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WE have read the rules, or bye-laws, of the Dorset Masonic Charity with much interest, and note with sincere approval the formation of such a valuable and useful adjunct to Dorsetshire Masonry. About £1000 have been raised by donations, while the amount produced by annual subscriptions is also a promising feature in the scheme. It will probably, as is desirable, assume larger proportions, and a more permanent character. To two rules only do we think could any exception be taken, namely, Rule XXIV., on a question of policy, and Rule XV., on a point of Masonic law. Would it not be wiser to leave the selection of candidates absolutely in the Committee? Is it worth while to adopt in the province the trouble and expense of proxy or personal voting? It is quite a different matter when the subscribers are many thousands, but the "game is not worth the candle," when, at most, the subscribers can be a few hundred in number. As regards the point of Masonic law a wider issue is raised. Is it competent for any body, except Provincial Grand Lodge itself, to desire a "lodge" to elect a committee of the lodge, with definite duties and a special object, and to report to such body, not to Provincial Grand Lodge. We commend these remarks of ours in all friendliness and fraternal feeling to those worthy brethren who have set on foot what promises to be a very useful and laudable undertaking.

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It will be seen elsewhere that for some time a most interesting and ably conducted discussion has been going on in our pages, anent "Masonic History and Historians," and to it we beg to call attention for special and several reasons. It shows how much may be said about Freemasonry, its annals, and its realistic existence, while, at the same time, it points out forcibly how much has to be learnt and unlearnt before we can hope or venture to pronounce decisively on several "moot points." If, no doubt, it be somewhat humiliating to confess, at first sight, that we must give up much we have readily accepted, and, moreover, much, very much, on which we have "traded," so to say, for years; if the stern and relentless "Genius" of criticism sacrifices at its shrine of rational truth all that is merely sentimental or purely traditional, yet, at any rate, this is a better state of things than that Masonic "sheepwalking" in which it has been our fashion to indulge. At the same time the warning of one of the writers may well be borne in mind, which would lead us to be on our guard against a "positive," as well as a "possible" dogmatism, against what is commonly called "post hoc propter hoc," against that inevitable reaction of thought, and study, and tendency, which having escaped one error falls into another. Each generation has probably its "specialité" of thought, taste, and temperament, and "cycles" of fancy and theory come to us, apparently, as we move on through revolving years. The tendency of the day is to what is popularly called "strict evidence," though, after all, it is often only but a partial view of the case, based on a certain amount of evidence, but which is dignified by the title of "conclusive evidence." The history of Freemasonry has so far not been written in what the Germans call the "purely critical spirit," though many distinguished names of writers will recur to our memory, all with "views" of their own, and there is a great fear lest, just now, we are about to sacrifice to a misleading "realism," built up on an insecure foundation, the true outcome of Masonic history. If that be so it can only happily be for a time, as in turn this modern hypothesis will give way to the unfailing Nemesis of an equally destructive criticism.

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WE call attention elsewhere to a description of a new Masonic temple in California, which appears in our excellent contemporary, the *Keystone*, Philadelphia, and which reflects credit, from the account, on all concerned in its erection. We always rejoice to note such paragraphs, as they seem to us to point in unmistakable terms to the happy increase of æsthetic tastes, and a truer appreciation of Freemasonry amongst the members of our Craft. For Freemasonry is neither, be it ever remembered, a benefit club, or a social symposium.

SOME of our readers may have heard of the Yorkshire Penny Bank, a most admirable institution, per se, and one calculated to advance the good cause of thrift, steadiness, self help, and sobriety. We who pen these words were privileged to be among its earliest supporters, not so very many years ago. It began with a few hundreds, became a few thousands, and at the end of 1880 there was due to depositors, in 571 branches and 120,657 accounts, £1,115,008 18s. 10d. The reserve fund now amounts to £43,391 10s. 9d. This most striking and satisfactory state of things is owing to excellent management, to careful supervision, and not in a little measure to the unceasing zeal, energy, and discretion of Mr. PETER BENT, its intelligent and courteous manager.

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BRO. R. W. A. GIDDY was installed D.G.M. of Griqualand on the 15th ult. We understand that he is now on his way to England. He has appointed Bro. F. H. S. ORPEN as his Deputy.

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IT is interesting to note the progress of our Provincial bodies, especially in their financial balance-sheets and their statistical returns. The balance-sheet of West Yorkshire for 1880-81 is before us, and we observe the following particulars. The annual income of the province appears to be about £400 in round numbers, inclusive of banker's interest. Its normal expenses appear to be under £200, including all salaries. This year the Provincial Grand Lodge has voted £210 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £21 to the Girls' School, in Bro. HENRY SMITH'S name, the well-known and zealous Provincial Grand Secretary. The balance last year in favour of Provincial Grand Lodge was £1107 5s. 2d., this year it is £1007 1s. 8d. No votes for Masonic relief, curiously enough, a fact almost unexampled we apprehend in the annals of West Yorkshire, appear in the accounts for 1880-81.

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WE call the attention of our readers specially to a report of an American Masonic Insurance Company elsewhere, as it strikes us that such an association on the same lines might perhaps be well and seasonably introduced into England. The facts are very striking.

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WE often hear of short memberships in England and late initiations. We give in another column the names of thirteen aged American Freemasons, one of whom was actually initiated in 1801. We should like to have such a return "capped," if possible, with a like English "thirteen." Perhaps some of our excellent correspondents can help us.

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THE London Masonic Charity Association has received [a large number of votes, for which it is very grateful, but we have been requested to state on its behalf that the Secretary, Bro. A. TISLEY, No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, will be much obliged to all subscribers who are intending to send him their votes if they will kindly transmit them at once to the address given. Masonic Charitable Elections are not now what they were ten years ago, and a good deal of time is taken up, necessarily, in sorting and arranging the votes.

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THE report of the East Lancashire Masonic Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution for 1880 is before us, and a very interesting and highly satisfactory one it is. It has materially relieved six applicants with £80, and has aided to educate sixteen children. The Almoners have examined into the cases of sixty-four applicants for relief in 1880, as against eighty-two in 1879, and having dismissed twenty-four as altogether unworthy of relief (we beg our readers' attention to this statement), relieved thirty-four of the sixty-four with small sums amounting to £9 1s. 6d. Of these sixty-four fifty-eight were "itinerant Masons," and six local cases were paid in instalments the sum of £33 11s. The Association is flourishing, and has now, though it sold out £1100 of investments last year, £6195 invested capital. Its actual income from subscriptions, donations, and dividends seems to be in round numbers £740. We wish it all success in its praiseworthy labours.

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ALL our readers and the whole country will hear with great concern and sympathy of the serious and alarming illness of the EARL OF BEACONSFIELD, which causes the deepest anxiety to his numerous friends, and gravely affects the entire English public.

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BEFORE we greet our readers again the "census" for 1881 will have been taken, which will demonstrate undoubtedly some very remarkable facts. We impress upon all our readers, especially our fair friends, the absolute necessity of being very precise and particular as to their real age. We publish elsewhere some pleasing and appropriate lines from our old friend *Punch*.

THE ROYAL ARCH IN AMERICA (NO. 2).

W. J. HUGHAN.

I have been much interested in reading the account of the celebration of the *quarter century* of the Royal Arch Chapter at Chelsea (Mass.), a copy of which was kindly sent me by the R.W. Bro. Cheever, the Grand Secretary. The article on the pamphlet by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, in the *Freemason* of March 26th, 1881, has interested me still more, as it purports to be an examination of the oration by R.W. Bro. Woodbury, about which I intended saying a few words. As Bro. Whytehead well puts it, "It is a common error of asserting that the Lodge at York was in its earliest days a Grand Lodge." *It was not.*

The explanation offered by Bro. Whytehead as to the "Athelstone Legend" must be a satisfactory one to all who have examined *ye Old Charges*, and it is quite evident that if the position of York Masonically depended upon its antiquity as a *Grand Lodge*, it would be *nowhere*, comparatively speaking. Its importance, however, as the city of the annual assemblies of centuries ago, according to the "Old Charges," is so clearly sustained by these venerable documents generally, that its friends would do well to rest contented with that claim, and cease the "tall talk" about its connection with a Grand Lodge existing from "time immemorial."

We may be quite certain that if any evidence of the latter had been in existence it would have been discovered by Bros. Woodford and Shaw on their visit to that city as Masonic students in 1864, or by Bro. Findel and myself, when the records were so freely and kindly offered for perusal.

The hints by "Masonic Student" as to "Masonic History and Historians" should be carefully noted by our too credulous brethren, and I hope the publication of this timely warning will prove most useful to that class. As a rule, there is but little need to advise "care and reverence" in dealing with the history of the Masonic Society.

The fault has not been a needless handling and exposure of the follies of our historians, but in a readiness to accept *anything* which they say relative to the great antiquity of certain Degrees, customs, and traditions, though possessing, in reality, but an existence of "yesterday." Bro. Whytehead, however, has made an error or two in his examination of Bro. Woodbury's oration, which he will thank me for correcting, and, as they are evidently mere "slips of the pen," doubtless due to a hasty compilation of the article, I feel quite certain he would, if time permitted, be one of the first to notice them, as having already written on the subject of Freemasonry at York, both accurately and appreciatively.

Bro. Whytehead says "The lodge at York was nothing more than a lodge until 1761;" also, that in none of the documents older than 1761 "is the word *Grand* used at all," and that the roll alluded to by Bro. Woodbury "does not in a single instance speak of a *Grand Lodge*." I must support Bro. Woodbury, and oppose my friend Bro. Whytehead, as to these statements generally. I know that my friend Bro. Whytehead, and a few others like him, are as willing to be *opposed as supported* if they deserve it, or if facts warrant the opposition, and so, without more ado, I will commence the corrections.

1. That the lodge at York was *more than a lodge* before 1761, or at all events, that it claimed to be a *Grand Lodge*, is clearly established by the title page of the speech by the *Junior Grand Warden* (Bro. Drake), which is declared to have been "delivered to the Worshipful and Antient Society of Free and Accepted Masons at a *Grand Lodge* held at Merchant's Hall, in the City of York, on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1726" (vide Hughan's "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," with 2nd edit. of speech, 1734, reproduced).

2. Also in the roll referred to by Bro. Woodbury, of 1712, &c., endorsed "1712 to 1730," the word *Grand* does occur at date as follows, "This day, Dec. 27, 1725, being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the Society went in Procession to Merchant's Hall, where, after the Grand Feast was over, they unanimously chose the Worshipful Charles Bathurst, Esqre, their Grand Master; Mr. Johnson, his Deputy; Mr. Pawson and Mr. Drake, Wardens; Mr. Scourfield, Treasurer; and John Russell, Clerk for the ensuing year." (Extracted from the Roll.) This appears to be the first meeting as a *Grand Lodge*. The word *Grand* also occurs in other minutes of July 6th, 1726, and June 24th, 1729.

3. I do not find the words "Grand Lodge" in the Roll, but "Grand Master and Lodge;" they occur, however, in Bro. Drake's speech (title page), and so it may be fairly claimed for A.D. 1725-6, especially as the prefix *Grand* is applied to the Master, Wardens, &c. It is clear to my mind that the *Grand Lodge* at York was formed in 1725 from "ye Olde Loge."

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

"A PAST MASTER" sends us his usual tables shewing the position of the several Provinces at the end of 1880 in respect of their contributions to the Girls' and Boys' Schools.

The tables are made upon the same plan as in former years, the four columns following the name of the province shewing: 1. The number of lodges in the province. 2. The number of life votes possessed by individual lodges, &c., within the province. 3. The average number of votes per lodge as shewn by the former figures. The fourth column is introduced for the first time, and gives the number of children from the province now in the School. The numbers following the name of the province refer to the position held last year in the tables published in the *Freemason* of the 1st and 8th of May.

The provinces are numbered in order of merit, those equal being so numbered. Fractions of $\frac{1}{2}$ are estimated as $\frac{1}{4}$.

The first table gives the returns for the Girls' School; the second for the Boys' School; whilst the third gives the two former added together, which affords a fairer estimate, as some provinces concentrate their support almost exclusively on one Charity.

Unfortunately, the Benevolent Institution cannot be included, the inconvenient practice of placing all subscribers in one alphabetical list being still retained.

The tables have been prepared with great care, but in so many figures there may be errors, and our correspondent will be pleased to correct any that may be pointed out.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

No.	PROVINCE.	No. of Lodges.	Votes in Province.	Giving an Average per Lodge.	Children in Institution.
1	Yorkshire, West, 1	66	1775	27	19
2	Gloucestershire, 2	14	334	24	3
3	Oxfordshire, 5	9	210	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
4	Sussex, 3	24	565	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
5	Kent, 4	45	835	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
6	Staffordshire, 7	23	420	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
7	Bristol, 16	8	141	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
8	Worcestershire, 20	11	184	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
9	Wilts, 8	10	151	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
10	Monmouthshire, 14	8	119	15	2
11	Lincolnshire, 13	20	287	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
12	Somerset, 12	22	310	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
13	S. Wales, East, 9	15	211	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
14	Surrey, 11	22	307	14	2
15	Berks and Bucks, 15	18	242	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
16	Warwickshire, 6	30	403	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
17	Dorset, 22	13	150	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
18	Hunts and Isle of Wight, 17	35	394	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	10
19	Durham, 18	26	287	11	4
20	Herts, 10	14	149	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
21	Essex, 24	19	199	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
22	Norths and Hunts, 19	9	84	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
23	Leicester and Rutland, 27	10	91	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
24	Hereford, 23	4	34	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
25	S. Wales, West, 21	9	75	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
26	Suffolk, 26	20	167	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
27	Cheshire, 28	36	271	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
28	Norfolk, 30	16	117	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
29	Middlesex, 25	31	215	7	4
30	Lancashire, East, 29	91	621	7	9
31	Notts, 31	13	88	7	2
32	Cumberland and Westmoreland, 36	19	110	6	1
33	N. Wales and Salop, 33	26	144	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
34	Yorkshire, N. and E., 32	27	138	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
35	Cornwall, 34	28	143	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
36	Devon, 35	50	224	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
37	Lancashire, W., 37	81	356	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
38	Northumberland, 38	20	85	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
39	Cambridgeshire, 40	4	17	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
40	Beds, 39	5	19	4	0
41	Derbyshire, 42	19	65	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
42	Channel Islands, 41	12	26	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
43	Isle of Man, 43	3	0	0	0
		985	10,763	11	137
		Total Provincial Lodges.	Total Provincial Votes.	Provincial Average per Lodge.	Children (Prov.) in Institution.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

No.	PROVINCE.	No. of Lodges.	Votes in Province.	Giving an Average per Lodge.	Children in Institution.
1	Dorset, 1	13	573	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
2	Yorkshire, West, 2	66	2633	40	26
3	Gloucestershire, 3	14	541	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
4	Warwickshire, 4	30	974	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
5	Kent, 6	45	1180	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
6	Sussex, 7	24	597	25	2
7	Worcestershire, 5	11	263	24	2
8	Hants and Isle of Wight, 7	35	893	23	1
9	South Wales, East, 10	15	342	23	5
10	Staffordshire, 11	23	519	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
11	Leicester and Rutland, 15	10	215	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
12	Oxfordshire, 12	9	193	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
13	Lancashire, East, 13	91	1940	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
14	Northumberland, 18	20	524	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
15	Surrey, 9	22	457	21	3
16	Wilts, 14	10	203	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
17	Durham, 16	26	516	20	6
18	Somerset, 8	22	428	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
19	Lincolnshire, 19	20	371	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
20	Essex, 23	19	350	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
21	Bristol, 20	8	139	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
22	Norths and Hunts, 22	9	143	16	3
23	South Wales, West, 23	9	143	16	3
24	Middlesex, 24	31	438	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
25	Derbyshire, 26	19	249	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
26	Berks and Bucks, 20	18	328	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
27	Cumberland and Westmoreland, 26	19	237	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
28	Cheshire, 30	36	448	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
29	Yorkshire, N. and E., 25	27	313	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
30	Herts, 34	14	158	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
31	Suffolk, 29	20	218	11	1
32	Monmouthshire, 31	8	87	11	4
33	Norfolk, 36	16	172	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
34	Lancashire, West, 39	81	850	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
35	N. Wales and Salop, 33	26	259	10	6
36	Hereford, 37	4	39	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
37	Notts, 32	13	103	8	0
38	Devon, 35	50	338	7	5
39	Beds, 38	5	31	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
40	Cambridgeshire, 41	4	22	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
41	Cornwall, 40	28	149	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
42	Channel Islands, 42	12	54	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
43	Isle of Man, 43	3	0	0	0
		985	18,540	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	151
		Total Provincial Lodges.	Total Provincial Votes.	Provincial Average per Lodge.	Children (Prov.) in Institution.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS (UNITED).

No.	PROVINCE.	No. of Lodges.	Votes in Province.	Giving an Average per Lodge.	Children in Institution.
1	Yorkshire, West, 1	66	4408	67	39
2	Gloucestershire, 2	14	875	62½	6
3	Dorset, 3	13	723	55½	8
4	Sussex, 7	24	1162	48½	6
5	Warwickshire, 4	30	1377	46	13
6	Kent, 15	45	2015	45	15
7	Oxfordshire, 6	9	403	45	1
8	Staffordshire, 10	23	939	41	9
9	Worcestershire, 9	11	447	40½	3
10	S. Wales, East, 11	15	553	37	6
11	Wilts, 12	10	354	35½	6
12	Bristol, 18	8	280	35	3
13	Surrey, 9	22	764	34½	5
14	Hants and Isle of Wight, 13	35	1197	34½	11
15	Somerset, 8	22	738	33½	12
16	Lincolnshire, 16	20	658	33	14
17	Berks and Bucks, 17	18	570	31½	4
18	Durham, 15	26	803	31	10
19	Leicester and Rutland, 19	10	306	30½	2
20	Northumberland, 23	20	609	30½	3
21	Essex, 22	19	549	29	4
22	Lancashire, East, 20	91	2561	28½	24
23	Monmouthshire, 26	8	206	25½	6
24	Norths and Hunts, 21	9	227	25½	4
25	S. Wales, West, 27	9	218	24½	5
26	Herts, 24	14	307	22	1
27	Middlesex, 25	31	653	21½	5
28	Cheshire, 29	36	719	20	8
29	Suffolk, 28	20	385	19½	7
30	Cumberland and Westmoreland, 31	19	347	18½	5
31	Hereford, 32	4	73	18½	0
32	Norfolk, 36	16	289	18½	5
33	Derbyshire, 34	19	314	16½	3
34	Yorkshire, N. and E., 30	27	451	16½	7
35	N. Wales and Salop, 35	26	493	15½	6
36	Lancashire, W., 39	81	1206	15	6
37	Notts, 33	13	191	14½	2
38	Devon, 37	50	562	11½	11
39	Cornwall, 38	28	292	10½	1
40	Beds, 40	5	50	10	0
41	Cambridgeshire, 41	4	39	9½	2
42	Channel Islands, 42	12	80	6½	0
43	Isle of Man, 43	3	0	0	0
		985	29,203	21	288
		Total Provincial Lodges.	Total Provincial Votes.	Provincial Average per Lodge.	Total Children from Provinces.

MASONIC INSURANCE.

The North-Western Masonic Aid Association is still progressing in its successful career. From a late assessment notice we quote the following remarks of the Secretary: "Our association increased in membership 226 last month, and is steadily growing. We entered this new year with 9126 members in all the divisions. I believe this is double the membership of any other Masonic Association in the world, although there are a large number of excellent Masonic Associations scattered over this country, all of which have our hearty God-speed in their work. Our fame has become very widely extended, and applications are offering from all quarters of the globe. We have recently been urged to accept risks in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. Although assured that the climate was one of the best, and that the proposed applicants are American citizens residing there, we have felt constrained to decline them, as we must stop somewhere, and the difficulties of proving up deaths or of investigating any matters which might require it, at so great a distance, would be too great. We could hardly protect the Association against possible imposition, with a membership belting the earth. We have a great and beneficent Institution, but we cannot open our doors to the whole Masonic world, much as we might like to do so."

We understand that the Association takes risks from Maine to California, throughout most of the Northern States and Territories, but accepts none from the Southern States, and, as will be seen by the above, declines to go beyond our own country. This decision will, doubtless, meet the approval of the members. This whole question of who shall be deemed acceptable for membership is one of paramount importance, and one which may well receive the careful consideration of the Board of Management of every institution of this kind. The qualification for admission to the North-Western are, so far as we know, the following: 1st. The applicant must be an affiliated Master Mason not more than fifty years of age. 2nd. He must pass a careful medical examination, showing him to be in a first-class physical condition and free from tendency to disease, as shown by his past history and the history of his family, which must show freedom from taint of hereditary disease. 3rd. He must be a man of good habits. 4th. He must reside in a healthy and tolerably accessible locality; and 5th, his occupation must not be extra hazardous. All these things are essential, and their careful observance cannot be too highly commended. The Association has now been in operation six years and eight months, and the average yearly cost of insurance has been as follows—viz., for members aged

Dols.	Dois.
21 to 30, 5.61	per 1000, per year, since July 1874:
31 " 40, 6.67	" " " " " " " "
41 " 48, 8.07	" " " " " " " "
49 " 55, 9.83	" " " " " " " "
Over 55, 11.93	" " " " " " " "

We find that the average rates of the regular insurance companies for 1000 dollars insurance, one year, are as follows, viz.: for persons aged twenty-two to thirty 20.70 dollars; those aged thirty-one to forty 27.01 dollars; those aged forty-one to forty-eight 37.46 dollars; those aged forty-nine to fifty five 52.09 dollars; those aged fifty-six to sixty-five 90 dollars for 1000 dollars insurance, one year. Thus showing that the cost in the North-Western Masonic Aid Association of Chicago has been, for nearly seven years, considerably less than one third the rates of the life insurance companies, and leaving no doubt as to the cause of the wide popularity and the remarkable growth of the Association.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS'.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present [Bros. Colonel Creaton, G. Treas. (in the chair), John A. Rucker, A. J. Duff Filer, George Bolton, E. H. Finney, James Peters, Thomas Massa, A. H. Tattershall, Joshua Nunn, James F. Corben, J. H. Matthews, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. G. Brown, Peter de Lande Long, R. B. Webster, and H. Massey (Freemason). After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion, a vote of thanks being passed to the Chairman.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I have read, as all must do, with deep pleasure my friend Bro. Gould's able paper in the last *Freemason* under this heading. And, as he appeals to me "nominatin," I send a few lines to the *Freemason*.

1. As regards the "Master Mason" and the "chair of the lodge," &c., I am inclined to accept Anderson's statements. Such was the "idea" and "belief" of my lamented Bro. E. W. Shaw, who often, in years ago, "discoursed" to me on the point, and if that be so, much of the obscurity attendant on the Third Degree would be explained. We must remember that so far we have built up our statements, as regards Degrees, &c., on a confused medley of "ritual evidence alone," and then "all the ritual evidence is late eighteenth century." So far we know nothing whatever of the customs of the lodge at Warrington, or of the lodge which met (teste Ashmole) in Basinghall-street in 1682. The earliest evidence we have is the Sloane MS., in 1716, the Mason's Examination, in 1723, and Grand Mystery, in 1724; and we can only take them for what they are worth, which, on the whole, is not a great deal, for various reasons, nor can they be depended upon. And where then else can we go for evidence? This is the "crux" we have to deal with today, and on this point must depend to a very great extent the "turn" which Masonic history for some time must take.

2. I am very sorry that I cannot agree, and never shall, I fear, with the 1717 theory of Freemasonry, and the development of the Degrees from 1717 to 1723. The existence of the Sloane MS. is, undoubtedly, in my mind, fatal to any such hypothesis, and though every attempt has been made to lower its date; yet three "facts" are patent to all experts—the one is, that its verbiage is not eighteenth century verbiage, and as clearly seventeenth century; the second is, that it is a "transcript" from another MS., and not an original MS. in itself; and the third is, that though the paper mark is not conclusive as to 1716, it is a most fair presumption that it is not, and cannot be, much later than that date. But this is a point which can alone be settled by experts; and though I have heard conflicting views as to its "archaisms," I have never listened to any about its not being early eighteenth century. I will, however, if Bro. Gould desires it, submit the MS. to the judgment of Mr. Bond, of the British Museum, than whom no better or safer authority can exist.

3. I quite agree with Bro. Gould as to all that Sir G. C. Lewis says, but must beg here to observe that, while I fully endorse all such "canons" of "historical criticism," I object most respectfully to his present position "in toto," inasmuch as he is practically and dogmatically settling, to my mind, on confessedly imperfect evidence what is still really and truly "in life" and "sub judice."

A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

A new Masonic Temple was dedicated by the Craft at Oakland, California, on Washington's birthday, February 22nd, Bro. the Hon. Samuel C. Denson, M.W. Grand Master, presiding, assisted by his Grand Officers. The Freemasons of San Francisco and vicinity participated, and the procession was large and imposing. The oration was delivered by Bro. Marcus D. Boruck, W.M. of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 44, of San Francisco. In the evening a grand banquet and reception were given. The new temple cost 75,000 dollars, and is imposing in appearance. We take the following description from the San Francisco *Call* of February 24th:

"The temple is a beautiful, solid-looking, and elegantly-finished three-story structure, and a great ornament to the city. The Twelfth-street front is of pressed brick, with sandstone finish, ornamented with vases, Maltese crosses and pillars. The entrance is a heavy Gothic portico of polished Penryn granite, supported by pillars of the same material in black, the letter G being over the gateway, above which and over the stairway is erected the main tower, finished square, having Gothic windows and with fleur-de-lis ornamentation for the apex. The sub-tower is at the north end, on the Washington-street side, presenting a neat contrast. Near the centre is the sharp-cut roof tower, with gable, facing the street, adorned with crosses in circles, and all around the building are pinnacles and peaks handsomely arranged. On the Washington-street side are five niches, two in front of the first, two on the second, and one on the upper floor, bearing beneath them the inscriptions, 'Prudence,' 'Justice,' 'Temperance,' 'Fortitude,' and 'Charity.' These, it is intended, shall be replaced by stone statues."—*Keystone*.

According to the *Keystone*, St. John's Day, the 24th June, 1882, will be the 150th anniversary (the sesqui centennial) of the first meeting of a Grand Lodge in America; and this took place at the Tun Tavern, Water-street, Philadelphia, on that day, 1732. The following newspaper account of the event is quoted by the *Keystone* from Benjamin Franklin's newspaper, the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of the date, Monday, June 26th, 1732: "Philadelphia, June 26.—Saturday last, being St. John's Day, a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons was held at the Tun Tavern, in Water-street, when, after a handsome entertainment, the Worshipful W. Allen, Esq., was unanimously chosen Grand Master of this Province for the year ensuing; who was pleased to appoint Mr. Wm. Pringle, Deputy Master. Wardens chosen for the ensuing year were Thomas Boude and Benjamin Franklin."

The sixty-two victims of the Nice disaster consist of thirty-six Frenchmen (twenty-five of them natives of the province), twenty Italians, four English, one German, and one of unknown nationality. Three were boys under twelve, nine youths between twelve and twenty-one, four girls, and twenty-four male and female adults.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE.

PATRONS:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c.,
M.W.G.M., PRESIDENT.
H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

The NINETY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place on Wednesday, 18th MAY next, on which occasion the Right Hon.

SIR MICHAEL E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P.,
R.W. Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire,
has kindly consented to preside.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards are much needed, and will greatly oblige by forwarding their names as early as possible to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office—5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, London, E.C.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

APRIL ELECTIONS, 1881.

The Association has selected the following Candidates and requests the votes of the London Brethren on their behalf:—

GIRLS.

24. Anscumb, L. M.
21. March, E. J.
15. Penny, E. M.
First and Final Applications.

BOYS.

3. Fellows, A.
59. March, G. A.
13. Estlin, C. N.
24. Carey, S. D.
36. Alfred, Lucas Lewis.

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

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—APRIL ELECTION, 1881.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

STEPHEN DARCY CAREY,

Aged Ten Years, son of the late Bro. Stephen Carey, who was initiated in the City of London Lodge, No. 901, on the 20th January, 1868, and remained a full Subscribing Member until his death, which took place on the 26th July, 1879, after a long illness, which prevented him making any provision for his Widow and Six Children, who are left totally unprovided for. The case is strongly recommended, and Proxies will be thankfully received by the Widow, Mrs. M. A. Carey, 43, Devonshire Road, Seven Sisters' Road, Holloway, N.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUB- SCRIBERS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1881.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

GRANTLEY WICKS,

No. 75 on the List of Candidates.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the Mother of the Child, Mrs. Wicks, Challoner-street, Cockermouth, Mr. T. Mason, Secretary, Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth; or by the Rev. H. L. Puxley, Catton Rectory, Yorks.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

STABILITY LODGE OF IN- STRUCTION,

MASONS' HALL TAVERN, COLEMAN-STREET, E.C.

BRO. HENRY MUGGERIDGE, P.M., W.M.

FRIDAY, THE 20TH APRIL, 1881, AT 5.30 P.M.,
The Ceremonies of the Three Degrees will be worked.

The V.W. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A.,
Past Grand Chaplain of England,
Will preside at the Banquet, which will be on the Table at
8 o'clock.

TICKETS FIVE SHILLINGS EACH.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE.

PATRONS:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c.,
M.W.G.M., PRESIDENT.
H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 9th day of April, 1881, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of this Institution, to consider Notices of Motion as follow, and to elect Fifteen Girls into the Schools by Ballot, from a list of Twenty-eight approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over) and close at Three o'clock precisely.

NOTICES OF MOTION BY BRO. THOMAS MASSA.

No. 1.—That Competition designs be invited from Freemason Architects who are Governors of the Institution for a Preparatory School to be built on the newly purchased site, facing Wandsworth Road, to accommodate the children now temporarily lodged in Lyncombe House and fifty others in addition.

No. 2. 1st.—That the act of the House Committee in trying to get a scheme from a builder for an additional new staircase to the Infirmary, in lieu of a proper design from the Architect, was as irregular as it proved abortive.

2nd.—That it would be prejudicial to erect the new staircase without taking into consideration the other additional accommodation now required by the greatly enlarged establishment, as shown on the competition design accepted by the Infirmary Committee in 1871.

3rd.—That it is unmasonic and derogatory to the Craft to "solicit" a cowan, or employ a person who is not a Freemason, to act as Architect to complete a "Masonic" building, to the detriment of a brother who was appointed Architect as the remuneration for supplying the design in competition; who has carried out a portion satisfactorily, and against whom no offence is alleged, that it is a slur on all Freemason Architects, especially on the many who are Governors of the Institution; and the House Committee be requested to consider the subject and report to the General Committee thereon.

No. 3. That the Resolution passed by the House Committee, 17th February, 1881, with regard to the Architect of the Infirmary, and his letters to the Committee, is inconsistent with the facts.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,
1st April, 1881.

TO OUR READERS.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1881.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

CHAS. MASTERS, SAINT JOHN, N.B.—The privilege is possessed, we believe, by two lodges—Antiquity, No. 2, and Royal Somerset House and Inverness, No. 4—and is of very ancient date.

To Correspondents.

Brethren having copies to dispose of, of either of the following works by Bro. Huggan, will please communicate with the Publisher of the "Freemason" at 198, Fleet-street, and state the price they would be willing to take for them, inclusive of carriage.

- 1 "Old Constitutions of the Freemasons."
- 2 "Masonic Sketches and Reprints."
- 3 "Old Charges of the British Freemasons."
- 4 "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813."

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times," "Broad Arrow," "Pictorial World," "Licensed Victuallers' Guardian," "Hull Packet," "Wallington and Carshalton Herald," "Voice of Masonry," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Paper and Print," "Der Long Islaender," "Citizen," "New York Dispatch," "The Masonic Record of Western India," "The Masonic Herald," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The Mystic Tie."

Original Correspondence.

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

A SERIOUS MATTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Re the letter headed "A Serious Matter," in your paper of the 19th inst. As Secretary to the lodge of instruction in which the circumstance occurred, will you allow me to state that the charge was made in accordance with Rule 4 of the bye-laws of the lodge, a copy of which I enclose. It is quite time that the charge is only levied on members of the local Craft lodges, and that brethren from a distance are exempt. The reason, I think, is obvious.

The subscription is only 2s. 6d. per annum, and we do not consider it unreasonable to expect that resident brethren who desire instruction should become subscribing members to the lodge; hence the charge for non-members was made as a check upon any brother who might make a practice of attending the lodge with a view to gain instruction free of cost. Brethren from a distance are not likely to do so. The charge therefore is only what is fair to the subscribing members.

Your correspondent, Bro. P. J. J., certainly did not visit to gain instruction; and it was the regret of some that the Treasurer, called upon him to pay the fee. It is but fair to state that the first time I had the pleasure of seeing Bro. P. J. J. after the meeting, by order of the Treasurer, I offered to refund the sixpence, which Bro. P. J. J. refused to accept.

As to Bro. P. J. J. not having heard of such a thing before, I can only say the sister lodge of instruction here makes a charge upon non-members; and I have been informed it is a general rule among the lodges of instruction in the city of London. I see nothing unfair in the practice.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN DUCKITT, JUN.,
Sec. N.C.L. of I. No. 406, and W.M.
St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481.

March 25.

DEAN SWIFT'S SATIRE ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Seeing no reply in to-day's *Freemason* to the inquiry of "Antiquarius," I am induced to offer some information as to the witty Dean's "skit." I have not at hand "Oliver's Revelations of a Square," but apprehend that the allusion is to "A Letter from the Grand Mistress of the Female Freemasons to George Faulkner, Printer," which appears in the works of Dean Swift.

The letter itself occupies about twelve duodecimo pages, and contains a burlesque description of Freemasonry. The pretended Lodge of Female Freemasons we are told was formed by a gentleman, who by a "heinous blunder" was "made a free but unsworn Mason." He was entitled their "guardian;" was possessed of a "refined and uncommon knowledge in the great art," in consequence of having "fortunately hit" upon "the ancientest and purest" lodge "now on earth." "The lodge is to be kept at Mrs. Prater's female coffee-house every Tuesday, from nine in the morning to twelve, and the tenth day of every month in the year, where all ladies of true hearts and sound morals shall be admitted without swearing."

The song "Come, let us prepare," is given, prefixed with the remark "It was written by one Anderson, as our guardian informs me."

In the postscript, the "ingenious Drapier" (Dean Swift himself, author of Drapier's Letters) is informed that "if he be not already a Freemason, he shall be welcome to be our deputy guardian."

The signature is "Thalestris," and the following apparently mysterious line finishes the whole

"Tsrif eht Tsugua Nilbud:"

being simply "Dublin, August the First," when read from right to left,

Yours fraternally,

T. P., P.M. 1125.

Tiverton, 26th March, 1881.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The marked success of the Boys at the recent Cambridge Local examination, reported in your last issue, is most gratifying.

It would be very interesting to know in what subjects they "passed," also in what subjects they gained honours, and the class of honours in each.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

X.

ENCYCLOPÆDIAS AND MASONIC CYCLO- PÆDIAS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

My esteemed friend, Bro. Gould, in his able essay on "Masonic History and Historians" in the last *Freemason* condemns all Encyclopædias for accepting the "Wren theory" of Masonic existence, &c. I am happy to think that he excepts your Cyclopædia, as I have never accepted the statement of the "Parentalia" in respect of Freemasonry, and such a view is not to be found in "Kenning's Cyclopædia." It is impossible at this distance of time to say who is the true parent of that interesting little bantling, whether Sir Christopher or Christopher Wren, or "Ames," at any rate, the editor of the "Parentalia," though he probably got his evidence from the Wren family. As regards Sir Christopher Wren, your Cyclopædia endorses no such view, indeed the article "Wren" is most cautiously expressed as to his Masonic claims, except as reporting what others have said.

It has always been the "crux" to my mind, if Sir Christopher Wren was a Freemason, why Anderson did not mention the fact in 1723.

"Masonic Student" has used this fact for a "destructive criticism" as regards the claims of "Locke," and the fact, in one sense, applies "à fortiori" to Sir Christopher Wren, though I think the point may be explained.

If Sir Christopher Wren was the G.M., it is quite clear the Freemasons as of 1717 were dissatisfied with him, and

therefore in 1723, when he died, and the first edition of the "Constitutions" came out, he may have been deliberately ignored. Be this as it may, the "points" mentioned by Bro. Gould have been very familiar to

Yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR CYCLOPÆDIA.

BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I enclose copy of a letter I have addressed to the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and if you can find a corner for it, I shall feel much obliged.

Yours fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

COPY.

27, Walbrook, E.C.,

30 March, 1881.

"To the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Gentlemen and Brethren,—

"In order that unnecessary expense might be avoided, my solicitors submitted the following names to Mr. Stanley, the representative of the House Committee, for him to select one to act as referee on my claim for professional services to the Institution: Sir H. A. Hunt, C.B.; George Pownall, Esq.; John Whichcord, Esq.; Arthur Cates, Esq.; W. J. Gardiner, Esq.; Joseph Lavender, Esq.; and W. Hudson, Esq., all of them being, as you are aware, gentlemen of the highest character and standing in the profession.

"After a long time had elapsed for consideration, Mr. Stanley suggested Mr. J. E. Saunders, of Finsbury-circus, a gentleman of equal character and standing with those I had named, and my solicitors immediately agreed to accept his decision.

"The House Committee have now refused to agree to the proposal of Mr. Stanley, their own representative, and consequently I had no alternative but to give instructions to proceed with the necessary steps for the enforcement of my claim, but I think it only right to lay the present position of the matter before you, as the conduct of the House Committee must have the effect of running up heavy and unnecessary law charges, which must eventually fall on the Institution.

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON."

Reviews.

LE MONDE MACONIQUE FOR MARCH. Paris. This French magazine, ably edited by Bro. Grimaux, has much of interest for French readers, and is a useful record of French Freemasonry. It records among other facts that a group of lodges at Seville has formed a fourth Grand Lodge in Spain, accepting the formula of the Congress of Lausanne. In fact it seems in some way to be an "emanation" from that body, and it has seceded from its Lusitanian or Portuguese mother Grand Lodge. We confess we do not profess to understand how a Masonic body can "hail" from a Portuguese Grand Lodge. Sagasta, the present Premier of Spain, is a member of the Masonic Order.

THE MASONIC AGE. St. Louis, Mo., U.S.

We have read the February number of this most interesting little Masonic serial with pleasure. The magazine is very well edited, and contains some very well written articles. It reflects credit on all concerned in its management.

THE THEATRE. Third Series, 16, Vol. 3, 4. C. Dickens and Evans, 26, Wellington-street, Strand.

This is a serial devoted to the "drama, music, and the fine arts." It is edited by "Clement Scott," and appears to have much to interest its readers, and as a class magazine is evidently of considerable merit.

BOOK CATALOGUES.

J. Salkeld, 1, Orange-street, Red Lion-square, has in his catalogue 1771, among several very curious books, a remarkable collection of "Street Literature," for those who collect such "oddities," and a very singular collection of Miscellaneous Tracts. He has also some most curious old "Broad-sides" from the libraries of David Laing, Kenelm H. Digby, and others.

THE BIBLIOGRAPHER'S MANUAL OF ENGLISH LITERATURE. By W. T. Lowndes. Corrected and enlarged by H. G. Bohn. New edition, 4 vols. George Bell and Sons, York-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

What a useful book is our old familiar friend W. T. Lowndes, and as enlarged by H. G. Bohn especially so. Armed with it, and having mastered it, the "Bibliomaniac" of the day is independent of booksellers' catalogues, and can himself easily "price" rare editions and forgotten issues. It is, however, a study—a good hard study—in itself, and there is no Royal road to "bibliography," or "book-buying," as there is to anything else.

THE VOICE OF MASONRY for March. Chicago. Maintains its high character and its Masonic "good form." It is a very remarkable specimen of Masonic serial literature. We wish it all success, and are always pleased to read it.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1881 :

THE FREEMASONS' MANUAL AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF KENT, 1881.

The practice of issuing provincial directories is a very commendable one, for although the "Freemasons' Calendar" and the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" contain a vast amount of information relative to Masonry throughout the world, it is impossible that they can furnish all the minute details relative to Masonry in each province. These useful directories supply that want, and, knowing as we do

how much labour such publications entail, we think that the compilers of such works deserve the thanks of their brethren for undertaking, without fee or reward, such arduous duties. Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec. for Leicestershire and Rutland, has again fathered the ninth issue of the Directory of that province, and Bro. T. S. Warne, P.P.G. Sec. Kent, has done equal service for his province. The latter, as containing the larger number of lodges, is the more voluminous, but both appear to be equally accurate and useful.

DEBRETT'S HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THE JUDICIAL BENCH. London: Dean and Son, Fleet-street.

This useful and carefully compiled work has just made its appearance for 1881. The general election having taken place since its last appearance, a striking change appears to those who have made themselves familiar with recent issues. From a careful examination of that portion of which we have a personal knowledge we can speak confidently as to its accuracy. The arms of all M.P.'s and English Judges, or at least those who are fortunate enough to possess them, are, as usual, attached. A useful feature in this issue is the section entitled "Changes since the General Election," which supplies in a summarised form information not elsewhere procurable. The whole of the information appears either to have been furnished or verified by the persons themselves, hence its absolute accuracy can be relied on. The volume presents the same features of excellent typography, engraving, and binding as its predecessors; and both editor and publishers are to be congratulated on the production of such a valuable hand-book.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

Is Bro. Whythead right in his assumption that no Grand Lodge at York existed before the Revival under Drake? Surely the evidence is entirely the other way. Is the address of the J.G.W. in 1726 a mythical address? Was Drake not J.G.W. then? What about the earlier minutes and "Presidents"? Bro. Whythead is generally so accurate that I am inclined to think his last "deliverance" a "lapsus pennis."

MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC BOOK.

I see in a catalogue that Linnecar's Works of Wakefield, 1789, are for sale, price 3s., and also a curious Masonic tract, called "The Cat out of the Bag," &c. Is anything known about the latter?

BOOKWORM.

EUPHUISTS.

I have always understood that the proverb "Mind your p's and q's," took its rise from the liability of compositors to mistake those two letters. "Mind your n's and u's" might be another version with advantage. Two such blunders in my query in the Freemason of the 19th March, converted "Euphues" into "Euphnes," and "Euphuists" into "Euphnists," thereby puzzling poor "Enquirer," who writes in the issue of the 26th March to ask my meaning, and by a third such blunder has his query turned into nonsense.

G. H. J. H.

AN OLD SONG.

I am glad to inform your correspondent "Tenor" that the old song he inquires about, commencing

Ye thrice happy Jew,
Whose hearts have been true,

is to be found in page 347 of "Book of Constitutions," formerly belonging to Honour and Perseverance Lodge, at Cokermonth, constituted in the year 1788, and subsequently removed to Batley, under the title of Nelson of the Nile. Unfortunately the title page of the book is missing; but it may be a guide to your correspondent if I add that the last "annual assembly and feast" of Grand Lodge is dated Thursday, June 1st, 1758. I believe, however, the book was published in 1763.

I shall be pleased to forward "Tenor" a copy of the song, which is too long for your columns, seeing that it contains eight verses.

W. F. LAMONBY.

37, Mountain View, Cockermonth, March 26th.

The "verses" are to be found by themselves, though marked No. 1, of a song contained, in the "Secrets of the Freemasons Revealed," &c., alluded to in last Freemason, and which song has nine stanzas, with the "chorus" attached to each. They are, I am inclined to think, somewhat rare, though I have seen them somewhere, unable as I am, except in this pamphlet alone, to lay my hand on a reference.

M.S.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

I have read Bro. Gould's most interesting paper, but find nothing to controvert, but a good deal to support my belief in the Masonic membership of Sir Christopher Wren. The simple fact, that several contemporary non-Masonic journals give him the name of "Freemason" is, to some extent, most corroborative evidence of the statement of Anderson in 1738. Bro. Gould's ingenious "gloss" that the word "Freemason" means the "operative character" is an impossible one to receive in the eighteenth century, and I am a little astonished that with his usual acumen he did not note the unreality of any such explanation. From 1717, "Freemason" meant, in common parlance, a "speculative Mason." Before the middle of the seventeenth century Bro. Gould might have, perhaps, some reason in his explanation.

A MEMBER OF NO. 2.

THE ROSICRUCIANS.

In Henry Morley's life of "Cornelius Agrippa," Vol. 1., page 58, occur the following passages: "Secret societies, chiefly composed of curious and learned youths, had by this time become numerous, and numerous especially among the Germans." * * * * *

"Towards the close of the sixteenth century such associations, the foundation of which has been a desire to keep thought out of fetters, were developed into the form of brotherhoods of Rosicrucians." * * * * *

The brotherhoods of Rosicrucians are still commonly

remembered, but in the social history of Europe they are less to be considered than those first confederations of "Theosophists," which nursed, indeed, mystical errors gathered from the Greeks and Jews, but out of whose theories there was developed much of a pure spiritualism, &c. What is the historical evidence of such statements? ROSY CROSS.

DIONYSIAN MYSTERIES.—We need not dilate upon these mysteries, as we shall revert to the general question under Mysteries, which see; but simply mention that they were dedicated to Bacchus, and were much esteemed in Greece and the Asiatic region. They are said to have been originally Egyptian, and were probably preservative of some portion of primaeval truth. They seem to have pointed to death and to resurrection, and probably, under mystic emblems, were significative of man's eternal existence of God. The Dionysian mysteries, like others, seem to have given to the initiate both exoteric teaching and esoteric signs of recognition. Some, however, doubt this. But see Mysteries. We may observe that a good deal of nonsense has been written about these mysteries and others, and that much that is advanced is purely apocryphal.—Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The installation of Bro. Major George Singleton Tudor as Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire Freemasons took place at the Borough Hall, Stafford, on Monday, the 21st ult., in the presence of upwards of two hundred and fifty brethren, including several visitors from Grand Lodge, and from other provinces. Since the lamented death, in May, 1877, of the Earl of Shrewsbury, who had been the ruler of the Craft in Staffordshire from 1871 to that date, the province had been under the direction of Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar. At the first annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge after the death of the Earl of Shrewsbury Bro. Tudor succeeded Bro. Frank James in the office of Dep. Prov. G.M., a position which he (Bro. Tudor) had formerly occupied. Bro. Tudor is highly esteemed as a Mason, and the announcement that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M., had appointed him R.W.G.M. of Staffordshire gave universal satisfaction. To this feeling no doubt may be attributed the large attendance of brethren on Monday.

The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., attended to perform the installation ceremony, and amongst those who were present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; F. Richardson, S.G.D.; H. T. S. Baring, J.G.D.; W. B. Hughes, M.P., D.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire; Capt. Hunter, P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire; Foster Gough, P.D.P.G.M.; Frank James, P.P.D.G.M.; F. B. Spencer, 1149, P.P.G.W. Surrey. The Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. W. Bayliss, S.W.; R. Tooth, Reg.; J. Bodenham, Treas.; W. Cartwright, Sec.; the Revs. E. C. Perry and J. Birch, Chaps.; W. E. Parkes, S.D.; G. Pitchford, J.D.; K. Macrae, Sup. of Wks.; T. E. Fowke, A.D.C.; R. Tolson, P.G.P.; T. Bedmore, P.G.O.; J. Woolridge, J. B. McCallum, J. Hayes, J. Mottram, T. Rigby, T. Wood, Stewds.; and H. Baggeley, Tyler. The following also signed the Tyler's book: C. Fendelow, Past Prov. Grand S.W.; C. Graham, 624, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Hales, 418, P.P.G.S.W.; Derry, 482, P.P.G.W.; J. F. Wileman, 546, P.P.S.G.W.; M. Barker, 1792, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Turner, 460, P.P.G.R.; T. Taylor, 418, P.P.G.S.W.; J. D. Hewson, 726, P.P.G.W.; J. Newman, 539, P.P.G.J.W.; — Matthews, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Spilsbury, 726, P.P.G.J.W.; J. L. Warren, 726, P.P.G.R.; J. Steene, 526, P.P.G.R.; H. Kitson, 526, P.P.G.R.; A. G. Prince, 546, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Bickley, 418, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Rogers, 418, P.P.G.D.; B. G. Call, 539, P.P.G.D.; James Walker, 419, P.P.G.D.; H. Woodhouse, 726, P.P.G.D.; T. B. Munday, 1039, P.P.G.C.; R. Gibson, 419, P.P.A.D.C.; T. M. Humphries, 539, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. S. Crapper, 418, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. T. Tozer, 347, P.P.G.C.; G. Higham, 526, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Randall, 482, P.P.G.C.; W. J. Goddard, 624, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; R. Dain, 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; A. Caddick, 662, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Needham, 966, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Jones, 460, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. A. Newham, 526, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.P.; S. Hyslop, 460, P.P.G.P.; J. W. Hancock, 1060, P.P.G.P.; W. Vernon, 456, P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Parton, 662, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Arkinstall, 662, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Lucas, 624, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Langman, P.M. 419; W. Lowe, W.M. 624; J. W. Parkes, P.M. 482; J. G. Ainsworth, P.M. 460; S. Clapp, P.M. 662; F. Brandon, W.M. 418; A. L. Broad, P.M. 460; J. Thorburne, P.M. and W.M. 98; J. Deeley, P.M. and W.M. 482; J. F. Pepper, P.M. 482; W. B. Barrow, P.M. 662; T. Q. Morrison, W.M. 966; J. Roberts, W.M. 662; P. Davenport, W.M. 651; J. Sherwin, P.M. 546; T. H. Griffiths, P.M. 546; C. B. Allerton, P.M. 546; W. H. Bucknell, W.M. 460; D. Round, S.W. 347; G. W. Martin, J.D. 460; G. Kent, J.D. 546; W. Brown, S.D. 347; G. H. Pickburn, S.D. 98; J. Whitworth, 347; T. Cope, 98; J. Proctor, 98; T. Pedley, I.G. 98; J. W. C. Warmington, 1284; E. Sherratt, 98; D. Smith, S.W. 687; J. Booth, 98; G. Fleet, 637; E. H. Croydon, J.W. 460; T. E. Brown, 98; W. Cooper, J.D. 98; W. Beswick, 98; T. Blair, W.M. 546; — Field, 98; D. Chapman, S.D. 546; G. Copestake, 546; W. Fleet, 637; G. W. Bayley, 539; W. Tunnichiff, 418; G. V. Greatbach, 418; J. M. Darwin, S.W. 546; T. Spencer, 662; J. Downing, 662; R. Benbow, J.W. 451; G. Dance, S.D. 662; S. Evans, 662; G. W. Warren, 662; J. Snape, 460; F. Skerrett, 460; J. Cooke, 460; J. Clarke, J.W. 1039; G. Buttery, Sec. 1039; R. Garbett, 539; J. C. Evans, 526; S. Burbidge, 98; W. L. Armstrong, S.D. 539; J. Griffin, 539; H. Vallance, 539; J. Warrilow, 482; T. Ryder, 792; Chas. F. Garrett, 539; J. Senior, S.W. 726; S. Scott, S.W. 726; J. Baker, J.D. 726; E. J. Mousley, I.G. 726; F. Greatrex, 726; N. Joyce, 726; C. H. Dudley, 726; A. F. Whitlome, 726; H. B. Livingston, 726; T. Masters, 726; T. Hyatt, 726; S. Plant, 726; H. Newton, 726; A. Heath, 726; W. T. Duncalf, 726; P. Bottrill, 726; A. Joyce, 726; R. Heath, 726; R. Tomlinson, Tyler 726; T. B. Mottram, 726; H. Thorn, 726; W. D. Batkin, 726; B. T. Oswell, 726; J. Nutt, 726; J. P. Pritchard, 539; G. Sharpe, J.W. 696; W. J. Boys, W.M. 539; H. R. Owen, 526; W. Elkington, 419; J. Meanley, J.W. 419; C. Wain, 1792; F. Froisher,

At 3.30 p.m., the brethren, clothed in full Masonic costume, formed in procession in front of the lodge room for the purpose of proceeding to Jackson-street, to take part in laying the foundation-stone of the new Industry Masonic Hall; and as the brethren were being marshalled by Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.D. of C., and Bro. R. F. Cook, D. of C., a large concourse of spectators, to whom a Masonic procession was evidently a novelty, assembled.

The order of procession was as follows: Bro. G. S. Simms, Tyler, with sword; brethren not members of the province, two and two; brethren of lodges in the province, according to seniority, juniors walking first; rough ashlar borne by a Junior E.A. (Bro. Dr. Douglass;) brethren of the Lodge of Industry, two and two; architect with plans (Bro. Thos. Lamb;) cornucopia with corn (Bro. Wood, I.P.M. 48;) ewer with wine (Bro. M. Corbitt, P.G.S.D.); ewer with oil (Bro. D. Sinclair, P.M. 48;) Inner Guard with mallet and trowel (Bro. E. Sheppards;) Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Dr. Cook, P.P.G.S.D.); Junior Deacon (Bro. E. McDonald;) Senior Deacon, (Bro. W. M. Pybus;) Secretary with constitutions on cushion, and plate with inscription (Bro. A. Rhagg;) Treasurer with phial and coins (Bro. W. B. Elsdon;) Corinthian light (Bro. J. McCulloch, P.M.); Junior Warden with the plum rule (Bro. E. W. Middlemast;) Doric light (Bro. G. A. Allen, P.M.); Senior Warden with level (Bro. E. Liddell;) perfect ashlar borne by a Master Mason (Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cowen;) Chaplain bearing the Sacred Law on a cushion (Bro. Rev. J. J. Brown;) Ionic light (Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M.); Tyler with sword (Bro. J. Curry;) Bro. J. G. Smith, W.M., Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M.; W. F. Raeburn, and Bro. J. P. Reay, Stewards; the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Past and Present, in provincial clothing, according to rank. The weather being exceedingly bright and fine, the line of route, and also the vicinity of the new hall, was thronged with spectators.

The building will be constructed, from plans prepared by brethren of the lodge, after the old English style of architecture. The front will be built of red and other coloured bricks, with stone dressings to the windows and final tops. The ground floor will comprise three commodious shops, a refreshment room 37ft. by 25ft., with large entrance hall, Stewards' room, lavatory, kitchen, &c. At the back part of the building there will be a house for the caretaker. Upon the first floor will be the Masonic Hall, the dimensions of which will be: Length, 45ft.; width, 37ft.; height, 22ft. Adjoining the hall will be two ante-rooms, each 13ft. by 10ft. The ventilation will be on the most approved plan, and everything will be done to make the edifice perfect in all respects. The estimated cost, including the freehold site of nearly 1000 yards, will not exceed about £2500. The contractors are Bros. T. and R. Lamb, Gateshead.

The surroundings of the site were gaily decorated by Masonic and other flags and banners, lent for the occasion by Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M., and in the vicinity a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen had gathered. The ceremony of laying the foundation stone was performed by Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M. 48, as Chairman of the Industry Masonic Hall Company.

Bro. J. G. SMITH, W.M., on behalf of the Directors of the Masonic Hall Company, asked Bro. Reed to lay the foundation stone of the building, and presented him with a silver trowel as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he was held as Chairman of the Directors. This, he said, would only be adding one more to the many acts Bro. Reed had done for Freemasonry in general, and for Lodge 48 in particular. The duty of laying the foundation stone could not have fallen into better hands than Bro. Reed's, while the amount of interest he had always taken in the cause warranted only the one choice they had made. (Applause.) The trowel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M. Lodge of Industry, No. 48, by his brother Directors, on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of the Industry Masonic Hall, Gateshead, March 28th, 1881."

Bro. REED returned thanks for the kind expressions used towards himself personally, and said he should lay the stone with very great pleasure. The handsome trowel with which they had presented him should remain in his family as a memento of his work as a Mason. (Applause.)

The foundation stone was then laid with full Masonic ceremonial, the beautiful music being supplied by Messrs. Whitehead, Nutton, and Walker, of Durham, and R. Ferry, Gateshead. In the phial placed in the lower stone were the articles of association of the Industrial Masonic Hall Company; the balance-sheet for the year 1880; the circular convening the meeting for installation and laying the foundation stone; plan of the hall; coins of the present reign; and copies of the local papers. Over these was placed a plate inscribed as follows:—

"Industry Masonic Hall, 28th March, 1881. Directors—R. B. Reed, Chairman; R. F. Cook, D. Sinclair, J. Wood, J. G. Smith, A. C. Coning, J. G. Joicey, J. Moutt, Secretary; M. Corbitt, Treasurer."

The stone having been fixed and adjusted, was declared by Bro. REED, amid cheers, to have been duly laid. The accompanying ceremonies having been performed,

Bro. REED shortly addressed the assemblage. He thanked them in the name of the Lodge of Industry for the kindly sympathy which had brought them there, and which he hoped by their works hereafter they would endeavour to show had not been misplaced. He also congratulated their Immediate Past Master, Bro. John Wood, who had that day so ably installed his successor in the chair, that during his year of office the brethren had not been idle. He had caused them to use the Masonic implements with zeal and discretion; and by the aid of the compass, the square, the line, the gauge, and the pencil a plan had been drawn for the erection of that building. (Applause.) This was the distinguishing work of his year of office, and would be looked back to by him with pride as one of the distinguished marks of his Masonic career. The present Master, too, would have to see that the Masonic implements were used with as much ability by his brethren as they had been during the reign of his predecessor; and by the use of the mallet, the chisel, the plumb, and the rule, see that the plans which had been formed during the past year should be built with perfect exactitude. (Applause.) He hoped and believed that that building would be carried to a successful conclusion, that it would be a proud example of the Masonic art, that it would be an ornament to the town at large, and that it would reflect credit on all who had been connected with its construction. (Hear, hear.) For it was right that this old and renowned lodge should have a home befitting its history and its career. The origin of the

Lodge of Industry was somewhat obscured by the mists of antiquity, but it was a tradition that it dated back as an operative lodge as far as 1690, when that famous worker in iron, Sir Ambrose Crawley, came to establish his ironworks in this district—at Winlaton and Swalwell. To show that this tradition was well founded, he read two or three entries taken from an old minute book by a former Past Master, these bearing the dates of 1725, 1727, and 1728. The transition from Operative to Speculative Masonry was shown by a minute of June 14, 1733. As those who were acquainted with the history of Freemasonry knew, before 1700 the Grand Lodge of London had no existence. There had been civil wars and distractions, and the usual fights of parties, to a greater extent than we had them, happily, now; and, as they knew, Masonry did not flourish in the midst of war and blood. Yet the light was there to guide men to brighter and better paths, and about the year 1717 the Grand Lodge of England was resuscitated. The communication between Swalwell and London was much more frequent than was customary with many other towns, for the reason that Sir Ambrose Crawley had an establishment in Thames-street, and the iron goods made at Swalwell and Winlaton were sent up by sea every fortnight and every month. Therefore, the brethren, after the Grand Lodge was resuscitated, knowing how well it would be if the cause were extended over the whole of the country, formed a resolution to join the Grand Lodge of England, and the warrant of the Grand Lodge was given to them on June 24, 1735. (Applause.) They had a proof of their antiquity, and zeal, and loyalty to the Grand Lodge when a few years ago they applied to use the centenary medal. It was then found that during the years from 1735 to the present time the dues of the Lodge of Industry had been regularly paid, and they received permission to have their centenary jewel, which he at that moment wore, and which bore on it the date 1735. (Applause.) He, therefore, thought he might congratulate that old lodge, which had lasted through the storms and vicissitudes of centuries. They who knew the records of Tyneside were quite aware of the very disturbed state it was in from 1735 to after 1745, when the Stuarts gallantly tried to regain the throne of their ancestors. In 1745 Prince Charlie made another gallant effort, and he had many loyal adherents on Tyneside. These were, indeed, troublous times, when the Government of the day very properly and rightly had considerable distrust of secret societies. At that time there was considerable loss of documents. Men, suddenly alarmed, either destroyed or hid documents where they were never found again. As conveyancing lawyers were aware, at that time deeds belonging to great estates became lost. The family plate of Minsteracres was hidden in a grave near Swalwell. It was in this way that the original charter of the lodge was lost. But their brethren brought the circumstances of the case before the Grand Lodge, it was duly investigated, and in 1771 they received a confirmation of their original charter of 1735, and this was the authority on which they now made Masons and collected fees. (Applause.) Bro. Reed then referred to the union of the two Grand Lodges of London and York in 1813, by which the number of the Lodge of Industry was altered from 44 to 66, and to the removal of that lodge from Swalwell to Gateshead in 1845. The connection between the fathers of the old lodge at Swalwell and the members of the lodge at the present day had never ceased. His own grandfather was one of the cleverest masons Sir Ambrose Crawley employed, and he had therefore peculiar pleasure in laying the foundation stone of the lodge with which he was connected. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Corbett's ancestors were also connected with the great works, and one of the relatives of Bro. Colonel Cowen was Master of the lodge in 1821 and 1822. There were also other brethren whose relatives connected the past with the present history of the lodge, and they might hope that, as from the past to the present, the present might lead to a glorious future. (Applause.)

After the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren reformed in inverse order of procession and walked to the Town Hall, Gateshead, where the annual banquet was supplied in admirable style by Bro. J. C. S. Liddell, Deckham Hotel, Gateshead. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. G. Smith, W.M., who was supported on the right and left by Bros. J. Wood, I.P.M. 48; R. B. Reed, P.M. 48; W. H. Crookes, P.G. Sec.; R. Whitfield, P.M. 48; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.; M. Corbitt, P.G.S.D.; R. Hudson, P.G.D.C.; E. D. Davis, P.P.G.S.W.; George Hardy, P.M. 1643; D. Sinclair, P.M. 48; W. M. Bell, P.M. 1557, P.P.G.A.D.C.; A. Robertson, P.M. 1167, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Porteus, S.W. 949; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97; W. Liddell, P.G.D.; E. Macdonald, 48; Dr. Cook, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Ridsdale, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland; J. Page, P.P.G.S.B., Northumberland; J. Cook, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Allan, P.M. 991, P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland; and J. McCulloch, P.M. 1643. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. Edward Liddell, S.W., and E. W. Middlemast, J.W. About one hundred sat down, and ample justice having been done to the good things of the table, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. J. WOOD, I.P.M., in appropriate terms proposed "The Health of the W.M. (Bro. J. G. Smith)," who briefly responded.

Bro. F. BINCKES, London, proposed "The Health of Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M., Chairman of the Industry Masonic Hall Company," in a highly eulogistic speech. He said he had that day listened to a most able and instructive address—(hear, hear, and cheers)—and he had no doubt they had put the right man in the right place. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. R. B. REED returned thanks in suitable terms, and assured them that it had always been his desire to perform his duty to the lodge, and if in the performance he had received the approbation of Bro. Binckes and the brethren he had a great reward. Bro. Reed then referred to the excellent prospects of the lodge, and in response to his invitation 315 new shares were taken up in the room.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. John Wood, I.P.M.," and in the name of the officers presented him with a handsome Immediate Past Master's jewel. Bro. WOOD responded in feeling terms.

Bro. M. CORBITT, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," in doing which he pointed out that the members of 48, by means of their tontines, were continuing the work of the past three years.

Bros. W. H. CROOKES, P.G.S., and F. BINCKES, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, responded, and gave the brethren valuable information about the

Charities. Bro. Crookes mentioned that the annual festival of the Boys' School was intended to be held in London on the 29th June next, under the presidency of the Marquis of Londonderry, the P.G.M. of Durham. He would be glad to take up any subscriptions as Steward for the Northern part of the province.

Bro. JOHN WOOD, I.P.M., announced his intention of acting as Steward for the lodge, and would be pleased to receive the support of the brethren.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" in felicitous terms, and Bros. JOHN DUCKITT, W.M. 481, and JOHN MACKAY, W.M. 424, replied.

The next toast was "The Past Masters of Lodge 48," to which Bros. R. WHITFIELD, M. CORBITT, and D. SINCLAIR replied.

"The Past and Present Officers" was next given by the W.M., and Bro. E. LIDDELL responded for the present, and Bro. E. MACDONALD for the past officers.

The Tyler's toast brought the long and interesting proceedings to a happy close.

During the evening, the musical selections were ably given by Messrs. D. Whitehead, J. Nutton, J. Walker, G. Leatham, of Durham Cathedral, and R. Ferry, Gateshead.

CHESHIRE MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.

At a General Committee meeting held at the Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, on the 21st March—

Present: Bros. A. E. Coveney, W.M. 665, in the chair; Jas. Salmon, P.M. 425; W. M. Lightfoot, W.M. 425; H. J. Lloyd, W.M. 711; H. Jones, W.M. 1289; I. E. Steward, P.M. 336; Jesse Ingram, W.M. 336; John Turner, P.M. 287; G. D. Bradbury, W.M. 332; J. Shawcross, P.M. 287; T. Burrows, W.M. 104; Wm. Lyon, S.W. 758; J. B. Hignett, P.M. 537; A. K. Gardiner, W.M. 477; Wm. Mellor, W.M. 758; George Moss, J.W. 758; David Boyer, 287; H. Jackson, P.G.P., and P.M. 336; Donald Fraser, P.M. 477 and Treas.; Fred. Thompson, I.P.M. 477; J. P. Platt, Hon. Treas.; and J. K. Stevenson, Hon. Sec.

The circular calling the meeting was read. A statement of the accounts for the past year was read, showing that the invested funds amounted at the beginning of the year to £3730 3s. 4d., which yielded an income of £159 6s. 11d., and that during the year a further sum had been invested, making the invested capital amount to £3880 17s. The amount received from lodges, chapters, and subscriptions from individual brethren was £150 10s., as against £204 2s. 6d. last year.

That seventeen children had been educated and two assisted by the Advancement Fund during the past year at a cost of £134 12s. 2d.

It was proposed by Bro. J. B. HIGNETT and seconded by Bro. H. J. LLOYD that they be passed.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the applications of seven candidates for education, and after careful enquiry into each case they were all adopted, and it was resolved that their election be recommended at the Court of Governors to be held at Crewe, on the 30th inst. The various sums voted for this purpose amounted together to £35 4s. The reports of the conduct and progress of the children at the various schools were placed on the table, and it was resolved that it be recommended to renew the grants in their favour, with the exception of two, one of whom is over age, and the other withdrawn.

The attention of the Committee was called to the falling off of the amount subscribed by the lodges and brethren during the past year, and Bro. SALMON urged upon the brethren the necessity of making an extra effort during the ensuing year to make a better collection, and it was suggested that a letter be written to the W.M. of every lodge in the province asking him to make it a point to read the report of the committee in open lodge, and appoint some member of his lodge to act as Steward for the collection of subscriptions.

THE M.W. GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO STAMFORD.

The following is a copy of the reply received by the Lodge of Merit, No. 466, from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.:

"Sandringham,
"Norfolk;

"27th Jan., 1881.

"Mr. Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales to thank the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the Lodge of Merit, No. 466, for the cordial address of welcome which they presented to His Royal Highness and to the Princess of Wales on the occasion of their recent visit to the Borough of Stamford.

"His Royal Highness takes a warm interest in everything relating to Masonry, and it always affords him pleasure to receive expressions of goodwill and of fraternal affection from the members of the Craft.

"I. Hare, Secretary Lodge of Merit, No. 466,
"Stamford."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

RESULT OF CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS OF
DECEMBER LAST.

SENIOR EXAMINATION.

Helena Meacock and Florence C. Faithfull satisfied Examiners.

JUNIOR EXAMINATION.

Edith A. Wilson, * Edwina R. Jones, * and Alice M. Newbould—Class III. Honours.

Fanny Ashby, Margaret W. Allison, Charlotte Coleman, Minnie Cowley, Maria English, and Ethel Hinson satisfied Examiners.

This result is still more satisfactory when it is remembered that these examinations do not by any means represent the whole of the girls' education, which also comprises music and such useful branches as needlework (to which much time is necessarily devoted), cookery, and other household duties.

* Distinguished in religious knowledge.

ANNUAL SOIREE OF THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

The first soirée of this prosperous lodge, which was very largely attended, took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday evening last. The programme comprised a concert of vocal and instrumental music, conducted by Bro. F. H. Cozens, an entertainment by Mr. Benn, a Supper, and a Dance. This will be thought a sufficiently full programme to be got through in five hours, but the arrangements were so admirably planned and carried out that there was no loss of time, and everything came off in the most pleasant and spirited manner.

The concert was of more than average merit, and was fairly attended, although, as is generally the case, the dance, to say nothing of the supper, was the main attraction. Mr. Benn's entertainment was very clever; his rapid sketching of characteristic portraits of well-known eminent men and types of character about town eliciting hearty applause. The supper was laid in the Pillar Room, and gave great satisfaction. The viands were of the best, and the handsome suite of rooms, placed at the disposal of the Stewards, rendered the gathering a most cheerful and pleasant one. Unlike the usual run of Masonic meetings, there was little in the way of "speaking," although there was a good deal of "talking;" and the W.M. confined the toasts to the formal ones, with the exception of that of "The Ladies," which was proposed in a few felicitous words, and responded to, as briefly, by Mr. BENN, on behalf of the "ladies," in the words "God bless them"—a sentiment which we need hardly say was re-echoed by all present.

At nine o'clock the company proceeded to the large hall, where dancing was kept up until 11.30. Altogether the members generally, and the Stewards especially, are to be congratulated on such a successful entertainment, which, we trust, will be continued from year to year. The Stewards were Bro. Owen Bowen, A. Cumner, T. A. De Leliva, R. Fendick, James Freeman, G. S. Goodman, J. R. Greening, Thomas Hamer, J. R. Hartley, N. B. Headon, J. E. Hugo, F. T. C. Keeble, W. F. Kibble, Thomas Lawes, J. L. Nissen, G. G. Parker, E. W. Postans, A. F. Roberts, John Seax, and James Stevens; Bro. G. W. Blackie, Hon. Sec.

Bro. Blackie, the Secretary of the lodge, was indefatigable in his attention to the comforts of all present, and Bro. Hamer, W.M., made an excellent Master of Ceremonies.

The following is a list of those who were present:

Mr. H. Arkcoll, Mr. W. G. Ardington, Mrs. Ardington, Mr. Boyce, Mr. Banf, Mr. Braine, Bro. and Mrs. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. George Buzzard, Mrs. Brunton, Bro. and Mrs. Owen Bowen, Mr. Body, Mr. Benn, Mr. J. F. Black, Bro. G. W. Blackie, Mr. W. Barton, Mr. James Bond, Mr. J. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, Mr. Henry Berger, Bro. and Mrs. N. Bridges, Bro. F. Bowler, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Clarke, Bro. and Mrs. Donald Clark, Bro. Cumner, Mr. C. Cudon, Mr. Ashford Cooper, Mr. and Miss Chinnery, Mrs. Durand, Bro. and Miss Ducher, Bro. and Miss Drummond, Bro. F. T. Davis, Mr. and Miss Davis, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. B. Davies, Mr. F. Derisley, Bro. and Mrs. De Leliva, Miss Daniels, Bro. and Mrs. A. C. Ebbutt, Bro. and Mrs. Evcnett, Bro. T. Eastgate, Bro. and the Misses Felton, Miss Filby, Bro. F. W. Fisher, Bro. Furse, Bro. and Mrs. Fendick, Bro. W. G. Farnick, Mr. J. K. Gwyn, Miss Gwyn, Mr. John Gwyn, jun., Bro. and Mrs. Greening, Bro. and Mrs. Goodman, Miss Gale, Miss Gray, Bro. Mrs., and Miss Hamer, Mr. T. Harper, Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Hartley, Mr. W. C. Hartley, Mr. A. Hartman, Mrs. Hartman, Bro. Mrs. and Miss Headon, Mr. Heandle, Mr. Higgins, Bro. W. T. Holland, and Lady, Bro. and Mrs. Hudd, Miss Holt, Mr. P. Hour, Bro. W. J. Hyde, and Lady, Bro. and Mrs. Jones, Bro. and Mrs. Geo. Jenkins, Mr. R. Inglis, Mr. and Mrs. Josephs, Miss Josephs, Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnson, Bro. George Kenning, Mrs. Kench, Bro. and Miss Keeble, Bro. H. P. King, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kentfield, Bro. and Mrs. Kibble, Miss Lasher, Bro. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Laybourn, Bro. and Mrs. Ino, Ledger, Bro. A. Leon, Bro. T. Lawes, Mr. Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lowe, Miss Lowe, Miss Landells, Bro. J. A. Mallett, Mrs. McLewin, Bro. C. F. Mariner, Bro. and Mrs. W. Medwin, Mr. T. M. Morris, Bro. W. J. Morris, Bro. H. J. Mrs., and the Misses Morris, Bro. W. V. Morgan, Bro. and Mrs. Roehmer, Bro. Rissen, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas, Bro. and Mrs. G. Oppenheimer, Mr. W. Oppenheimer, Bro. and Mrs. G. G. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Phillips, Bro. and Mrs. Thos. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. T. Paulin, Mr. P. Pric, Bro. J. J. Prime, Bro. W. Postens, Mr. E. W. Postens, Mr. J. A. Postens, Miss Postens, Mr. and Mrs. Paspert, Mr. and Mrs. Ransome, Bro. G. W. and Mrs. Robson, Bro. J. E. Randell, Mr. H. Roquart, Miss Reed, Mr. J. Robinson, Mr. M. Robert, Mr. V. Robert, Bro. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sangster, Bro. and Mrs. John Seax, Bro. and Mrs. W. Shaw, Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Skinner, Bro. Simpkins, Mr. and Mrs. Sissons, Mr. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mr. W. R. Shutt, Bro. J. Lothcott, Bro. and Mrs. J. Stevens, Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Stoneham, Bro. E. F. Storr, and Lady, Bro. and Mrs. F. Toomer, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Jas. Thompson, Bro. and Mrs. C. Taylor, Bro. and Mrs. Sampson White, and Mrs. J. J. Wyler, Mr. E. Wesley, Mr. J. R. Walters, Miss Whitwell, Bro. Mr., and Miss Whittington, Mr. Chas. Watkins, Mr. E. M. Watkins, Mrs. Wright, Bro. and Mrs. G. Whittaker, Mr. Lucas Williams, and Bro. W. Lake (*Freemason*).

AGED CRAFTSMEN.

The following list of the oldest Freemasons in the United States is given on the authority of the *Masonic Token*:

Initiated.	...	1801
1. Capt. John Knight, Manchester, Mass.	...	1801
2. Col. Nathan Huntoon, Unity, N.H.	...	1803
3. Hon. Smith Stilwell, Ogdensburg, N.Y.	...	1805
4. James Franklin, Chase, Nantuck ...	...	1807
5. Wait Garrett, New Hartford, Conn. ...	...	1810
6. George Lee Bowe, Agawam, Conn. ...	...	1810
7. Silas Ford, Westville, Conn. ...	...	1811
8. Hon. James Garland, Lynchburg, Va. ...	...	1812
9. James Scott, Middlebourne ...	...	1812
10. Elijah Pratt, Castleton, N.Y. ...	...	1812
11. John B. Hollenbeck, Burlington, Vt. ...	...	1813
12. Elijah Stransbury, Baltimore ...	...	1814
13. Capt. Hiram Ferris, Fond du Lac, Wis. ...	...	1815

The remains of Bro. Lord Duboyne were interred at Quin Abbey, county Clare, on Monday.

The name of W. Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., President of the Colonial Board, has been added to the John Hervey Memorial Fund.

STOCKWELL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 133.—The brethren of this lodge met at the Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, on Wednesday last. Bro. W. P. Webb, W.M.; Bro. Plowman, S.V.; Bro. Richmond, J.W.; Bro. Francis, P.M.; Preceptor; Bro. Cooper, Sec. and S.D.; Stranger, J.D.; and Payne, I.G. The Sections of the First Degree were worked, when the W.M., in an admirable manner, worked the First and Second Degrees, Bro. Alcock acting as candidate.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).—The installation meeting was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday, the 24th ult., when, in addition to a large number of brethren, there were many visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. Terry, Secretary R. M. B. I.; Edgar Bowyer, P.P.G. S.W.; G. Martin, J.D. No. 1 Lodge; F. Brewer, S.W. Kilburn Lodge; and Carmen and Bachelor, Wellington Lodge. The W.M., Bro. C. E. Ferry, raised Bros. Fencott, Patience, Mattin, and Pocock to the Sublime Degree, and afterwards Mr. Robert Ingham Clark was duly initiated into the Order; the beautiful words of this solemn rite being carefully rendered by the W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Chicken, was then installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Daniel, P.M., in the presence of the largest Board of Installed Masters ever known even at this popular lodge; Bro. C. J. Wilkinson presiding at the harmonium. After some moneys had been voted to charitable objects, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the large room, when 150 sat down to a banquet worthy of the repute of Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, and the appearance of the tables was greatly enhanced by the liberal distribution of a most original and handsome menu card, upon which was the *Allegory of Prosperity*, clothed in purple and fine linen, offering Corn, Wine, and Oil, and designed by Bro. Ferry. After the usual loyal toasts the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the new W.M.," giving him great credit for his Masonic zeal, and entertaining great hopes for the coming year; to which the W.M. ably replied. After "The Health of the Initiate," that of Bro. C. E. Ferry, the I.P.M., was proposed, when an interesting event of the evening occurred, that of presenting him with a specially designed gold P.M. jewel, a large oak case quarter-chiming clock, and a pair of bronze lions, worthy the acceptance of an artist. Bro. Ferry in reply stated that he had already received many favours during his year of office, but now he was overwhelmed. He was particularly pleased that they had allowed their present to take a form which was also a compliment to a wife who was a Freemason's help, and had cordially agreed to every Masonic step he had taken; and the P.M. jewel should remind him of the duties he owed to the W.M. of their choice. By the time the Tyler's toast was given it was nearly midnight.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—A very satisfactory meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Bro. Harris, W.M., was very ably supported by his Wardens and Past Masters, Bros. Pulsford, Secretary, Towers, Wright, Treasurer, Walters, Potter, and others. The visitors were Bros. H. J. Chapman, 177; F. Richmond, 1695; G. Bowers, P.M. 305; J. S. Leaper, J.W. 1275; T. Scowcroft, 467; C. H. L. Wilday, I.G. 11; and C. E. Thompson, 177, and 1158. There were two initiations, and after some other lodge business the election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler was proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous election of Bros. Stewart, Wright, and Stead respectively.

When the lodge was closed the brethren, numbering about forty, adjourned to banquet, which was served *à la Russe* and gave general satisfaction. The customary toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Pulsford said he had very great pleasure in proposing "The Health of Bro. Harris, W.M.," and although he had not a large amount of work to do during his tenure of office, yet what he had done had been done well. (Hear, hear.) The toast was well received. Bro. Harris made a suitable response, and before he sat down proposed "The Health of the W.M. elect, Bro. Stewart." In returning thanks, Bro. Stewart said he was much gratified to find that he had been unanimously elected, and congratulated his brethren on the absence of anything like discord. (Hear, hear.) For the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. Pulsford, in a comical speech, returned thanks. Other toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening brought to a close by a few words from Bro. Stead, the Tyler.

KILBURN LODGE (No. 1608).—The general meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Queen's Arms Hotel, on Monday, the 25th ult. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the first business was a ballot for the election, as a joining member, of Bro. R. Smith, of the Orpheus Lodge, who was duly elected, after which the ceremony of passing Bro. W. Trim was proceeded with, followed by the initiation of three candidates duly prepared, and in due form the duty was conducted by the officers, and the ceremony performed in a most exemplary manner by Bro. J. W. Cuff, W.M., showing plainly to the brethren present how perfect one may become by close application and punctual attendance at a lodge of instruction, with such an instructor as I.P.M. Bro. Brooks.

The banquet was, as usual, well served by Bro. Startley, with a *menu* of his general *recherché gôit* and wines of every known brand. The usual toasts having been proposed and responded to, "The Health of the W.M." was given, who, in reply, stated he had received subscriptions to the handsome amount of £110 for the Girls' School, an omen of good for so young a lodge. Twenty-two visitors were present, and expressed themselves highly delighted with the working of the lodge and the reception accorded to them by the brethren. The following is the list of visitors: Bros. Lawrence, P.M. City of London; Bullock, Unity of Prudence; Baldwin, Kennington; Lewin, Westbourne; Vine, Zetland; Banks, Prudent Brethren; Carrington, S.D. Creaton; Clinch, City of London; Brown, P.M. Prosperity; Jounens, Prosperity; Marshall, Prosperity; Cooper, W.M. Unity; Vears, City of London; Baker, W.M. Joppa; Cooper, I.P.M. La Tolerance; Ward, W.M. Zetland; Harris, W.M. Domatic; Wyer, Royal Alfred; Pezzi, Nine Muses; Cox, 1665; Wellridt, 186; and Eccles, 1425.

The following are the present officers of the lodge: Bros. J. W. Cuff, W.M.; F. Brewer, S.W.; F. Baker, J.W.; H. Turner, S.D.; J. Barclay, J.D.; Killmarsh, D.C.; and J. Holmes, W.S.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—An adjourned meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on the 22nd ult. in the Board Room of the Local Board of Health, kindly lent for the occasion, a dispensation having been obtained from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to remove the lodge from the lodge room, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. M. J. Sullivan. The brethren assembled punctually at five o'clock p.m., when a goodly number presented themselves, amongst whom were the officers of the lodge: Bros. A. Spears, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.O.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. T. Carpenter, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.P. of Kent; T. Firminger, P.M.; J. Brett, P.M.; J. Woodley, P.M.; J. P. Watts, P.M.; R. Derrey, P.M.; W. Darley; Penney, P.M. 1089; M. J. Sullivan, S.W., W.M. elect; G. T. Green, J.W.; E. Stutely, S.D.; A. Bourne, P.M. 1089; W. Keeler, J.W. 1089; and others.

In the absence of the W.M., Bro. C. Austen, who is on foreign service in the Royal Navy, Bro. A. Spears, P.M., occupied the chair as Installing Master, supported by Bro. Derrey as I.P.M. Bro. Bagshaw presented the W.M. elect in appropriate terms, after which the Installing Master stated the qualifications required from every candidate for the office of Master, and the Secretary, Bro. Carpenter, having read a summary of the ancient charges, the W.M. elect was obligated to the office. The brethren having retired, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, Bro. M. Sullivan was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in ancient form. When the brethren were re-admitted to the lodge the new W.M. was formally proclaimed and saluted.

The W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. T. Green, S.W.; Stutely, J.W.; A. Spears, Treas.; W. T. Carpenter, Sec.; J. Bagshaw, D.C.; A. Dunovan, S.D.; F. Paul, J.D.; R. Brown, I.G.; J. P. Watts and Knight, Stewards; and J. Akhurst, Tyler; addressing each in a manner which augurs well for his efficient working as Master of the lodge. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were given by the Installing Master in his usual quiet and effective style. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. A. Spears was appointed the Charity Representative and votes of thanks given to the Board of Health for the use of the room and to the Installing Master for the able manner in which he had carried out the installation, and with "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the lodge room, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared by Mrs. Green, of the Britannia Hotel, widow of the late Bro. G. J. Green, who was long a member of Adam's Lodge. About sixty brethren sat down to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual Royal and Masonic toasts were given, in which Bro. Sullivan, the W.M., acquitted himself in an excellent manner. Bro. A. Spears, in response to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale (Baron Amherst)," spoke of the excellences of his character as an English nobleman and a Mason, and of the high esteem in which he was held by the Masons in the Province of Kent. Bro. J. Bagshaw, in speaking to the toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," paid them a flattering tribute as the rulers of the Craft in the province. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. A. Spears in a speech congratulating the brethren on their choice, as Bro. M. J. Sullivan had during his career, in passing through the different offices, well qualified himself for the important trust that had now been awarded to him. Bro. Sullivan, in responding to the toast, said it would be his endeavour to fulfil the duties of Worshipful Master of the lodge with satisfaction to the brethren, credit to himself, and honour to the Craft. Several toasts followed, with excellent addresses from Bro. Carpenter and other brethren. "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Darley and Derrey. Bro. Darley, who said he had pleasing reminiscences of former associations with their late brethren, Bros. Townsend, Kedell, Firminger, Green, and others, observed that instead of the fathers had come up the children. He looked upon Masonry as one of the grandest institutions under Heaven for the good of mankind. It taught brotherly love, relief, and truth; it had survived the fall of emperors, the revolution of states; it stood as the rock that seemed to smile at the fury of the blast and the waves, which were shattered at its base. Brotherly love was its standard motto; it was that which would survive the wreck of matter and the crash of worlds. In the calamities of the afflicted poor, in which he had taken great interest, he had been well supported by his brethren. He urged the luxury of doing good, and wished the brethren all the happiness they could wish themselves. Bro. Derrey then enlarged upon the duties of a Past Master, and also expressed his thanks to the brethren for the kind support they had extended to him for the last eight months, during which period it had been his duty to preside over the lodge, in the absence of the W.M. The brethren, after spending a happy and instructive evening, sang "God Save the Queen," and parted with "Hearty good wishes" to each other at eleven o'clock.

UXBRIDGE.—Royal Union Lodge (No. 382).

—The installation meeting of this, the mother lodge of the Province of Middlesex, was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Chequers Hotel. There were present Bros. Cook, W.M.; C. Russ, S.W.; R. Lonsdale, J.W.; Bros. Webb, I.P.M.; Farenback, P.M.; J. L. Coulton, P.M., Treasurer and Installing Master; B. H. Swallow, and about sixty members and visitors. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the regular lodge meeting in January were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Jutsum and Barnicoat were raised to the Degree of W.M., and Bro. Skeate was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. C. Russ, W.M.E. was installed as W.M., by Bro. J. L. Coulton, P.M., Treas.; the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested in a most able and efficient manner by the newly Installed Master, who afterwards initiated in a masterly and impressive manner Messrs. T. Miller, T. Brooks, and C. A. Poole.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by the host, Mr. Phillips. After the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were drunk, and when the toast of "The I.P.M." was proposed, the W.M. then said: I present you with a P.M. jewel, as a mark of respect and esteem, and in appreciation of the able manner you have discharged your duties as W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge. Bro. Cook on receiving the jewel thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind and valuable gift.

Apart from its intrinsic value he should ever appreciate it as a mark of their esteem and regard. The toasts were interspersed with a selection of songs and music, under the direction of Bro. Cattle. The Tyler's toast brought a most successful and pleasant evening to a close.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A highly successful meeting of this very prosperous provincial lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 17th ult. 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., Treasurer, acting J.W.; Jessett, I.P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Moody, J.D.; Tezer, acting I.G.; Honeywell, P.P.G.O. Middx., Hon. Organist; Davey, A.W.S.; J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. The visitors were W. Bros. H. C. Levander, P.G.S. Middx., &c., Jeffrey, P.M. 1196; Costelow, S.W. 780; Faulkner, S.W. 1423; Lawrence, 186; and Lamb, 1656.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. M. Burr and W. Spearing were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Ransford and Dohoo raised to the Degree of M.M., both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. with that care and attention to detail which has hitherto characterised his working of all the Masonic ceremonial. The bye-laws having been read, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler took place, and resulted in favour of Bros. Walls, Hopwood, and Gilbert. A P.M.'s jewel having been voted to the outgoing Master, two notices of motion were given by W. Bro. J. Hammond, "That the sum of ten guineas should be voted from the funds of the lodge to one of the three Masonic Charities, and placed in the name of the W.M., Bro. Ockenden," and "That the months of meeting be altered."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary preliminary toasts received full justice. "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of W. Bro. Levander, who duly acknowledged the compliment. After touching upon the subject toast he went on to say that it had afforded him a great deal of pleasure in being present that evening for the first time at a meeting of the Hemming Lodge. He had been particularly struck with the working, which reflected great credit upon the young Mason who filled the chair. He was also gratified to hear that the lodge was in so flourishing a condition. In concluding his speech, he expressed a hope that the lodge would continue to prosper and retain its position as one of the most successful in the large and important Province of Middlesex. "The W.M." followed, and was duly honoured. Bro. Ockenden having responded, gave, in very flattering terms, "The Health of the W.M. elect." Bro. Walls having acknowledged the honour, the toast of "The Visitors" followed. This toast was responded to by Bros. Jeffrey, Costelow, Faulkner, Lawrence, and Lamb. "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of the I.P.M., came next in order. This important toast having received due recognition, and Bro. Jessett having replied, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. W. Hammond, E. Hopwood, and Honeywell, brought this eminently successful gathering to a close.

ENFIELD.—St. James's Lodge (No. 1579).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 20th ult., at the George Inn, Bro. Henry Stephens, W.M., in the chair; Bros. Joseph W. Hobbs, S.W.; William Iron, J.W. The summons was issued with a mourning border, and contained the statement that "in consequence of the decease of Bro. George H. Jaffa, P.M., the W.M. requests the brethren to appear in Masonic mourning." This request was duly complied with, and the lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Tebbs was passed to the Second Degree in a manner which received the approbation of all present. Bro. Linzell, P.M., then proposed in feeling terms that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the late Bro. Jaffa, expressing the sympathy of the lodge with them in their severe bereavement. Bro. Painter, P.M., seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

The lodge having been closed the brethren and visitors were entertained at a supper. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. said that in due order the next toast would have been that of the I.P.M., Bro. George Henry Jaffa, but it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove their brother from the pain of this world, and he could only therefore ask the brethren to drink in silence "In Memoriam." His loss would be felt, for he was a most zealous and active member of the lodge, and by his general bearing and demeanour had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. The toast was duly drunk in silence, and, we may add, a strong feeling of regret at the loss this young and flourishing lodge has sustained was expressed by the various speakers in the course of the evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The chair in the E. was occupied by Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, W.M., and there were officially present Bros. J. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M.; J. Atkinson, S.W.; W. Savage, J.W.; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1356, Treasurer; J. M. Boyd, Secretary; R. Burgess, Organist; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., A. Org.; J. Pyer, S.D.; H. P. Squire, J.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, I.G.; Dr. Whittle, H. Round, O. W. Sanderson, and R. Gyres, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. J. F. Bayliss, Sam. Hague, John Wainwright, J. F. Doyle, Henry and Walter Wardroper, J. W. Collinson, "Billy" Richardson, W. Williams, G. Brammall, jun., Walter Hildyard, E. Burby, C. Buchanan, J. Orr Marples, J. E. Runner, Captain Crowley, J. J. Monk, H. Round, W. Addis, Louis Neubert, Richard Geldard, J. Keet, I. de Frece, J. Duncanson, E. Graham, C. Campson, Captain Jackson, J. Cantor, and others. The visitors present included Bros. W. Crane, P.M. 1299; R. Bennett, P.M. 1299; C. Copeman, 786; W. Strong, 310; T. Kittle, 72; C. Dean, 1289; J. Lee, 1675; A. C. Doe, 1094; J. L. Tunstall, 1035; T. Carr, 1094; J. Hoult, 216; and R. Purdon (I.C.).

Messrs. Joseph Wood, R. W. Hughes, and A. C. Maxwell were initiated, and Bros. H. and W. Wardroper, J. F. Doyle, and Captain Crowley raised to the M.M. Degree. Refreshment followed business, and during the evening

a capital entertainment was given by several talented brethren, including Bros. Webster Williams, Richardson, Wood, Dean, Purdon, Brammall, and Burgess (accompanist).

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The usual meeting in connection with this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at a somewhat early hour, viz., 4.45, owing to the fact of Bro. Josiah Bracewell, who was to be passed to the Second Degree, having to leave early in order to attend to his professional duties at the Queen's Theatre. There was a good muster of brethren, amongst whom were the following: Bros. A. B. Whittaker, W.M.; Geo. Macfarlane, S.W.; W. B. Brown, J.W.; Wm. Bastock, P.M., Treas.; H. Bracewell, S.D.; G. Yates, J.D.; Wm. Byway, I.G.; Geo. Burrows, Tyler; J. D. Curtis and Lyon, Stewards; Joseph Bracewell, B. S. Marshall, James Cummins, W. Cowen, W. T. Allett, S.D.; McKellen, W. H. Leigh, P.M.; Thos. Cavanah, P.M.; Joseph Lytle, J. Stevenson, and Hugh Jones. Visitors: Bros. F. A. Huet, S.W. 1009, P.P.G. Purst. Derbyshire; J. M. Sinclair, S.W. 163; James Andrew, P.M. 1219; Jno. P. Squirrel, 1387; Wm. Hollins, P.M. 152; Thos. Cowen, J.W. 1161; Geo. J. Schofield, S.W. 1219; T. Dawson, W.M. 1219; Henry Paulden, Sec. 204; Benjamin Taylor, 204; Wm. Sturin, I.P.M. 1161; Joseph Aldred, P.M. 1140; J. G. Elderton, 317; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 4.45 with prayer, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read by Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M., who acted as Secretary, and confirmed by the brethren, Bro. Joseph Bracewell was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. Bro. Wm. Bostock presented, and explained, the working tools, and Bro. H. Bracewell delivered the charge to the candidate. The brethren afterwards adjourned to tea at 5.55. At 7.15 they re-assembled in the lodge room, when the ballot was taken for Bro. N. Squirrel, of the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, and Bro. Samuel Ashcroft, of the Bridgewater Lodge, No. 1213, to become joining members of the lodge, and both brethren were unanimously elected. "Hearty good wishes" were afterwards expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 8.20.

At the social board Bro. Thos. Cavanah proposed in flattering terms "The Health of Bro. Joseph Bracewell," who had been made a F.C., and after "The Health of Bro. Joe" had been cordially drunk with Masonic honours, Bro. H. Bracewell responded (both figuratively and literally) on behalf of his absent relative, and in the course of his remarks said he had great pleasure in so doing, because he felt that the remarks applied to his brother were strictly true, and he had no doubt that his brother "Joe" would make a true and good Mason, as in the course of a lifelong experience of him he knew that whatever he took in hand he endeavoured to carry out with credit to himself, and everyone concerned. Bro. H. Bracewell further stated that there had always existed the greatest harmony and goodfellowship between himself and his brother, and he felt the liveliest satisfaction in hailing him as a brother in a double sense, and concluded by thanking Bro. Cavanah, P.M., for his kind remarks, and the brethren for so heartily responding to the toast. Bro. J. D. Curtis, in proposing "The Healths of the Joining Members, Bros. Ashcroft and Squirrel," said it gave him much pleasure to do so, as with one of them (Bro. Squirrel) he was intimately acquainted. Bro. Curtis further stated that it was quite evident these two brethren had the desire to still further acquaint themselves with Masonic teachings and precepts, and to mix with brethren other than those who belonged to their own lodge. As regarded Bro. Squirrel, he was so well-known to the brethren of the Avon Lodge, having visited them so often, that he scarcely needed any recommendation from him, and in asking the brethren to cordially respond to the toast, Bro. Curtis said he did so with an extra amount of pleasure, for the reason that there was no one of his acquaintance more than Bro. Squirrel that he would like to have seen in the Avon Lodge. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and with Masonic honours, after which Bro. Squirrel responded for himself and Bro. Ashcroft (who was absent). Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and after a very enjoyable evening the brethren separated about eleven o'clock. Bro. Curtis, whose duties as Steward are no sinecure, most ably and efficiently fulfilled that office.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 14th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, when there were present Bros. Bond, P.P.G.P. Surrey, W.M.; Aston, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Hurst, P.G.P. Middx., J.W.; Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middx., I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, W.M. 1512, Sec.; A. Nuthall, Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.D.; J. Featherstone, J.D.; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, I.G.; F. Honeywell, P.P.G.O. Middx., Org.; J. Piller, W.M. 1793, D.C.; Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx., Tyler; W. Bros. J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., honorary members. The visitors were Bros. Cooke, 5; Noble, 975; Springett, 1044; Noton, 1309; Ballard, 1326; Beauchamp, 1512; and Collier, 1793.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. C. Brier, J. P. Ealey, and J. Bushell were initiated into Craft mysteries by the I.P.M. The ceremony of installation, which was to have been performed by W. Bro. J. Hammond, was, in consequence of his indisposition, performed by W. Bro. Baldwin in a manner that left nothing to be desired. He was assisted by Bros. Hurst, Walls, and Forge. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Hurst, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; Bond, I.P.M.; Rev. C. de Crespigny, Chap.; Ockenden, Sec.; Nuthall, Treas.; Featherstone, S.D.; Forge, J.D.; Piller, I.G.; F. Honeywell, Org. (by deputy); Duffell, D.C.; Worthington, W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Previously to the lodge being closed, the I.P.M. was presented with a jewel. W. Bro. Bond having said a few words in reply, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice. W. Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny acknowledged the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." having been warmly proposed by the I.P.M., the W.M. in response, made a neat and

somewhat humorous speech. The toast of "The Initiates" came next in order, and this pledge having been enthusiastically drunk, Bros. Brier, Ealey, and Bushell briefly replied. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the members of the Wolsey upon the Masonic standing of the brethren who had done them the honour of being present that evening. Personally he was greatly pleased, as some of them had come many miles to witness the ceremony of his installation. In conclusion he hoped that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them. Bros. Cooke, Noton, Springett, Collier, and others having acknowledged the compliment, "The Installing Officer" followed. The W.M. in giving this toast expressed himself delighted with the able and efficient manner in which the ceremony of installation had been carried out by Bro. Baldwin. The pledge having been warmly received, the Installing Officer expressed his acknowledgments in a few modest words. "The Health of the Past Masters," coupled with the name of W. Bro. Bond, I.P.M., followed, and this toast having been responded to "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order. In proposing this toast the W.M. dwelt at some length upon the many Masonic and social qualities which the two brethren who held those respective offices possessed. In conclusion he said that he sincerely hoped that both officers would for many years to come honour the lodge by continuing to hold their important and onerous positions. Bros. Nuthall and Ockenden having replied, "The Officers," coupled with the name of W. Bro. J. Hurst, S.W., brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

MANCHESTER.—Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The regular meeting of this young lodge was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, on Monday, the 21st ult. There were present Bros. Rev. E. Harwood Cooke, W.M.; J. B. Seel, S.W.; Dr. Thos. Fiddes, J.W.; T. Royle Higginson, Treas.; W. H. Townsend, Sec.; A. H. Sansom, S.D.; E. L. Littler, J.D.; P. Heaton, I.G.; John Worthington, Tyler; A. Stott, D.C.; J. R. England, I.P.M.; W. Aldred, J. W. Wosnidge, Clegg, Stenhouse, Tate, Dobson, Shepherd, Harrison, Chevalier, J. Stott, W. Howat, W. Cole, Org.; and Swift. Visitors: Bros. Robt. Tomlins, J.W. 317; Jas. Cole, S.D. 1588; J. Hawkins, 216; J. Simpson, 249; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The brethren met at six o'clock to tea, after which, at 7.45, they assembled in the lodge room. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Mr. Thomas Rickerby Vickers was balloted for, and being unanimously elected, was, with due rite and ceremony, initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The working tools were presented by Bro. J. R. England, I.P.M., and the J.W., Bro. Dr. Thos. Fiddes, delivered the charge to the candidate. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony at nine o'clock. A pleasant two hours were spent at the social board, some songs and recitations most agreeably enlivening the proceedings.

TWICKENHAM.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—This lodge held its first meeting for the year at the Albany Hotel, on Saturday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. G. Clark, W.M.; H. Clark, S.W.; C. C. Cruikshanks, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of W., I.P.M.; H. A. Dubois, P. Prov. G.W., P.M.; H. B. Marshall, C.C. &c., Treas.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; F. J. Perks, S.D.; W. S. Dunkley, J.D.; T. W. G. Wood, I.G.; C. J. Axford, D.C.; J. Holliday, jun., W.S.; G. J. Dunkley, Prov. G. Org.; J. Daley, Tyler; A. H. St. Leger, R. R. Johnstone, W. Heelis, H. H. Room, M. S. Larham, P.M. 1216, &c., &c., and C. A. White. Members: Bros. Larner, P.M.; Batting, P.M.; Henry Buss, G. Asst. Sec.; and several other visiting brethren.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for two gentlemen for initiation and a brother for joining. The W.M. then in a masterly manner initiated his brother, Mr. J. Bridger Clark, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Edward Clarke was raised and the lodge was closed in due form.

An emergency meeting of the Era Lodge was held in another room of the Hotel, and the brethren of both lodges met at refreshment. The usual toasts were honoured, Bro. Buss returning thanks for the Grand officers, and Bro. J. T. Moss for the Prov. Grand Officers. The dining room was somewhat crowded, but the brethren good naturedly made the best of the novel position.

INSTRUCTION.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The brethren of this lodge met on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Cock Tavern, Kennington-road. There were present Bros. Pincott, W.M.; Webb, S.W.; Ayling, J.W.; Francis, P.P.S.D., Preceptor; Cooper, Sec. and S.D.; Stranger, J.D.; and Palmer, I.G. The W.M. worked the First and Second Degrees in a most efficient manner, Bro. Chamberlain acting as candidate. This lodge of instruction, which has only recently removed to the above house, has been well attended, and the working is admirably done under the instruction of the Preceptor, Bro. Francis.

Royal Arch.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER (No. 25).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Monday last at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Comps. W. Kerby, as M.E.Z., in the absence of Comp. W. Martin, M.E.Z., Treas., P.Z.; W. Land, H.; J. Baxter, J.; F. Hatton, S.N.; W. Platt, P.Z., S.E.; W. Eelsey, P.S.; J. E. Shand, 1st Asst.; G. Deaton, 2nd Asst.; H. H. Smith, W.S.; Sherville, P.Z.; Allsopp, P.Z.; Denton, P.Z.; Boyd, Robins, Zidner, and others. Visitors: Comps. Seymour Smith and Taylor. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. The installation of principals and officers was as follows: Comps. W. Land, M.E.Z.; W. Sherville, I.P.Z.; J. Baxter, H.; W. Kerby, P.Z., Treas.; W. Eelsey, J.; W. Platt, P.Z., S.E.; J. E. Shand, S.N.; G. Deaton, P.S.; J. Boyd, 1st Asst.; H. Stead, Janitor. The chapter closed and the companions adjourned to banquet. The usual Royal Arch toasts were given by the M.E.Z. and duly honoured, and with the aid of a piano and a little vocal music, altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent, the companions separating about eleven o'clock.

HASLINGDEN.—Chapter of Wisdom (No. 283).—On Thursday, the 24th ult., the members of this chapter assembled at the Swan Hotel, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of installing the Principals and investing the officers for the ensuing year. In the absence of the M.E.Z. the chapter was opened by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 3:7, 1287, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. (acting) Z.; S. Porritt, H.; and B. T. Gosling, J. There were also present Comps. J. Sutcliffe, P.Z.; J. Hall, P.Z.; T. Hindle, P.Z.; R. Rushton, S.E., and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the Principals elect viz. Comps. Porritt, Z.; B. T. Gosling, H.; and R. Rushton, J., were presented to the acting M.E.Z., and were by him installed in their respective chairs. The officers were also invested by Comp. Sillitoe, who afterwards delivered addresses to the Principals, officers and companions of the chapter, at the conclusion of which the newly installed Z. expressed the pleasure he had derived from listening to the beautiful ceremony so ably performed, and proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for his services, which was seconded by Comp. Gosling, H., and cordially passed.

After the close of the chapter the companions adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by "mine host of the Swan," and a most enjoyable evening followed.

LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).—At a convocation of this chapter, held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the following companions were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. S. Tanner, M.E.Z.; G. Stone, H.; Hauxwell, J.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; W. H. Hodgkin, N.; C. Briscoe, S.E.; Kraeutler, P.S.; Carver and G. Chapman, A.S.; and Hall, Janitor. The chapter voted a P.Z.'s gold jewel to Comp. Jos. Farncombe on his retirement from the post of First Principal. During the proceedings the official announcement was made of the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter for Sussex and the appointment of Comp. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., as Grand Superintendent thereof.

ACCRINGTON.—Bank Terrace Chapter (No. 462).—The annual installation festival of this old chapter was celebrated on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Hargreaves Arms. Amongst those present were Comps. Holden, Z.; W. H. Dewhurst, J.; Thomas Shult, S.E.; Eli Knowles, P.S.; and other members; and as visitors Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 3:7, 1387, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; E. Heywood, P.Z. 1:45, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Tennant, Z. 1:45; R. Rushton; S.E. 1:45, and others.

The chapter was opened at five o'clock, after which Comp. Sillitoe installed the following Principals, viz.: Comp. W. H. Dewhurst, Z.; Comp. T. Shult, H. (both by dispensation); and Comp. Eli Knowles, J.; he also invested the following officers, viz.: Comps. T. Hindle, S.E.; E. Sudren, S.N.; and G. Bingham, Treasurer; the P.S. and Janitor elect being unavoidably absent. At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was proposed, and carried with acclamation, to Comp. Sillitoe for the very able and impressive manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and for his kindness in coming so far to render the chapter such valuable assistance.

The chapter was closed in solemn form at 7:30, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social and fraternal fashion.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—On the 23rd ult. the annual installation meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms at the Athenæum. After the usual routine business had been transacted, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, when Ex. Comp. Colonel the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Second Grand Principal of West Lancashire, installed Ex. Comps. Henry Longman into the chair of Z.; Duff, H.; and Ellershaw, J.; the ceremony being most efficiently and impressively gone through. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest the officers of the chapter as follows: Comps. R. Stanton, S.E.; G. Kelland, S.N.; E. Simpson, Treasurer; Longmire, P.S.; Hannah and Wilde, A. Soj.; and Allison, Janitor. On the motion of Ex. Comp. Bagnall, P.Z., seconded by Ex. Comp. Simpson, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, Ex. Comp. Colonel Stanley, for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of his office. Colonel Stanley, in acknowledging the compliment, intimated his intention of making a handsome present of chapter furniture, as a memento of his pleasant rule over them. The chapter having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where the installation banquet was held under the chairmanship of the newly-installed M.E.Z., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts pertaining to such a gathering were given and responded to.

Mark Masonry.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 185).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on Wednesday, the 16th ult., when there were present, among others, W. Bros. E. Hopwood, P.G.S.B. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey, I.P.M.; W. Hammond, P.G.S. of England; Bros. Sanders, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey, J.W.; Tozer, I.G.; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and several communications read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were done full justice to. W. Bro. Taylor responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and immediately proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Hopwood having replied, gave "The Officers," coupled with the name of the S.W. Bro. Sanders having replied, the proceedings terminated.

LANCASTER.—Moore Lodge (No. 146).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 28th ult., when Bro. Edmund Simpson, P. Prov. R. of Works, regularly installed Bro. Richard Stanton, W.M. for the ensuing year, going through the ceremony very efficiently. The following brethren were subsequently invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Stanley, I.P.M.; J. E. Hannah, S.W.; B. Gregson, J.W.; J. Aldous, M.O.; H. Hartley, S.O.; J. Ellershaw,

J.O.; A. Stanley, S.D.; H. C. Moore, J.D.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. After the installation of officers, the newly-installed W.M. regularly advanced Bro. Herbert C. Moore to the honourable Degree of Mark Master.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where the installation banquet was held. The newly-installed Master presided, and after dessert had been placed on the tables, gave the usual loyal toasts from the chair. They were received with customary honours, and followed by the Masonic toasts consequent in such a gathering. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., Bro. James Smyth, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. A. Weston, S.W.; A. Penfold, J.W.; H. Shaw, M.O.; the Rev. C. A. Solbe, B.A., S.O.; T. W. Kirkbride, J.O.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; T. Holleyman, S.D.; D. C. Capon, J.D.; C. Buckland, D. of C.; W. B. Lloyd, Steward; B. C. Coupland, jun., P.M.; Dr. Spurrell, William Moulds, J. Bilton, James Anderson, M. Sculley, and William Wray. Visitor: Bro. F. Wood, Keystone Lodge, No. 3.

The lodge having been opened in ample form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. A. Weston was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Henry Pryce, Treasurer. A notice of motion by Bro. Kennedy, "That the lodge should remove from the Lord Raglan to a more suitable meeting place," was then taken into consideration, when, upon the proposition of Bro. the Rev. C. A. Solbe, Chaplain, it was unanimously resolved that the future meetings of the lodge should be held at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and a Committee, consisting of the W.M. and Past Masters, was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Weston, S.W., seconded, the following proposition, which was carried with acclamation: "That a letter of thanks be prepared by the Secretary, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary, in acknowledgment of the uniform kindness shown by those distinguished brethren to the Excelsior Lodge since its formation, and especially in regard to the support they rendered in obtaining a scholarship for the son of one of its members." The letter was as follows:

"Masonic Hall, Woolwich,

"24th March, 1881.

"To the R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary.

"Sir and Brother,—

"The Worshipful Master, officers, and members of the Excelsior Lodge of Mark Master Masons have long desired to place on record their sense of the high privilege accorded to them in the intercourse so readily and so courteously granted by you to the Master and members of this lodge, nor are they unmindful of the honour conferred upon them by your frequent personal attendance at the meetings of the above lodge, coupled with the kindness and able assistance you have on those occasions rendered to the lodge, by the urbanity with which you at once accepted any request to fill office, and carry out the business immediately in hand—a privilege fully appreciated by the lodge as having a tendency to make plain the mysteries and *truthful traditions* of Masonry, and what is of considerable interest to the brethren present, who would have a grand standpoint for the future to work up to, in endeavouring to copy your style, manner, and persuasive eloquence in the recital of our beautiful ritual as rendered by you.

"The W.M. has no hesitation or fear of contradiction in avowing that to your powerful and impressive address on the subject of the Masonic Charities at one of our banquets must be attributed in a great measure the readiness with which a subscription was granted to him for the benevolent fund, which gave him the much desired opportunity of placing the Excelsior Lodge on the books of Grand Lodge as a contributor, the full fruition of which has already been consummated in a liberal grant from Grand Lodge for the education of a Lewis of the Excelsior Lodge, in Woolwich, thus opening the door, and pointing the way for that strongest of factors in Masonry—Charity—for future Mark Masters to copy.

"These, Right Worshipful Sir, and other kindnesses not here named, make it a duty on the part of the W.M., officers, and members of the lodge to place on record, and take advantage of the amenities of Masonry, to forward, with every respect and goodwill, this expression of their feelings towards you, the same being recorded on the minutes of the lodge, to be handed down for the information of all future members. The W.M. need hardly repeat the great personal pleasure it affords him of being the medium of conveying to you (a brother confrere of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons) the wishes of the officers and members of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.

"On behalf of the lodge,

"JAMES SMYTH, W.M.

"Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.

"GEORGE KENNEDY, Secretary."

Bro. Holleyman was then invested as J.O., in succession to Bro. Deeves, who has left England for service in South Africa. Bro. Walter Ducker, a M.M. of Nelson Lodge, was proposed for advancement at the ensuing meeting, and Bro. F. Wood, of the Keystone Lodge, as a joining member. There being nothing further to propose for the good of Mark Masonry in general, or the Excelsior Lodge in particular, the lodge was closed in due form.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT.—Fleming Lodge (No. 265).—On Friday evening, the 25th ult., the regular meeting of this Mark lodge took place at the Savings Bank. The W.M., Bro. Henry George; the S.W., Bro. J. M. Davis; and the J.W., Bro. Henry Walton, were in their respective chairs. There was a goodly number of brethren present and several distinguished visitors, amongst whom were R.W. Bro. Broadley, P.G.M.M.M. Tunis and Malta; Bros. H. R. Hatherley, W.M. Newstead T.I. Lodge; and T. C. Lazenby, P.P.G.A.D.C. Linc., W.M. 1:17. The first business was to ballot for, as a joining member, Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G. Steward Linc., of Birchall Lodge, 143, and Remigius Lodge, 117, and he was unanimously elected. The ballot was then taken for Bro. J. J. Harvey, of Friendship Lodge, 100; he being unanimously elected, and being present, was duly advanced to the De-

gree of a Mark Master Mason, the ceremony being carried out by the W.M. in his usual able and impressive manner, in which he was ably assisted by his officers. Although but a newly-formed lodge, the working called forth high commendation from R.W. Bro. Broadley, who, after expressing his favourable opinion of the working of the lodge, gave the newly-advanced brother and lodge generally a short, but very impressive, Mark lecture, comprising an epitomised history of the Degree, also how it might be made as flourishing in this country as in his own province of Tunis and Malta. The W. Master then presented to the lodge a handsome silk embroidered banner which had been privately subscribed for by a few members of the Fleming Lodge. The W.M. of the Newstead T.I. Lodge being present, and that lodge (probably one of if not the oldest Mark Lodge in England) having placed itself under the banner of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, the subject of forming a Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Notts was entered upon, and a deputation from the Fleming Lodge was appointed to meet a similar deputation from the Newstead Lodge to make the necessary arrangements. A letter having been handed by Bro. Lazenby to the W.M. from the Prov. Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire, expressing regret at his unavoidable absence, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Ram Hotel, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

There is a stir amongst the dry bones, and a speedy resurrection for Mark Masonry in Notts may be looked for, nay, may be said to have commenced, and this beautiful Degree, which in the province of Nottingham has been until the last two years almost at a dead lock, will we now fairly hope soon be prominent in the front ranks of the Mark Degree.

India.

BENGAL.

We are glad to observe from the District Grand Master's report that not only are the finances of the D.G. Lodge in a flourishing condition, but that also a greater degree of zeal in the promotion of the welfare of the Craft is being displayed by the lodges generally. There appears to be only one lodge—Marine—that is in arrears with its dues to the District Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. B. Wolseley has been appointed Dep. District Grand Master.

Royal Arch Masonry appears also to be improving. Rock Chapter, of Gwalior, has, through the energy and perseverance of Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Wolseley, started working again. On January 14th a convocation was held at Morar, when the Three Principals for the current year—Ex. Comps. Lieut.-Col. Wolseley, G.H. for Bengal, as Z.; Sergt.-Major Collins, as H.; and Comp. Sergt. Lovell, as J.—were installed by Ex. Comp. Paxton, P.P.Z., who travelled from Allahabad for the occasion. There was a very fair attendance on the occasion, and four candidates.

On the 27th of December the members of the Craft in Calcutta marched in procession to St. John's Church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the V.W. Bro. Etty, P.D.G. Chaplain, who chose for his text, "Be clothed with humility." The service was choral, and the attendance was good, a large number of ladies being present. The universality of Freemasonry was shown by there being present Parsees, Hindus, Mahomedans, Jews, and Chinese. At the close of the service a collection was made in aid of the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence. Rs. 300 was collected.

The following changes have taken place among the officers of the District Grand Lodge: W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. G. B. Wolseley, P.M. 1066, 1210, 1843, Deputy District Grand Master; J. W. Browne, P.M. 218, District Grand Senior Warden; Captain Brownrigg, P.M. 1698, District Grand Junior Warden; W. H. Fitze, P.M. 218, District Grand Treasurer; Major F. Currie, P.M. 552, District Grand Registrar; H. M. Rustomjee, P.M. 67, re-appointed District Grand Secretary; J. B. Hamilton, P.M. Kumaon Lodge, District Grand Senior Deacon; J. Swinhoe, P.M. 67, District Grand Junior Deacon; Captain Deering, P.M. 301, District Grand Superintendent of Works; W. W. Clifford, P.M. 174, Assistant District Grand Superintendent of Works; J. C. Michell, P.M. 1526; J. Kirby, P.M.; and F. D. Lazarus, W.M. 229, District Grand Pursuivant.

The following are the names of the Worshipful Masters for the year 1880-81: W. Bros. A. P. Handley, Barrister-at-law, Lodge Star in the East, 67, E.C., Calcutta; W. D. Cruikshank, P.M. Lodge Industry and Perseverance, 109, Calcutta; Capt. Allen Deane, P.M. Lodge True Friendship, 218, Calcutta; F. D. Lazarus, P.M. Lodge Humility with Fortitude, 229, Calcutta; W. Girling, P.M. Lodge Marine, 232, Calcutta; R. Mittra, Barrister-at-law, Lodge Anchor of Hope, 234; F. A. Kleyn, Lodge Courage with Humanity, 392; W. Ferns, P.M. Lodge St. John's, 486; R. E. B. Hill, P.M. Lodge Temperance and Benevolence, 1160, Calcutta; J. W. Hanlon, P.M. Lodge Sandeman, 1384.

MOFUSSIL LONGES.

W. Bros. W. R. Barry, Lodge Independence with Philanthropy, No. 391, Allahabad; D. Ritchie, Lodge Harmony, No. 438, Cawnpore; W. Ames, P.M. Lodge Morning Star, No. 552, Lucknow; Rev. L. P. Phillips, Lodge Unity, No. 1698, Allahabad; I. Kirby, P.M. Lodge True Freemasonry, Saidpore; and Dr. O'Brien, Lodge Mount Everest, No. 1525, Darjeeling. Royal Arch Chapter Hope, attached to Lodge Industry and Perseverance, No. 109, E.C., Calcutta, has elected Ex. Comp. W. H. Fitze, as Z.; Ex. Comp. W. H. T. Ayres, as H.; and Ex. Comp. C. H. Emmett, as J. In Mark Masonry the following brethren have been called to rule: W. Bros. H. M. Rustomjee, Lodge Capstone, No. 80; A. Friedeman, Lodge Sandeman-Stat Veritas, No. 220.

We regret to record the death at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Monday, the 21st ult., by accidental drowning, of Bro. William Hughes, P.M. and Honorary Secretary of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179. The funeral took place on Saturday, at Brompton Cemetery. Among those attending were Bros. Green, W.M. 179; Lovett, I.P.M.; Hopekirk, P.M.; Tyyrell, P.M.; James Thew, P.M.; Benet, P.M.; Pugsley, S.W.; and many brethren of Lodge No. 179 and other lodges. The burial service was read in a most impressive manner by the clergyman of the church he attended when in life.

Masonic Tidings.

FUNERAL OF THE OLDEST FREEMASON IN ENGLAND.—On Thursday, the 17th ult., at St. Mary Le Gill Church, Barnoldswick, the remains of Bro. Henry Crook (84), who is stated to be the oldest Freemason in England, were interred. Bro. Crook joined a Lodge of Freemasons in 1821.—*Preston Guardian*, Wednesday, March 23rd.

In our report of the Ravensbourne Ball last week, by a singular typographical error, the word *Surplus* was made to read *Templars*.

The Mediterranean Mark Lodge, No. 278, will be consecrated at Gibraltar on Thursday, 28th inst., by W. Bro. Thos. J. Pulley, P.M., P.G.S., Prov. G. S. Berks and Oxon, who has been appointed by the M.W.G.M.M.M. for that purpose. We understand that a new lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, to be moored to the Gibraltar Mark Lodge, No. 43, will be consecrated by Bro. Pulley during his visit to the Rock.

The hall yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland will be held on Friday, the 8th inst., under the banner of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371. The annual convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter will also be held the same day, under the banner of the Nicholson Chapter, No. 371.

Oswald Edward Lewis, who was a candidate at the coming election of the Boys' School, having just received a presentation to Christ's Hospital, his name has been withdrawn from the list.

The ball recently held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, in connection with the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, has resulted in a balance, after paying expenses, of the sum of £50, which will be devoted to the increase of the money set aside for the Fund of Benevolence attached to the lodge.

The Royal Commission on Agriculture, under the presidency of Bro. His Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, will go to Edinburgh early next week, with a view to inquiring into Scotch agriculture on the spot, and are expected to remain in the Scotch capital for a week or ten days.

Bro. Egbert Roberts, the basso vocalist, who has recently undergone a surgical operation, is, we are pleased to learn, progressing favourably.

Bro. J. L. Toole will appear in "Trying a Magistrate," and Bro. Thomas Thorne in "A Regular Fix" at the Sutton Public Hall, on Tuesday afternoon next, when Miss Sarah Thorne takes a benefit to recoup her for the loss sustained by an accident during her recent pantomime visit, when the whole of the proscenium fell forward, doing great damage to the scenery.

Bro. S. C. Hadley presided at the annual festival of the Surgical Appliance Society at Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday last.

A most successful entertainment was given at the Royal Park Theatre on Thursday, the 24th ult., for the benefit of Miss Amy Steinberg (wife of Bro. John Douglass), when in addition to the regular company several artists of distinction gave their assistance. The result of the performance was most satisfactory.

The *World* says, "The Portsmouth Freemasons are rejoicing in their numerical and financial prosperity. They are receiving important accessions to their ranks from the army and the navy. Commander Lord Charles Beresford is to be the W. Master of a new lodge, for which the Prince of Wales has granted the warrant. It is to be named after the popular general commanding the southern district, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar will be one of its earliest members; but His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England will not, owing to recent events, perform the ceremony of consecration, the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight undertaking that duty.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at Bradford on Wednesday next, the 6th inst. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in the following week.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.—The Offices of the Grand Mark Lodge have been removed from No. 2 to No. 8A, Red Lion-square.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.—The Quarterly Communication of the Metropolitan College will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday next, the 7th inst., at 5.30. It will be preceded by a meeting of the High Council at 3.30.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, Prince Alfred, Crowndale-road, on Wednesday next. Bro. James Kew, P.M. 179, Preceptor.

The installation of the W.M. of the Trinity Lodge, No. 1734, took place on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh.

On Tuesday evening the members of the joint Midland and North-Eastern Circuits entertained Bro. Justice Cave at dinner in the Inner Temple Hall (the use of which had been specially granted for the purpose), in order to celebrate the learned judge's recent elevation to the Bench. The chair was occupied by Mr. Alfred Wills, Q.C.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has graciously consented to lay the foundation stone of the City and Guilds of London Technical College, Finsbury.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET-BOOK FOR 1881. Second Edition. (London: George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.) The Craft will, we feel sure, hasten to obtain this second edition, as it is a matter of urgency. For the benefit of "outsiders," we will take just one file off the lodge. "He (the publisher) has given in the 'Cosmo' for 1880-81 the actual days of meetings of lodges and chapters, &c., in all cases where returns have been received, instead of, as formerly, contenting himself with specifying the normal day of the monthly meeting. This change will, he thinks, prove to be a great convenience to many who habitually use the 'Cosmo.'" And with this mouthful of information as to the Masonic value of its pages, the lodge is closed, and we leave the Masonic world from the Entered Apprentice with the Lodge of Instruction before him, up to—the highest Degree with this manual in hand.—*Metropolitan*, March 12.

Bro. Dr. Spark, the borough Organist at Leeds, who was announced to give an organ recital in the Victoria Hall on Tuesday afternoon, and play a selection of Russian music, apropos of the late Czar's death, received an anonymous letter, warning him that if he did "evil would come to him." In consequence great police precautions were taken, but the performance passed off without anything unusual occurring.

Bro. Henry Irving has commissioned Mr. G. H. Boughton, A.R.A., to paint a portrait of Miss Ellen Terry as she appears at the Lyceum in "The Cup."

Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., presided at the thirteenth annual meeting of the London and Westminster Working Men's Association on Thursday evening week.

The negroes have established an Independent African Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of the U.S. of N. America. They have also established an African Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The reason for this is said to be owing to the disfavour with which they are received into many existing chapters and encampments.

The Prince of Wales was on Tuesday last re-elected commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon and Lady Carnarvon are expected to arrive at Highclere Castle, from Madeira, next Tuesday week.

The charity fund attached to the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733, completed its first anniversary on Saturday last. During its brief existence, Bro. E. Arrowsmith, the Hon. Sec., has been enabled from the one shilling per week collected from each member, to pay to the several institutions the noble sum of £137 9s. Other lodges would do well to emulate so good an example.

Bro. Joseph Lavender, of 26, Bedford-row, has taken into partnership Mr. Robert Dixon, who has been his pupil for twenty years.

Bro. Thomas Benskin, of the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, is about to become the proprietor of Limmer's Hotel, Bond-street. Both of these hotels are associated with memories of the far-off past. Limmer's has recently been rebuilt and enlarged, and furnished in a very refined style. The house has one of the finest banqueting halls in London. It is rather curious that two such old-established hotels should become linked together under one management.

Bro. George Dawson will be installed W.M. of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday next.

Bro. Major George Singleton Tudor was on Monday, the 21st ult., installed Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire in the presence of a large assemblage of the brethren. The Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom performed the ceremony.

Bro. Sir John Bennett will, at the next meeting of the Corporation, move for a gift of £10,000 to the building of the City and Guilds Institute.

Bro. General Sir Frederick Roberts embarked at Cape Town on Wednesday for England, on board the Union Company's steamer Trojan.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Woolloton and Mrs. Woolloton have returned to their residence, Nutfield, Surrey, after nearly four months' stay at Bournemouth. Bro. Woolloton's health has been greatly benefited by the quiet and change.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir John Bennett, who has been indisposed for a few days, is now able to fulfil his engagements.

Bro. Edward Lloyd, proprietor of *The Daily Chronicle* and *Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper*, has been elected a member of the Reform Club.

MOORE AND BURGESS MINSTRELS.—Bro. G. W. Moore, the popular comedian of this troupe, took his annual benefit on Thursday last, in the great St. James's Hall. There were two performances—afternoon and evening—and besides the ordinary minstrel company a long list of dramatic and musical artistes appeared, the least among whom, it is no disrespect to say, were Bro. Uffner's "Midgets," with their friendly companions Miss Jennie Quigley and Commodore Foot.

BRO. SIR MICHAEL COSTA.—An announcement has appeared in an evening contemporary to the effect that the world of music was to be enriched by an orchestral composition from the pen of Bro. Sir Michael Costa, with a view to its first performance at the opening of the bazaar, to be held in June next, in the Duke of Wellington's Riding School, on behalf of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin. We are concerned to hear that this announcement, so far as it assumes to be a matter of certainty, is premature, and that, seeing that it is contingent upon several circumstances, as of health and other engagements, the work in question is to be regarded as a thing rather to be hoped for than to be absolutely counted upon.

LUMLEY LODGE, NO. 1893, LINCOLNSHIRE.—This lodge will (D.V.) be consecrated on Thursday, the 21st inst., by the R.W.P.G.M. for Lincolnshire, Bro. W.H. Smyth, of Elkington Hall, near Louth. The W.M. designate is Bro. H. J. Seels, jun., of Wainfleet, at the present time holding the office of I.P.M. of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 426, holding its meetings at Spilsby, Lincolnshire. The place of meeting of the Lumley Lodge will be at the estate offices of Lord Scarborough, in the pretty little town of Skegness, where his lordship is, we understand, an extensive landholder, and has during the past few years made great improvements at an immense outlay of money, including several handsome buildings, the town being mapped out with regular districts with commodious streets, &c. A considerable portion of the old sea wall (constructed of sand) has been replaced by stone, forming a delightful promenade. To these have been added public gardens and a cricket and bicycle ground, said to be the finest in England. A branch line of the G.N. Railway from Frisby brings Skegness into easy communication with the Midland Counties, and with the inhabitants of Nottingham especially it is a favourite seaside resort. As a summer lodge it will probably supply a want much felt in Lincolnshire, in which province it will stand twenty-first on the roll.

Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart's yacht, the Cavalier, left Falmouth last week for Marseilles, where her owner and his party will embark for a cruise in the Mediterranean.

The total amount of subscriptions to the John Hervey Memorial Fund up to March 31st amounted to £329 2s. 6d.

RE-OPENING OF EXETER HALL.—The inauguration of this public building, in its new form and with the alterations and improvements, took place on Wednesday evening last, and was participated in by an immense sympathetic assemblage. Having long had a somewhat precarious tenure of existence, it has lately passed into the hands of an organization—the Young Men's Christian Association—having ramifications in all parts of the globe, and exerting an influence which, centring in the parent society in the metropolis, extends to the most distant colonies of the British Empire. Of pecuniary aid there has been from first to last a supply highly encouraging to the projectors of the re-organisation and the committee who have had the superintendence of the work. The purchase money of the building, £25,000, having been provided by five munificent donations of £5,000 each, the donors being Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Mr. R. C. L. Bevan, Messrs. T. A. and E. M. Denny, Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., and Mr. George Williams, £23,000 more was required to make the necessary alterations and improvements, and this also has, it appears, been subscribed within about £5,000. The large hall remains the same in outline, but it has been to a considerable extent redecorated, and it presents an aspect suitable alike for public meetings and for oratorio concerts.

INAUGURATION DINNER TO BRO. F. TRILLAT.—An inauguration dinner was given at the Ship Restaurant, Charing Cross, S.W., by a few friends representing the *crème de la crème* of the culinary art in London to their esteemed Craftsman, the new proprietor, Bro. Francis Trillat. The menu was modest, but of a most *recherché* description, as may be well imagined, considering that it was submitted to some fifty of the most competent critics of the day, represented by the *chefs* of the first Royal and Ducal houses of the realm; each service was manipulated with that perfection and degree of finish rarely to be met with, except under similar circumstances—indeed, culinary art must have exhausted itself in this very evident exhibition of science and skill; the wines, perfectly in harmony with the other delicacies, were of celebrated brands and mature age. Bro. F. Gendre most ably presided at this "or lique" assemblage. On the removal of the cloth, he requested that each glass should be charged to the brim, as he was about to propose the first toast of the evening, which, whether by British subjects or aliens on these hospitable shores, was always loyally associated with the ceremonies of this kind. It was that of "Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family." The toast was responded to enthusiastically (loud exclamations for the Prince of Wales). Monsieur TURPIN proposed "A la France, and Prosperity to the Société Culinaire Française," which was received with unbounded applause. Upon all rising, the Chairman intoned "The Marseillaise," and was immediately joined by every one present. Monsieur Gournel responded in an elegant and impressive manner. The Chairman then proposed, and was supplemented by Monsieur Cabuset and Monsieur Leon Paul, "Success and Prosperity to the Worthy Host," Bro. Francis Trillat, a gentleman who had reached the highest perfection in his profession, at the same time winning golden opinions from his numerous friends and associates, as verified by all present. The toast was received with loud cheers. Monsieur Tournin in his extraordinary tenor voice, sang "Praises to the Vin Français" in a most humorous manner, and met with general applause. Bro. Francis Trillat ably responded at length, and trusted that with assiduity in his business he would no doubt eventually obtain the distinguished patronage usually bestowed by connoisseurs on merit and ability. Monsieur Desabrix next proposed "The Continuance of the Excellent Relations existing between France and England, may the two Countries be ever United, and be animated with the best of sentiments towards each other." Bro. Thomas Bull, Vice-Chairman, proposed that of "The Chairman, Bro. Francois Gendre," who was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, and who had taken on himself the difficult responsibility of organising that very pleasant gathering, with, it was acknowledged, most deserved success. The toast was warmly received, and the meeting then terminated.

General Tidings.

METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE.—The eleventh annual ball in aid of the funds of this institution will take place under distinguished patronage at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, April 27th.

A loving cup, twenty-five inches in height, and in the style of the sixteenth century, has been given with an address to Sir R. Gilpin, Bart., on the completion of his eightieth year. The formal presentation was made by Lord C. Russell.

The name of Lord Aberdare is mentioned as a possible candidate for the Chairmanship of the London School Board.

It is stated that the Coal and Corn and Finance Committee will recommend that a grant of £100 be given to the building fund of St. Saviour's, Brixton, of which the Rev. G. B. Concanon is the vicar. Mr. J. D. Allcroft has given £500 to the same cause.

THE CENSUS.—APRIL 4, 1881.

Ah! Postumus, truly the "anni fugaces"
Glide by, and, old friend, we no longer are young;
A new generation brings fair and fresh faces—

The wrinkles now show on the girls that we sung,
In vain 'gainst attacks of old age doctors fence us,

Though bravely we combat its aches and its pains,
The Registrar General comes with his Census,

To show us we're nothing but fossil remains.

The young folks to-day proudly put down their ages,
The future is theirs to enjoy and explore;

We've written our record and turned down the pages,
For good or for evil, 'tis theirs evermore.

Yet one consolation may still recompense us,
Though Henniker shows us that time travels fast,

We've lived and have loved—laughed and wept, and the
Census

Must leave us at least the indelible Past.—*Punch*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 9, 1881.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

MONDAY, APRIL 4.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End, E.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
" 1853, Caxton, F.M.H.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, S.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, S.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, S till 10.
British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Hot., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., S, Air-st., W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-st., W.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, K. Oval.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
Mark 236, Clapton, White Horse Hot., Lower Clapton.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 1216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.

- Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

- Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., N.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Leytonstone.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
K. T. Precept, 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdeft Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot., ldn. Bdg.
" 1672, Mornington, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank.
Chap. 2, Fidelity, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, K. Oval.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 199, Duke of Connaught, Bell Hot., Shoreditch.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

- Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

- Quarterly Gen. Court, and Election Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 1415, Camden, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1446, Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hot., Battersea.
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1637, Unity, Abercorn Arms, Gt. Stanmore.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
Chap. 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 9, 1881.

MONDAY, APRIL 4.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1043, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Manchester.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side, Manchr.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

- Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark 101, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.

- Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Mariborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.C., Birkenhead.
" 1609, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

- Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

- Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

- DERING.—On the 26th ult., at 44, Montpelier-road, Brighton, the wife of Mr. Evelyn John Heneage Dering, of a son.
ODELL.—On the 26th ult., at Haynes Cottage, 139, Acre-lane, Brixton, S.W., the wife of Mr. Joseph Odell, of a daughter.
POTTER.—On the 16th ult., at Aldershot, the wife of Mr. George Potter, of a son.
SANDERSON.—On the 28th ult., at Stanley Lodge, The Avenue, Hornsey-park, the wife of Mr. C. H. Sanderson, of a daughter.
SKRINE.—On the 25th ult., at Colombo, Ceylon, the wife of Mr. Duncan W. H. Skrine, of a son.
TIDSWELL.—On the 21st ult., at Springfield, Catford, the wife of Mr. Edward Tidswell, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- HADRILL-FORSTER.—On the 26th ult., at St. Paul's, Winchmore-hill, N., by the Rev. A. C. A. Drought, M.A., Alfred William, son of Mr. George Hadrill, Montreal, Canada, to Francis Ann, daughter of Mr. W. I. Forster, Winchmore-hill, N.
OLDHAM-ROWLEY.—On the 26th ult., at St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, by the Rev. R. W. Forrest, D.D., Robert Wilberforce, son of the Rev. John R. Oldham, Vicar of Ottershaw, Surrey, to Eveline, widow of Captain Henry F. Rowley, late of the 78th Regiment.

DEATHS.

- BLAKE.—On the 18th ult., in his 73rd year, Francis Blake 6, Carlton-terrace, Harrow-road.
BODDY.—On the 26th ult., at Elwick Hall, county of Durham, the Rev. James Alfred Boddy, M.A., Rector of Elwick Hall, aged 71.
BRAY.—On the 24th ult., at Southend, Mr. Thomas Bray, formerly of Chelmsford, aged 85.
ELLIS.—On the 19th ult., at 18, Tower-street, Hackney, Mr. James Ellis, M.D., aged 77 years.
FOSTER.—On the 24th ult., at Zanzibar, William Erskine Foster, son of Mr. M. H. Foster, C.B., Brickhill, Beds.
KIRKWOOD.—On the 21st ult., at Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, Mr. William Somers Kirkwood, aged 56.
LEACH.—On the 23rd ult., at Seaford Lodge, Ryde, Mr. Thomas Leach, of the Middle Temple, aged 68.
LEWIS.—On the 12th ult., at Mentone, the Rev. R. B. Lewis, of Upper Norwood, Surrey. Friends will please accept this intimation.
WIX.—On the 27th ult., at Clay Hill House, Waltham-stow, Essex, Mr. Henry Wix, Rector of Inworth, Essex, and Vicar of St. Bartholomew-the-Less, London.

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