this successful and admirably-managed Institution.

SYSTEM DE ALTSYNAGOGALEN PALASTINISCHEN THEOLOGIE. FERDINAND WEBER. Leipzig: Dörrling and Franke.

This work, which is now selling by Williams and Norgate, 14, Henrietta-street, Covent-garden, is a very remarkable one in many ways. It is a posthumous one, being edited by Franz Delitsch and George Schneidermann, and is an attempt to explain Hebrew teaching, from the "Targums," "Midrasch," and the "Talmud." Some of its chapters are most striking, especially those which touch upon the "Kabbala" and the mystical teaching of the Jews. It is a book, moreover, which demands close and careful reading, and is one which ought to be in all good Masonic libraries. We shall recur to it with more leisure to do justice to it, and give an idea of its scope and contents.

## MAGAZINES.

"The Voice of Masonry," February, 1881, Chicago. As usual, most varied in matter and most interesting in detail. We note with amusement that some "wiseacre" complains he has not enough for his money. He must be difficult to satisfy. "The Voice of Masonry" is a very remarkable serial, and does credit to Freemasonry and American Masonic literature.

"Masonic Review," February, 1881, Cincinnati. A very interesting little serial, full of matter, and most carefully edited. We always read it with pleasure. Bro. Rob Morris' essay on the "Money of the Ancient Times" is well worth perusal.

"The Antiquary" is a most striking number, and one which must please a large circle of readers.

"Temple Bar." Has an account of Ferdinand Lassalle and two good stories. "The Journey in the Mogrebbin Country" rather disappoints us. The "Best Picture in the World" and "Genius and Method" are both much above the average of magazine articles, and call for perusal. We do not like at all Hazlitt's "Liber Amoris," and think it a sad "outcome" of almost a "diseased mind."

"All the Year Round" is full, as usual, of interest and ability. "Asphodel" continues to charm and enthral. It has one great merit—it can be read out to a youthful circle. Alas! of how many books now-a-days can we say the same?

"Scribner's Monthly" almost "excels itself"—as the Irishman said—and is alike remarkable for literary merit and artistic illustrations. We are pleased to hear that its circulation is largely increasing in England.

BOOK CATALOGUES. No. 51, February, 1881.

Bernard Quaritch.  
By an amusing little mistake this is printed 1880, but many of the books were only purchased at the sale of Lord Clare and Sir J. Pakington (Lord Hampton) a few weeks back. There are some most remarkable works in this catalogue, and we recommend all book collectors and "bibliomaniacs" to send for it. Never mind, brother collectors of books, there is no better, healthier, or saner occupation than collecting and loving books. Some of the MSS. and books in Mr. Quaritch's catalogue make a "fellar's" mouth water.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, 1880.

We have been pleased to read these proceedings of a distinguished Grand Lodge, whose Grand Master is Bro. R. C. Lemmon, Toledo, whose Grand Secretary is the well-known and able Bro. J. D. Caldwell, Cincinnati. It has 523 lodges under its jurisdiction, and seems in a most active and healthy condition. Freemasonry is "living" and "working" in the United States.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OHIO.

The Grand Master being Comp. J. M. Goodspeed Atheryn, the Grand Recorder, J. D. Caldwell. It is its fiftieth report, or "semi-centennial," and has much of interest for all "Royal and Select Masters."

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

MARK CONSECRATION, No. 275.

Bro. Hughan wishes us to correct the account of his speech at page 116 of the *Freemason*. It should read "Dwelling upon the great antiquity of the Mark as a custom (not as a Degree), he said he had photographs of the pages of a Mark Book belonging to an old lodge in Aberdeen of A.D. 1670, and that the marks were carefully drawn after each member, *Apprentices as well as Craftsmen*, from that year."

As Bro. Hughan is known not to believe in the great antiquity of Masonic Degrees, doubtless our readers generally have already made the correction.

JEWELS OF THE NINE WORTHIES.

In the minute book No. 3, of Lodge 194, which I have, (and which the lodge apparently does not care to possess), we hear more than once of the "Nine Worthies," and of the "jewel" of the same. I believe that these jewels are now in the new museum forming in Freemasons' Hall, by the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and that they represent the jewels worn by the governing body of the Royal Arch under the "Antients."

MASONIC STUDENT.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

As regards Sir Christopher Wren and Freemasonry two or three "facts," I think, deserve careful attention, which may yet clear up this "moot point." According to Wren's *Parentalia* the first stone of St. Paul's was laid in 1675. Is that statement correct? If so, surely some record must be found of it in the "Gazettes" of the period somewhere or other, and though I have mislaid my reference, a statement has been made that this account exists and a drawing of the same. Can Bro. Gould or any other brother help us in the matter?

I am going to see if I can obtain any light on this and several other points, as there must be some evidence available.

There are in the Tanner MSS. Bodleian Library, Oxford, some of the accounts of building St. Paul's in Sir Christopher Wren's time. Can any Oxford brother look into the matter to see if any mention is made of the "Freemasons" of the "Lodge of St. Paul's"?

Have the Rawlinson MSS. been carefully looked into as regards Sir Christopher Wren?

MASONIC STUDENT.

ENGRAVED LISTS.

I beg to thank Bro. Dr. Hopkins for a copy of Pine's later list of 1725, which will be especially useful to me for reference, from the care which the donor has taken to exhibit the two lists of that year in parallel columns, so that their points of agreement and divergence are recognizable at a glance. The alterations and additions recorded in the later list—occurring, it must be recollected, within the space of some months only—illustrate very clearly the difficulties with which the *lodgographer* (to use the last new term) has to contend. In the interval between the publication of the two lists, eighty-five lodges changed their places of meeting, two dropped out altogether, and no less than eight were added to the roll.

R. F. GOULD.

THE ALBION LODGE, QUEBEC.

In the *Freemason* of Feb. 26th (atp. 101), the "Albion," Quebec, is stated "to be the oldest lodge on the American continent, having been inaugurated in 1721." It was constituted on the 3rd July, 1781, in the 4th Battalion Royal Artillery, at New York, and will, therefore (though it has received a centenary warrant from our Grand Lodge, *slightly in advance*), complete the hundredth year of its existence in July next.

R. F. GOULD.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

An emergency communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in the rooms of Royal Albert Lodge, No. 25, Phillips-square, Montreal, on Thursday evening, the 27th January, M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham on the throne, and many Grand and Past Grand Officers present, besides a number of other brethren.

The report of the Joint Committees *in re* Scotch lodges was adopted with great unanimity.

The representatives of Elgin, Argyle, and King Solomon Lodges were heartily received amidst much enthusiasm. Their old warrants were given up, and will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with the request that they be returned to the lodges here, to be placed as heir-looms amongst their respective archives. New and handsome charters from the Grand Lodge of Quebec were then presented.

After Grand Lodge had been closed in ample form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall of Royal Albert Lodge, where loyal and Masonic toasts, sentiments and songs were given and responded to, till the wee sma' hours, when the Grand Junior Warden's toast was drunk with three times three, and all left rejoicing in the happy commemoration of their long cherished desires.

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.—[Adv't.]

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, presided. The other brethren present were Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Raynham W. Stewart, J. H. Matthews, William Stephens, William Clarke, George Bolton, John Bulmer, John G. Stevens, Charles James Perceval, Charles H. Webb, Charles G. Hill, C. A. Cottebrune, J. M. Case, Edgar Bowyer, C. G. Dilley, Louis Stean, Charles Atkins, Thos. Cubitt, James Terry (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and verification of the minutes of the 9th February, Bro. TERRY reported the death of one annuitant—Mrs. May A. Thistleton. The amount paid to her in annuity during the time she had been on the list was £385. Bro. Terry also reported the death of an approved candidate for the next election—Mrs. J. Sherwood.

Bro. TERRY then formally reported to the Committee that the annual festival of the Institution was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, presiding. The amount announced at the festival was £14,160 13s., with several lists to come, but the sum had now reached £14,380, with only two lists outstanding.

The Warden's report for February was read. Bro. TERRY reported that he had, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, appealed against the increased assessment of the Asylum at Croydon, and that he was successful in his appeal. The Chairman was authorised to sign necessary cheques. A letter was read from Bro. Curteis, of Stonehouse, which, after some discussion, was deferred for consideration till next meeting.

The visit of the Stewards of the late festival to the Asylum at Croydon was left in the hands of the House Committee for the necessary arrangements to be made.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., gave notice of motion for increasing the accommodation of the central portion of the building at Croydon, the space at present being very limited.

The Committee then adjourned.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution assembled last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal in the chair. There were also present Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, S. Rawson, Rev. Richard Irwin, D.D., Arthur E. Gladwell, W. H. Perryman, A. J. Duff Filer, C. F. Matier, Alfred Williams, Don. M. Dewar, E. S. Phillips, W. Roebuck, George J. Palmer, W. H. Saunders, F. Adlard, H. Young, W. Paas, John Mason, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Two petitions were examined, one from Taunton and the other from Gloucester, and the candidates placed on the list for election in October.

An outfit of £5 was granted to an ex-pupil who has obtained a situation at Stockport.

Bro. C. F. MATIER gave notice of a motion for altering Law 55 of the Institution, to make it necessary that the father of a candidate must have been a subscribing member to his lodge for three years.

Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER, after calling the attention of the brethren to the fact that the Girls' School had recently passed a resolution authorising the Committee to grant as much as £40 to an exceptionally deserving girl on leaving the School for her advancement in life, gave notice that he would move that a similar rule be adopted in the Boys' Institution.

The Committee then adjourned.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HEREFORDSHIRE.

Monday, the 28th ult., was, to use a hackneyed expression, a "red letter day" in the annals of Freemasonry in Ross. Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Herefordshire, having selected Ross for the holding of his first Grand Lodge, the town was favoured by a sight of rare occurrence.

The brethren having met in the Corn Exchange, Bro. Edmund Turner, W.M. of the Vitruvian Lodge, opened a Craft Lodge, and received the R.W.P.G.M., the D.P. G.M., and Prov. Grand Officers with the customary honours. The R.W.P.G.M. then opened the Grand Lodge, and among other business appointed the following brethren as his Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. E. S. Hewett, P.M., P.G.S.W.; C. J. Hampden, P.M., P.G.J.W.; Rev. P. S. Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; W. Daggs, P.M., P.G.T.; E. Gregg, P.M., P.G. Sec.; R. Hayes, P.M., P.G.S.D.; R. B. Lewis, P.M., P.G.J.D.; E. Turner, W.M., P.G.S.W.; W. Earle, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Davis, W.M., P.G.A.D.C.; E. C. Scarlett, P.M., P.G.S.B.; W. T. Burville, P.M., P.G.Org.; J. Cox, P.M., P.G.P.; T. Matthews, J. Handford, J. Barnes, J. Roberts, P.G. Stewards; and G. Preece, P.G. Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, most of whom wore their full regalia, walked in procession to attend Divine service in the parish church. There was a very large concourse of persons assembled on the line of march to witness the *cortege*, which was joined by the members of the Ross choir, who had intended singing a processional hymn on the march, but owing to a slight hitch it was not commenced till they arrived at the church doors. The handsome regalia and beautiful banners were much admired by the spectators.

The service table was as follows:

Before Service—Voluntary.

Psalms, 32, 133, and 145. 1st Lesson, Proverbs iii. 2nd Lesson, 1st Corinthians, xiii.

After third Collect—Hymn 215, A. and M. (Tune Aurelia). Before the Sermon—Hymn 166, A. and M. (Tune, Old 100th). After the Sermon—Hymn 365, A. and M. (Tune, Almsgiving), After Blessing—Voluntary.

Mr. W. Moss officiated at the organ in his usual able manner.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. P. Scudamore Stanhope, M.A., Rector of Humber, Leominster, Prov. G. Chap., who took his text from Deut. xv., 7 and 8: "If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren, &c." In

the course of the sermon, which was an eloquent one, the preacher referred to the ideas and objects of Freemasonry as essentially combining benevolence, and the assistance of those of their brethren who needed help; in fact a strict carrying out of the precept enjoined in the text. There was nothing, he said, that distinguished human creatures from the brute creation so much as the sympathy felt for their fellow-men; and one of the greatest features of our religion was the looking after the requirements of the halt, the lame, and the blind, and a desire to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. A practical proof of this could be gained by going through our modern London, where there was scarcely a street in which there was not an asylum, hospital, or charitable refuge of some kind. In conclusion he called upon the congregation present for their sympathy towards the institution which the collection that day was intended to benefit, urging them not to let it be imaginary, but to give freely as they could towards the assistance of that deserving joint institution the Ross Dispensary and Cottage Hospital.

A collection was then made, amounting to between £6 and £7.

On the conclusion of Divine service, about fifty of the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Royal Hotel, presided over by the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey, Bart., M.P., amongst whom were the following: Bros. W. Capt. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Mon.; W. T. Jowitt, D.P. G.M.; Rev. P. S. Stanhope, Rev. J. Buckle, Rev. T. P. Smith, Rev. C. F. Grey, Rev. D. Scaton, Rev. W. J. Sawyer, S. R. Davies, J. E. S. Hewett, C. J. Hampden, W. Daggs, R. R. Dillon, E. Gregg, R. Hayes, E. Lewis, R. B. Lewis, J. L. Piddocke, E. Turner, W. Earle, W. Davies, E. C. Scarlett, W. R. Rootes, C. Rootes, F. W. Barling, T. Matthews, J. Hards, T. Handford, J. Barnes, R. Blinkhorn, J. Cox, F. S. Collins, G. J. Caldwell, J. Davies, A. Evans, H. Gurney, T. Hunt, J. Lewis, T. Lane, E. Maddison, F. W. Parry, F. Cooper, G. Preece, T. F. Phelps, J. Rycroft, W. R. Stafford, E. Shaw, C. J. Saxby, F. W. Wintle, J. A. White, and others.

In order to recognise the services of the choir on this occasion, a supper was given them in the evening by the Freemasons, at the house of Mr. George Denton, which passed off very pleasantly, under the chairmanship of Mr. Charles Jackson. The toasts, though few, were heartily received, and included "The Queen," "Sir Joseph Bailey, Bart., M.P., and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Herefordshire," "The Organist and Choirmaster," (Mr. W. Moss, and Mr. L. S. C. Moss), "The Chairman," &c.

### YORK COLLEGE OF ROSICRUCIANS.

This Masonic Archaeological body, meeting under the authority of the High Council of England, held its annual meeting at York, on Saturday, the 26th ult. The Chief Adept, Frater T. B. Whythead, IX., presided, and there were also present the following fratres: Fratres Rev. W. C. Lukis, VII., Suff.; J. S. Cumberland, VII., Celeb.; T. J. Wilkinson, VI., P.A.; W. Rowley, VI., S.A.; J. Oates, I., as T.A.; R. W. Moore, I., as O.A.; J. Maffry, IV., as C.N.; J. M. Meek, I., as G.T.; T. W. Holmes, II., T.B.; J. W. Woodall, IV.; J. C. Thompson, I.; and J. F. Taylor, I.

Successful ballots were taken for the following brethren: Bros. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; J. A. Bindley, P.M. 624, Burton-on-Trent; Rev. J. Metcalfe, M.A., No. 1611, York; and W. Fourness, No. 1211, Leeds.

The following accepted aspirants were then introduced and admitted to the grade of Zelator: Bros. J. J. Wilkes, Darlington; J. Todd, P.M., York; W. Bakewell, Leeds; and A. M. Broadley, Tunis. At the conclusion of the ceremonial the Chief Adept addressed the fratres, reviewing the work of the college since its commencement, and indicating its work for the future. He especially dwelt on the delight of as well as the necessity for Masonic investigation, and showed the advantages to be gained from the examination of old minutes and other Masonic memoranda, which were too often permitted to be neglected and unsearched. He alluded to the admission that day of Frater Broadley, who was exactly the kind of Mason they desired to enrol, and mentioned that it was Frater Broadley's desire to open a college at Tunis in the ruins of ancient Carthage. The report of the Auditors having been adopted, Frater Broadley was requested by the Chief Adept to read some notes he had prepared on the Carthaginian remains, and the symbolic marks of the Phœnician builders. This he did in a most interesting manner, and the paper was ordered to be printed at the request of the fratres.

The election of officers for the year then took place as follows: Fratres T. W. Holmes, VI., Celeb.; J. S. Cumberland, VII., Secretary and Treasurer; Walter Rowley, VI., P.A.; E. P. Peterson, V., S.A.; C. L. Mason, V., T.A.; W. Watson, IV., O.A.; J. Maffry, IV., C. of N.; J. M. Meek, I., and R. W. Moore, I., Heralds; J. C. Thompson, I., G.T.; E. Linck, I., T.B.; and Wm. Paley, I., Medallist. The Acolyte was re-elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting on some Wednesday in May. Two candidates were proposed, a number of letters of apology for absence were read, and the M.C. was dissolved.

During the earlier portion of the day the Chief Adept and some of the fratres inspected the parchment constitutions, minute books, &c., of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, Bro. J. Todd, Treasurer of the York Lodge, kindly having had the Masonic Hall opened for the purpose.

### MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

There is apparently no want of vitality in Freemasonry in Liverpool with respect to merry-making schemes, as more than one of these have already taken place, and there are "more to follow" before the close of the festive season. One of these most pleasant fraternal gatherings, in the shape of a "Grand Masonic Ball" (to which the public had a cordial invitation), was held on Friday evening, the 4th inst., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, in connection with all the North-end lodges, the special object being to add to the fund being raised for the decoration of the lodge room of the hall which bears an honoured name. There was a large and highly fashionable attendance, the ball being under the patronage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M.; the Countess of Lathom; Bro. the Worshipful the Mayor of Bootle; the Mayoress of Bootle; Bro. J. P. McArthur,

J.P., P.M. 1066 (Ex-Mayor of Bootle); Bro. J. Houlding, P.M., Prov. G. Reg.; Bro. J. Newell, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., &c. The ball committee comprised Bros. H. Ferguson, W.M. 1756; W. Donkin, W.M. 1035; J. Grierson, S.W. 1756; J. P. O'Brien, S.W. 1035; J. D. Reader, S.W. 1086; Lewis Peake, J.W. 1035; R. E. Mitton, J.W. 1756; Dr. D. L. Parry, J.W. 1086; J. J. Savage, W.M. 1086, Master of the Ceremonies; with J. D. Reader, S.W. 1086, as Honorary Secretary.

The brethren appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their ranks and offices. Dancing started shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept up with much spirit until the close of the programme. No more pleasant break in the evening's merry-making could have been furnished than that which was found in the "Fairy Bells" performances of Bro. Hargreaves Gill, who having had the special honour of playing in the hearing of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, some three years ago, had our esteemed Grand Master's permission a few months ago to use H.R.H.'s coat of arms as a badge, and on his circulars. Bro. Gill's fairy-like music is always charming to the thousands who have already heard it, but it was especially attractive to the brethren on this occasion from the fact that the talented performer on this occasion gave his new and most effective "Peals," which have been specially composed by Bro. Gill in honour of his Royal patron. The new and charming "Peals" were most enthusiastically applauded by the assembly, and it will be a matter of interest to know that the music is now being arranged for the pianoforte by Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O. West Lancashire.

Altogether the gathering proved one of the most enjoyable of the festive season in Liverpool.

### THE LATE BRO. T. J. HUGHES.

A grand concert was given at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 4th inst., in aid of the widow and family of the late Bro. T. J. Hughes, of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, who was unusually esteemed, because of his Masonic work, and greatly valued, in recognition of his sterling musical ability. The *Liverpool Mercury* thus refers to Bro. Hughes and the concert: "In every circle in which he was connected, the late Mr. T. J. Hughes was regarded with that affection which can only be kindled by general manliness, and his recent death, at a comparatively early age, drew forth expressions of regret, as deep as they were universal. He was for many years a familiar figure in church and on the concert platform, and few of the national musical gatherings of North Wales were considered complete without his presence. They who knew him will not willingly let his memory die. Shortly after his untimely decease a fund for the benefit of his widow and family was initiated. Many contributions were received, and that the fund may assume larger proportions, a concert, whose proceeds will be applied in this direction, was given last Friday night in the Philharmonic Hall, under the patronage of the Mayor of Liverpool (Mr. Alderman W. B. Porwood), the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Rector of Liverpool (Canon Stewart), the Mayor of Birkenhead (Mr. W. Laird), Mr. W. Rathbone, M.P., Mr. D. MacIver, M.P., and Mr. John Roberts, M.P. The vocal principals who appeared on the occasion were Madame Edith Wynne, Madame Billie Porter, Eos Morlais, and Mr. Lucas Williams, while the orchestra was occupied by a band and chorus of upwards of 300 performers, among whom might be recognised many of the more prominent singers and instrumentalists belonging to the city. The Liverpool Vocalists' Union had also an important share in the performance of the programme. The first and second parts of Haydn's 'Creation' were given under the direction of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Duncanson leading the band with spirit, while Mr. Jude's management of the organ was a model of taste. The second portion of the programme, which contained selections from Gounod, Sullivan, Stevens, Parry, Pinsuti, and Rossini, was very interesting, and the audience, which, we are glad to say, was very large, enjoyed it exceedingly. Mr. Skeaf was the accompanist on the pianoforte, and in Gounod's 'Ave Maria' (the well-known 'meditation' on Bach's 1st Prelude), Mr. Theodore Lawson played the violin part."

### Mark Masonry.

#### PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).

An excellent meeting in connection with this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on the 15th ult., when there were in attendance Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; Alfred Tisley, W.M. 211, S.W.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, Sec., acting J.W.; J. I. Dodson, S.O. and Treas.; Benningfield, J.O.; F. Farrington, S.D.; W. E. Farrington, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; and Skelton, D.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and resulted in favour of Bros. A. Tisley as W.M.; J. H. Dodson, Treasurer; and Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been unanimously voted to W. Bro. T. C. Walls, a vote of condolence was passed, and ordered to be forwarded to Bro. Richell, J.W., who had recently lost his wife and infant child. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Bro. George Everett, P.M. 177, 1331, for advancement, and for Bro. Stedwell, late of 185, for joining, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. Several communications having been read, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice. W. Bro. Wigginton responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." followed. At this stage of the proceedings, the brethren were favoured with a visit from W. Bro. Broadley, D.G.M., &c., Malta, and F. Binckes, P.G.W. The toast of "The Visitors" having been given and most enthusiastically drunk, W. Bros. Broadley and Binckes responding, made very excellent and instructive replies. The remaining toasts were "The I.P.M.," "The W.M. Elect," and "The Officers," all of which were warmly received.

The Empress of Austria hunted with Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn's hounds on Wednesday, the meet being at Carden, where a large field met Her Majesty.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held on Thursday week, the 3rd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when a large number of brethren were present. Lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock, there being present Bros. W. T. Rickwood, W.M.; S. T. Lucas, S.W., W.M. elect; J. E. Chillingworth, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M.; Past G.D. Middx., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; H. A. Pratt, J.D.; H. A. Carter, I.G.; Thomas Cohu, P.M., Steward; Charles Arkell, P.M.; E. Jones, P.M.; Henry Legge, P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Past G.S. of W. Middx.; W. H. Dowland, W. Williams, W. Fox, W. Hampton, T. M. Coleman, R. J. Sutherland, S. Edwards, R. J. Dart, W. J. Cobb, Thomas Fisher, J. Cook, J. Copelin, T. Barker, Thomas Parker, John Kent, Barclay Perkins, J. S. Fraser, W. Waring, and Henry C. Fowlee.

The visitors included Bros. A. M. Broadley, Past Deputy District G.M. Malta, W.M. 1835, P.M. 1717; Edgar Bowyer, Grand Senior Warden Herts; Charles Beaumont, W.M. 901; J. F. Van Raalte, W.M. 917; W. Downing, P.M. 20; T. C. Grant, P.M. 38; Thomas Beard, P.M. 101; George Everett, P.M. 177; G. P. Wehlen, P.M. 511; G. M. Taylor, P.M. 917; Charles Gross, P.M. 1037; A. Brookman, Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, S.W. 1037; R. Challoner, J.W. 1178; R. Pierpoint, J.D. 177; C. R. Wickens, I.G. 733; James C. Smith, Org. 1744; E. Stimson, 15; E. Mayes, 51; W. Reeves, 141; T. B. Williams, 174; F. A. Rogers, 186; W. W. Westley, 186; V. H. Lamer, 733; Thomas Carroll, 749; James Austin, 1158; J. G. Roche, 1366; A. J. Thompson, 1507; J. E. Butten, 1613; James Kift, 1791; G. F. Smith, 1857; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason).

The minutes of the meeting in February having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Henry Fowler, proposed by Bro. H. A. Carter, and seconded by Bro. R. J. Sutherland. The result being in favour of the candidate, he was duly prepared, and ultimately initiated into the mysteries of the ancient Order, the ceremony being impressively given by Bro. Rickwood. The installation of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. W. T. Rickwood, and those of the Wardens by Bros. J. G. Marsh and E. Jones, Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. S. T. Lucas was then presented by Bro. Charles Arkell, P.M., who acted as M.C., and having assented to the ancient charges, clearly and distinctly read over by Bro. George Abbott, he was duly installed W.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge by Bro. W. T. Rickwood, who, by the admirable manner in which he performed the ceremony, brought his successful year of office to an honourable and satisfactory close. Bro. Lucas appointed and invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. J. E. Chillingworth, S.W.; J. Lorkin, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; H. A. Pratt, S.D.; H. A. Carter, J.D.; Barclay Perkins, I.G.; Charles Arkell, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Cohu, P.M., Stwd.; W. Fox, Asst. S.; and Smith, Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel of the value of £10 10s. was then presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Lucas accompanying the presentation with a few well chosen remarks, complimenting Bro. Rickwood on the able and excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. Bro. Rickwood having acknowledged the gift in apposite terms, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a choice banquet awaited them, the serving of which was highly creditable to the manager, Bro. E. H. Rand. At its conclusion, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and loyally received. Bro. Rickwood, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that it gave him a large amount of pleasure to do so, though it would require no praise from him to ensure its hearty reception. The W.M. was an old member of the lodge, and was well known to all present for his ability for any office he had had to fulfil. He (the speaker) and Bro. Lucas had worked together for a long time, during which period he had been able to form a fair opinion of Bro. Lucas's competency for the chair. He was sure their new Master would perform his duties during the ensuing year to the satisfaction of them all. The W.M. having aptly replied, proposed "The Initiate," who, he said, though poor in health that evening, he was certain by the attention he had paid to the ceremony would prove a valuable addition to the lodge. Bro. J. G. Marsh having sung the Entered Apprentice's Song, the "Initiate" briefly replied. The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," and in doing so, said, that it was with great diffidence he proposed this toast, as he felt it was impossible for him to do justice to it. He had performed the installation ceremony in such an able manner, that had seldom been excelled, if equalled. His duties as Worshipful Master during the past year they all heartily appreciated, as Bro. Rickwood had performed them in so excellent and courteous a manner. Bro. Rickwood having returned thanks, the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," remarking that the toast was never received with greater pleasure than in the Lion and Lamb Lodge. Bro. Lucas then read out the names of all the visiting brethren present, concluding by wishing them in the name of the lodge a hearty welcome. With this toast was coupled the name of Bro. Broadley, who, in the course of an eloquent reply, thanked the Worshipful Master for his kind welcome and hospitality, also for mentioning his name with the toast, an honour conferred upon him, doubtless, hailing, as he did, from so far. The great aims of Masonry were, as they all knew, to bring nations together. Bro. Broadley then expressed the great pleasure it gave him in visiting the various lodges in London, which pleasure was considerably enhanced by the very hearty welcome accorded wherever he went. The speaker then made some interesting remarks on the ancient Carthage, concluding by congratulating Bro. Rickwood on the able manner he had performed the installation ceremony, observing that in all his visits to London lodges he had never seen it worked better. Bro. Thomas Beard, P.M., also replied. "The Treasurer and Secretary" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who, in doing so, regretted that the first named, Bro. Kenning, had had to leave. They all knew the valuable services and attention he always paid to his duties. The Secretarial duties were also very arduous, but were always discharged

in a most able manner by their respected Bro. Abbott. Bro. Abbott, in reply, expressed his happiness at all times to perform his duties. He should continue in the future to discharge his duties in that exact manner, as he had always endeavoured to do in the past. Several other toasts were given and duly acknowledged. A capital selection of music, under the direction of Bro. A. J. Thompson, was given between the toasts, by Madame Adeline Paget, Miss Grace Godolphin, Bros. James Kift, Thompson, and Chaplin Henry. The ballad, "No, sir," sung by Miss Godolphin and Bro. J. Thompson, being heartily encored.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., this lodge after its regular meeting (being the last of the season, at which Bros. Burt and Walsler were raised), gave a banquet to which ladies were admitted, a dispensation from Grand Lodge having been obtained permitting the brethren to wear their Craft clothing.

The banquet took place at Freemasons' Hall, in the Crown Room, seventy-two being present—over thirty of this number were ladies—who assembled in the drawing-room, whither the brethren adjourned, having formed in procession at the closing of the lodge. The toasts were "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master and Officers," to which Bro. James Kench, P.M. and Treasurer, G.P., replied, "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. T. W. Cooper, I.P.M.; "The Lady Visitors," "The Gentleman Visitors," "The P.M.'s," and finally "The Officers of the Lodge." Between the toasts suitable accompaniments were performed under the direction of Bro. H. J. Dean, 45, Org. 1260. The evening finished with a dance, thus bringing the banquet to a most pleasant termination. The ladies evidently appreciated and much enjoyed the same.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—On Monday afternoon last the members of this flourishing lodge held its March meeting in the Zetland Room, at Freemasons' Hall, when the following were present: Bros. Charles Wellard, W.M.; W. Meyer Lutz, S.W.; George Buckland, P.M., acting as J.W.; F. Delevanti, S.D.; Harry Cox, acting as J.D.; C. E. Tinney, I.G.; Henson, D.C.; W. J. Kent and H. Ashley, Stewards; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; Charles Coate, P.M., Treas.; H. Tinney, Org.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. Past Masters Charles S. Jekyll, Grand Organist; and W. A. Tinney. Amongst the members present were Bros. Harry Bracy, J. G. Taylor, A. Tisley, James Beveridge, Fairchild, Egerton, Holman, Konig, Dewar; and amongst the visitors Bros. Ernest E. Smith, W.M. 1559; A. H. Sitwell, J.W. 1726; Archibald Thistleton, 1599.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Chamberlin, P.M., Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and these having been duly confirmed, Mr. Hermann was proposed as a candidate for admission to Freemasonry by Bro. Beveridge, the I.P.M. seconding. On an appeal to the ballot, Mr. Hermann was declared duly elected a member of the Asaph Lodge. Bros. Dewar, Holman, and Konig presenting themselves as candidates for raising, were examined according to ancient customs, and gave abundant proof of the further progress they had made in the science, receiving their due reward from the W.M. Bro. Holman was then admitted and duly obligated as a Worshipful Master, the same privilege being conferred on Bros. Dewar and Konig, the three candidates undergoing the remainder of the ceremony in company. Bro. Wellard worked the Degree in a most impressive manner, and was ably assisted by his officers and Past Masters, so that the candidates were enabled to follow and appreciate all the beauties of this splendid ceremony. Having listened attentively to the traditional history and received the concluding congratulations of the Worshipful Master, the brethren took their seats for the first time in a M.M.'s lodge. On the proposition of Bro. Edward Swanborough, I.P.M., Bro. Beveridge was elected an Auditor, and Bro. Harry Cox having proposed Bro. Ashley to fill a vacancy on the Benevolent Committee, Bro. Fairchild seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. This exhausting the business of the agenda paper, the lodge was closed in due form.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on Tuesday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. Speedy, W.M.; Webb, S.W.; Marston, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, Sec.; Köhler, I.P.M.; Stokes, S.D.; Stranger, J.D.; Bolton, I.G.; Stephenson, D.C.; Goodenough, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; and Drysdale, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting, which contained resolutions that the lodge should in future meet at "The Horns," Kennington; that the April meeting should be discontinued; and that the initiation fee should be reduced to eight guineas, having been read and unanimously confirmed, the lodge was at once closed.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on the 9th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Ashley, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Saunders, J.W.; W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S.W. Middx., P.M., Sec.; the Rev. D'Orsey, Chap.; W. Taylor, I.P.M.; Powell, I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Taylor was presented with a P.M.'s jewel which had been unanimously voted to him. The recipient having briefly expressed his thanks, several communications from absent members were read, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Bro. W. Wigginton replied upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," the I.P.M. then gave, in flattering terms, "The Health of the W.M." The toast of "The Past Masters," acknowledged by Bro. W. Taylor, and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The brethren of this lodge met for the second time, under the Mastership of Bro. Ernest E. Smith, on Saturday last, at their new quarters, the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, the occasion being an emergency meeting. Prior to the opening of lodge the banner of the W.M. was hoisted, a circumstance of no little importance, seeing that it is the first standard

presented to No. 1559, which will now take its place among banner lodges. The brethren, one and all, expressed their admiration of the new decoration. The banner is of Masonic blue silk, with the family crest and motto of the W.M. in silver, viz., an escalop shell and griffin's head, with the legend "Propositi Tenax" on a scroll. The escalop shell is particularly appropriate for a Masonic banner, seeing that it is frequently to be met with in heraldry, from the fact that it was the ensign of the Pilgrims in their expeditions to the Holy Land. Heavy blue and white fringe borders the banner, which is further adorned with cords and tassels in the same colours. We trust that for generations to come the standard of Bro. Smith may retain its place in the New Cross Lodge. When proceedings opened the following brethren were present, viz., Bros. Ernest E. Smith, W.M.; W. Cowley, S.W.; T. Grumant, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.B. Middx., Treasurer (acting as I.P.M.); Walter Simmons, P.M., Secretary; Hiram Henton, S.D.; J. Ross, acting as J.D.; E. Fry, I.G.; C. Knibbs, R. R. Gloag, H. Hayes, G. Bertini, J. Meyer, Rev. James Sturdee, Archibald Thistleton, 1599; Horace White, 1257, and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. the Rev. James Sturdee was presented for examination as a candidate for the Second Degree, and subsequently passed. Ballot was then taken for Messrs. Henry Hayes, J. H. Meyer, and Giovanni Pietro Bertini, all of whom were proposed by the W.M. and seconded by the Secretary. The election was unanimous in each instance. Mr. Hayes was then admitted, and impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry; then Messrs. Meyer and Bertini were admitted in company, and were received into the Craft, the candidates being evidently impressed with the solemn ceremony. The W.M. then brought before the brethren the case of a distressed brother, whose petition to the Board of Benevolence was signed by those present. Some other business having received the attention of the brethren, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet table, and due justice having been done to the good things provided by the manager of the Ship, Mr. Bale, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with the great enthusiasm. Bro. Eugene Thiellay, P.M., P.Z., &c., Treasurer, gave "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks, Bro. Thiellay said that the heart of the W.M. is in his work, evidence of the fact being supplied by what Bro. Smith has already accomplished during the month he has occupied the chair of K.S. Four weeks ago they had seen him installed, and his labours for the twelve months commenced instantly, for he then and there initiated a brother into Freemasonry, a performance he had supplemented that evening by a passing, and two initiation ceremonies. Of his ability to discharge the duties of his important office he need not speak, since those present had for themselves heard him at work in lodge. He (Bro. Thiellay) only trusted that the remainder of Bro. Smith's year of office would be as brilliant as the first month. The toast was honoured with smart fire. Bro. Ernest Smith, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received this toast. It was a matter of great satisfaction to him that there had been no lack of work to do that evening, and he should be disappointed if at any future meeting of the lodge there should be no occasion for working a ceremony. He had prepared himself for a year of pleasurable labour, and was convinced that with the assistance of his two Wardens—than whom more energetic officers had not filled their respective chairs—the lodge would have nothing but clear sailing while he ruled over them. One of his first endeavours would be to place the Benevolent Fund of the lodge on a sound footing (cheers) so that No. 1559 should not be behind other lodges in supporting the great Masonic Charities. While on his feet he would take occasion to propose "The Healths of the three Initiates," who were, individually and collectively, an acquisition to the lodge." Bro. Hayes assured the brethren that he had been greatly impressed by the ceremony his friend, and brother, the W.M. had so ably performed. His anticipations had been more than realised in this respect, and he was exceedingly sensible of the honour that had been done him that evening by admitting him to the Craft. Bro. Meyer stated that it had long been the dearest wish of his heart to become a Freemason, but for some time he was quite at a loss to discover the medium of doing so. Fortunately he made Bro. Smith acquainted with the fact, with the happy result of being initiated by Bro. Smith himself. Bro. Bertini informed the brethren that during a stay in America he was on the point of joining a lodge of Freemasons, but he did not regret the fact that his initiation into the Order had been delayed until he met their W.M. in England. He was proud indeed to be numbered among them, and his earnest desire was to acquire Masonic knowledge. Bro. Thiellay, P.M., &c., Treasurer, then drew the attention of the brethren to the handsome decoration which the W.M. had presented to the lodge, and asked them to accord Bro. Smith a cordial vote of thanks. The banner had evoked general admiration, and afforded additional evidence of the interest their Worshipful Master took in the lodge. Bro. Ernest Smith said a few words in reply, and gave the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Thistleton, 1599, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he had never enjoyed himself out of his mother lodge so much as he had at the installation of his friend, Bro. Smith, on that evening. The W.M. had been kind enough to express a hope that he (Bro. Thistleton) would be a constant visitor. In reply to this he could only say that if such was likely to be the case he should have to become a joining member. Bro. White, 1257, said it gave him a great amount of pleasure in visiting lodges, for he thus had an opportunity of contrasting the different workings. What he had heard in the lodge room that evening, when an old friend of his had been so admirably initiated into Freemasonry, convinced him that the New Cross Lodge would hold its own with any for the proficiency of its officers. Harmony followed, the initiates principally distinguishing themselves. Bros. Thiellay, P.M., and Cowley, S.W., also added materially to the enjoyment of the evening.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. There were present Bros. T. C. Corpe, W.M.; J. W. Brooke, I.P.M.; Dr. W. G. Bott, S.W.; G. F. Smith, jun., J.W.; A. Stokes, S.D.; Dr. J. C. Wilkins, J.D.; J. W. Dewsnap, I.G. and

Treas.; A. Williams, Hon. Sec.; G. F. Smith, Sec., D.C.; Capt. W. Furse, W.S.; H. Jakins, J. W. Hayton, and others; and several visitors.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. W. Hayton was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.; the ceremony being most impressively and perfectly rendered by the W.M., and the officers performed their work in a highly efficient manner. The candidate for initiation—Mr. H. S. Trego, Mus. Bac.—being unavoidably absent, his initiation was deferred till March 12th, when an emergency meeting will be called. The next business on the agenda was a motion by Bro. J. W. Brooke, I.P.M., to change the day of meeting. After the reasons which rendered the change necessary had been explained at length, and the proposition seconded by Bro. Dr. Bott, S.W., it was unanimously agreed to change the day from the last Thursday to the second Saturday. The names of four gentlemen having been proposed for initiation, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**CHICHESTER.**—Lodge of Union (No. 38).—We recently reported the annual meeting and banquet upon the installation of W. Bro. L. G. Raper, as W.M. of this old lodge, the Earl of March and Kinaird, M.P., being at the same time invested as S.W. It is satisfactory to find that the impetus thus given to the Union Lodge has been maintained, and Freemasonry appears to be rapidly gaining strength in Chichester. At the ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge on Thursday, the 3rd inst., about thirty brethren, including eleven Past Masters and ten members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, were present. Bros. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox, 1604; Lord Francis Gordon Lennox, 209; Thomas Weller-Poley, S.W. 10; and G. Gatehouse, P.M., P.P.G.D., were balloted for as joining members, and each unanimously elected. Bro. Hugh Wyatt was at the same time advanced to the Degree of F.C., and at the conclusion of the labours of the evening the brethren adjourned. The brethren present included W. Bros. R. G. Raper, W.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Arthur Smith, I.P.M., Prov. Grand Steward; George Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Molesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. St. Clair, P.M., P.P.J.W.; N. Henty, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Rev. H. W. Davey, P.M., P.P.G.C.; W. Pillow, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Bond, P.M.; Percival, P.M.; and others.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 3rd inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. C. W. Radway, W.M.; Philip Braham, acting I.P.M.; R. B. Cater, S.W.; E. J. B. Mercer, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M. and Treasurer; J. W. Murlis, Sec.; A. Holmes, S.D.; T. Ames, J.D.; Thomas Wilton, P.M. and D.C.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; W. Peach, I.G.; T. E. Wilton and H. B. Smith, Stewards; Past Masters F. Williams, T. B. Moutrie, J. Rubie, and J. Clark; members, F. Baldwin, G. H. Bartlett, T. F. Pinker, J. Robinson, R. Mann, J. Cartmel, W. H. Reynolds, J. G. Brown, John G. Wilton. Visitors, J. Stuckey, W.M. 906; Dill, P.M. 906; Hill, P.M. 906, &c.; Price, P.M. 297; W. Gill, 53.

The lodge having been opened the minutes of the last regular lodge and lodge of instruction were read and confirmed. Letters of apology read for non-attendance from the esteemed I.P.M., Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, who to the regret of the brethren is in ill-health, also from Bros. Clark and Wetherman, who were on the summons for being passed. Bro. Bartlett and Pinker being in attendance were examined and entrusted. Bro. Bartlett and Pinker were passed to the F.C. Degree. Bro. Holmes, S.D., gave the tools. Several accounts passed for payment. The Treasurer's accounts, duly audited, were presented and passed. Bros. Ashley, P.M. and Treasurer, pointed out that Bro. Wilton, P.M., was going up as a Steward for the Girls' School, and on the Treasurer's proposition, seconded by the W.M., the lodge voted sixty-five guineas to the Girls' Charity, the amount to be placed on Bro. Wilton's list. This will qualify the lodge as Vice-President of the Girls. The W.M. explained that Dr. Hopkins, I.P.M., had contributed forty-five guineas towards this amount, and trusted the brethren would individually give what help they could to the Stewards' list. Bro. Wilton returned thanks. The W.M., in the regretted and unavoidable absence of Bro. Dr. Hopkins, through ill health, read a paper from Bro. Hughan, P.G.S.D., respecting the early history of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, particulars of which interesting paper here follow:

Communication from Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D., &c., respecting some early records of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath.

"My friend, Bro. Dr. Hopkins, I.P.M. No. 41, &c., tells me, in answer to my enquiries, that on Oct. 17th, 1738, the Rev. Dr. J. T. Desaguliers, F.R.S., occupied the chair of the 'Royal Cumberland.' He did so as a Past Grand Master of England, having been the Grand Master in 1719. This celebrated natural philosopher also occupied the chair of the lodge on November 1st of the same year.

"The Secretary seems to have left a portion of a page blank to complete a record on the 11th October, when the lodge assembled 'at the particular desire of Mr. Ward, Deputy Grand Master, and Sir Edward Mansell, Bart.' Dr. Hopkins also tells me that the two pages following the minute of the 17th October are also blank.

"I think my researches lately will enable me to explain what should have been inserted thereon, and I presume that the Secretary was determined to do his part extra well, so delayed the entry for a special report,—and never wrote a line!

"In the 'St. James' Evening Post' for 1738 occurs the following announcement as dated. (verbatim et literatim.)

"Bath, October 30th. The Prince of Wales being at Bath for the benefit of his health, an extraordinary lodge was held at the 'Bear' Tavern, at which were present Earl Darnley, late G.M.; John Ward Esq., D.G.M.; Sir Edward Mansell, Bart.; Dr. Desaguliers and other brethren, in honor of the day, and in respect to his Royal Highness, who is a brother. Note.—The day was the King's birthday."

"I submit that a resolution should be passed by order of the lodge, to have the above duly inserted on one of the vacant pages, as an extract from the paper named.

"At page 137 of the Book of Constitutions, A.D. 1738 (owned by the lodge), will be found an account of the initiation of the Prince of Wales, to whom the work was

dedicated. The Earl of Darnley was Grand Master in 1737; John Ward, the D.G.M. from 1735 to 1738, became Lord Ward, (Viscount Dudley and Ward) and was Grand Master in 1742-3. Sir Edward Mansell, Bart., was J.G.W. in 1734 and S.G.W. in 1735, and Dr. Desaguliers not only was G.M. in 1719, but was again in office as D.G.M. in 1722, 1723, and 1725.

"W. J. H."

On the proposition of the Treasurer, seconded by the W.M., it was resolved that the original document be inserted on one of the blank pages in the minute book for October 1738, in explanation of the proceedings at that date, which the then Secretary omitted to enter, and affording other information connected therewith. Carried unanimously. A very hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Hughan was carried by acclamation. Bro. Ashley proposed and Bro. Wilton seconded that Bro. Rapson, one of the oldest P.M.'s of the lodge, be elected an honorary member. Carried. A discussion took place as to the advisability of having a permanent Secretary, and the question was to be considered. A vote of thanks to the visiting brethren concluded the business. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Manners Lodge (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at 6 p.m., Bro. Whalley, W.M. in the chair, supported by the following officers and members: Bros. John Hayes, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar, Treas.; J. C. Robinson, P.M. (Freemason); W. Vernon, J.W.; Joseph Jeaneway, S.D.; M. Davis, J.D.; B. Parry, I.G.; M. Howarth, S.S.; R. Bradley, J.S.; Robert Collins, Sec.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; R. Richards, Alfred Samuel, Harris, Hyman, P. Ball, F. Cooper, W. Gamble, John Pye, J. White. Visitors: Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.M. 155 and 680, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Beevers, J.W. 594; J. Botton, I.G. 594; J. Milton, 1502, and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. John C. Spurr, which being favourable, he was impressively initiated by the acting S.W., Bro. Vernon. The sum of two pounds was voted for the relief of a distressed widow. A gentleman was proposed for initiation.

The lodge was closed and the brethren retired for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bros. Samuels, Milton, Botton, Davis, and Ewart contributed to the harmony of the evening by singing a capital selection of songs.

**BRIGHTON.**—Royal York Lodge (No. 315).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday the 1st inst., in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. Packham, those present including the officers—Bros. G. Nash, J.W.; W. H. Gibson, Sec.; G. R. Lockyer, S.D.; R. T. Nye, J.D.; H. Payne, Steward; and W. Anderson, I.G. The Past Masters of the lodge present included Bros. W. R. Wood, W. T. Nell, J. W. Stride, C. P. Smith, C. W. Hudson, J. Curtis, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M. 1797; C. Wren, and J. Pearson. The brethren of the lodge present included Bros. A. H. Thacker, W. Hollands, J. W. Wells, W. H. Kirkham, L. Grandel, A. Crook, J. Miller, F. Willard, L. R. Styer, J. Sharp, J. Edwards, J. Woods, C. G. Golding, J. Sayers, H. B. Robinson, H. W. Downard, G. S. Godfree, G. R. Godfree, W. J. Smith, H. S. Downard, A. Lawler, W. T. Evershed, J. Bradford, R. Paige, J. W. Staples, A. Collins, R. Erredge, R. Nicholson, T. Hughes, Tyler, H. Hughes, Assistant Tyler, C. H. McKellow, P. W. Taylor, T. Sinnock, H. Kent, J. Newman, W. Buckman, F. Downard, C. J. Carter. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M. of Sussex, and J.G.D. of England; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Kuhe, P.G. Org. England, and P.M. 171, and 1636; H. Davey, (Ex-Mayor), P.M., P.P.J.W., 732; G. Smith, P.P.G. Purst, 732; J. M. Read, P.P.G.S. of W., 732; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D. of C. 732; J. Hawkes, P.M., W.M. 1636, P.P.G.S.B., 315; F. C. Graves, 686; C. J. Smith, P.M. 1466, W.M. 1829, P.P.G.W.; H. W. Charrington, 271, P.M. 386, 777, 1146, P.P.S.D. Surrey; W. Skindle, W.M. 851; H. S. Gates, J.D. 1636; J. B. Hannay, 1821; W. Smith, C. H. Pearson, 225; W. Smith, 732; T. Perridge, E. Broadbridge, S.W. 1797; W. Smithers, D. of C. 1639; T. Holloway, 1829; W. Nell, J.S. 732; F. Daniel, S.W. 732; E. Carpenter, P.M. 742; H. S. Soper, J.W. 732; J. W. Buckwell, 1797; W. Roe, 1636, Prov. G. Organist; C. W. Stevens, 1540; W. H. Fieldus, 1821; H. Anson, 1821; J. Jefferies, 1636; C. F. Hollands, 1797; G. Masters, 1797; W. Fitch, W.M. 1797; G. Cole, S.D. 1636; G. L. Fenner, 1636; H. Packham, 1829; H. F. Hauxwell, W.M. 732; E. Dumsday, 1797; J. Baker, P.M. 21; P.G.D.; H. J. Martin, W.M. 1821; C. Nye, J. Dixon, W.M. 271, P.P.S.G.W.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; G. B. McWhinnie, Prov. G.D.D., 1446; R. Allison, 1821; W. T. Beach, 1821; T. A. Goodman, 1466; C. Greenwood, G.S.P.; R. Willard, 732. Bro. G. Nash was installed by Bro. T. Packham into the office of W.M., and the following were invested by the newly-elected W.M. as officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. W. H. Gibson, S.W.; G. R. Lockyer, J.W.; W. Anderson, S.D.; R. T. Nye, J.D.; J. Ridge, Secretary; W. Hudson, Treasurer; H. Payne and J. W. Wells, Stewards; W. H. Kirkham, D. of C.; G. R. Godfree, I.G.; A. Crook, Organist. Bro. J. W. Stride, P.M., was appointed Charity Steward, and the W.M. presented Bro. T. Packham with a Past Master's jewel.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bros. Sayers and Marks, of the Western-road, had prepared a banquet fully equal to any of their former doings. The wines were excellent and the attendance of the waiters most praise-worthy. Bro. Nash presided in a manner which appeared fully to gratify the choice of the brethren in selecting him for the very best office in the lodge. The company numbered nearly one hundred and twenty, and much regret was felt at the unavoidable absence of the Right W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. During the evening Bro. Kuhe favoured the company by performing one of his inimitable pianoforte solos, and the musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. E. Broadbridge were admirable. Bros. S. H. Soper, G. Cole, H. S. Gates, and W. H. Kirkham lent material assistance, and Bro. W.

Roe, Prov. Grand Organist, ably accompanied. Bro. Nicholson evoked roars of laughter with one of his comic songs, and a fine recitation was given by Bro. C. W. Hudson.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. W. Nicholl, W.M.; Mark Vickers, I.P.M.; Henry Walmsley, S.W.; Robt. Tomlins, J.W.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Cunliffe, Sec.; Jas. Wilson, S.D.; P. Holmes, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; John Bladon, F.M., D.C.; Ludwig Oppenheimer, R. R. Lisenden (Freemason), W. J. Edwards, and R. J. B. Harper, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; Jas. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; J. H. Clark, P.M.; John Roger Lever, P.M.; John G. Elderton, D. Jolly, H. Garside, H. Samuels, P. Francis Hilton, John Church, and Edward Smith. Visitors: Bros. T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147; Wm. Peak, W.M. 999; Joseph Allison, P.M. 999; Samuel Bradburn, 1814; and E. Pelikan, 1602.

The lodge was opened at 6.15, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mark Vickers, I.P.M., having assumed the W.M.'s chair, raised Bro. H. Samuels to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. When this ceremony was finished, Bro. J. Howarth Clark acted as W.M., and raised Bro. Garside to the Degree of a M.M. in a very able manner. Bro. Jolly was duly made a F.C. by the W.M., and Bro. Mark Vickers, I.P.M., presented the working tools to the candidate. Bro. W. Nicholl, W.M., referred to the notice of motion he had caused to be printed on the circular, viz., "That the sum of £10 10s. be given from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution;" and thereupon proposed that this sum should be given, which was seconded and carried. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 8.45.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.**—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above bijou lodge took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Three Crowns, Bro. E. West's comfortable and commodious hostelry, and a large and influential gathering of Masons assembled to congratulate Bro. W. J. Burgess, S.W. and W.M. elect, upon his elevation to the chair of the lodge as its Master for the ensuing twelve months, or until a successor should be duly appointed and installed in his stead. The lodge was opened shortly before 3 p.m. by Bro. W. J. Vance, W.M., and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, he proceeded to the ceremony of installation, and with the usual ceremonies and honours Bro. Burgess was placed in the chair, and saluted in the various degrees. Bro. Manning explained the working tools with rare eloquence and effect. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Vance, I.P.M.; J. A. Elder, S.W.; V. J. Holloway, J.W.; A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.D.C. Essex, Treas.; J. Ives, P.M. Sec.; C. J. Lewis, S.D.; G. T. Ives, J.D.; C. Jolly (Freemason), I.G.; M. Shirwin, Org.; W. T. Turner, P.M., Wine Steward; M. Kaul, Asst. W.S.; and W. Page, P.M., Tyler.

Bro. Vance then gave the three addresses in admirable style, and the ceremony was finished amid unstinted applause. The ballot was then taken for Mr. J. T. Brightmore, and the result being unanimous, that gentleman was, with Mr. J. W. Baker, who had previously been approved of, initiated by Bro. Burgess into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, in a style that promised well for the working of the lodge during his year of office. It was then proposed and carried that the thanks of the lodge should be engrossed upon vellum, and presented in a suitable frame to Bro. Vance, in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had installed his successor into the chair, and Bro. Vance briefly returned thanks. "Hearty good wishes" were then tendered by the representatives of the various lodges present, and the lodge was closed in due form. Among the Past Masters of, and belonging to, the lodge and visiting brethren were, Bros. E. West, P.M., and P.P.G.P. Herts; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M., P.P.G., Sword Bearer, Essex; W. J. Graham, P.M., P.M. 700; W. Gilbert, P.M., 1327, P.P.J.W. Herts; S. Jacobs, P.M., 1327, P.G.P. Herts; H. Taplay, W.M. 1076; W. H. Lamb, P.M. 977; J. K. Job, S.W. 1076; James Mitchell, J.W. 1076; G. Beaver, J.W. 700; J. G. Lambert, J.W. 720; L. Solomons, J.W. 1732; E. Ayres, J.D. 742; A. Woolf, S.D. 704; B. Kauffman, D.C. 1732; G. Rowe, D.C. 754; G. J. Westfield, M.A., 813; J. Smith, Organist, 1744; J. Carter, 700; H. Birt, 9; and J. Hemmings, 1287.

The banquet was a superb illustration of the consummate art that can be brought to bear upon the production of appetising and tempting dishes, while the wines were all that a connoisseur would have delighted in, and the whole effort reflects the highest credit upon the taste and resources of Bro. West. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. rose to propose the toast of the evening, that of "The W.M.," and in so doing congratulated the lodge upon having such a Master to preside over its destinies for the next twelve months. The clear and finished manner in which he had that afternoon initiated two candidates, gave them a pretty clear insight into what they might expect at his hands, while his well-known efforts in the cause of the Charities of the Order would bring honour to the lodge by his further efforts in that direction. Under the rule of the W.M. he had every hope that the prosperity of the lodge would be materially increased, and take a position second to none in the metropolis, both for excellent working and harmony, and above all as a mover in the sacred cause of charity and brotherly love. He asked them to give the W.M. a jolly good fire. The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, the W.M. said he should be as brief as possible in his response. The position he now occupied was one that he had long and ardently looked forward to, and he trusted had worked hard for. It was a proud position, and one that he felt the responsibilities of. Their esteemed I.P.M. had spoken very kindly of his work in the ceremony of initiation that day, but he hoped to be able to do it better the next time. He would promise them that nothing should be wanting on his side to increase the strength, and, therefore, the financial position of the lodge, and in that he asked the cordial co-operation of the brethren; not that he wanted strength at the expense



of stability, and worthiness, yet while it was essential that none should be admitted who were not calculated to be not only good members, but good Masons, it was necessary that the strength of the lodge should be kept up by increasing its muster roll, and that could be done by introducing good, upright, and just men, who wished to join the Craft, "with a preconceived notion of its usefulness," and a desire to assist in the great good it did in the cause of morality and brotherly love. There had been a cloud in the horizon of their affairs, but he trusted that a new morn would come, and the brighter light of a better day for the Henley Lodge, and for that he should labour with his whole heart. He thanked them cordially for the toast, and resumed his seat amid the congratulations of all present. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel of office, and in so doing, spoke of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of the lodge during the past year, although not so successful as they might have wished, yet was memorable for the excellent example set by the I.P.M., and the harmony that had characterised all its meetings. He then pinned the jewel on the breast of Bro. Vance, and in the name of the lodge wished him many years of health and happiness to wear it, and also to work for the success and prosperity of the lodge, and when the inevitable hour arrived that he must leave it in the hands of his children, might they follow in his footsteps, and be as good men, and Masons, as their father had been. Bro. Vance replied in a lengthy, and eloquent, speech, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for their handsome and valuable present. He spoke highly of the invaluable services of Bro. West to him while working up to the position of W.M., and also for the performance on the installation evening. The charity box was then passed round, and while it was passing the W.M. recited the passage on charity in the Fourth Section. The collection realised £111s., and Bro. Past Master Graham, who presented the box to the lodge at its formation, made the sum up to two guineas. The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and our newly made brethren returned thanks in good style. "The Past Masters of, and belonging to, the Lodge," were then honoured, and Bro. Graham, in response, said he felt it a very great honour to be identified with such a toast. He was present at the consecration of the lodge as one of the representatives of the Nelson Lodge, of which he was a Past Master, and had since then joined the lodge as a member. He, therefore, felt great pleasure in responding to the toast, and trusted always to see the lodge as well supported by its Past Masters as at the present moment. When the Past Master of a lodge came among the brethren it had the effect of uniting them together by the respect gained by the Past Master, by hard work done for the lodge, and which respect the brethren generally were only too willing to tender and participate in. The presence of the Past Masters had also the effect of instilling a praiseworthy ambition in the minds of the young members, and urged them on to make themselves worthy of some day occupying such a position as the Past Masters held. He then spoke in high terms of the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed that day by Bro. Vance, and concluded by thanking the W.M., and brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Taplay, Lambert, Solomons, Beaver, and Kauffman, returned thanks. The toast of "The Officers" came next, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasurable and memorable gathering.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—On the 17th ult., this lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Lion Hotel. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. W. Ockenden, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas., acting J.W.; Jessett, I.P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Hiscox, S.D.; T. Moody, J.D.; Tozer, W.S., acting I.G.; and Knowles, D.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. W. Spearing was duly initiated into Craft mysteries, at the request of the W.M., by Bro. Hammond. The ceremonies of passing Bros. Ransford and Dohoo and raising Bros. Crofts and Jackson, were then admirably performed by the W.M. Bro. F. Honeywell, P.P.G.O. Middx., who had been elected an honorary member at the previous meeting, was then invested by the W.M. with the collar of Honorary Organist. Bro. Honeywell having expressed his thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation catered for by Bro. Ballard. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the after proceedings were necessarily curtailed. Bro. Hammond replied upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in terms of well deserved laudation by the I.P.M. The W.M. having replied, then gave "The Initiate," who responded. The other complimentary toasts followed in quick succession. Bro. Ballard, 1326, replied for "The Visitors," Bro. Jessett for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Hopwood and Walls for "The Officers." The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—The election meeting of this prosperous provincial lodge was held on the 14th ult., at the White Hart Hotel. Among those present we noticed Bros. J. Bond, P.P.G.P. Surrey, W.M.; Aston, S.W.; J. Hurst, P.G.P. Middx., J.W.; the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., I.P.M.; A. Nuthall, Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, W.M. 1512, Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.D.; Featherstone, J.D.; R. W. Forge, W.M. 1793, I.G.; J. Piller, D.C.; Duffell Harrison, acting Tyler. Bro. Aston, Cripplegate Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the bye-laws of the lodge were read. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. Aston, S.W. Bros. Nuthall and Gilbert were unanimously elected to the respective offices of Treasurer and Tyler, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Bond. Several communications having been read the lodge was formally closed and the brethren adjourned to a collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were duly proposed. W. Bro. W. Hammond acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was given in very kind terms by the I.P.M., and briefly responded to by the W.M., who then gave "The Visitor." Bro. Aston having said a few words in response, "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

INSTRUCTION.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).

The annual dinner of this flourishing lodge of instruction took place at the Crown Hotel, 108, Blackfriars-road, on Thursday, the 24th ult., when about thirty brethren, under the presidency, of Bro. Preceptor Wise, sat down to a substantial repast served in excellent style by the host, Bro. James Block. The lodge was opened at 7.30 and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed. Thursday the 24th March, at 7.30, was appointed for the next working of the Fifteen Sections, and the lodge being closed the brethren entered on the Fourth Degree with a briskness that denoted thorough acquaintance with the working. The cloth being removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of, followed by "Success to the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of the Secretary Bro. Walter Wood, S.D. 193, all receiving most hearty and excellent "fire." In responding Bro. Wood gave a slight sketch of the position of the lodge financially, and proposed as the next toast "Bro. P.M. Wise, the Preceptor," to whose unfailing and punctual attendance, urbane and courteous demeanour, and correct and facile method of instruction, the lodge is indebted for no small measure of its success. Among the brethren present who have qualified themselves for the chair of K.S., under Bro. Wise, were Bros. Harris, W.M. 1158; Darch, W.M. 72; Nott, W.M. 87; Bedford Lemere, W.M. 193; Forster, W.M. elect Ivy Lodge; and several others who are well up on the ladder of promotion. Bro. Wise acknowledged the enthusiastic reception accorded to his name as a gratifying indication that his labours were appreciated, and expressed his willingness at the present time and his hope to be enabled in the future to work to the full extent of his powers on behalf of Masonry. Bro. Wise also called attention to the Charitable Associations, in connection with the Thursday meeting of the lodge of instruction, of which Bro. Wood is also Secretary. No. 1 Association is just wound up, resulting in four Life Governorships and twelve Life Subscriberships to the "Boys' Institution," and seven Life Governorships to the "Old People" or a total value of nearly £150. No. 2 has been in existence nearly twelve months, and five guineas is balloted for every six weeks, and fifteen brethren have joined No. 3, whose payments commenced on the 24th ult. This easy means of becoming Life Governors of the several Charities commends itself to a large proportion of the Craft, who, with every wish to display "the predominant characteristic," do not find it convenient to qualify just when the Stewards are making appeals for the festivals. The small and frequent subscriptions, with the prospect of a vote in advance of payments, are inducements which should meet with ready acceptance, and preclude the possibility of any future reduction in the magnificent totals yearly presented by Bros. Binckes, Hedges, and Terry. The "Visitors" toast was responded to by Bro. Mann, 1017, and a most pleasant evening was brought to a close (after "Our Host, Bro. James Block," had been duly toasted), with some excellent songs by Bros. Wise, Darch, Nott, Bertoli, Durndell, Probyn, and others, accompanied by Bro. Millard, who also sang several songs in good style. We hope that the lodge may have a good muster on the 24th inst., and gain an accession of strength. The room is comfortable, the furniture and clothing all that can be desired, the working somewhat above the average, and the position is central. The lodge is opened punctually at eight every Thursday.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, on Monday, the 7th inst., when the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by Bro. Laurence. Bro. Goodenough, assisted by the brethren, worked the First Section of the Lecture, the W.M. the Second, and Bro. Goodenough the Third and Fourth. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this lodge on Monday, the 28th inst., when Bro. G. H. Stephens will preside, assisted by Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, S.W., and W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, J.W.

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section ... Bro. J. R. Shingfield, I.G. 554.
- 2nd " ... " J. Hanson Thorn, P.M. 554.
- 3rd " ... " Dr. J. Loane, W.S. 1421.
- 4th " ... " J. J. Berry, P.M. 554.
- 5th " ... " W. Hogg, P.M. 1349.
- 6th " ... " C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607.
- 7th " ... " I. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 & 933.

SECOND LECTURE.

- 1st Section ... Bro. E. W. Walter, W.M. 544.
- 2nd " ... " J. Andrews, P.M. 1227.
- 3rd " ... " W. Musto, P.M. 1349.
- 4th " ... " W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 & 1445.
- 5th " ... " W. Yelton, P.M. 933.

THIRD LECTURE.

- 1st Section ... Bro. J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205.
- 2nd " ... " I. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27.
- 3rd " ... " G. W. Terry, P.M. 554 & 1278.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).

The annual re-union of the above lodge was recently held at the Leicester Hotel, 126, Dale-street, Bro. P. B. Gee, Preceptor and P.M., in the chair, Bro. J. Korn, P.M., in the vice-chair. Bro. Gee, Preceptor, was ably supported by Bros. Pemberton, P.M., and Cotter, P.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Cotter, P.M., presented Bro. Gee, Preceptor, with a handsome meerschaum pipe with a suitable inscription, as a slight token of the esteem of the brethren, after having presided over the lodge as Preceptor for four years. Bro. Gee, Preceptor, acknowledged the handsome present in a very feeling manner, and spoke of the many kindnesses he had received from the members. Harmony and toasts followed, including "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," which brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the host, Bro. C. Fothergill, for having so satisfactorily catered for the brethren.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Wolverton has arrived home from Cannes.

Nearly every house in Wimpole-street, the *Whitehall Review* says, is in mourning, for the merry dog-stealer has been at his old game. I should like to see the ingenious gentleman who induced Bro. Heather Bigg's enormous mastiff to accompany him; he was no ordinary thief.

Royal Arch.

**ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER (No. 2).**—At a meeting of this chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday week, Comp. Woodford was installed by Comp. Brodie, P.Z., M.E.Z. of the chapter, and Comp. Letchworth, H. The investment of the officers and other formal business having been transacted, the companions adjourned to the social circle, which, as ever, was cheerful, harmonious, and agreeable. The companions separated at an early hour.

Among those present we noticed Comps. Lieut.-Colonel Stewart, P.P.; Wood, Bennock, Sampson Pierce, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, H. Muggeridge, Romieu, Rowlands, Ames, and others.

Comp. H. Muggeridge, after a service of eighteen years, has been succeeded by our zealous brother and companion Sampson Pierce, as Ezra. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, after re-election, was invested as Treasurer of this distinguished chapter.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).

This old chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 15th ult. There were present Comps. Mander, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., H.; Moss, J.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Stewart, S.N.; Davis, P.S.; Ellborn, 1st Assistant; P. Robinson, I.P.Z.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Elsam, P.Z. Comp. Koch, P.Z. Lily of Richmond, was among the visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the bye laws were read. The elections to the various offices resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. Walls, M.E.Z.; Moss, H.; Davis, J.; Davage, S.E.; Stewart, S.N.; Harfeld, Treasurer; Ellborn, P.S.; Parkinson, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been unanimously voted to Comp. Mander, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

After the usual preliminary toasts had received full justice "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Robinson, I.P.Z. In the course of his speech he touched upon the high social and Masonic qualities of Comp. Mander. His year of office had been an exceedingly prosperous one, and his working had been characterised by great ability. He went on to remark that as one of the oldest members of the chapter, he could safely say that no first Principal had ever displayed such talent as Comp. Mander had done. In conclusion he hoped that their M.E.Z. would be spared many years to wear the jewel which the companions had that evening voted him. This toast having been warmly received, the M.E.Z. made a modest speech in reply. "The M.E.Z. Elect" having been drunk, Ex. Comp. Walls briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The Visitors" followed and was responded to. "The Health of the Past Principals" came next in order and was duly replied to by Comps. Robinson, Holbrook, and Elsam. "The Treasurer and S.E." and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).

The regular convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when there were present M.E. Comp. W. J. Ferguson, M.E.Z.; E. Comp. W. M. Stiles, H.; E. Comp. C. W. Hudson, J.; E. Comp. J. Willing, P.Z., Treas.; Comps. H. Stiles, E.; T. C. Edmonds, N.; W. Cook, P.S.; W. Slide, A.S.; Cole, Deller, Johnson, Lillis, Dickey (2), Hoare, Child, Clemow (2), Humphreys, Gilbert, Dimsdale, Little, Dorton, Dovey, Knight, and others. Visitors: E. Comp. A. J. Hawkes, J. 315; and Comp. G. L. Moore, 169.

The chapter was opened by the Principals, and the companions admitted. The minutes of last convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Bros. R. Brown, W. Dorton, and S. Smith for exaltation. Bros. F. Dovey, 1744, and W. Dorton, S.D. 1076, were introduced and regularly exalted into R.A. Masonry, the ceremony being performed by the Principals and officers in the faultless manner so characteristic of this chapter. E. Comp. J. R. Stacey, I.P.Z., was unfortunately prevented from attending. Bro. R. W. Fraser, 1507, was proposed for exaltation at next convocation. Chapter was closed in ancient form, and adjourned. Banquet followed, served in Comp. Clemow's best style. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual toasts, &c., and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and spoke in high terms of the excellency of his officers, &c. Comps. Cole, Lillis, Johnson, Stiles, Hudson, Moore, and others gave some excellent harmony, &c.

WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).

The installation meeting of the above chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult., Comps. William Stephens, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; James Stevens, P.Z., as H.; and T. W. Adams, P.Z., as J. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for the following brethren for exaltation: Bros. J. King, 1623; R. B. Greenwood, 1623; N. McKay, 1623; Capt. E. Pettitt, 1623; A. P. Stevens, 1298; G. Allison, 1298; T. T. Phillips, 1706; C. Patrick, 1227; H. Forss, 554; Van Raalte, W.M. 917; Gardiner, W.M. 749; D. Moss, 1275; W. Aynsley, 1077; and Comp. C. F. Goodenough, P.S. 503, as joining member. The ballot proved unanimous in each case. Bros. Van Raalte, King, Greenwood, Gardiner, Phillips, Forss, Patrick, and McKay being present, received the Supreme Degree.

The election of M.E.Z. for the ensuing year took place, resulting in the unanimous election of Comp. G. S. Elliott, who was regularly installed as Principal; Comp. T. W. Adams, P.Z., as H.; and T. Butt, W.M. 907, as J. The officers elected and invested were Comps. Mallett, S.E.; Lardner, S.N.; Goodenough, P.S.; King, A.S.; Van Raalte, A.S.; and Marsh, Janitor. Comp. Elliott proposed a vote of thanks and honorary membership to Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., for having attended and rendered them such able assistance. Comp. Adams, P.Z., seconded, and the motion was duly confirmed by the chapter. On the proposition of Comp. J., seconded by the M.E. P.Z., Comp. Baldwin was unanimously elected to honorary membership, each of which responded in suitable terms for the honour conferred on them. Ex. Comp. Elliott also proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to M.E. Comp. Stevens, P.Z., who had so ably presided that evening, which was seconded and carried unanimously. The M.E. Comp. acknowledged the same. The business being ended, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions accompanied the Principals to an excellent repast, prepared by Bro.

Clemow, and served in most commendable style, to which full justice was done, after which the usual loyal and R.A. toasts were proposed and honoured. The next toast was entrusted to the I.P.Z., who, on rising, said, he did so with unusual pleasure, as that evening he had assisted in installing his successor in the chair of Z., which enabled him to extend the right hand of fellowship, and trusted by their united efforts to work together in love and harmony, and make the chapter a great success. On his part nothing should be wanting in that respect. He therefore asked the companions to join him in wishing health, happiness, and a successful year of office to their M.E.Z. The companions duly acknowledged the toast, and after a song by Comp. Goodenough, M.E. Comp. Elliott replied, and after thanking the chapter for electing and installing him their Principal, said, he trusted that night would ever be remembered by him as one of the brightest he had ever spent in Masonry. In addition to the honour as their Principal, he had that evening been enabled to cement what might be otherwise thought a prevention of waning friendship. A revival of brotherly love must be a theme appreciated by all true Masons, and deeply felt by him that evening. He would not further revert to the subject, but would strive to fulfil the duties connected with the position which they had elected him to, and to give them satisfaction during his year of office. Before resuming his seat he would ask them to join him in drinking "The Health of his two supporting Principals, Comp. Adams, P.Z., and Comp. T. Butt, W.M. Royal Albert Lodge." Comp. Adams had given convincing proof of his desire to serve the chapter by again accepting office and also being elected Treasurer. Comp. Butt had been a hard worker in Freemasonry, and was fully entitled to their esteem. In selecting them the chapter gave him every confidence in saying that higher positions were in store for them. After the toast had been drunk, Comps. Adams and Butt thanked the companions for the kind manner the toast had been received. The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Installing Officers, Comps. William Stephens, P.Z., and Jas. Stevens." The former companion had been an honorary member of the chapter from its formation; and both of them were held in the highest esteem by the companions. Comp. Baldwin, P.Z., he thought, might also be coupled with the toast. Comp. W. Stephens thanked the companions for the compliment and honour. He had attended a great many meetings of chapters, and trusted to be long spared to attend others, having a great love for R.A. Masonry. He had from the first a strong desire to see the West Smithfield Chapter a prosperous one, and anything he could do to further such object would be to him a pleasure. Comp. James Stevens also thanked the companions, and trusted the good feeling displayed amongst them would continue. Comp. Baldwin also thanked the companions, and paid a special compliment to Comp. Lardner for the able manner he had discharged his duties in the chapter. Comp. Lardner replied, and thanked the companions for the reception the toast of "The Officers" had received. Comps. Goodenough, King, and Van Raalte returned thanks for the toast of "The Exalted," Comps. Phillips, Gardner, Greenwood, Forss, and Patrick also acknowledging the same. The Janitor's toast was next given, the M.E.Z. commending Comp. Marsh for the able way he had discharged his heavy duties, giving satisfaction to all. The toast having been duly honoured, the companions separated after having spent a happy and enjoyable evening.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**MOUNT CALVARY ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, (No. 3).**—This old and distinguished conclave met at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on the 11th ult. There were in attendance Bros. D. Nicols, M.W.S.; F. Curlier, 1st General; A. Williams, Grand Marshal; T. C. Walls, Raphael; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder; F. W. Driver, C. of G.; C. W. Tayleur, Organist; R. W. Stewart, P.M.W.S.; C. H. Driver, P.M.W.S.; T. W. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; R. Berridge, W. B. Kidder, B. F. Cramer, J. D. Larson, E. J. Gardiner, G. Graveleys, J. E. Anderson, J. J. Murray, and G. Berkeley. The visitors were Bros. Colonel J. J. Boswell, 30°; H. C. Levander, 32°, F. W. Ramsey, M.D., 30°; and F. W. Terry.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for ten candidates, and it proving to be unanimous, the following brethren, who were in attendance, were duly "perfected" by Ill. Bro. Coffin, I.P.M.W.S.; Bros. Andrews, Pigache, Barkley, Stohwasser, Adams, and Lardner. A motion to present the Past Sovereigns with jewels was adjourned. The chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren repaired to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an excellent banquet was partaken of. The customary toasts followed, and were done full justice to. "The Health of the M.W.S. was given in eulogistic terms by Ill. Bro. Coffin, and was most warmly received by the brethren. The M.W.S. having replied, gave "The Newly-perfected Brethren." This pledge was acknowledged by each of the brethren thus honoured. "The Visitors" followed. This toast having been coupled with the names of Ill. Bros. Levander and Dr. Ramsey, those distinguished brethren responded at length upon the great pleasure it had afforded them in being present that evening, and among other things they complimented the chapter upon its strength, prosperity, and harmony. "The P.M.W.S." came next in order, and this toast was responded to by the I.P.M.W.S. "The Health of the Treasurer and Recorder" was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Dewar having replied in a characteristic speech, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Curlier, brought this highly successful gathering to a conclusion.

**CHESTER.**—Stanhope Chapter Rose Croix.—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 26th ult. The chapter being opened by Ill. Bro. George Higgins, 31°, M.W.S., two candidates were perfected by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, S.G.I.G., Northern District, assisted by Ill. Bro. Col. West, 31°, and the M.W.S. At the particular wish of Ill. Bro. George Higgins, M.W.S., the ceremony of installation was taken by the Inspector General of the northern provinces, who installed Ill. Bro. Major Platt, 30°, into the chair of his predecessors most carefully, for which he received a unanimous vote of thanks, having travelled from Northumberland to attend the meeting. The Ex. and P. brethren afterwards dined together at the Queen's Hotel.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—Royal Kent Rose Croix Chapter (No. 8).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 25th ult., and in consequence of the death of Ill. Bro. Dr. Heffernon, 30°, M.W.S., the ceremony was undertaken by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, S.G.I.G. Northern District. Three candidates were perfected with great care, and afterwards the same Ill. Brother installed Ill. Bro. Adam Winlaw, 33°, into the chair of M.W.S., receiving the unanimous thanks of the chapter. Three candidates were proposed for the next meeting. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Ill. Bro. Dr. Heffernon, 30°, and also a similar vote to the friends of the late Ex. and P. Bros. Robinson, 18°, who was three years Mayor of the ancient borough, and the chapter was then closed.

The brethren dined together in the banqueting hall of the Masonic Temple, under the presidency of the M.W.S., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

**LANCASTER.**—Philip Rose Croix Chapter (No. 52).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 23rd ult. The chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. T. Atkinson, 18°, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, the M.W.S. asked Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, to conduct the ceremony of installing his successor, which he kindly undertook, and installed Ill. Bro. W. J. A. Baldwin, 30°, as M.W.S. in his usual impressive manner. A vote of condolence was passed by the Chapter, and the Recorder desired to write Mrs. Moore the very kind expressions of all present at their loss and her bereavement in the death of their beloved friend and brother, Bro. Dr. Moore, 32°, P.M.W.S. When the business was finished, and the chapter closed, the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel to a most excellent banquet, presided over by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Baldwin, 30°. The usual toasts were given and responded to with great cordiality and good feeling. Visitor: Ill. Bro. F. Matier, 31°.

**TRURO.**—Cornwall Chapter Rose Croix (No. 61).—This chapter held its annual assembly on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall. The Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., 30°, who was elected the M.W.S. for the ensuing year, was duly installed by Bro. C. Truscott, jun., 30°, and the latter was then invested as the I.P.M.W.S. of the chapter. The other officers until the next regular period of installation are: Bros. Dr. Mason, 30°, H.P.; William Lidgely, 1st G.; Alfred Luke, 2nd G. and Treasurer (re-elected the second time); Frederick W. Dabb, 30°, Recorder (re-appointed and thanked for his services); Thomas Hicks, G.M.; Thomas H. Lukes, R.; Philip F. Simcoe, C. of G.; Thomas Hart, 30°, C.; S. G. Bake, 30°, A.; John F. Hooper, Org.; Thomas J. Smith, 1st H.; Dr. Nettle, 2nd H.; Dr. Stephens, D. of C.; William Rooks, Sentinel. Votes were unanimously passed by the members of sincere sympathy with General H. E. Doherty, C.B., 33°, in his severe illness, and of congratulation to Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, 33°, on his appointment to the office of Inspector General, 33°, for the Western District, Vice-General Doherty resigned. The chapter continues in a flourishing condition both financially and numerically. In consequence of an important proposition by Bro. W. J. Huggan, 32°, a meeting of the chapter is likely to be held in May. The M.W.S. was supported by Bro. Edward Dixon Anderton, 30°, P.M.W.S., and the members generally (who attended the chapter) at the annual banquet, which as usual was served at the Red Lion Hotel, the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., M.W.S., in the chair.

### Scotland.

#### CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT MARYHILL.

On Wednesday the 23rd ult., a new Masonic Hall at Wynford-street, Maryhill, was consecrated by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, S.P.G.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. the Rev. W. Tulloch, Prov. Grand Chap.; George Macleod, R.W.M. 128, Acting Prov. S.W.; and J. M. Oliver, Prov. J.W. Bro. David Reid was Director of Ceremonies, and among those present were, Bros. John Morgan, Prov. G. Treas.; G. C. H. Macnaught, Prov. G.A.; W. Macdonald, Prov. G.B.B.; A. Myles, Dir. of Music; J. N. Kinnaird, Prov. G.S.B.; W. H. Bickerton, Prov. G. Sec.; Robert Shaw, R.W.M., Lodge, Maryhill, No. 510; the Rev. W. S. Shanks, Chap.; A. Thomson, S.W.; W. Fairlie, J.W.; J. B. Neil, I.P.M.; J. Kay, S.M.; J. McKay, Sec.; W. Paterson, S.; Provost Murray, and others.

Bro. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN having conducted the consecration ceremony up to the point where the oration is delivered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain.

Bro. TULLOCH, in the course of his remarks, said that, assembled as they were for the sacred and solemn purpose of consecrating that lodge, which was for the purpose of setting it apart from ordinary and secular purposes to those which were Masonic, it was right and fitting that some expression should be given to those feelings with which, on such an occasion as that, the hearts of all true Masons were filled. On any great event happening in the fortunes of an individual or a family, it was a matter of pride and congratulation when those who were interested in the circumstances could look back upon an ancient and noble history. No one could be so absorbed in the busy present as not to have a glory thrown upon them by a past that was full of lustre and of fame. Freemasons might be excused if on such an occasion as that they looked back with pride on their past history, and, from a contemplation of past life and past achievement, have borne within them incentives of further progress and still greater work. The history of their Craft, as they were well aware, was an illustrious one, and one which any public body of men might be justified in regarding with feelings of pride and satisfaction. If, after the manner of not a few incorporations, some families, and many nations, they looked back into the long past, which fable and imagination had made peculiarly their own, and had illuminated with their fanciful and picturesque rays, they might delight themselves by tracing the root of their now wonderfully-organised and beautiful system of government and symbolic ritual through the old Roman Empire and back to the time of the Pharaohs. They might imagine their ancestors working in the solemn precincts of Eastern quarries, by skillful

measurement and delicate adjustment, by cunning workmanship, by marvellous imitation of the flowers of the field and the exquisite beauty which distinguished the handicraft of the great Architect of the Universe—preparing the stones which, as if by magic, were at a given time to be gathered together and erected in to the Temple of Solomon, they would stand by with bated breath and reverent silence, watch them put one upon another without sound of axe or hammer, as if by the gradual growth of Nature—

"Like some tall palm, the noiseless fabric sprang." After all was built, and the Temple had been dedicated to the worship of the Great Jehovah, they could wander about its sacred courts and contemplate the marks and signs of their Craft. They could be present when the smoke of sacrifice and the fragrance of incense ascended from the sacred altar, and hear the chant of psalms in antiphonal measure. Further than this, in imagination they could see their ancestors taking part in the proud, ambitious attempt which led to the building of the Tower of Babel, and feel themselves secure with them as in the Ark they rode in safety amid the tumult of many waters. But they did not need to throw the fanciful rays of imagination round their history. They might well be satisfied to take their stand on the more certain foundations of its historic and approved truths. They could go back to the time when the world was younger than it is now, and when to be a clever and cunning Craftsman was to be one of the foremost men of the day, to be the chosen companion of princes and necessary appendages of Royal Courts. At a time when Craftsmen banded themselves together and took a real pride in their work, and in the dignity and importance of their vocation, it was pleasing for them to think that a variety of circumstances combined to give importance and influence to those Craftsmen who were skilled in the handling and setting of stones. As great cathedrals and churches and many important public buildings sprang up in different parts of the world the services of the most skilful were anxiously sought after. Masons from many quarters flocked to the spot to take part in the work, living in camps and tents beside the building upon which they were engaged. Over this motley group a Master presided, and every tenth man was a Warden, having surveillance over the rest. It became then desirable and even necessary that means should be devised by which a person once a member of the fraternity might be universally accepted as such without requiring wherever he went to give fresh evidence of his skill, or having to undergo a renewed examination as to his qualifications. Thus there sprang into existence a series of symbols, in which every Mason was instructed, and which he was bound to keep secret; and this not only enabled him to find work, but in his pursuit of it enabled him to claim the hospitality of his brother-Masons. The masons of these days were not the mere human machines that nowadays workmen too often were, but men who in carrying out an idea imparted to them could stamp an individuality of their own on every stone with which they had to do, so that, as in the time of the Renaissance, from each town-hall or cathedral the soul of a great man leapt forth to meet their own. In these days of which he spoke the soul of some human being leapt forth to them in pleasant greeting, and each stone bore the impress of some faithful and skilled workman. So important became the Craft that by several Papal bulls its members were exempted from the laws which regulated common labourers, and were exonerated from various burdens thrown on the working-classes both in England and on the Continent. Like all the other guilds, the Masons were bound by their rules to the performance of specific religious duties; but the Craft, one of whose principal functions was church building, was naturally more frequently engaged in such rites, and more particularly under the protection of the clergy than other Crafts. Such were the foundations of modern or speculative Masonry, and they had reason to be proud of them. Now, he had only to remind them of the purposes for which as a body they existed. They existed for the practice of moral and social virtue, and their distinguishing characteristic was charity in its most extended sense. The precepts which they inculcated were brotherly love, relief, and truth. They had a beautiful system of morality, founded on the teachings of the Christian religion, about which there ought to be no question, and theirs was a charity about which there could be no dispute. If their practice was commensurate with their profession, and if they honestly endeavoured to act upon the principles which they swore to hold by, then Masonry must be a real blessing to a community, and the formation of a new lodge ought to be hailed as an addition to the Order, the truthfulness, the purity, and the charity of every neighbourhood. Let each individual Mason feel his responsibility, let him know that it might be his to bring honour or dishonour upon his Craft. They had all to remember that the end they had in view was to repress all inordinate affections, desires, and passions, and to cultivate an active and philanthropic benevolence.

Bro. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, on the completion of the ceremony, said it gave him, and every member of the Provincial Grand Lodge deputation, very great pleasure to visit Maryhill and consecrate this new hall. The hall was in every way suitable for the purpose for which it was intended, and all the arrangements had been very satisfactory. He had been informed that the last hall used by the lodge, though excellent in other respects, was not altogether satisfactory in a Masonic point of view, but that objection could not apply to the present building. He was sure that the Lodge Maryhill, which had prospered in the past, would go on and prosper. They had again elected to the post of Master of the lodge his excellent friend Bro. Shaw, and the lodge could not be in better hands than his. Under his ableway, assisted as he was by a very excellent set of office-bearers, and provided with such a building, a prosperous career awaited Lodge Maryhill in the future.

Bro. SHAW thanked Bro. Dalrymple Duncan and the members of the deputation for their visit, and remarked that he hoped they would have many very happy and useful meetings in that hall.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed and Lodge Maryhill opened, and subsequently the Prov. Grand Lodge gave in a satisfactory report as to the manner in which the business of the local lodge had been conducted.

At a recent meeting of the General Committee of West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, held in Liverpool, it was unanimously resolved to recommend thirteen children of deceased brethren for participation in the benefits of the Charity.

## Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., with the Countess, is expected home from Madeira on or about the 12th of April.

Bro. James H. Windrim, the architect of Philadelphia's magnificent Masonic Temple, and P.M. of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, is President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Royal Institution, Liverpool, was held a short time ago, when Master J. Wilson MacKenzie (son of Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M. 1609) was awarded the first prize for the best voluntary work done in the Gallery of Art from oil pictures, antique statues, busts, bas-reliefs, and chalk drawings during the year.

Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., G.M. Berks and Bucks, in presiding at the half-yearly meeting of the Great Western Railway, said the snowstorm which occurred in January reduced their receipts by £56,000. Had that sum been in their pockets they would have been able to declare  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. more of dividend. To indicate the extent of the storm he might say they had to excavate the snow from 111 miles of railway, varying in depth from three to nine feet. Sixty-four trains had to be dug out, and blocks took place on 141 different parts of their system.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa's "Naaman" was given by the "Sacred Harmonic Society," at St. James's Hall, on Friday, the 4th inst. The performance was in every way a successful one, and it was received by the audience, which crowded all parts of the building, in a way that showed how thoroughly the beauties of the popular conductor's work were appreciated.

The Industry Lodge Ball, No. 186, will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday next. The list of Stewards include the names of Bros. W. W. Philp, W.M.; W. Mann, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Hook, P.M.; S. Earl, A. Léon, and H. C. Day. Bro. D. J. Robinson, P.M., will act as M.C.

Bro. Charles Bernard's Children's Opera Company will appear at the Gaiety Theatre on Monday next.

The meetings of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489, are held every Monday evening at the Pembury Tavern, Amherst-road, Hackney, at eight o'clock p.m.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.—The consecration of this lodge takes place on Thursday next, the 17th inst., at the Public Hall, Carshalton, Surrey, and not last Thursday, as stated in the *Freemason* of the 5th.

Bro. Lord Methuen has been succeeded by Lord Thurlow as Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen.

Bro. Edmund Yates presided on Friday evening, the 4th inst., at the annual dinner of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, when subscriptions to the amount of £800 were announced by the Secretary. The company present included Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P.; Sheriff Waterlow; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; and Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. Woolloton presided on Tuesday evening at a large gathering of the members of the Surrey Magistrates' Club, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., presided at the anniversary festival of the London Orphan Asylum, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday last.

Bro. George Henry Smith, Manager of the North Metropolitan Tramways Company, is, we are pleased to learn, recovering from his recent severe indisposition.

We regret to record the death of the wife of Bro. Edmund Clarke, Q.C., M.P., which sad event occurred on Friday, the 4th inst.

Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, in a letter that appeared recently in the *Morning Advertiser*, as one of the Governors of Dulwich College, gave his reasons for objecting to the new scheme of the Charity Commissioners.

Bro. H. J. Byron will appear as the *Special Correspondent and Journalist* in his English version of "Michael Strogoff," to be produced at the Adelphi Theatre on Monday next.

The Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, will in future meet at half-past eight, instead of nine o'clock as heretofore. The place of meeting remains the same, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

H.H.R. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., has, we understand, signified his desire to become a member of the Beefsteak Club.

A recent issue of the *Freemason* gives an interesting account of the consecration of St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, at London, England, on the 19th ultimo. The services were participated in by a number of distinguished brethren, and among the list we recognise the name of Col. J. W. Laurie, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who responded in an exceedingly happy manner to the call of the presiding officer, making appropriate reference to his experiences of Masonry both in England and Nova Scotia. Col. Laurie's devotion to the Craft has been well demonstrated, and his efficient administration of Masonic affairs during the year that he held the office of Grand Master in Nova Scotia is a matter of record. He is a worthy representative of Masonry at home and abroad.—*Freemasons' Repository* (Rhode Island).

Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Dep. Grand Master of the Province of Cheshire, is, we regret to learn, still confined to his room from the effects of a recent accident.

We see it stated that the Freemasons of Virginia have in contemplation the erection of a memorial to Bro. General George Washington, who was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." The brethren of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, of Fredericksburg, Va., in which lodge Bro. Washington was initiated on November 4th, 1752, have charge of the enterprise.

Bro. B. H. Swallow, P.G.D. Middx., has taken the Goat and Star, the well known hotel in Swallow-street, Regent-street, W.

Bro. Henry Irving announces that "The Corsican Brothers" will be withdrawn at an early date for the production of "The Belle's Stratagem," in which he will appear as *Dorincourt* to Miss Ellen Terry's *Letitia Hardy*.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Guelph Lodge of Instruction, No. 1685, are now held at the Blackbirds Inn, High-street, Leyton.

MR. GLADSTONE AND THE WINE DUTIES.—Bro. J. E. Shand (Messrs. Shand and Co., Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.) has, in answer to a letter addressed to Mr. Gladstone, received a reply to the effect that there is no immediate intention of altering the wine duties. No alteration will be made at all events this year.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. G.M. Ireland, with the Duchess and Lady Georgina Hamilton, have left town for Biarritz, where they are expected to stay until after Easter.

Bro. C. Cordingley, of Hammersmith, was unanimously elected W.M. of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst. The installation ceremony will take place at Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, City, on Thursday, April 7th.

Bro. John George Smith, of Gateshead, is the W.M. elect of the Industry Lodge, No. 48. His installation takes place on Monday, the 28th inst.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will hold the second Levée of the season, on Monday week, the 21st inst.

Bro. George Baldwin, P.M. 280 and 560, P.Z. 377, &c., it is our painful duty to record, died on Saturday last at his residence, Merridale Grove, Wolverhampton.

Mrs. Kendal, we are pleased to announce, resumes her character, *Millicent Boycott*, in "The Money Spinner," at the St. James's Theatre this (Saturday) evening.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Richmond has granted all the benefits of the Ground Game Act to the tenants on the Gordon Castle Estates.

The meetings of the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, are now held at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, every Monday evening, at half-past eight.

The first supper in connection with the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, will take place on Monday week, the 21st inst., upon which occasion Bro. Terry has kindly promised to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

CANDEN LODGE, No. 704.—The next meeting of this lodge will be held on Tuesday next, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, having removed there, as already announced in this column, from Kentish Town.

Bro. Knatchbull-Hugessen, who has for some little time now been indisposed, has been ordered by his medical advisers to seek change of air, and will shortly leave for the Island of Madeira.

We are asked to state that the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Royal Standard and New Concord Lodges of Instruction, at the Jolly Farmers (Bro. Fysh's), Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday next. Proceedings will commence at seven o'clock.

Atlas, of the *World*, reads with satisfaction that a Freemason's lodge is to be opened at Portsmouth, principally, but not exclusively, for men connected with the two services. Its title will perpetuate the name of a distinguished and popular officer, and that Commander, Lord Charles Beresford, has cordially consented to fill the post of first Worshipful Master.

Bro. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, U.S.A., has held the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for twenty-eight years. His faithful and intelligent services during these years the *Freemasons' Repository* says are well attested.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan have elected the following officers: Bros. D. L. Spaulding, of St. John's, Grand Master; Alanson Partridge, Deputy Grand Master; C. F. B. Fellows, Grand Senior Warden; James H. Farnum, Grand Junior Warden; Rufus W. Langdon, Grand Treasurer; William P. Inness, of Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary; Arthur M. Clark, Grand Lecturer.

Portland Lodge, No. 1037, of Portland, England, on January the 5th entertained at dinner the oldest poor inhabitants of Portland, numbering seventeen persons. The average age of those present was found to be seventy two years and five months. Twelve others of the aged and deserving poor were supplied with a good dinner, each at their own homes. We believe it is the habit of this lodge to annually give such a dinner to the aged poor.

Lion Lodge, No. 312, of Whitby, England, holds its meetings at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, not far from the ruins of Whitby Abbey. At the installation meeting, on January 17th, among the visitors was Bro. Artur, Captain of the *Louis Henri*, then in Whitby harbour, who responded in the French language to the toast in honour of the visiting brethren. Bro. Artur is a member of the lodge of St. John of Themis, of Caen, France.

Col. Baker was introduced to Her Majesty's presence on Wednesday, in the Audience Room, by Lieut.-General the Right Hon. Sir H. Ponsonby, K.C.B., and received the honour of knighthood, and was invested by the Queen with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Military Division of the Bath. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter King of Arms, was in attendance.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has signified his pleasure to preside at the forthcoming festival in aid of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge-road.

Bro. W. J. Collens, Hon. Secretary, asks us to state that the meetings of the Thistle Mark Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., every Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock.

Bro. Sir Charles Legard on Wednesday applied, through his solicitor, Mr. Watts, for a summons at the Police Court against the printer and publisher of the *Scarborough Mercury* for having inserted a copy of verses said to be grossly libelling Sir Charles, late M.P. for Scarborough. The summons was granted, and is returnable next Wednesday.

CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.—The consecration of this lodge took place at Shanklin on Monday last, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Master of the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, in a most able and efficient manner. Bro. Beach also laid the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—Comp. William Stephens, P.Z. 862, 874, 1365, 1489, &c., &c., will work the ceremony of installation of Principals at this chapter next Tuesday evening. The chapter meets at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at six p.m.

At the monthly meeting of the School Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held on Saturday last, it was decided that the case of Walter Harry Gosden be withdrawn from the list of candidates for the benefits of the Institution, as in consequence of the decease of the mother it was considered there is a sufficient income upon which to bring up the two boys.

A monument has been erected, at a cost of three hundred dollars, to the memory of R.W. Bro. John Smith, the first Deputy Grand Master of Kansas, U.S.A.

Bro. James Terry, announced at the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, that the total of subscriptions received up to that moment amounted to £14,380, with two lists still to come in. The amount announced on the evening of the festival was £14,160 13s.

SANITARY SCIENCE.—A lecture on this important subject is announced to be given by Dr. F. De Chaumont, F.R.S., Professor of Hygiene, Army Medical School, at the London Institution, Finsbury Circus, on Tuesday evening next. J. E. Erichsen, Esq., F.R.S., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, will take the chair at eight o'clock. This being a special lecture, we understand the admission will be free.

The Alexandria Obelisk was officially presented to the City of New York on the 22nd of February. The ceremonies took place in the Museum of Art, at Central Park. Secretary Everts made the presentation address, and his Honor, Mayor Grace, responded on behalf of the City. Bro. Lieut.-Com. Goringe, to whose energy and skill, in connection with the liberality of W. H. Vanderbilt, New York is indebted for the possession of the Obelisk, was repeatedly called for, but only acknowledged the call, at length with a few words of thanks. Both Bro. Goringe and Mr. Vanderbilt were presented with silver medals, on the reverse of which is the following inscription:—"Presented to the United States by Ismail, Khedive of Egypt, 1881, Quarried at Syene, and erected at Heliopolis by Thothmes III. Re-erected at Alexandria under Augustus. Removed to New York through the liberality of W. H. Vanderbilt, by the skill of Lieut.-Com. H. H. Goringe, U.S.N."—*Keystone*.

## General Tidings.

A NEW OMNIBUS COMPANY.—A new company, having for its original title "The London and District Omnibus Company (Limited)" was started a short time since, and on Thursday last three of the new omnibus cars, which have been constructed by the Bristol Waggon Works Company, were on view at the premises which have been acquired by the Omnibus Company, at No. 8, Grosvenor-road, Westminster. The cars, which are of rather a novel construction, are the invention of Captain Molesworth, R.N., and they are intended to supply the great public want of an improved class of vehicles. The object of the company is to establish a regular service of omnibuses of the most improved construction on the best metropolitan thoroughfares, including many important new routes. It is intended that the vehicles shall be better lighted by day and night, shall have lower steps, easier seats, with wider space between them, superior ventilation, improved facilities for reaching outside seats, with a mechanical arrangement for keeping the seats dry, wheels of the best construction, and many other improvements.

Colonel Blundell, Assistant Adjutant-General, Home District, has addressed a memorandum to Volunteer commanding officers, requesting them to furnish returns of the number of each corps who wish to take part in the Eastern Monday Review. From all appearances, the gathering this year promises to be the most important yet held, as, apart from the almost general desire of the Volunteers of the metropolis and several distant parts to participate in it, and which, it is believed, will result in an attendance of thirty thousand of the various arms, there is abundant evidence that the authorities at the War Office will do all in their power to make it thoroughly interesting and instructive to the large body of men who will be engaged.—*The Volunteer Review*.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK.—The second edition of this useful and essentially necessary handbook of reference for the brethren for the present year evidences its extreme popularity. As its title shows, it is comprehensively Cosmopolitan, giving as it does not only the list of all lodges, preceptories, &c., in England and Wales, but full particulars of every grand Masonic body throughout the Globe.—*Hackney and Kingsland Gazette*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The most effectual cure for Gout and Rheumatism.—A frequent cause of these complaints is the inflammatory state of the blood, attended with bad digestion, lassitude, and great debility, showing the want of a proper circulation of the fluid, and that impurity of the blood greatly aggravates these disorders. Holloway's Pills are of so purifying a nature that a few doses taken in time are an effectual preventive of gout and rheumatism, but any one that has an attack of either should use Holloway's Ointment also, the powerful properties of which, combined with the effects of the Pills, ensure a certain cure. The Ointment should be thoroughly rubbed into the parts affected at least twice a day, after they have been sufficiently fomented with warm water to open the pores to facilitate the introduction of the Ointment to the glands.—[Adv't.]

