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THE Quarterly Court and elections of the Girls' and Boys' Schools have taken place since our last. At the former, on Saturday last, the proposal for a swimming bath was carried, and Bro. GLADWELL'S proposition as to Secretaries of lodges of instruction, though a good deal may be said on both sides of the question, &c., was rejected. Fifteen candidates out of twenty-four were elected, and the voting was very brisk and heavy, and the attendance large. Owing to the small number (twelve) to be elected at the Boys' School meeting, out of so large a number of candidates (sixty-three), the demand for Boys' votes was very great, many of the provinces having candidates, and the voting, as was confidently said in the hall on Saturday, would turn out to be unprecedentedly heavy. Indeed, it was reported that many of the candidates would poll 2000 votes. In the Girls' School election the highest successful number was 2116, the lowest successful 1260. A question arose as to a "scrutiny" for MAUDE HILL, No. 19 on the list, and 16 on the poll, 1245, and it was stated by Bro. MATIER that 118 voting papers were rejected as informal, many of them not even being signed. We shall allude to this extraordinary fact later. Too much praise cannot be recorded to the body of Scrutineers, with Bro. MATIER at their head, whose zeal, carefulness, and courtesy are deserving of grateful recognition from all who largely benefit from their important and arduous labours. The Quarterly Court of the Boys' School took place on Monday, the 10th inst., when Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART'S motion was carried and Bro. GLADWELL'S again rejected. The poll then opened and closed amid an amount of high voting and heavy work unparalleled in the annals of the Boy's School. The great hall was crowded all the day. Of the twelve successful candidates the highest polled 2227, the lowest 1948—abnormal figures; and though, probably, on April next the increase will not be very great, in October twelve months we must expect a very large increase to the number of vote s. At the present elections the numbers were very large, in all, 54,824, thus made up,—17,643, carried forward, issued 37,181.

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At the monthly meeting of the Managing Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution a Sub-Committee was appointed to revise the Laws. Subsequently to the meeting the Sub-Committee sat for nearly two hours, and, after another meeting, will make a report to a Special General Meeting.

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THE more we think over the recent attack of the *Saturday Review* the more forcibly are we struck with its impotence and childishness. The "cui bono" clearly applies. What is the use, in 1881, of serving up, if a tempting "ragout" to some,—an "olla podrida," a complete "hash" of exploded "exposures" and ancient animosities. We apprehend that the "idea" of the writer is, (assuming he has one), if the article be not "mere padding," that Freemasons are claiming too great an antiquity. But how then does the "critic" seek to disprove this assertion? Verily, by reproducing the refurbished weapons of past controversies, which were never very good, sound, or safe, and are now utterly useless and worthless in the "phase" of active research, or contemporary criticism. If even the writer's "facts" were "facts," which they are not, all they would go to prove would be that great difficulty exists as to the real connection and actual continuance between operative and speculative Masonry, which no one denies. This a truism upheld by a succession of mouthy platitudes. But, unfortunately for him, the evidence of pre-seventeenth century Masonry rests on non-Masonic witnesses, rather than on Masonic. And if a Freemasonry akin to our own to day, on remarkable common grounds of identity and organization, was in existence in this country in 1646, as we apprehend will shortly be proved to have been the case, where are all the arguments of our assailant as to Masonry taking its rise in the early eighteenth century, and adopting its name, in actuality and symbolism, from a defunct operative sodality, with which it had no connection? This is, indeed, the "eighteenth century theory" with a vengeance. We admit that a good deal turns on the argument as to the sense in which ASHMOLE uses the word "Freemason," though Dr. PLOT'S meaning is clear. But as ASHMOLE was not a member of the Masons' Company, it is quite clear that he alludes to an independent fraternity. If ever the records of the Masons' Company are searched by a critical Masonic eye, many "facts"

will no doubt be cleared up and substantiated which at present seem shrouded in doubt and difficulty.

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As for the foolish "skit" on Freemasonry, as merely a convivial and charitable Benefit Society, Freemasons can afford to laugh at such unmeaning platitudes. In no sense is Freemasonry, or can it be, a Benefit Society. It confers "benefits,"—many and great indeed,—but not as of "right," only as of goodwill. It is the great and unchanging tenet of Freemasonry to be charitable; but true charity cannot be "bought or sold," and it is of its very essence, much more of its reality; that it should be free, gratuitous—given for duty's sake, as a matter of principle, and not be bargained for, or claimed as a return for money paid. But some good folks are so thickheaded in this world of ours that they cannot be made to understand either the first principles of action, or the secondary principles of application, which specially mark Freemasonry, and distinguish it from all other earthly sodalities, or all other so-called brotherhoods. It stands by itself, in that it is "sui generis," and is "Freemasonry;" its lasting praise to some, its angry dispraise to others.

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We beg to call the attention of our readers to certain irregularities in "voting papers," which seem to proceed from neglect or carelessness. Bro. MATIER announced last Saturday evening, as Chairman of the Scrutineers, that 118 voting papers had been rejected, owing to grave informalities, and were thrown aside as spoilt votes. Bro. MATIER subsequently stated that the voting papers were rejected because some were unsigned, (not, happily, we are told, a large number), and that the rest were refused because no "figure" appeared against any name; merely a "short line" or mark at the side. That is, as we understood the statement, but it may be open to correction. No figures, or even marks, were, at any rate, "inserted." As regards the first cause of rejection, we can hardly "primâ facie" understand how such great "lâches" on somebody's part can have arisen. Either the votes were not looked over carefully by the "sender" or by the brother "working" them in the room, or, given in hastily at the last moment, were as hastily deposited in the box without inspection. We would therefore impress upon all subscribers, and all who have elections to conduct, to look carefully over every voting paper,—to see that it is properly signed. As regards the second cause of rejection,—it is a very important point in itself, and we think the opinion of the Grand Registrar ought to be obtained, whether a mark down the side of the name, or a cross is a sufficient indication of the mind of the voter, for the guidance of the Scrutineers. We confess that we think the words on the voting papers in the Girls' School elections, "being entitled to two votes (say,), I desire to vote as inserted above," govern the case and exclude a mere mark. But it is said, that admitting no "figures" exist, the voter can fairly claim *one vote*. We again repeat, we think a distinct rule ought to be announced on the subject, and expressed on the voting paper. On Saturday it was undoubtedly the fact that No. 16 on the list lost her election owing to the operation of these two defects in the voting papers. No blame can be attached to the Scrutineers, as reading the "direction" above alluded to as imperative, they could not be supposed to understand the "intention" of the voter, and could only be governed by the actual signs and voting figure usual and regular in like cases.

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A SUGGESTION has been made to us, that owing to the increased number of votes, *three full hours from the cessation of the business of the Quarterly Court* should be allowed for the polling. As it is, most important business is often slurred over, owing to the desire of the subscribers to proceed to the voting. Thus, if the business commenced at 12.30 the polling would last until 3.30. We are not insensible to the argument of the simplicity of the present arrangement, but we fear that the business is often hastily transacted, and the labour of the polling is rendered very severe. Having said this, it is but fair to remark that at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on Monday the motions were all fully discussed and considered. On the whole, perhaps it is better "quieta non movere."

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THE explanations as regards the proposal to grant four votes for every ten guineas for the new building fund,—for the preparatory school,—have removed, we think, any doubts as to its expediency and propriety. Indeed, had we remembered, which we did not, until we were reminded by an old Masonic friend, that this was no new proposal, but that a "precedent" for the course suggested had been created in regard of the older building itself, we should not have intimated any doubtfulness as existing in our own minds on the subject. It is clearly a reasonable and unobjectionable course to pursue. The proposal of a junior or Preparatory Boys' School has so much to commend it to the good feeling of the subscribers and the educational requirements of the School, as a great and growing institution, that we feel sure the proposal will be taken up largely by the friends of the Boys' School and the members of the Craft. One hundred guineas were subscribed in the room.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Tavern. The chair was taken by Bro Lieut.-Col. Creton, Grand Treasurer, and there was a large number of brethren present, and among them—

Bros. J. Wordsworth, Henry Smith, P.G. Sec. West Yorkshire; Alfred W. Stanfield, C. F. Matier, Thos. Hill, Thos. Ruddock, Don. M. Dewar, H. A. Dubois, Arthur E. Gladwell, James Batling, Thos. Edmonston, Charles Godtschalk, Walter Sowdon, Thos. Massa, Francis Newman, H. Logan, F. W. Tyerman, S. B. Wilson, W. F. Smithson, J. B. Barnard, Robt. B. Wylie, J. P. Platt, Geo. Brown, Edgar Bowyer, George J. Earney, F. J. Hutchings, Thos. Chesworth, J. S. Cumberland, Herbert Dicketts, F. Adlard, E. F. Storr, J. E. Shand, Alfred Williams, John A. Rucker, A. J. Duff Filer, William Nott, W. J. Murlis, T. Hastings Miller, G. Letchworth, Walter Hopelkirk, G. J. McKay, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., J. L. Hine, A. F. A. Woodford, Charles Pulman, Thos. Bradley, E. P. Albert, S. Rosenthal, A. H. Tattershall, A. Middlemass, Jas. Terry, Magnus Ohren, H. Dalwood, Charles Greenwood, W. Roebuck, Constable, E. Coste, W. H. Adamson, Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. East Lanc.; Wylie and J. L. Hine, Manchester; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the July Quarterly Court, Scrutineers were appointed for the election.

Bro. H. A. DUBOIS, in the absence of Bro. Joshua Nunn, Vice-President, brought forward the following motion: "That, in the opinion of the House Committee, it is desirable to erect a swimming bath for the use of the girls, and that application be made to the Quarterly Court to sanction the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £2000 for that purpose." Bro. Dubois said that Bro. Nunn was unable to be present, and he had deputed him to make the motion for him. As one who sympathised with the object in view, he had much pleasure in doing so. He believed the majority of the brethren taking an interest in the Institution had visited it, and they knew the area of the grounds, at one end of which a few years ago they erected a laundry. Adjoining that building was a spare piece of land, which was available for the purposes of a swimming bath. As the laundry was close by, there would be a supply of water and other conveniences to accommodate the bath. It was a subject which now had engaged the attention of all gentlemen interested in public schools that swimming should be introduced as a part of education. Cleanliness they were told was next to godliness; and the Committee considered that the time had arrived when a swimming bath should be introduced at the Masonic Girls' School.

Bro. THOMAS RUDDOCK, Huddersfield, P.M. 275 and 1783, seconded the motion.

Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M. No. 22, supported the motion, which he considered was one of great importance.

A brother enquired whether in the absence of Bro. Nunn it was competent for another brother to move Bro. Nunn's motion.

The CHAIRMAN said it was quite competent.

Bro. CHADWICK, Prov. Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, said that he had been requested to read to the Quarterly Court a letter which had been addressed to him by a Past Master of No. 163, a lodge which they all knew had been a large donor to this Institution. This brother strongly demurred to the expenditure of £2000 for the purpose of a swimming bath. The letter was as follows:

"10, Birchin-lane, Manchester,
"6 October, 1881.

"To the Prov. Grand Sec. East Lancashire.

"Dear Bro. Chadwick,—

I see that on the 8th the Subscribers to the Girls' School are to be asked to sanction the expenditure of £2000 for a swimming bath for the girls. Now this, I presume, will, if allowed, be taken from the funds of the Institution, and, if so, I, as the duly appointed charity representative of Integrity Lodge, No. 163, most respectfully enter my protest. Swimming is not a necessary, although a desirable part of a girl's education. The word charity may be applied in a very many ways, but I have yet to learn that swimming is one. When we send our donations and annual subscriptions to the Secretary, we do so with the firm belief that it will be applied towards the clothing, feeding, and educating the girls. If, however, the majority attending the Court think differently I must bow to their opinion, but it certainly will influence my future action. If a few brethren had thought fit to subscribe a sum of £2000 upon the express condition that it should be devoted to the purpose of providing a swimming bath for the girls, then I should not have a fault to find; but to take it out of the money that was certainly never subscribed for such a purpose is wrong. As you are going up to London tomorrow, I trust I may not be troubling you too much by asking you to kindly convey my idea to the proper quarter, thereby obliging,

"Yours fraternally,

"JNO. SALMON,
"P.M. 163, and P.P.G.D.C., East Lancashire."

Bro. CHADWICK said that, having read the letter, he had not a word to remark beyond this, that the brethren really considered this matter ought not to be entertained by the Court.

The CHAIRMAN put the motion, which was carried by twenty-seven votes against fourteen.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. Grand Sec. West Yorkshire, took exception to the wording of the motion. The Quarterly Court were asked to declare that in the opinion of the House Committee it was desirable to erect a swimming bath. How could the Quarterly Court do such a thing? And then, the Quarterly Court was to resolve that application be made to the Quarterly Court to sanction the expenditure of £2000 for the purpose. The motion was badly worded, and was, in fact, all nonsense. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN said the intention was to obtain the sanction of the Court to the erection of a swimming bath, and the expenditure of the money, and that was what the Committee had decided.

The subject then dropped.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, for Bro. Frank Richardson, Vice-Patron, moved "That the rank of honorary Vice-Patron be conferred upon Bro. Charles Hammerton, in recognition of his valuable services to the Institution." He said it might not be within the knowledge of all the brethren present that for many years Bro. Hammerton, who was a very eminent brewer in the south of London, had by contract supplied the Institution with beer. Whenever he received a cheque, which generally amounted to £100 or £150 for the beer, he always handed it back to the Institution. Since, however, Bro. Hammerton became a member of the House Committee, he was, of course, precluded from supplying articles of any kind to the Institution; but, nevertheless, he had most generously presented the Institution with beer during the year. The brethren, therefore, thought some recognition of his kindness was called for, and the present motion was put on the paper by Bro. Frank Richardson.

Bro. S. RAWSON, Past District Grand Master of China, seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL, W.M. 172, moved that the following paragraph be added to Law XVI.:

"The Secretary for the time being of a Masonic Charitable Association (such as those usually associated with lodges of instruction) which has paid to the Institution a

sum not less than one hundred guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, be entitled to the honorary rank of a Life Governor, and to all the privileges of the same; and, further, the Secretary of an Association which has paid to the Institution during his Secretaryship a sum of not less than two hundred guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, on his retiring from such office, or on the Association ceasing to exist, be entitled to all the privileges of a Life Governor in his own right."

He said: Mr. Chairman and Brethren, the motion which is now submitted to you is, I think, one which will commend itself to all of you. It is doubtless known to many brethren present that of late years a practice has arisen, principally in connection with lodges of instruction, of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of our three Masonic Institutions, but probably few of you are aware to how great an extent the Institutions have benefited by the support thus given. (Bro. Gladwell here read a statistical account, showing that the "Metropolitan" Benevolent Association alone, which commenced in November, 1875, had already contributed to the three Institutions no less than £1106 10s., and that the Girls' School had received during the same period from nine such funds, some of which had only been established during the last three years, the sum of £1843.) As these funds are formed by small periodical subscriptions, usually at the rate of 1s. per week, it must be apparent that a very large amount of labour devolves upon the Secretaries, and many brethren with whom I associate are of opinion that the time has now arrived when some recognition should be made of their valuable and long continued services. This question has been frequently discussed during the last two years, and after due deliberation it is thought that the most suitable form of recognition is that now proposed. I feel warranted by precedent in submitting this proposition to you, for our code of laws (see law 14) provides that "a brother who has rendered special services to the Institution may be elected an honorary Life Governor." Also law 15 provides that "clergymen granting their pulpits or preaching in aid of the Institution shall be honorary Life Governors, &c." Although we have now no need to seek aid to the Institution in this form, still the law provides that in case a clergyman takes a holiday while his pulpit is occupied by another who preaches in aid of the Institution, although neither put themselves to much expense or trouble, and although the result of an appeal to a congregation may be very small, both shall be honorary Life Governors, with full privileges. It has been intimated to me by a few brethren that they would not object to confer the privilege of two votes to the Secretaries, but would withhold the privilege of attending the meeting of the General Committee; but, in my opinion, this would completely spoil what was intended to be a graceful act of recognition by this Court, and, as a matter of fact, the objection has no weight whatever, for nearly all of them are already Life Governors by virtue of their own donations, and the others will shortly become so, as they habitually contribute to the funds of which they keep the accounts. I now confidently submit my proposal to your consideration, and ask you, by adopting it, to encourage the formation of similar associations, and at the same time encourage continued support to the Institutions by small periodical subscriptions from the younger members of the Craft, who cannot always be expected at first sight of a Steward's list to contribute largely to our Institutions, respecting which they may at the moment know little or nothing.

Bro. EDMONSTON seconded the motion.

A brother rose to ask a question, not to object to the motion. Did the brethren who paid the shilling a week eventually obtain the position of Life Governors? If so that would put a different feature on the matter.

Bro. GLADWELL said they did.

Bro. E. F. STORR, wished to know whether Bro. Gladwell intended his motion to be retrospective or prospective.

Bro. GLADWELL said it was intended where an association died out by effluxion of time the rank should not be given. But the rule was that when one association so dropped another was started by the same persons, and in that case the association could not be said to be at an end. Where they were in that way continuous up to the present time he proposed that the Secretary should have the recognition named. Where the associations had completely died out, and did not wake up, the rank was not to be given.

Bro. S. RAWSON said that one point had not been brought forward. A Steward who took up this money on his list already had votes for the same.

Bro. GLADWELL said the privilege acquired by the Steward was acquired in a different way. The Secretaries had the trouble of collecting the sums in a shilling a week, or four shillings a month, which took a great deal of time.

Bro. J. G. STEVENS, P.M. 554, &c., said, for the information of the brethren, he might say he had been the President of one of the associations that had expired, and the Secretary of another. The first one two years ago paid into the coffers of this Institution nearly £1000. The one that was going on would by May next have paid something like £900. As to the recognition proposed by Bro. Gladwell for the Secretaries of such associations, he humbly conceived the Secretaries did not require any recognition at all—for this reason, the Secretary of such an association worked for the love of the thing, and not for the purpose of securing four or six votes per annum. He was not carping at all at the observations of Bro. GLADWELL. In his own individual case he (Bro. Stevens) should be very sorry to think that the Court of Governors imagined that he required any recognition of that, the performance of which he humbly conceived to be his duty.

Another brother said it was a small proportion of the expenses of the Institution throughout the year to grant such a recognition as that asked for, and the honour obtained by the individual was much coveted.

Bro. WYLLIE said it appeared to him that the practical result of the discussion which had taken place was that these charitable associations should arrange this matter among themselves. He believed the Institution did recognise the exertions of the brethren who raised the money, but it recognised them in the way of giving the Steward a vote. It would be easy for these associations among themselves to give the Secretary some of the votes if they thought he was deserving, without asking this Court to give additional privileges to those it had already given. That was the view that presented itself to his mind. In the provinces they had no experience of these associations, but he thought the Institution gave sufficient votes in recognition of the money paid into its coffers.

On being put to the vote the motion was almost unanimously rejected.

Bro. EDMONSTON gave notice that he should renew the subject at a future time.

The brethren then proceeded to elect fifteen girls, out of an approved list of twenty-five girls, into the Institution. At the declaration of the poll the following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Hare, Gertrude May 2115	Wotton, Millicent Flora 1531
Walters, Nellie Louisa 1892	Brown, Edith 1420
Byers, Ruth 1778	Inglis, Hannah Margaret 1499
Wyman, Constance Faith 1755	Allett, Eliza Jane 1403
Orridge, Edith Mary 1679	Haigh, Louisa Amelia 1351
Ainsworth, Dorothy Annie 1618	Newman, Florence Parsons 1283
Cleaver, Alice Gertrude 1576	Turner, Annie Elizabeth 1260
Taylor, Jane Mildred 1545	

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Hill, Maude Mary 1245	Hopkins, Mabel Elizabeth 110
Shrapnel, Lillian Mary S. 1212	McKinney, Margaret 73
Sherington, Mary Louisa 1174	Lister, Elsie 28
Banister, Charlotte Elizabeth 547	Fry, Martha Jane Choules 19
Nicholls, Augusta Helen 465	

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. Among a large number of brethren present were—

Bros. Captain N. G. Philips, A. Barfield, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Thomas Rud-dock, J. P. Platt, S. George Homfray, Fredk. Drummond, George Corble, Thos. Chesworth, Charles Godtschalk, Arthur E. Gladwell, George Wyatt, Raynham W. Stewart, Henry Smith, John Wallingford, F. R. Spaul, J. Waters, E. F. Storr, James Moffat, 74; J. L. Hine, George King, Frank Knell, Alfred Williams, R. B. Webster, M. Mildred, G. Bolton, L. Ruf, Rev. W. F. Reynolds, A. J. Duff Filer, Stephen Austin, H. Cox, George Rake, J. Robins, W. H. Main, Thomas Hill, J. Wordsworth, C. H. Webb, J. Ireton, John Godfrey, F. Adlard, James Eberall, Henry Lovegrove, Benj. Cundick, Thomas S. Carter, G. R. Shervill, Thomas Arnison, Thos. J. Barnes, John G. Stevens, H. W. Taylor, James Stevens, E. T. Taylor, R. Loveland Loveland, Edgar Bowyer, G. W. Verry, J. Terry, Constable, W. W. Wescott, W. Shirley, T. Bull, G. Adamson, T. Bradley, W. Mann, S. B. Wilson, A. Middlemass, J. Clever, W. Russell, T. Sturges, W. Hopekirk, James Weaver, G. P. Britten, James Dunsford, John Mason, H. Cawte, C. G. Rushworth, F. J. Cox, W. H. Bowden, William Biggs, Abner Torkington, H. Hacker, Walter Sowdon, George Lambert, T. D. Birch, G. Dorling, W. Hicks, H. Bateman, W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W. Leicestershire; J. G. Redman, Allan W. Hall, S. T. Lucas, Thomas Cubitt, Walter Wood, Robt. Wylie, Charles Pulman, T. Hastings Miller, A. F. Godson, W. F. Smithson, West Yorkshire; F. Binckes (Secretary); and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last Court, and the reading of other minutes for information.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., V.P., brought forward the following motion:

"That a special account in the names of the Trustees of the 'General Fund' be opened with the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, Bloomsbury Branch, to be called 'The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys Preparatory School Building Fund.'

"That such fund shall be left to accumulate by donations and interest thereon, as may accrue from time to time, until it shall amount to the sum of £5000, when the 'House and Building Committee' shall be authorised to commence the erection of the building on plans approved and adopted after due consideration.

"That any donor, on completion of his or her qualification as a Life Governor of the Institution, shall receive two votes, instead of one vote, for every five guineas contributed (ladies and lewises receiving four votes) to the 'Special Building Fund.'

"That in the event of the Building Fund not reaching the required sum, the amount contributed, with the accumulated interest thereon, may be transferred to the General Fund of the Institution, in accordance with resolution of a General Court on notice of motion duly given."

He said he had no doubt it was in the recollection of the brethren that a few months ago the proposition to have a preparatory school was made to the General Committee, on the feeling that the time had come for such an establishment, and it was then referred to certain brethren to make selection either of ground on which to erect such a building, or of premises which might be applicable for the purpose of such an institution. The Committee, composed of these brethren, met, and after a great deal of consideration they found that there was no place so eligible as the Institution's own piece of ground opposite the School-house at Wood-green. The House Committee, therefore, resolved upon submitting to the Quarterly Court the motion which was now on the paper, and he (Bro. Stewart), in making it on their behalf, wished the brethren clearly to understand the position they were to occupy. The general feeling of the Craft, as expressed at former meetings, was that they did not want the funds of the Institution, already acquired, to be invested in more bricks and mortar; but the Committee wanted the brethren to come forward and enable them to erect a preparatory school by raising a special fund for that purpose. If they did so, the House Committee and the General Committee would greatly appreciate it; for, after a long experience, they found that there were many children put up as candidates for the present school who were little better than in the position of learning their A B C. The Institution was not paying £7000 or £8000 a year to teach children their A B C, nor would they be justified in so doing. It was therefore thought that by establishing a preparatory school they would be meeting the wants of the Craft. Look at the list of candidates that day, and at the number that could not be elected. If they were enabled to have a building which would contain 150 junior boys they would be able to meet the wants of the Craft. It was not intended at first to have so many, but only fifty. Great advantage would arise from having a preparatory school, and the desire of the House Committee was that it should be conducted by ladies, and they well knew by experience how well ladies could manage and teach junior boys in preparation for their entering into senior schools. They would have this advantage also, that if the school was built on the proposed site it would be opposite the senior school, and so near to the Head Master that the Head Mistress of the junior school would have him to refer to. When the junior boys were ready they would be drafted into the senior school. Very often it occurred that although every precaution was taken to admit only those boys who could read well, where the cases were country cases and the boys consequently did not come personally before the General Committee, although the certificates were to the effect that they could read "well," or "fairly well," or "tolerably well," when they were elected and got into the school it was found that they could not read at all. It was to meet such cases that the preparatory school was proposed; but they did not intend to build it until they had got sufficient funds. Therefore they proposed to have a special account opened at the bank for the preparatory school, and not even then to build until they had got £8000, and come before the Quarterly Court for its sanction. In the event of the sum not reaching £8000 they proposed that it should be dealt with by the General Committee on notice of motion. They proposed to give additional votes by way of privilege for specific donations

to the Preparatory School Fund. It had been frequently said that Masonry consisted too much of the Fourth Degree. If during the season, lodges and chapters would cut off one banquet and send what it would cost to the preparatory School Fund they would soon make up the required amount and meet the wishes of the brethren. Instead of spending the money on the tavern and hotels, let them give the money to the Institutions and show to their wives that they did something good with it. They would by this means win the approbation of the Grand Master and the Princess of Wales, who always took great pleasure in helping the orphan and widow. Why should they hesitate to do that which in them lay to assist benevolence? It would be at very little sacrifice, and he thought they would not appeal in vain to the Craft for such help.

Bro. CONSTABLE seconded the motion.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND enquired how long a Life Governor giving money to this fund would be entitled to the extra votes?

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART replied till the money went to the General Fund.

Bro. CUMBERLAND would like to know how long it would be before that time arrived? Was it to go on to an indefinite or a fixed period—the money lying at the bank? The £8000 seemed a large amount to spend on a preparatory school. He did not mean to say they should have an ugly building; but he thought the sum of £8000 was very large. He was not speaking against the motion at all, but was merely putting points for the purpose of assisting the brethren. With respect to Bro. Stewart's observations as to children being sent up to the School unfit, he knew the difficulties such Institutions had to contend with. People conveyed information as to the abilities of the children in generalities; they gave the information to the best of their power, but were afraid if they went into particulars they might injure the interests of the child. If anything could be done, it should be done for the infant school. They ought to have the power at the least possible cost, consistent with efficiency, to educate the junior children on the list.

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART said he proposed to limit the time for the accumulation of the fund for two years. If it did not amount to £8000 in that time, then he proposed that it should go to the General Fund. But if the £8000 was got even in so short a time as six months, he proposed to commence immediately.

Bro. CUMBERLAND: With the sanction of the Quarterly Court?

Bro. STEWART: Of course.

Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER, P.G.S.B., said, although Bro. Stewart proposed to do away with one banquet a year in each lodge and chapter, and to give the cost of it to this Preparatory School Fund, he (Bro. Filer) would recommend that they should have a banquet in order to raise some of the money. (Hear, hear, and laughter.)

Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M. 22, agreed with Bro. Stewart's proposal. He was afraid, however, the lodges and chapters would not alter the banquets—the old Past Masters would not agree to that. If appeared to him that if the motion was carried that they would be giving two extra votes for the five guineas.

Bro. STEWART: Certainly.

Bro. E. F. STORR did not see why outsiders should be privileged to two votes any more than the old subscribers that contributed as Life Governors. He gave eleven guineas himself the other day, but he only got the usual votes as Steward; but if he gave five guineas to this Building Fund he would get double votes. He thought the funds of the Institution would suffer by this scheme. If they gave an extra five guineas to the Building Fund they should only receive the same benefit as if they gave the usual donations. He quite agreed with the motion that they required a preparatory school for the Institution; but he had always understood that children admitted had to pass a certain standard before they could be put on the list. If such was not the case the subscribers had been working in the dark.

The CHAIRMAN said that such was the case—the children before being put on the list were examined.

Bro. E. F. STORR said if such was the case then they ought not to have children who were in the A B C state. He went heart and soul with the motion, but he thought the brethren ought thoroughly to understand the subject.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, said he had always been in favour of a preparatory school, and Bro. Stewart had made a very good case for it. Since 1862 money had been raised, and the old buildings at Wood Green were pulled down, and a beautiful structure had been erected in which were now 230 boys. Bro. Stewart assumed that instead of having 230 they ought to have 380. If they had, where were the funds to come from to support 380? The Institution had no "backset." He would never be a party to increase the expense until they had funded property, and the least sum they should have was, he thought, £50,000 at least. They ought to have £100,000. There was nothing now to fall back upon in the event of their having an unsuccessful year. Bro. Binckes had been very successful, and he had worked very hard; but it might be from one cause or another they might have a reduced income. They had no right to jump from 230 to 380 boys until they had funded property. The Province of West Yorkshire, the Province of East Lancashire, the Province of Cheshire, and other provinces had perpetual presentations by virtue of having paid 1000 guineas. That the 1000 guineas was not contributed to the General Funds of the Institution, but was invested, and could not be touched for any other purpose than for the boys presented. That, therefore, was not the property of the Institution at all. The £8000 must be independent of that. No doubt Bro. Binckes felt that it ought to be so, and it had been his opinion many years that they should get as soon as possible a funded property to fall back upon. It was absolutely necessary. Now they were going to have extra votes for money subscribing to the Building Fund. They were going to have a festival on the 28th of next June. Would there be one farthing going to the Institution except to the Building Fund. They should consider, before they plunged into this scheme, whether for the sake of the extra votes the money would not be given by preference to the Building Fund. Captain Wordsworth some time ago gave 100 guineas towards a preparatory school. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart had referred to the long list of candidates for election. If it was all cleared off to-day he (Bro. H. Smith) would guarantee they would have as many next year. If they could get the money to support them then they might enter into the scheme. But if they could not get the money they had no right to plunge into it in this way.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART said there was no reason for fear; there was already funded property to the amount of £15,000.

Bro. H. SMITH wished to know whether the sum included the perpetual presentation money.

The CHAIRMAN: No.

Bro. F. BINCKES, P.G.S. (Secretary), said, with reference to Bro. Storr's apprehension of money not being contributed to the General Fund, the same plan was adopted by this motion as was adopted in raising funds for the building of the present School. Brethren to obtain these advantages must first qualify as Life Governors, and it was expected there would be a great number. The funded property sold to build the School had all been replaced, and more had been added to it, and his earnest hope was that they should increase the sum before the close of the year—perhaps not to a large extent. With reference to the time that the special qualifications should exist, he thought Bro. Stewart would bear in mind that it was after considerable discussion that the House Committee decided that it should be for as short a time as possible, but that it was better to leave it an open question. Any independent member of the Court could give a notice that the money should be transferred to the General Fund. The Committee had been already empowered to raise this building. They would not touch a farthing of their present capital, but they hoped still to increase it. If they failed to raise as much as £8000, let notice of motion be given that the money raised be transferred to the General Fund. His own opinion was that when this scheme was fairly before the Craft they would find the Institution occupying a better position than it ever did. Do not let the brethren run away with the notion that it could not be managed. That was all a matter of detail how the School was to be managed with efficiency and the work afterwards done. The House Committee had guarded themselves in this and had left the Craft to find the funds.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND enquired whether the brother who would obtain the additional votes for his contribution to the Building Fund must first be a Life Governor of the General Fund.

Bro. BINCKES: Yes.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS wished this to be made clear. It was not so on the motion.

Bro. E. F. STORR said that was his question.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND thought that what Bro. Binckes had said was not conveyed in the motion.

The motion was then altered as follows: "That any donor, on completion of his or her qualification as a Life Governor of the General Fund of the Institution, shall receive two votes instead of one vote," &c.

Bro. G. P. BRITTON did not think there was any reason, sense, or justice in giving double votes. If an appeal was put forward on proper authority they would get all they wanted without offering special advantages, in which he saw special difficulty. He wished to know whether it was intended to reduce the qualification of candidates.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART did not see how it was possible there could be a difficulty. There was no intention of reducing the qualification.

The motion, as altered, was then put, and carried *nem. con.*

Bro. ARTHUR E. GLADWELL, W.M. 172, moved as an additional paragraph to Law XVI.:

"The Secretary for the time being of a Masonic Charitable Association (such as those usually associated with lodges of instruction) which has paid to the Institution a sum not less than one hundred guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, be entitled to the honorary rank of a Life Governor, and to all the privileges of the same; and, further, the Secretary of an Association which has paid to the Institution during his secretaryship a sum of not less than two hundred guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, on his retiring from such office, or on the Association ceasing to exist, be entitled to all the privileges of a Life Governor in his own right."

He said, that after his observations on Saturday on the same motion in the Girls' School, he did not propose to trespass on the brethren's attention, but he had been encouraged to submit the motion to the Boys' Quarterly Court because he had been told a great deal of what he then said was unheard, and a great deal was not understood. Besides, many brethren were debarred by their business associations from being present. There appeared to be an idea that his intention was to create a large number of additional Life Governors. That was not the case; but he thought that where Secretaries of lodges of instruction collected subscriptions for the benefit of the Institution they should receive some recognition of their trouble. He quoted cases in which £1843 had been thus sent up to the Girls' School. Something of the same amount had been sent up to the other Institutions. Without going over the ground he went over on Saturday, he would simply move his resolution.

Bro. GEORGE KING, P.M. 172, seconded the motion.

Bro. F. BINCKES supported the motion, as he had positively pledged himself to say a few words. He was one of those who felt very grateful to the brethren who as Secretaries of these Associations had taken so much trouble in collecting the money. He thought there ought to be a graceful and liberal recognition of their services. He did not see what harm it could possibly do to any subscriber; it was simply testifying the approbation of exertions made. He belonged himself to three or four of these Associations and attended their meetings, and could testify to the large amount of time and exertion used by the Secretaries in obtaining the large results which the Institutions profited by from time to time. But he should be sorry to limit the amount to that mentioned in Bro. Gladwell's resolution.

Bro. WALTER HOPEKIRK, P.M. and Treasurer, 179, also supported the motion and spoke highly of the exertions of Secretaries of lodges of instruction in connection with the Charitable Associations.

Bro. GODTSCHALK thought the proposal would put Stewards at a disadvantage. Stewards of a large province worked the province at their own expense, and their travelling and hotel bills were heavy; they asked for none of the expense back again. The Institutions said they were serving a very honourable office, and got from them two guineas for their Stewards' fee, for which they had a dinner.

The CHAIRMAN said the Steward got a vote for every twenty-five guineas on his list beyond his own donation.

Bro. GODTSCHALK said two guineas qualified him for a guinea dinner ticket. What of the other guinea? The Secretary of a Charitable Association merely took the money that was brought to him as Secretary. Each of the Stewardships he had served had cost him (Bro. Godtschalk) from £35 to £40. The whole system of bonus-giving was in the wrong place. He would rather not have a bonus vote, but do what he undertook for the honour of the thing, and do all the good he could for suffering humanity. He would do away with all distinction and make the recognition equal.

The motion was put and lost by an overwhelming majority.

Bro. CUMBERLAND thought that when motions were to be brought forward which involved some consideration, copies should be previously sent to the Life Governors by post, and not merely advertised in newspapers, where the chances were they were not seen.

The election of twelve boys out of a list of sixty-two then took place.

The following is the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Bottomley, Albert Wm. 2227	Booth, Frederick 2002
Watson, William Renwick 2173	Kirkby, Alfred 1984
Mott, Pierce Henry 2158	Langdon, James 1976
Motion, William Gideon 2146	Wortley, George 1976
Thompson, Clement Wm. 2089	Fellows, Arthur 1952
Levick, Christopher 2035	Wilson, George 1948

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Lee, Sidney Edward 1866	Ball, Edward Thomas 166
Jordison, Hugh Lloyd 1830	Long, Joseph William 154
Burgess, Harold Thomas 1783	Hewett, John Herbert 144
Gurney, Charles Aubrey 1708	Tenterborn, Arthur J. 112
Ashdown, Arthur Durham 1662	Farrar, Ethelbert 105
Clark, Frederick Arthur 1570	Simpson, Edward Henry 102
Roe, Frederick Swyer 1472	Escott, Charles Leopold 94
Ecclestone, Henry A. 1377	Cummings, Charles Brown 79
Stanford, William Bryant 1338	Pudney, Frederick 76
Fowke, Alexander W. 1152	Collinson, James 45
Jones, Cleophas C. B. 1066	Humphrey, John 41
Truman, Hugh Becket 1058	Cook, Frederick John 38
Hill, George Wm. King 1050	Windross, John Benjamin 38
Crow, Charlie John 985	Sowdon, Sidney 30
Taylor, George William 963	Potter, George 27
Neville, Fredk. John 750	Templeman, Jas. P. G. 20
Stewart, Charles Edward 711	Hurden, John Henry 14
Jones, Wm. Vincent B. 625	Wyatt, Augustine Wm. 10
Willett, George Cross 487	Nicholas, Thomas M. 7
Liversidge, Charles Percy 481	Pringle, William James 6
Skelton, Fred. Francis 475	Pratt, Robt. Williamson 5
Botting, Alfred Henry 447	Hill, Reginald Aug. L. 3
Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom 352	Laing, Herbt. L. (withdrawn) 22
Sanderson, Charles Jesse 246	Gunnell, Wm. P. (withdrawn) 374
Jones, Geoffrey Stuart 220	Sisley, Walter J. (withdrawn) 188
O'Doherty, Chas. Patrick 205	Jackson, Charles Ernest —
Crabb, Tom Walcott 169	

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman were then passed and responded to.

Bro. BINCKES announced that already 100 guineas had been subscribed in the room to the Preparatory School Building Fund, and he should be happy to receive other names.

The proceedings then terminated.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, G. Treas., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. H. Leggett, C. A. Cottebrune, G. Bolton, John Bulmer, J. Newton, C. G. Dilley, John G. Stevens, James Brett, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, C. H. Webb, Charles Lacey, Thomas W. C. Bush, S. Rawson, Henry Smith, William Hale, Charles John Perceval, Raynham W. Stewart, William Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, Edgar Bowyer, Thomas Cubitt, James Willing, jun., Fredk. Adlard, Richard Hervé Giraud, William Hilton, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. TERRY reported the death of three annuitants. He also read a letter from Col. J. A. Lloyd Phillips, Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales, consenting to take the chair at the next Festival of the Institution.

The Warden's report was also read by Bro. TERRY, who likewise read the report of the Finance Committee. This report showed a total balance in favour of the Institution of £1340 8s. 4d.

The report was adopted.

A letter was read from Mr. Dipnall, Secretary of Christ's Hospital, asking for a contribution of £5 towards the expenses of opposing the Charitable Trust's Bill. Bro. Terry was directed to enquire whether this sum was for the contribution of the Benevolent Institution only, or included the contribution of the Girls' School and Boys' Schools.

Two petitions were approved, and the petitioners placed on the list for the next election.

Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, W. Hilton, W. Stevens, C. J. Perceval, Charles Lacey, and George Bolton were appointed a Committee to revise the bye-laws, and a special general meeting to consider the alterations was appointed for the second Wednesday in November, at a quarter to four p.m.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

SECRETARIES.

Sometimes the Secretary of a lodge is chosen without much regard for his fitness. Perhaps, a brother wants the place as a stepping-stone to advanced official position, and, to gratify his aspirations, the lodge elects him as its Secretary, knowing all the time that he has not the requisite qualifications for the post. Or, it may be that the lodge is altogether responsible for the mistake, some good-natured member being pounced upon and over-persuaded to accept the office, whilst all the time he is fully convinced of his unfitness. In either case, the result is the same, and a serious stumbling-block is put in the way of the prosperity of the lodge. Indeed, a lodge can generally get along with less detriment under charge of an incapable Master than when it is hampered by an inefficient Secretary. If there is any officer who ought to have a rare combination of graces, it is the Secretary. He should know what to do, and what not to do, and, not the less, *how* to do that which needs to be done. He should be an interested and accomplished Mason, and, above all things, he should have good common sense.

One of the District Deputies in Maine suggests that lodges might avoid much trouble, if they would select their Secretaries on the basis of executive and collective ability rather than for mere clerical gifts; and from this text the *Token* goes on to remark as follows: "Of all things, a shiftless, dilatory man, is to be avoided, in choosing a Secretary. His records are always behindhand, and have to be read and confirmed from the minute-book instead of the record itself, which is entirely wrong, as the very idea of confirmation is that the lodge acquiesces in the copying; he forgets to answer letters, and makes distant members ignorant with the lodge; and the dues get behind of all but those methodical members who insist in paying up. It is just as easy to do the work promptly, and you want the man who will do it; one who will pull on the bit up hill and down. There is always such an one in the lodge, if you take pains to find him."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at Workington, under the banner of Sun and Sector Lodge, 962, Bro. D. Reece, W.M. It being over fifteen years since the Provincial Grand Lodge visited Workington—the late Bro. F. L. B. Dykes being then R.W. Prov. G.M.—the event was looked forward to with considerable interest, and great preparations were made by the entertaining brethren. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Green Dragon Hotel ball-room, which proved far too small for the comfort of the brethren, so large was the muster.

The following members of Provincial Grand Lodge signed their names in the Tyler's book: Bros. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.M. 1074, R.W. Prov. G.M.; G. J. McKay, P.M. 120, P.G.S.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; H. Cook, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W.; J. L. Burns-Lindow, P.M. 1267, P.P.G.S.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 110, P.P.G.J.W., P.G. Treas.; J. R. Bain, P.M. 1400, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. G. B. Armes, 1267, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. 962, P.G. Asst. Chap.; J. Gate, P.M. 327, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 371, P.G. Reg.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Bewlay, W.M. 119; E. Atter, P.M. 119, P.P.G. Purs.; E. Tyson, P.M. 119; W. H. Atkinson, P.M. 119, P.G. Steward; J. Cooper, Org. 119, P.P.G. Org.; Jesse Banning, P.M. 310, P.P.G. Org.; J. Harrison, W.M. 310; W. Murray, P.M. 310; G. G. Hayward, P.M. 310, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Court, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Slack, P.M. 310, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Blaylock, P.M. 310; J. Pearson, W.M. 327; H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.G.S.B.; T. M'Mechan, P.M. 327, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. Robinson, P.M. 327; A. Walter, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Mandle, P.M. 371, P.G.D.C.; W. Armstrong, P.M. 371, P.P.G.D.C.; G. W. Thompson, P.M. 371; W. Stoddart, W.M. 371; J. H. Banks, S.W. 371; C. H. Dalton, W.M. 872; F. Hodgson, P.M. 872; J. M. Salisbury, P.M. 872, Past Prov. Grand Tyler; T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Townson, 872, P.G. Org.; G. Brooker, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Purs.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 962, P.G.S.D.; J. Wood, P.M. 962; H. Irving, P.M. 962; J. J. Coverdale, P.M. 962, P.G. Steward; J. A. Salkeld, P.M. 962; D. Reece, W.M. 962; G. T. Archibald, P.M. 962; J. J. Beattie, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Supt. Works; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962, P.G. Purs.; J. Thompson, S.W. 962; W. Whitehead, J.W. 962; T. C. Robinson, W.M. 1002; R. Robinson, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Shilton, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.P. Grand Org.; W. Taylor, P.M. 1002; Major Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.G. Steward; H. Peacock, S.W. 1002; R. Baxter, P.M. 1267; J. F. Kirkconel, W.M. 1267; E. Clark, P.M. 1267, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Bell, P.M. 1390, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Hartley, P.M. 1400; W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.G.S.B.; T. Dixon, P.M. 1400; G. Potter, P.M. 1532; J. C. Mason, W.M. 1532; Rev. J. Tyson, Chaplain, 1532, P.P.G. Chaplain; W. Martin, P.M. 1660; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 1660, P.G. Steward; and others.

A large number of members from lodges were also present, every one of the nineteen lodges in the province being represented, with two exceptions, viz., No. 412, Longtown, and No. 1073, Keswick.

Bro. E. Diggle, P.M. 120 and 154, P.P.G. Purs., East Lancashire, was also present as a visitor.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the half-yearly communication, held at Maryport, last April, under the banner of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's statement of accounts was then read, and on the motion of Bro. Lamony, seconded by Bro. Collin, was adopted. Bro. Kenworthy was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year; and Bro. G. B. M'Mullen, No. 962, was elected P.G. Tyler.

The next business was the installation of W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a deputation of Past Masters having retired, Bro. J. L. Burns-Lindow, P.M. 1267, was introduced and presented, after which he was obligated, invested, and installed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then announced with regret, that the Province was about to lose the valuable services of its Secretary, Bro. W. B. Gibson, who, for eight years, had discharged the important duties in so admirable a manner. He had tried to persuade Bro. Gibson to continue in office; but the state of his health would not permit him to do so. He thought they ought not to let the opportunity pass of expressing their deep appreciation of Bro. Gibson's valuable services, and that the same be recorded on the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In appointing Bro. McKay, as successor to Bro. Gibson, his lordship thought he but fittingly acknowledged Bro. McKay's labours in connection with the charities. The motion was carried with acclamation.

The officers for the year were then invested as follows:—

- Bro. Major Sewell, P.M. 1002 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- „ J. Barr, P.M. 119 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- „ Rev. E.M. Rice, P.M. 962 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- „ Rev. Canon Hoskins, Chap. 1002 ... Prov. G.A.Chap.
- „ G.W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- „ E. Atter, P.M. 119 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- „ G. J. McKay, P.M. 120 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- „ J. Pearson, P.M. 327 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- „ L. F. B. Dykes, P.W. 1002 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- „ G. Potter, P.M. 1532 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- „ W. Bell, P.M. 1390 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- „ G. Dalrymple, P.M. 1660 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- „ J. Wood, P.M. 962 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- „ J. Townson, Org. 872 ... Prov. G. Org.
- „ W. Carruthers, P.M. 310 ... Prov. G. Purs.
- „ G. B. McMullen, P.W. 962 ... Prov. G. Tyler.
- „ J. Haswell, P.M. 1532, D. }
 „ Reece, W.M. 962, J. Harrison, }
 „ W.M. 310 T. Dixon, P.M. 1400, } Prov. G. Stwds.
 „ C. H. Dalton, W.M. 872, J. H. }
 „ Hogg, W.M. 129 ... }

The Charity Committee's report was presented and adopted. Before closing Provincial Grand Lodge, an invitation was tendered by the W.M. of the lodge 1532, for the Provincial Grand Lodge to visit Carlisle next year.

The usual procession was then formed, headed by the band of the Workington Rifles, to the parish church, where a sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. G. B. Armes, P.P.G. Chap., from Proverbs xxvii., v. 17:—"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." The rev. gentleman's discourse, which was most eloquent, was attentively listened to by the large congregation. The prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. E. M. Rice, P.G. Chap.; and the music, which included Ebdon's "Magnificat" and "Nunc-dimittis" in C., and the anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful," was under the direction of Bro. Coverdale, P.M. 962, Bro. Townson, P.G. Org., presiding at the fine old organ. A liberal collection was made at the close of the service in behalf of the local and Masonic charities.

After returning to the place of meeting, the brethren adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, Portland-square, where banquet was served. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master presided; but his lordship had to leave early, in order to reach Underley Hall that night.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex took place on Friday afternoon, the 7th inst., in the Music Room, Brighton. There was a full attendance of brethren, those present including Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, with the following officers of Grand Lodge, viz., Bros. John Henderson Scott, Prov. D.G.M.; C. J. Smith, P.M. 1466 and 1829, Prov. G.J.W.; R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Treas.; G. Ford, P.M. 271, Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732, Prov. G. Sec.; S. B. McWhinnie, P.M. 1466, Prov. G.D.; H. Abbey, P.M. 811, Prov. J.G.D.; J. T. Whatford, P.M. 851, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732, Prov. G. D. of C.; G. Stone, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. Roe, 1636, Prov. G. Org.; A. Smith, S.W. 1726, P.M. 38, Prov. G. Stwd.; C. M. Norris, P.M. 40, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. R. White, P.M. 311, Prov. G. Stwd.; S. Solomon, P.M. 732, Prov. G. Stwd.; A. Agate, P.M. 1141, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Curtis, P.M. 315 and 1797, Prov. G. Stwd.; T. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; H. H. Hughes, Deputy Prov. G. Tyler. The following Past Grand Lodge Officers and other brethren were also present, viz., Bros. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. Dennes, P.M., P.P.G.R., 341, 1842, 1854; F. J. Rubie, P.M. 341, P.P.G.P.; T. Trollope, P.M. 40 and 1842, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Fred. G. Pownall, P.M. and P.P.S.W. Kent; W. Timmes, P.P.S.B. Sussex; F. Noakes, P.P.S.B.; H. W. Charrington, P.M. 386, 777, 1146, P.S.D. Surrey and Dorset; C. R. Burrell, P.S.G.W., P.M. 271; J. Eberall, P.P.G. Purs. Sussex; P. Robert Legg, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Davey, P.P.G. Warden, P.M. 732; W. Marchant, P.P.A.D.C., P.M. 315; W. R. Wood, P. Prov. G.S.W.; George Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G. Purs.; W. Hall, P.G.D., 1619; W. H. German, P.P.G., S.D. 811; T. W. Price, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 56; A. King, P.P.G.O., J.W. 271; J. W. Stride, P.P.J.G.W.; T. H. Crouch, P.P.J.G.D.; S. S. Byass, P.P.S.G.D.; A. J. Hawkes, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40; J. A. Long, P.G.D.; D. Smith, P.M. 46; P.P. G.J.D., P.G.S.; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.D.C.; John R. Holland, M.P. 1466; Lord Arthur Hill, P.M. 1829; J. Stedman, W.M. 1303; L. B. Henderson, Stwd. 1141; A. Pennell, J.W. 1141; Wyndham H. L. R. Burrell, 1465; B. Lomas, J.W. 811; E. A. Head, W.M. 1619; C. Tompkinson, 1110, P.P.S.W.; R. F. Davies, J.W. 916; R. H. Ellman, P.M. 1303; F. G. Pownall, P.M. 13, 1536, and 1110, and P.P.G.S.W. Kent; R. Plattner, Copenhagen; M. Orcuden, 1619; E. Fryman, W.M. 341; W. Cowton, S.W. 341; C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315; C. R. Chandler, P.M. 1184; W. H. Moile, 1466; J. Trenchard, 1466; J. G. Horsey, P.M. 1619; B. Sargeant, W.M. 1184; W. E. D'Albiac, 1466; T. Berry, D.C. 1821; T. Harnes, W.M. 1141; E. Taylor, P.M. 1141; W. L. Thomas, S.W. 1141; W. Agate, D.C. 1141; H. Woodhams, Sec. 1141; J. Moon, P.M. 1141; G. Bishop, W.M. 231; J. H. Cross, 811; G. C. D'Albiac, 271; G. S. Godfrey, W.M. 1821; H. F. Hauxwell, W.M. 732; W. A. Tooth, Chap. 1821; Chas. Daniel, P.M. 65; A. H. Smith, W.M. 56; H. B. Carrick, J.W. 1303; Seymour Burrows, I.G. 811; R. J. Ames, 65; T. Paekham, P.M. 315, and W.M. 1829; W. Wells, W.M. 40; W. Shukland, W.M. 916; T. C. Woodman, S.W. 271; E. Histead, Secretary 732; W. Hilton, P.M. 1351; S. W. D. Williams, P.M. 1465; J. D. Warn, 1465; J. P. M. Smith, P.M. 271; A. Taylor, P.M. 1110; W. Skindle, W.M. 851; H. A. Dorrell, W.M. 1466; W. T. Hughes, S.W. 851; H. H. Jordan, J.D. 851; J. B. Hannay, S.D. 1821; J. Dennant, S.D. 271; W. H. Gibson, S.W. 315; T. Francis, S.W. 56; Charles C. Cook, P.M. 57; J. Harrison, S.W. 1829; F. Duke, 40; A. R. Lye, J.W. 1110; B. Roberts, P.M. 916, and P.P.A.D.C.; A. Holman, W.M. 311; W. Fitch, W.M. 1797; H. Kemball Cook, S.W. 811; Luigi Conti, Org. 811; J. T. Musson, J.W. 1797; G. Parnell, 1889; T. Billing, S.D. 732; T. W. Anderson, P.I.G. Staffordshire, 624; H. Freeman, P.M. 311; W. T. Marriott, P.G.S., 6; J. Sayers, 1536, and 315; R. Allesen, J.D. 1821; E. Dumsday, 1797; T. Richer, 1797; E. Broadbridge, S.W. 1797; W. R. Wood, jun., Sec. 1636; H. W. G. Abell, 1797; H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler 811; J. Large, 771; George Cole, S.D. 1636; and others.

The usual formal business was gone through, including the confirmation of the minutes of the last annual meeting, the call of the lodges in the provinces, and the reports of the Board of Finance and the Charities' Committees, when the Prov. Grand Secretary gave the statistics relative to the growth of the lodges during the past year. The R.W. Prov. G.M. gave a short address, congratulating those present upon the progress Masonry had recently made in the province, and coupled with it some excellent remarks upon the management of the various lodges. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge to the Hervey Memorial Fund. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year, and were duly installed into their respective posts by the Prov. Grand Master, viz:—

- Bro. John Henderson Scott ... Prov. D.G.M.
- „ Lord Arthur Hill, P.M. 1829 ... Prov. S.G.W.
- „ F. Noakes, P.M. 311 and 1303 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- „ R. V. Faithfull Davies, J.W. 916 ... Prov. G. Chap.

- Bro. R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- „ Gerard Ford, P.M. 271 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- „ V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315 and 732 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- „ S. W. D. Williams, 1465 ... Prov. S.G.D.
- „ S. Solomon, P.M. 732 ... Prov. J.G.D.
- „ A. Smith, P.M. 38, W.M. 1726 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- „ J. M. Kidd, P.M. 832 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- „ T. R. White, P.M. 311 ... Prov. A.G.D.C.
- „ C. M. Norris, P.M. 40 ... Prov. G.S. Br.
- „ W. Roe, 1636 ... Prov. G. Org.
- „ C. R. Chandler, P.M. 1184 ... Prov. G. Purs.
- „ C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315, E. }
 „ Freeman, W.M. 341, C. C. }
 „ Cook, P.M. 851, A. Taylor, P.M. } Prov. G. Stwds.
 „ P.M. 1110, E. Taylor, P.M. }
 „ 1141, E. A. Ford, W.M. 1619, }
 „ T. Hughes ... Prov. G. Tyler.
 „ H. H. Hughes ... Prov. D.G. Tyler.

At the termination of the proceedings, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they sat down to a splendid and sumptuous banquet. Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., presided, the Vice-Chairs being occupied by Bros. G. Smith and A. Smith. The Prov. G.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were well received. Lord Arthur Hill then proposed, "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," and then also the succeeding toast, "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Latham, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past."

Bro. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary of England, responded in an able speech eulogistic of the work done by the officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. MARRIOT, M.P., proposed what he termed the toast of the evening, "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P." He held that that loyalty was the soul of Masonry, and he was sure no province was more devoted to its Prov. G.M. than the Sussex Masons were to Sir Walter. As a Prov. Officer he (Sir Walter) had shown great hospitality, and possessed the rare qualities of a good conscience, a good heart, and a good digestion. The toast was received most enthusiastically.

Sir W. W. BURRELL made but a brief response. He felt that the kind words spoken of him were more than he deserved. Feeling fatigued he refrained from speaking as he would have liked upon the toast.

Bro. HOLLAND, M.P., gave "The Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, J. H. Scott, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past." The success of the province he held was largely indebted to the Deputy Prov. G.M., and he trusted Bro. Scott would be long spared to work among them.

Bro. SCOTT, in responding, remarked that as long as Sir W. W. Burrell was the Prov. G.M. of Sussex he should feel it his duty to do all he could to carry out the duties of his office.

Bro. DAWES proposed "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. Long and Dennes.

Bro. D. SMITH (Mayor of Brighton) gave "The Masonic Institutions." He was glad to learn that the Sussex contributions to the Masonic Charities were second to none, and that they averaged a guinea a head throughout the province. Bro. Freeman, had, in fact, taken £700 recently to the Boys' Institution.

Bro. F. BINCKES responded. He alluded to the visit last June to Brighton of the Masonic Boys' Institution, and its successful gathering under the presidency of the Marquess of Waterford. The Mayor of Brighton assisted very largely in its success, but the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. V. P. Freeman) deserved great praise for the valuable assistance he had given to the undertaking. Many had criticised their leaving London, and would have been the first to condemn had there been a failure, but had generously applauded their efforts on seeing that no mistake had been made. The gathering in Brighton had been a great success, and he was grateful to all who assisted him.

Bro. GERRARD FORD gave "The W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province," to which Bros. Skindle (Worthing) and G. S. Godfrey (Atingworth) responded. The latter felt honoured in replying to such an important toast, being, as he supposed, the youngest Mason who has secured the high position of W.M., as he had been but four years a member of the brotherhood.

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The Stewards," to which Bro. Solomon replied.

The Tyler's toast completed the list. The various toasts were agreeably interspersed by songs and glees, given by Bros. J. Large, E. Broadbridge, W. Roe, G. Cole, and Sig. Conti, the whole being under the direction of Bro. W. Roe, Prov. G. Organist, who was assisted by Bro. A. King, P.P.G.O.

LINES.

Suggested by a couplet (the last in each verse) found inscribed on an old brass square, dated 1517, discovered under the foundation of Baal's Bridge, Limerick, on its restoration in 1830.

By BRO. A. BUCKLE, P.M. 236.

In Love's firm bond, joined hand in hand,
We firmly by each other stand;
In hour of need relief is nigh
With helpful hand and pitying eye;
With truthful breast and conscience clear
We hold each other's honour dear;
"And strive to live with love and care
Upon the level by the square."

Life's work to do in grief and joy
We strain each nerve, each power employ;
Life's joys we take with thankful hearts,
With patience bear its griefs and smarts;
With passions curbed and steadfast will
We seek the good, avoid the ill;
"And strive to live with love and care
Upon the level by the square."

'Mid trials keen, in danger's hour
We trust in an Almighty Power;
The Architect, whose plans are right,
Whose name is Love, whose word is Might,
Who guards and guides His servants still
Who humbly yield them to His will,
"And strive to live with love and care
Upon the level by the square."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, October 8, 1881, Col. J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the chair. After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by ballot of fifteen Girls into the Institution, from a list of twenty-four approved candidates, when the following were declared duly Elected:

No. on List.	Names	Votes.	No. on Poll.
18.	Harc, Gertrude May	2115	1
9.	Walters, Nellie Louise	1892	2
13.	Byers, Ruth	1778	3
7.	Wyman, Constance Faith	1755	4
10.	Orridge, Edith Mary	1679	5
19.	Ainsworth, Dorothy Annie	1618	6
6.	Cleaver, Alice Gertrude	1576	7
22.	Taylor, Jane Mildred	1545	8
23.	Wotton, Millicent Flora	1531	9
1.	Brown, Edith	1420	10
20.	Inglis, Hannah Margaret	1409	11
17.	Mallett, Eliza Jane	1403	12
11.	Haigh, Louisa Amelia	1351	13
16.	Newman, Florence Parsons	1283	14
5.	Turner, Annie Elizabeth	1260	15

The votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election, if eligible.

Lists showing the votes polled for successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the office.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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At a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 10th day of October, 1881, V.V. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. CREATON, Vice-Patron and Trustee (Grand Treasurer), in the chair, a Ballot took place for the election of Twelve Boys from a list of 63 Candidates.

The following were declared to be successful:

No. on List.	Names	Votes.	No on Poll
48.	Bottomley, A.W.	2227	1
8.	Watson, W. R.	2173	2
40.	Mott, P. H.	2158	3
53.	Motion, W. G.	2146	4
27.	Thompson, C. W.	2089	5
59.	Levick, C.	2035	6
25.	Booth, F.	2002	7
37.	Kirkby, A.	1984	8
15.	Langdon, J.	1976	9
22.	Wortley, G.	1976	10
1.	Fellows, A.	1952	11
51.	Wilson, G.	1948	12

Lists of candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the office; and votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in April next.

The number of the Candidates in the first column is that on the voting papers.

FREDERICK BINCKES,

(P.G. Steward), Vice-Patron,

10th October, 1881.

Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Mrs. CLEAVER desires to thank most kindly the Subscribers and numerous Friends who interested themselves in the Election of her daughter,

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The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book" for 1882 is preparing for publication on the 1st of November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

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Advertisements for the current week's issue are received up to six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The largely increased circulation of the *Freemason* necessitates our going to press at an earlier hour on Thursday.

It is, therefore, requested that all communications intended to appear in the current number may be sent to our offices not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Advertisements and short notices of importance received up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursdays.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Girls and their Ways," "New York Dispatch," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "The Trade," "El Taller," "The Hull Packet," "The Liberal Freemason," "Der Long Islaender," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The North China Herald," "Western-super-Mare Gazette," "The West London Advertiser," "The Blue," "Evening Telegraph."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1881.

Reviews.

MR. WALFORD'S WORK ON GILDS.

We are requested to state that the work we reviewed last week is not a re-issue, but the original reprint from the "Insurance Cyclopaedia," published privately some time since, but which we had not been able previously to notice. We understand the author continues to receive applications for copies from persons in all parts of the world. There was only a small edition printed for a specific purpose, and long since exhausted; but we believe this work will be reprinted (with additions) at an early date, either in the "Sacristy" ("Antiquarian Magazine") or in the "Antiquary's Library."—ED. F.M.

HISTOIRE DES ANCIENNES CORPORATIONS DES ARTS & METIERS, &c. Par Ch. OUVEN LACROIX. Rouen, Lecoigne, 1880.

This is a very valuable work, published by M. Lacroix, Doctor of Theology of the University of Rome, and which is very little known by Masonic students. It contains a valuable account of French industrial guilds and Belgian fraternities, and gives the rules and laws of many of such associations, most interesting and curious in themselves. One very remarkable feature of such associations in France is the "Compagnonage" with such names as "Enfants de Salomon," &c. Such bodies seem to have been numerous, and have been very powerful at one time, and to given great trouble and anxiety to the State. What they had in common with Freemasonry has yet to be proved. They possessed, undoubtedly, a secret organization and "formulae"; they had "signs," and "words of recognition"; and they seem to have had a form of "secret reception." They relieved the sick, buried the dead, and governed their members by trade, social, and sumptuary laws. It is a point so far little noticed by Masonic historians, though mentioned in "Kenning's Cyclopaedia," and will, no doubt, find a place in Bro. Gould's forthcoming "History of Freemasonry."

HISTORY OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN THE PROVINCE OF LINCOLNSHIRE. By Comp. F. D. MARSDEN, Louth.

This is a compendious little account of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Lincoln. It is well put together, though the materials are scanty. 1807 seems to be date of Royal Arch Masonry in Lincolnshire, which is very late, and to us seems a very curious fact in itself for many reasons.

PATRIOTS IN ARMS. By THOMAS PRESTON.

This is a collection of "addresses and sermons" by celebrated preachers in the last century, in praise of the Volunteer Movement. They will have some little interest for

any who do read sermons, &c., now-a-days. Archdeacon Grantley seems to doubt if "clergymen" are of any use in this generation; and what is the use, many ask, of "sermons?" We hope the Editor will find some who will read them.

THE MAGAZINES.

"Temple Bar." "The Frères" and "Kith and Kin" keep up their even tenour—"The Frères" improving. We do not care for any of the other papers, except "The Story of a Railway" and "The Campaign of Moscow." The article entitled "Fashion and Frivolity" is in "bad form," and betrays too much of the "make up" to be either reliable, or even readable. This "ex post facto" disinterring of dead scandals and obsolete slanders is alike, to our mind, unwholesome and ungenial literature, and at this special period very unwise. But what lovers of scandal we all are! "Scribner's" is, as usual, the "king of magazines." We do not know which we most admire, its artistic illustrations or its admirable letter-press. The following bit of "chaff" on fashionable "patois" is alike amusing and true, though one of our contemporaries does not seem to see the point:

"A wandering tribe, called the Siouxs,
Wear moccasins, having no shioux.
They are made of buckskin,
With the fleshy side in,
Embroidered with beads of bright hioioux.

"When out on the war-path, the Siouxs
March single file—never by tioux—
And by "blazing" the trees
Can return at their ease,
And their way through the Forrest ne'er tioux.

"All new-fashioned boats he eschioux,
And uses the birch-bark caniox;
These are handy and light,
And, inverted at night,
Give shelter from storms and dyioux.

"The principal food of the Siouxs
Is Indian corn, which they brioux,
And hominy make,
Or mix in a cake,
And eat it with pork, as they, chioux.

"Now doesn' this spelling look cyiouxrious?
'Tis enough to make any one syiouxrious!
So a word to the wise!
Pray our language revise
With orthography not so injiouxrious."

"All the Year Round" has some interesting reading, but is it our fancy that it has become somewhat "dull" of late? "Jack Dyer's Daughter" rather wearies us, we confess; but we much approve of "Miss Penny's Little Mistake," and "A Traveller's Tales in the Sunny Rhineland" is amusing, but "A Question of Cain" we have never professed to like.

"The Antiquary" is full of ingenious, if unexciting, reading for persons of sedate habits and studious propensities.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROSIERUCIANS.

It would be interesting to ascertain if we could when the first work was published in which mention is made of a Rosierucian Fraternity. The earliest work mentioned by Kloss is of date seemingly of 1612, or rather a work in which it is attached to. Are there no earlier ones?

M. S.

GILDS.

I thank "P.M. 1125" for his note. Grose's quotation is, as I feared it would turn out to be, "sheepwalking" again. "Wren's Parentalia" is the parent. The authority of "Wren's Parentalia" is nil, it again being founded, as I have often remarked, on "ut dicitur," and, as far as we know, "vivâ voce," too, of Sir W. Dugdale. But it is astonishing how this glib statement has been accepted; is current among Masonic writers, and forms the basis of many authorities (?) on this particular point. It has probably some amount of truth in it, but we have yet to know more about the mediæval Gilds before we can accept it in general or in particular.

MASONIC STUDENT.

LATHOMOS.

I have searched "Rymer's Fadera" for the year 1396 for the passage mentioned by Mr. Papworth (*Freemason* 16th July, 1881, p. 327), and again asked for by "M. S." (1st October, p. 439), but without success; but I have found entries of still earlier date, which may be of interest. March 18th, 1395, there occurs an indenture regarding the repair of Westminster Hall:

"De Fabrica Autae Westmonasterii reformanda.—Ceste Endenture.—Faitte parentre nostre Seigneur le Roy d'une part & Richard Washbourn & Johan Swalwe, masons d'autre part. . . . Et ferrout la dite Table, selonc le purport d'une fourme & modele faitz par conseil de Mestre Henri Zeneley, & deliverez as ditz masons pur Watkin Waldon son Wardein. . . . Et mesme nostre Seigneur le Roy trovera Herbergeage pur les ditz masons & lour compaignons, par tout le temps q'ils serrout occupiez en tout les ditz Overaignes. . . . L'Endenture touchant les masons du Roy."

Again, under date of the 1st April, 1395 (18th Richard II.), we find an indenture between the King and Henri Yevele and Stephen Lote, citizens and masons of London, concerning the building of Queen Anne's tomb.

In 1386 we find a message directing certain persons to collect masons and carpenters. It is headed: "De Lathomis et Carpentariis. Sciatis quod assignavimus vos, conjunctim et divisim, ad Quadringenta Carpentarios et Lathomos, ubicumque inveniri poterunt . . . eligendum et capiendum," &c.

In 1377 is another, headed "De Carpentariis et Lathomis, contra Coronationem Regis, providendis."

And, on 24th May, 1372, permission is granted, "Gulielmo de Patryngton, Joanno de Wulsaley, et Galfrida Mason," to proceed with three "companions" into Scotland, concerning a tomb for David de Bruys.

I think the conjunction of the words mason, master, warden, and companion in the same document is worthy of

note; but I should be glad if anyone could supply me with an exact English equivalent for "herbergage." I cannot find the word in any old French dictionary to which I have access, though I understand it to mean "general maintenance."

MASONS' COMPANY.

The following is taken from a little book on the "Trades" of the City of London, published by Waller, Crown and Mitre, Fleet-street, London, 1747: "Masons, the XXXth, or, as called by some, Stonemasons, or Stonecutters, whose business is the stonework in buildings, tombs, broad pavements, &c., a most curious art taken in all its parts, and not hard work (for they have labourers under them, who saw and do the drudging part); and a lad, to be properly qualified for learning this trade ought to have an insight into geometry and architecture. They take with an apprentice £10, whose working hours are from six to six; a journeyman's wages 15s. or 18s. a week; and to set up a master £200 will be sufficient, though some employ a good deal more. They were a society so long ago as the year 1410, in the reign of King Henry IV., and with whom the Marblers, or Statuaries joined; but not incorporated into a company till 1677, by King Charles II. Livery fine £5. Their hall is in Mason's-alley, in Basinghall-street, and their court-day on the first Thursday after Quarter Day. They have also a stand in St. Paul's Churchyard, in which they sit to attend the Lord Mayor on the day of his installation. Arms—Azure, on a chevron argent, between three castles argent, a pair of compasses, somewhat extended of the first. Motto—In the Lord is all our trust."

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

Our brother, the "Masonic Student," has been directing the attention of Masonic students generally, under the above heading, to various suggestive points in relation to the critical examination of the early records of the Masons and Freemasons, and he has done well thus to refer so frequently and carefully to the important subject, especially as to the care that should be exercised in the treatment of the facts elucidated from time to time. The advice is good, and certainly applies with force to those who go in for the antiquity of almost everything that is dubbed Masonic, as well as to other brethren who are laudably anxious to accept as facts, what are clearly proved to be such, and to relegate to the legendary and doubtful departments all other kinds of statements and fancies. Those who desire to read the whole of the references by Dr. Plot, A.D. 1686, if unable to consult the original work, will find the extract in full in my "Masonic Register" lately issued, which is an exact transcript. The importance of such an allusion to the Craft, with those also of Elias Ashmole of the seventeenth century, cannot well be overestimated, and we quite think with the "Masonic Student" and Bro. Gould, as we have always felt, that what is known as the "1717 Theory," i.e., limiting Speculative Freemasonry to that period or since, is absurd. We do not remember, however, that the lodge at Warrington of 1646 was ever claimed to be mainly operative as the "Masonic Student" states, and if it ever were so, it was clearly an assumption, and nothing more. Never was there a time in the history of the Craft so fruitful of suggestive and important facts as the present, and I anticipate much from the researches of so many students.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

A special communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Green Dragon Hotel, Workington, under the banner of the Derwent Lodge, No. 282. The following signed their names in the Prov. Grand Tyler's book: Bros. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M.; G. J. McKay, P.M. 195, P.P. G.S.W., P.G.D. of England, as Deputy Prov. G.M.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G.S.W.; W. Court, P.M. 60, P.G.J.W.; G. G. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G.I.G. of Eng.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Std.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 60, P.P.G.S.W.; Major F. R. Sewell, P.M. 220, P.G.M.O.; J. H. Banks, W.M. 151, P.G.S.O.; E. Tyson, J.W. 213, P.G.I.O.; G. Potter, P.M. 60, P.P.G.M.O.; T. Mandie, P.M. 151, P.P.G.M.O.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., S.W. 282, P.G. Chap.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G. Treas.; T. Dixon, W.M. 282, P.G.R.M.; G. W. Kenworthy, 213, P.P.G.R.M.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.G. Sec.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.G.S.D.; J. F. Kirkconel, I.G. 216, P.G.I. Wks.; R. Baxter, W.M. 216, P.G.A.D.C.; J. C. Mason, S.W. and Sec. 60, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Barr, S.W. 213, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. G. Mitchell, 151, P.G. Swd. Br.; P. Whittle-S.W. 216, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Cooper, Org. 213, P.G. Org.; W. H. Lewthwaite, W.M. 229, P.P.G. Org.; H. Peacock, M.O. 229, P.G.I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler 229, P.P.G. Tyler; B. Craig, Sec., P.G. Std.; G. W. Thomp, 509, Sec. 151, P.G. Std.; J. J. Coverdale, J.W. 282, P.G. Std.; W. Blaylock, J.W. 60; H. Bewes and W. Murray, 60; A. Walter, S.W. 151; T. Weatherston, J. O. 151; W. Stoddart, Sec. 151; J. C. Nicholson, R.M. 151; J. Robertson, S.D. 213; G. Sparrow, I.G. 213; T. Atkinson and W. Bewlay, 213; J. M. Salisbury, Tyler, 213; W. Martin, P.M. 216; R. Wilson, S.W. 216; Dr. Lacey, J.W. 216; E. Clarke, G. Lowden, J. Banks, J. Ashworth, and Rev. W. Thwaites, 216; W. Shilton, S.O. 229; T. Mason, J.O. 229; T. C. Robinson, Sec. 229; W. Paisley, S.D. 229; J. Towers, J.D. 229; H. Caruthers, I.G. 229; I. Evening, 229; J. A. Salkeld, M.O. 282; D. B. Winston, S.O. 282; E. G. Burrows, J.O. 282; W. Carlyle, Treas. 282; J. Harding, R.M. 282; J. Thompson, Sec. 282; J. Jenkinson, S.D. 282; F. Paul, J.D. 282; J. J. Little, I.G. 282; J. Lewthwaite, Std. 282; W. Wagg, Tyler 282; and others. Bro. E. Diggle, P.M. 56 and 189, P.P.G.J.O. Lancashire, P.G. I.G. of England, was also present as a visitor.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been solemnly opened, the R.W. Prov. G.M. said that the business which had brought them together was the installation of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the room of the late lamented Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P. After full consideration, he had come to the determination to appoint Bro. Major Sewell, and he thought the interests of the Mark province could not be entrusted to a more able or more diligent brother. Bro. Sewell, he might add, possessed Masonic antecedents of a most distinguished order, for his grandfather, as far back as the year 1817, was

Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland, whilst his late father, in conjunction with the veteran Bro. Jos. Nicholson, were the means of the now flourishing Lodge of Perseverance, at Maryport, being preserved from extinction nearly thirty years ago. He, therefore, had every confidence in placing the onerous duties of Deputy in the hands of Bro. Sewell, and wished him long life to enjoy the honour.

Bro. Sewell was then presented, obligated, invested, and saluted as W. Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason. In returning thanks for the honour conferred on him, he promised that his best efforts should be devoted to follow in the footsteps of that grand old Mason who had preceded him. He also intimated his intention shortly to visit the various lodges in the province, in order to witness their working.

Bro. McKay moved, Bro. Kenworthy seconded, and it was resolved, to vote the sum of ten guineas, as a donation, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

This being all the business, the Provincial Grand Lodge was solemnly closed. The gathering was certainly the largest since the constitution of the province, and testified to the popularity of the appointment made by Lord Bective.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The following statement of account has been issued:

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditure. Receipts include Balance in Bank, Receipts to 30th June, 1881, and Donation for Charity. Expenditure includes Charity Donations, Purchase of Stock, Books, Furniture, Payments for Rent, Establishment, Printing, &c., and Balance in Hand.

Audited and found correct. Signed: S. RAWSON, 33°. F. RICHARDSON, 32°.

H. CLERK, 33°. Grand Treasurer-General. 33, Golden-square, London, W., 4th July, 1881.

BALANCE-SHEET, 1ST JULY, 1881.

Table showing Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash in London and Westminster Bank, Madras Railway Stock, Russian Bonds, Consols, Queensland Bonds, Cape of Good Hope Stock, Furniture and Appointments, Library, Plate, Organ, and Leases. Liabilities include Compounders and Members.

Examined with the Books and found correct, Signed: THOS. MEGGY, Public Accountant. 7th July, 1881. 22, Bedford-place, Russell-square, W.C.

WALES.—The Principality of Wales has the honour of having been first constituted into Provincial Grand Lodges. In the first year of Grand Mastership of the Earl of Inchiquin, A.D. 1727, and as a special novelty, the Provinces of North Wales and South Wales were formed, with Bros. Warburton and Sir Edward Masel, Bart., respectively, as Prov. Grand Masters—their several seats or head-quarters being stated as at Chester and Caermarthen. It is singular, however, to note that in another part of the Constitutions of 1756 and 1767 it is stated that the deputations were granted in 1726 under Lord Paisley. It is probable that the important decision was made in 1726 to group the lodges in the country into Prov. Grand Lodges, but it was not until the successor to Lord Paisley had been installed that any provinces were formally constituted. The two first lodges in Wales were warranted at Chester A.D. 1724. Since then, Freemasonry has made rapid strides, and at the present time there are three Provincial Grand Lodges in Wales—(a) North Wales and Shropshire, with Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., as Prov. G.M., and twenty-five lodges; (b) South Wales Eastern Division, with Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., as Prov. G.M., and eleven lodges; and (c) South Wales (Western Division), with Colonel Phillips as Prov. G.M., with eight lodges—making a total of forty-five lodges.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ST. JOHNS LODGE (No. 167).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. Bro. George Davis, the W.M. of the past year, opened the lodge, supported by the following brethren: Bros. Edmund A. Dutton, S.W., W.M. elect; S. Dowling, J.W.; J. R. Thompson, P.M. Sec.; J. G. Humphreys, S.D.; W. Wilkinson, J.D.; H. Hollis, P.M., D.C.; E. Storr, I.G.; J. Yeomans, J. Ware, and J. Eldridge, P.M.'s; F. Adlard, P.M. 7, Hon. member. The following visitors were also present: Bros. E. E. Barratt-Kidder, S.W. 12; S. Elborn, P.M. 511; W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; R. Davis, P.M. 1288; W. Gorwill, 1366; John Osborn, W.M. 1602, W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1732; and others.

The usual preliminaries having been observed, the lodge was advanced, and the W.M. elect having been presented, was obligated and then regularly installed. He appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Dowling, S.W.; Humphreys, J.W.; Rowe, P.M. Treas. (in his absence Bro. Eldridge was invested with the collar on his behalf); Thompson, Sec.; Wilkinson, S.D.; Storr, J.D.; J. Potter, I.G.; Hollis, D.C.; Wallis, Steward. Three brethren were elected to act as Trustees of the Benevolent Fund and the lodge was closed. Bro. P.M. Adlard desired to express on this, his first visit to the lodge since the members had so kindly elected him as honorary member, his sense of the compliment conferred on him. He was gratified to say that during the fifty years he had been a Mason he had had several honours conferred upon him, but he felt that the action of the members of the St. John's Lodge, in which he had spent so many happy hours, was the one he should most prize for the remainder of his lifetime.

The brethren, at the conclusion of the business, sat down to banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Dutton, and the usual toasts followed. Bro. Davis, I.P.M., gave that of "The W.M. of the Lodge." The brethren would require to look back many years to find so young a W.M. as the one who now presided over them; still, he felt and hoped that he would prove himself as efficient as most of those who had preceded him. Bro. Davis hoped he might during his year of office have plenty of work, in order that he could show his ability, and that at the termination of his Mastership the brethren would be able to say he had performed all the work required of him creditably. The W.M. thanked the brethren. If there was anything distasteful to him on such occasions it was to reply when his health was proposed. He could only say he thanked them all from the bottom of his heart; and, although he felt Bro. Davis had said more than he really deserved, he should endeavour to show that such was not the case. He hoped he should have the assistance of the P.M.'s, as he considered the lodge was greatly indebted to them for what they had done in the past. He could but feel that he laboured under one very great disadvantage, following, as he did, so able a worker as Bro. Davis; and while he felt it would be useless trying to eclipse that brother, he should still try his best, though he was aware it would prove to be far short of what Bro. Davis had accomplished. He next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." He was sure all who had heard the ceremony of installation could but feel gratified at the way in which it had been worked. Bro. Davis was well known as a Masonic Preceptor, and naturally they expected something good from him; but he thought he had that evening really excelled himself. As regarded his working during the past year, it could be said that he had carried out the duties of the chair most satisfactorily. At the last meeting it had been decided to present him with a jewel, and that jewel he had now the infinite pleasure of placing on the breast of Bro. Davis, and in the name of the St. John's Lodge, to wish him long life and health to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, to Bro. Geo. Davis, in acknowledgment of his services as W. Master during the year 1881." Bro. Davis tendered his thanks. He little thought a few years since when, at the time of his initiation, Bro. Adlard had said that he then knew but little of what Freemasonry really was, that he should so soon be called upon to reply as a Past Master of the lodge. He could look back upon the past few years with great pleasure. He hoped his labours in Freemasonry had not been entirely in vain; they had certainly been labours of love. He trusted he might be spared for many years to be present in the St. John's Lodge, and hoped he might always be looked upon with the same amount of gratitude as had been the case that night. He could but refer with pride to the handsome present the members had thought fit to make him, and he trusted that they would never have cause to regret the action they had taken as regarded him. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," to whom he tendered a most fraternal greeting. He hoped the work they had witnessed that night had not been detrimental to them, but, on the contrary, that they had been interested in it. Bro. Osborn replied, specially referring to the ability shown by the I.P.M. in the ceremony he had performed. The W. Master, in giving the toast of "The P.M.'s, Treasurer, and Secretary," again hoped he might have their co-operation during his term of office. He felt the members one and all wished them long life, and looked forward to seeing them on many future occasions. Each of the P.M.'s having replied, the W. Master gave the toast of "The Officers," which was also acknowledged by each of those present. The Tyler then gave the concluding toast, and the brethren separated.

ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields, on which occasion Bro. James Crossland was installed as W.M. The meeting was well attended, both by members of the lodge and visitors, among the latter being Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; G. P. Festa, S.W. 1000; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; J. E. Shand, W.M. 1563; W. Maxsted, 180; C. R. Ellis, S.W. 800; F. Foss, 26; E. J. Scott, P.M. 749; F. Hill, 1563; De Leliva, 1426, and others.

The business before the lodge consisted of the election of Bro. Austin, who offered himself as a candidate for joining, and the installation of the W.M., a lodge of emer-

gency having been held the previous week for the purpose of initiating and advancing the several candidates eligible. The lodge was formally opened with the regular formalities by Bro. F. B. Docker, W.M., who was supported by Bros. James Crossland, S.W.; E. Duret, J.W.; Louis Beck, P.M.; Treas.; W. C. Parsons, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Livermore, S.D.; F. Green, J.D.; E. Valeriani, I.G.; J. Berrow, Org.; and B. Swallow, P.M., Steward. Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Crossland was presented, obligated, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Docker, who performed the ceremony in a manner reflecting the greatest credit on his ability, for notwithstanding the fact of his being a foreigner, he went through the ritual far better than do the majority of English-born Masters. The newly-installed Master having been saluted, invested the following as the officers for the year: Bros. Duret, S.W.; Livermore, J.W.; Beck, Treas.; Parsons, Sec.; Green, S.D.; Valeriani, J.D.; Green, jun., I.G.; and Swallow, Stwd.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, when, under the presidency of the W.M., a very enjoyable evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen," referring to the kindly sympathy displayed by Her Majesty towards the widow of the late Bro. President Garfield, which had created a most favourable impression in the minds of the American people, and which would, he thought, tend to materially increase the good feeling between the two countries. The toast of "The M.V. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Rothesay," was, the W.M. said, one intimately associated with their lodge, as the members of it were greatly indebted to His Royal Highness for having sanctioned the use of his title and arms in connection with it. The next toast was that of "The Grand Officers," to whom the W.M. considered English Freemasonry owed much of its success. He looked upon it that the prosperity of any institution materially depended on the skill and ability of those placed at the head of affairs, and such being the case it was only necessary to look at the present condition of Masonry to form a good opinion of the Grand Officers. He referred with pleasure to the presence of one distinguished member of Grand Lodge among them. Bro. Cottebrune had many years since won for himself the position of Grand Pursuivant, and ever since that time had acted in the Craft in a manner which clearly showed that his was not an undeserved compliment. Bro. Cottebrune replied, thanking the Master and brethren for the reception accorded him. He was pleased to have seen the W.M. placed in the chair of the lodge, for as he had many years since initiated him into Freemasonry, he considered he had that night witnessed the completion of the work he had so long ago commenced. He felt that no Past Master could witness the installation of one of his own initiates without feeling some amount of pride and satisfaction. Bro. Docker now assumed the gavel. He had great pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Master." He felt there was no need to remind the members of the lodge that Bro. Crossland, as one of the founders of the lodge, had contributed greatly to its present successful position. He had entered as J.D., and had filled the several offices upwards, until he had now attained the summit of a Mason's ambition. He was satisfied from the past experience of what Bro. Crossland had done that he would be an efficient ruler of the lodge; and concluded by expressing the pleasure he felt in having that night installed him. The W.M. tendered his hearty thanks for the way in which the toast had been offered and received. He was gratified to hear that his efforts in the minor offices which he had filled had met with approval, and he trusted that the brethren would never regret the further confidence reposed in him that evening. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Docker," paying that brother a well deserved compliment regarding his working during the past year. He had also the pleasure of presenting for his acceptance a Past Master's jewel, as some small recognition by the brethren of the way in which the duties of the chair had been carried out; and, in placing it on the breast of Bro. Docker, he might say he felt there were few men in this world who deserved more fully all the honours it was possible for the lodge to bestow on him. Bro. Docker tendered his thanks. He should value the jewel just presented to him as long as he lived. It would ever be his desire to advance the interests of the Rothesay Lodge. The jewel, which was of gold, bore the following inscription on the back: "Presented to Bro. Jean Baptiste Docker, P.M., by the brethren of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, as a mark of esteem, and for his valuable services as founder and fourth Master. 1881." The W.M. next proposed the health of the two brethren who had been initiated at the emergency meeting already referred to, and each replied in suitable terms. The toast of "The Visitors" followed. The W.M. had yet to learn that the Rothesay Lodge could be considered second to any other in its reception of visitors. The members were very pleased to see all who had that night honoured them by attending, and he trusted each of the guests had enjoyed the fare provided by the lodge. Bro. Shand was the first to reply. He was very pleased to see the Rothesay Lodge in so flourishing a condition. Bro. Festa followed. He regretted the absence through illness of Bro. Dean, the W.M. of the Montague Guest Lodge, as he felt some acknowledgment was due to the Rothesay Lodge for the part they had taken in securing the warrant for that lodge. As S.W. of it he desired to express the thanks of its members, and trusted that the two lodges would continue the good feeling which now existed between them. Bros. Fess, Farwig, Ellis, Scott and others also spoke to the toast. The W.M. coupled the healths of "The Past Masters with that of the Treasurer and Secretary." He regretted there were not more of the Past Masters of the lodge present. He thought there must be some fatality connected with their meetings which prevented the attendance of the Past Masters. As regarded the Treasurer, he considered Bro. Beck was in every way qualified for the office, and was pleased he had had the opportunity of re-investing him for the coming year. The brethren all knew how Bro. Parsons had worked for them in the past, and if his attentions latterly had been in a somewhat different quarter, he could only say it was but natural it should be so. He felt sure that while the brethren one all sympathised with Bro. Parsons, they were united in the best of wishes for his future happiness and good health. He hoped he would long continue to act as their Secretary and give the lodge the benefit of his experience. Bro. Beck and Parsons having

replied, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers," which was duly honoured and responded to, after which the Tyler brought the meeting to a conclusion. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, those given by Miss Kate Beck and Mr. Coote being particularly good.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, the following brethren being present: Bros. S. T. Lucas, W.M.; J. G. Chillingworth, jun., S.W.; James Lorkin, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M.; Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Hon. Secretary; Barclay Perkins, I.G.; W. T. Rickwood, I.P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; Ebenezer Roberts, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; John Kent, R. E. Bright, Thos. Fisher, J. Cook, Henry Stevenson, and others. The minutes of the last meetings having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer proposed that the subscription to the lodge be increased from three to four guineas. The motion was, however, rejected. The widow of a deceased member of the lodge was relieved with the sum of five guineas. Bro. George Smith, the respected Tyler of the lodge, resigned his office in consequence of failing health and strength, and it was proposed by Bro. George Newman, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Ebenezer Roberts, P.M., that Bro. Smith be paid his usual salary during the pleasure of the lodge.

VILLIERS LODGE (No. 1194).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, and was very well attended. The lodge was opened by the P.M. Thomas L. Green, in the absence of the W.M. Bro. M. S. Plimsaul, and the minutes of the election meeting unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was taken as read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, showing a balance of £24 and £39 in the Charity Fund invested in the Post Office Savings Bank. Bro. Dodd, P.M. and Sec. then took the chair of W.M. Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P. that of S.W.; Berry, P.M. 554 that of J.W.; and Thomas Cross, the S.W. was duly installed as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. G. Fisher, S.W.; T. G. C. Gambrell, J.W.; R. A. Steel, P.M. Treas.; W. Dodd, P.M. Sec.; G. Gilly, S.D.; W. Vincent, P.M. 1624, J.D.; F. Arliss, I.G.; E. Monson, D.C.; T. Foot, W.S.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Dodd delivered the customary addresses. From the able manner in which the new W.M. addressed his officers and performed his duties, we have every confidence in the efficiency with which he will carry out any duties which may occur during his year of office, and reflect credit both on himself and his able Preceptor, Bro. Cottebrune, under whose careful teaching he has been perfecting himself for several years at the Faith Lodge of Instruction. We have great pleasure in congratulating him on the officers of the lodge, who are thoroughly efficient. The lodge will be represented at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by Bro. Vincent, who undertook the duty of Steward, and we trust his list will form no inconsiderable proportion of the total amount subscribed by the province.

The brethren thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the banquet provided by the new host, Bro. Knight, who has lately come from the Bridge House, Battersea, and who we hear gave great satisfaction to the two lodges meeting there, and which have had to find fresh quarters in consequence of the old house being demolished to make way for the new Battersea Bridge. Amongst the brethren present we observed Bros. C. Simmons, J. Adams, P. Minson, R. S. Besant, R. Sharrah, Otto Lorenz, G. J. Thomas, and N. Stamp. Visitors: Bros. Raynham Stewart, P.D. Prov. G.M. Middx.; Edwin Waters, 1825; E. Peacock, P.M. 1360; C. E. Spark, J.W. 140; Neville Green, P.M. 1524; J. H. Bond, J.W. 1314; C. Taylor, S.D. 1624; S. Ruff, P.M. 12; E. W. Linging, 1719; W. Blakey, P.P.D.C.; and others.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 5th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was very numerous attended both by members and visitors. Bro. Hanley, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, and the following visitors were present: Bros. E. Blake, 507; W. E. Joyce, 1601; F. Page, 1414; J. J. Davison, P.M. 209; W. J. Upton, J.W. 276; G. W. Saul, P.M. 1201; W. Paddle, W.M. 1851; T. Poore, P.M. 720; Thomas Perrin, J.W. 1207; G. Barsdorf, W.M. elect 1320; G. W. Downie, J.D. 1815; J. Lawrence, 1326; J. B. Crump, 1207; J. Russell, 173; N. Tenet, P.M. 179; W. Medwin, J.W. 1613; C. J. Fox, 1743; C. Fountain, P.M. 1216; A. S. Harris, 1728; A. S. Harrison, S.W. 1269; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.J.W. N. & E. Yorks.; C. Seawill, 219; F. T. Ridpath, 1790; W. W. Morgan, Jr., J.W. 1107; W. Mole, 1687; F. Le Rosignol, 1216; W. East, 1695; J. Duckett, 1687; W. Deveaux, 1216; J. Huckvale, 1635; C. Laurance, 1804; and others.

The lodge was opened soon after three o'clock, and, after the minutes of the last lodge had been read and confirmed, Messrs. John W. Benn and John Kebell Gwyn, candidates, were balloted for, and this being unanimous in their favour, they were impressively initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The next business before the lodge was to instal Bro. C. Taylor, W.M. elect, into the chair. He was presented by Bro. Headon, P.M. and Treas., and installed by the retiring W.M. into the chair of K.S. in the presence of a Board of fifteen Installed Masters. On the re-admission of the brethren, after receiving the customary salutes, he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Kibble, S.W.; Z. T. C. Keeble, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Blackie, Sec.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; W. Babery, S.D.; R. Fendick, J.D.; Z. W. Potter, I.G.; O. Bowen, D.C.; G. Jenkins, Org.; J. T. Skinner, 1st Steward; and H. Durant, 2nd Steward. Since the last meeting of the lodge Bro. Steedman, P.M., who had been the Tyler from the commencement of the lodge, had been removed by death, and, therefore, it became necessary for a successor to be appointed to that office. Bro. J. Stevens, P.M., after paying a graceful tribute to the virtues and kindness of their late Bro. Steedman, moved that Bro. Potter, who had been Assistant Tyler for about twelve months, should be appointed to that office. The proposition was seconded and unanimously agreed to. On Bro. Potter being called in, and the result of the election com-

municated to him, he thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him as their Tyler, and assured them that no effort on his part should be wanting to give them entire satisfaction. Bro. Hamer then gave the usual addresses, and, after propositions had been made and recognitions received, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, which on this occasion was in the large hall of the hotel. On the removal of the cloth, grace was well sung by the professional brethren.

The W.M. said the first toast he had to propose to the notice of the brethren was one that required no words from him; it was, "The Queen and the Craft." The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." His excellent qualities were so well known that it would be useless for him to expatiate upon them, and he hoped that his name would be received by them with all the honours that were due to it. The toast was duly honoured. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that as most of them knew what were the duties of the Grand Officers, and also as to how they were appreciated by the Craft in general, it would be unnecessary for him to take up their time in descanting upon their good qualities. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, and Chaplain of the lodge. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, in responding, said he had the honour to return thanks for the toast which had been so kindly given and so well received, and which he might say was a constitutional toast, but he must say he suffered under a similar infliction with which he was visited at Oxford many years ago, when if a thing was presented to him he had what was called "Hobson's choice," and, unfortunately for him, he was the only Grand Officer present, so that they were in that condition. He regretted greatly that they were not other Grand Officers present who would be much more able to return thanks for the toast, instead of their having to listen to the inadequate talk of the old hack who was then before them. (No, no.) He had no doubt that all the Grand Officers would do their duty, and he hoped that when they again met together that the first thing they would do would be to pass a vote of condolence to the widow of President Garfield, and sympathise not only with her but with the whole of the American nation in the severe loss they had sustained (hear, hear), and the sooner they did so the better. That night their W.M. had conferred upon him the distinguished honour of being their Chaplain, and, much as he esteemed the honours of the Grand Lodge, he felt more personally gratified in receiving at his hands the honourable badge he then wore as their Chaplain. By their indulgence he had been placed amongst the Past Masters of the lodge, and he was sure that the same good attendance, good work, and good character would continue to be carried out in the lodge, and that it would preserve that high reputation it had hitherto maintained. Before he sat down he would say that that lodge stood in London in the highest position, not for quantity but quality. He felt it to be a great honour to be numbered amongst its officers, and especially so at a time when loyalty and religion were placed at a discount by a large body of men who call themselves Freemasons. At such a time it was most desirable that the laws of Freemasons should be strengthened by men who respect in this kingdom loyalty to its government, and respect and glory to God. For years The Great City Lodge has been devoted to those objects; it had hitherto made them its distinguishing feature; he believed that for all time they would be fully cherished and maintained. (Cheers.) Bro. Hamer, I.P.M., said the brethren would know the object he had in rising, which was to propose "The Health of the W. Master," and this was a toast that on an installation night it was always drunk with great cordiality. That night they had placed in the chair a brother who was initiated in the lodge; he had served all the different offices, and at last he had received at their hands an office that he had so well merited; and he felt sure that nothing would be wanting on the part of his appointed officers to assist him in the performance of his duties. He would ask the brethren to join with him in wishing health, happiness, prosperity, and success to the W. Master during his year of office as Worshipful Master of The Great City Lodge. The toast was well received. The W. Master, in responding to the toast, said he scarcely knew how to thank the brethren for the manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and for the position he then occupied by the kindness of their votes received some months since, but he had found out that he had only just commenced his lesson, and that he had a great deal to learn. He would endeavour to discharge the duties to the best of his ability, and to merit their favour. He should defer for a more convenient season any lengthy address, because of time, and he again thanked them in a few words for placing him in his present happy position. The W. Master said a very important toast then devolved upon him, and one that he was sure the brethren would give with that cheerfulness with which it was always given to initiates in this lodge, and that was "The Health of Bros. Benn and Gwyn," the initiates that evening. Bro. Gwyn (the other initiate having been compelled to retire to fulfil an engagement) returned thanks, and expressed the gratification he felt in being received amongst them, having met with several friends whom he had known for years, but until then was not aware that they belonged to the body of Freemasons. He felt that there was a fresh bond of friendship between them, and alluded to the fact that a friend of his had come from his native home, a long distance, for the purpose of being present at his initiation. He begged to return thanks also on the part of Bro. Benn, who had been compelled to leave, and he trusted that the kind expressions used towards them by the W. Master would in the future be carried out in their conduct. The W. Master next gave the health of "The Visitors." Bro. S. J. Cumberland, of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, in responding to the toast, said he came from the ancient city of York, which might be considered as the birth-place of Freemasonry, and he remarked that the more brethren visited other lodges the better Masons would they become. They had recently had in York a reception given to the members of the British Association, men of distinguished science, who had been engaged in hard work and considering the means of alleviating the distress of mankind, and

studying new discoveries which would be of gigantic benefit to the community at large. They had been invited to their lodge, where they found a vast collection of Masonic relics, consisting of old aprons, swords, banners, and lodge medals, all of great interest, and he advised brethren to look about them and he had no doubt but that a lot of things might be found which would throw great light upon the Masonry of former times. He believed that the real history of Freemasonry had yet to be written, believing as he did that a mine of wealth had yet to be explored, and any one who took the work in hand would be well repaid for his trouble. They should never forget that they began their duties on the volume of the Sacred Law, which served to distinguish the good man from the bad, to obtain the true metal for the dross, and to carry out in their dealings the teaching of the installation ceremony, "to practice out of the lodge those precepts which were taught within it, so that by virtuous, amiable and discreet conduct they may prove to the world at large the happy and beneficial effects of their ancient and honourable institution, so that when any one is said to be a Mason the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, to whom the distressed may prefer their suit, whose hand is guided by justice and his heart expanded by benevolence." He thanked the brethren for the honour they conferred upon him, and if any of the brethren should come to that out of the way place, the city of York, and ask for him or Bro. Todd, he assured them that they should receive a hearty and fraternal welcome. (Cheers.) Bro. Dusher, a Frenchman, of the Rothsay Lodge, No. 1687, also returned thanks. The Worshipful Master in giving the next toast "The Immediate Past Master, The Installing Master, and the Past Masters," said their Immediate Past Master had the privilege of installing him into the chair, and he hoped every other Master would do it as well, and that it might be his good fortune to do so when his turn came. The Installing Master and all the Past Masters had done good and faithful service, whether as officers or as Masters of the lodge, and they ought not to allow their good example to be depreciated by subsequent bad work, and he was glad to hear that their work had been appreciated. He proposed, without further comment, to present to their Immediate Past Master a jewel which had been voted to him by the lodge; and, in placing it on his breast as a symbol of the fraternal feelings of the lodge, he trusted that he might wear it for many years to come. Bro. Hamer, I.P.M., said it devolved upon him for the first time to return thanks as the Immediate Past Master, and, in doing so, he said that language failed him to express his feelings, but from the bottom of his heart he thanked them, and he regretted that he did not go through the duties of the installation in a more efficient manner. He was glad to render any service to The Great City Lodge, and if they were satisfied with his humble efforts he was more than repaid. He was the first initiate in the lodge who had installed his successor, and he was sorry that he had not done it better, and that all he could say was that he had made the attempt. He thanked them sincerely for that token of their esteem, and he trusted that he should never disgrace it, but preserve it as a memento of the great pleasure he had experienced in The Great City Lodge. Bros. Stevens and Headon also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. F. Frost, 1426, assisted by Bros. W. Frost, T. W. Hanson, C. Beckett, and Kempton.

HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, Bro. W. J. Burgess, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Vance, P.M.; E. West, P.M.; J. Manning, P.M., Treasurer; J. A. Elder, S.W.; V. Holloway, J.W.; C. Lewis, S.D.; A. Ves, J.D.; C. Jolly, I.G. (Freemason); G. Beaver, S.W. 700; J. H. Roberts, J.W. 700; G. H. Hill, S.D. 1437; J. Smith, 1287; W. Rees, I.G. 913; J. Hemming, 1287; and a goodly number of the members of the lodge. The Three Degrees were to have been worked, but unfortunately the candidates were prevented from being present, through various causes, and, therefore, there was absolutely nothing to be done; however, through the kindness of Bros. Paul, Smith, and Hemming, two lectures were admirably worked, and gave great satisfaction to the brethren present.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of supper, and passed a couple of hours in social converse and harmony. A very pleasant feature of the latter portion of the proceedings was the magnificent rendering by Bro. Baker, Musical Director of the Marylebone Music Hall, of some three violin solos, accompanied by Bro. Smith on the lodge harmonium. The evening was a most pleasant one, and thoroughly enjoyed.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Ball's Pond-road, Bro. T. Hastings Miller, Past Prov. Grand Organist Middlesex, W.M., presiding. The other brethren present in the course of the evening were Bros. J. Glaskin, S.W.; J. E. Walford, Treas.; Edwin George, Sec.; A. J. Stanton, S.D.; John Towell, J.D.; W. Matthews, Org.; J. G. Glover, Steward; James Hanney, Asst. Steward; J. Gray, I.G.; F. A. Hawthorn, D.C.; J. J. Marsh, Tyler; T. E. Jessett, P.M.; Wm. Stephens, P.M.; J. Symons, P.M.; Edwin Blunt, B. G. Poneton, Henry Patient, G. Haynes, C. H. Fisher, James Clayton, W. H. Penny, S. G. Patient, A. S. Rousseau, and G. Beck. Visitors: Edgar Bowyer, 1580, P.P.C.S.W. Herts; T. Griffiths, P.M. 907; G. R. Soper, P.M. 1365; E. Somers, W.M. 1897, Asst. J.P.R. Middx.; H. Blunden, J.W. 865; E. Holsworth, 1607; H. H. Rawson, 1790; Thos. Taylor, 1677; Wm. J. Ramsay, 1815; Geo. C. Obey, 1445; Henry Taylor, 1642; Sidney Walford, 569; W. Weaver, 1365; S. Gittins, 1607; F. Willcocks, 813; J. Fisher, 733; and H. Massey, P.M. 610 (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the report of the Audit Committee, Mr. George Beck and Mr. Albert Rousseau were initiated by Bro. T. Hastings Miller, who subsequently installed Bro. James Glaskin, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were—Bros. Charles Smith, S.W.; A. J. Stanton, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; E. George, Sec.; John Towell, S.D.; William Gray, J.D.; F. A. Hawthorn, I.G.; George J. Glover, D.C.; James Hanney, W.S.; C. H. Fisher, Asst. W.S.; T. Hastings

Miller, P.M., Org.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. Five guineas were voted from the lodge funds to a case of distress; and Bro. W. Stephens, P.M., gave notice that at next meeting he would move that a Benevolent Fund be established in connection with the lodge, to which every member should subscribe 5s. a year. On the motion of Bro. W. Stephens, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas., a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. T. Hastings Miller for performing the ceremony of installation; Bro. Stephens remarking that that duty had been in his hands now for some years, but he was pleased to see it now passed to someone else, and he hoped Bro. Miller's example would be followed by succeeding Masters of the lodge. The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. Sidney Walford, son of the Treasurer.

After the lodge had been formally closed the brethren partook of a choice banquet, and later on honoured the usual toasts. Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who, he said, had been suffering from very bad health, so bad indeed that no other occasion than his having to be installed as W.M. of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge would have induced him to come out. The brethren were all very sorry to see him so unwell, but they all hoped it would please God to give him better health. Bro. Glaskin, if his health would permit, would fulfil his duties with honour to the lodge and credit to himself. He had Freemasonry at heart, as the brethren knew, because he had for some years past devoted himself to works of charity. The brethren, considering his ill health, would make his burden as light as they could during his year of office, and Bro. Glaskin would do his duty to the best of his ability. In drinking the toast the brethren wished the W.M. renewed life, renewed health and strength, and trusted that he would live for many years to be an ornament to the Marquis of Ripon Lodge as a Past Master. The toast having been most cordially drunk, Bro. Glaskin, in acknowledgment, said he did not know how to reply to the most amiable speech of Bro. Hastings Miller. Certainly he should do his best in the chair in which he was placed. He had been, as Bro. Miller had said, in a very bad state of health for some time; but he was glad to say he was improving, and he hoped in some few months time he would be sufficiently well to fulfil his duties. (In consequence of the W.M.'s bad state of health the other toasts were kindly proposed by Past Masters of the lodge.) Bro. J. E. Walford, P.M. and Treasurer, proposed "The I.P.M." If there ever was, said he, a Master of that lodge who deserved the thanks of the brethren it was the W.M. who had just passed from the chair. On the last occasion of their meeting, he (Bro. Walford) had the honour and pleasure of proposing that a P.M. jewel should be presented to Bro. Hastings Miller, and this being the occasion of his going out of office he would now be presented with it. That jewel was one he might be proud of, although it would express in a very humble manner the sense in which the lodge held and esteemed him. Bro. Miller, although a young man, was an old Mason, and had done good suit and service to Freemasonry. His whole heart and soul were in it, and whenever he had an opportunity he exercised his feelings by doing good. He had done his duty to this lodge, and as it had been the custom year after year when the Master vacated the chair of the lodge to present him with a jewel if he had done his duty, so they voted a jewel to Bro. Hastings Miller. It was this jewel he (Bro. Walford) now asked Bro. H. Miller's acceptance of. The office of Master was the proudest office a lodge could give one of its members, and the brethren should remember that when even the lowest office was bestowed on a brother it was the stepping stone to the highest, and therefore he would say they should be careful who was first in office, but after having put brethren in office, if they did their duty, give them the highest honours, and subsequently present them with a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Walford then presented Bro. Hastings Miller with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, amidst the plaudits of the brethren. Bro. T. Hastings Miller, I.P.M., in reply, said he really could not find words to express his gratitude for the very, very flattering way in which his name had been placed before the brethren by Bro. Walford, and for the exceedingly kind reception it had met with. It was now some seven years ago since he stood in the enviable position of I.P.M. in his mother lodge, and he then felt very proud indeed to have presented to him for the first time a P.M. jewel. Although seven years had elapsed, that pride had not diminished in any degree whatever when they presented him with such a handsome testimony of their regard for any poor services he had rendered to the Marquis of Ripon Lodge. He had certainly done his very best. He had endeavoured to carry out the duties of W.M. as every Mason should do, and if he had given the brethren satisfaction he had been repaid tenfold. He should remember, with great pride, as long as he lived the day when his breast was decorated with this other P.M.'s jewel. He must say he had not disgraced the lodge, but had done what he could for its benefits. Without being egotistic, he might say that it was not without reason that the brethren had voted him this jewel. He had endeavoured to support the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry in a small way, but, still, it was his best. It was now a fitting time for him to thank the officers of the lodge for the assistance they had given him during his year of office. They had attended as far as they possibly could, and for their attendance and assistance he thanked them, as it had been a very pleasant year he had had in the chair. The next toast—"The Initiates"—was given by Bro. Hastings Miller, who commented on the very great attention which Bros. Beck and Rousseau paid to the ceremony through which they had passed. He was quite sure they had in the two initiates brethren who would be an honour to Freemasonry. He exhorted them to be punctual in their attendance at the lodge, by which means they would see more in Freemasonry than they had seen that evening, and he promised them they would be gratified with it. He reminded them that the grand foundation of Masonry was charity, and he hoped that one of these days those brethren would be occupying the proud position now occupied by the W.M. Bro. G. Beck replied; and hoped that both he and Bro. Rousseau, who had been obliged to leave, as he lived in the country, would turn out good and true Masons. Bro. W. Stephens, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," among whom he saw many who had been associated with him in the work of Masonry for several years. Some who served on the Committees and in Grand Lodge, and on the Lodge of Benevolence—some whom he had had great pleasure in initiating. Referring to Bro. Bowyer, he said that that brother must have done a great deal for Masonry, or he would not

have secured the office of Senior Grand Warden for the Province of Hertford. Bro. Edgar Bowyer replied, as did also Bros. Massey, Griffiths, and Soper. The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s Bros. Walford, Symonds, Stephens, Jessett, and Hastings Miller." Bro. William Stephens, in responding, said that he had been reminded that he was the father of the lodge. He did not know that he was a very old father, though he was getting, it was true, rather grey. He was pleased to be the oldest Past Master of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, and he was also very pleased to speak of the very great success that had attended the lodge since its formation. He was also thankful to be spared to be a member of the lodge. When he looked around the table and recollected those brethren who were associated with him at the earlier period of the lodge's existence—Bro. Hervey, Bro. Little, and others who were present at its consecration; brethren who had departed this life—he was thankful that he had been spared to see the lodge arrive at such a pitch of prosperity. He trusted that he might yet be spared many years to be associated with the Past Masters. He was exceedingly pleased that the lodge had continued in a course of success. It had never gone far wrong in a financial way, and it had done its best for the Charities, which was the main object of Freemasonry; it had sent up large sums of money to the Charities, and had never been behindhand with Stewards, and he hoped that what it had been in the past it would continue to be in the future. Bro. Hastings Miller took up a good sum for the Boys' Festival, and although it was not so much as in former years, it made the goodly sum of £80. If it sent up £50 a year he thought it would have done its fair share of support for the Masonic Institutions. While thanking the brethren for the toast, he hoped the Past Masters might be spared to render the lodge any assistance they could. He felt he was getting old and somewhat stale, and the brethren must not expect him to be what, in stage parlance, was called a general utility man. He was sure he would not be expected to continue to do so much in the future as he had done in the past. In the future he should endeavour to do what he could, but he would have to give up a great many of his Masonic engagements. He was already endeavouring to shirk some, as it was quite clear he could not manage to attend to everything. However, during the present W.M.'s year of office he would do his best to lighten his labours. Bro. H. Miller proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," all of whom he praised for their energy as working Masons, and for their desire to do the work of their offices well. Bro. J. E. Walford, P.M. and Treasurer, and all the other officers replied; and Bro. Stephens proposed an extra toast—"The Press"—to which Bro. Massey replied, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings, which throughout had been of a most enjoyable character, to a close.

ABERCORN LODGE.—(No. 1549).—The last regular meeting of this summer lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on the 5th inst., in the presence of the following brethren: Bros. C. Long, W.M.; E. Bamford, S.W.; A. Goldsmid, J.W.; W. A. Rogers, Treasurer; C. Veal, Secretary; T. J. Villiers, S.D.; W. G. Lee, J.D.; H. W. Schartau, Organist; R. C. Puckett, I.G.; R. Ray, I.P.M.; G. Tidcombe, P.M. and D.C.; Dalzell, Haynes, and Biggs. Bro. Maidwell, 27, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened at 5.20, and the minutes of the last meeting were duly confirmed. The W.M., having examined Bro. Dalzell satisfactorily for raising, Bro. Ray, I.P.M., having performed the previous ceremonies, duly raised the worthy brother in his usual able manner to the Sublime Degree of M.M. No other business being presented, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.30 p.m.

The usual banquet followed. The W.M., in giving the customary toasts, feelingly alluded to the death of Bro. President Garfield, which elicited the warmest sympathy. After which the cause of charity having been responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the season at 9.30 p.m.

ST. MARTINS-LE-GRAND LODGE (No. 1538).—There was a large and influential assemblage of brethren and visitors at the installation meeting of this lodge, held on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Lodge was opened shortly before five o'clock with the customary formalities, under the presidency of the retiring W. Master, Bro. Alexander C. Moffatt, who was supported by Bro. William Gibbs, S.W. and W. Master elect; Dr. W. Smith, J.W.; Major W. E. Williams, P.M. Treas.; John Hookey, P.M. Sec.; T. J. Robertson, S.D.; J. P. Parkes, J.D.; H. F. Dickson, I.G.; R. J. Leversedge, Steward; G. Gregory, P.M.; A. C. Woodward, P.M.; F. W. Williams, P.M.; and many other brethren, with the following visitors: Bros. E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; C. Woolmer Williams, P.M. 1275; Alfred Williams, P.M. 14; T. Musgrave, P.M. 1509; G. Corble, P.M. 453; P. P. J. G. W. Essex; R. Robins, P.M. 25; H. Faben; G. Thurgood, 1539; J. T. Custance, 975; Thomas Horace Wilson (Calcutta); T. Snowden, 90; J. G. Pitt, 32; T. Evans, 1257; C. Warwick Jordan, 1314; and others.

After the usual formalities, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, showing the lodge to be in a very satisfactory financial condition. The report was unanimously adopted. The Worshipful Master elect was then presented by Bro. Major W. E. Williams, and having replied satisfactorily to the usual questions, a body of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Gibbs was duly installed into the chair. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly installed W. Master was greeted with due honours, after which he proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. Alexander C. Moffatt, I.P.M.; Dr. Wm. Smith, S.W.; T. J. Robertson, J.W.; Major W. E. Williams, P.M. Treas.; J. Hookey, P.M. Sec.; J. P. Parkes, S.D.; H. F. Dickson, J.D.; T. Bates, D.C.; George Hatch, Steward; R. C. Leversedge, I.G.; and W. F. Knight, Tyler. A handsome gold jewel was then presented in behalf of the lodge by the newly-installed W. Master to Bro. Moffatt, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the preceding year. The presentation was accompanied by a congratulatory address by the W.M., who alluded in felicitous terms to the substantial service rendered to the lodge by the I.P.M. by Bro. Moffatt, who promised to continue whatever aid he could towards

advancing the prosperity and upholding the prestige of the lodge. Some formal business was transacted, after which the brethren adjourned to the throne room of the hotel, where a *recherche* banquet was provided. A number of loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were honoured, and amidst an abundance of capital songs and recitations, the brethren contrived to pass a very happy evening. Efficient assistance was rendered, as accompanist by Bro. C. Warwick Jordan, organist of St. Stephen's, Lewisham, who presided in masterly style at the pianoforte.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The first autumn meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 10th inst., at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street. The attendance included the following brethren and visitors: Bros. George Kenning, W.M.; A. J. Altman, I.P.M.; Alfred Brookman, S.W.; Dr. Saml. Benton, J.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chap.; John Derby Allcroft, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; Samuel White, S.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.D.; P. Saillard, D.C.; Edward Anderton, Steward; H. Matthews, Steward; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; Thomas Benskin, Arthur B. Hudson, M. Webb, jun., Dr. H. Alder Smith, George Vickery, W. W. McNeill (Temple); Fred. Crochford (Zetland); Robt. De Lacy (Palatine); Michael Whitworth (145); Robt. Jaynham Weed (Orpheus); H. W. Johnson (Athenaeum); Wm. Poore (St. John's); John G. Hutchinson (Fitzroy); D'Ormond (St. John's); L. V. de Lucca (101); and W. J. Green.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, as well as the minutes of the lodge of emergency held in April last, at which Bros. Matthew Webb, jun., and Arthur B. Hudson were raised to the Third Degree. The after business chiefly consisted of reports of the progress made in the cultivation of charity and good fellowship. During the summer recess the Worshipful Master has wisely had the attention of the brethren occupied in some agreeable form or other in the intervening months between April and this first autumn meeting; thus Bro. White was able to report that, through the assistance of the lodge, he had been able to hand seventy-three guineas to the funds of the Girls' Charity. Less fortunate, the Worshipful Master was able to report that he had had the pleasure of offering, on behalf of the lodge, to the Boys' School fifty-two guineas. The W. Master also congratulated the lodge that during the summer recess Bro. Alfred Brookman, S.W., had invited the whole of the brethren to a sumptuous banquet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. The modesty of the W.M. prevented, however, another statement—as gracious as it was supplementary—that he, too, had not only asked the brethren, but their wives and daughters to a similar gathering at the Royal Crown Hotel, Sevenoaks. Reports upon charity that had been relieved, and a discussion upon efforts that would be made on behalf of all the Masonic Charities in the New Year, occupied the attention of the rest of the lodge meeting. Two new joining members were proposed, completing the number proposed to limit the lodge to, viz., twenty-five; and letters of regret were read from Bro. Lavender, who is still suffering from an injured arm, and from Bro. Chapman, who continues unwell. The general joy of the lodge was, however, marred by a report of the death, in the recess, of the Tyler, Bro. Steedman, P.M. 754, and the Secretary was requested to convey, in a letter of condolence to the family of the deceased, the high respect in which he was held, not only from his relationship with the lodge, but for his general character as a Mason.

The lodge adjourned to refreshment, under the care of the W.M. The toasts of the evening were, as usual, loyal and Masonic, and the replies brief and pertinent, as they always have to be when Bro. Kenning occupies the chair. Fortunately two musical brethren (Bros. Robert de Lacy and Bro. Weed) were among the visitors, and the toasts were most kindly interspersed by them with most admirable songs and duets, sung amid unbounded applause. Altogether the gathering was one of the most enjoyable ever passed, even by the Aldersgate Lodge, and augurs well for its usefulness and happiness during the coming session. As usual, encouragement was offered to all benevolent work connected with it by its Treasurer, and one of its early founders, Bro. J. D. Allcroft. Bro. Alfred Brookman, S.W., has undertaken to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Boys' School, Bro. Matthews the Girls' School, and Bro. Anderton the Benevolent Institution.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This representative lodge held a meeting on the 26th ult. There were present among others—Bros. H. J. Lardner, W.M.; Strugnell, S.W.; W. Williams, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., I.P.M.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, jun., Sec.; Goodenough, S.D.; T. Simpson, J.D.; Horace Brooke Marshall, C.C., &c., I.G.; Hart (Hon. Org.); and Parkinson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Skellhorne was most impressively raised to the Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., ably assisted by his officers. Several minor matters having been discussed, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The first meeting after the vacation of this lodge was held at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. C. F. Barham, W.M., assisted by Bro. L. Stean, P.M.; G. T. Barr, I.P.M.; E. Benjamin, S.W.; J. A. Jones, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, Chaplain; J. Cox, Hon. Sec.; A. A. Clement, S.D.; J. Funston, J.D.; E. Walker, I.G.; F. Matthews, D.C.; R. Drysdale and H. J. Thrower, Stewards; G. C. Young, Organist; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. There was a good attendance of members. Several visiting brethren were present, including Bros. the Rev. S. B. Bridges, 591; H. B. Taylor, 1531; C. Steel, 1365; R. Little, 1607; S. Smither, 193; J. Roberts, 1816; A. J. Braigate, 55; A. Wagstaff, 185; C. White, 1708; and J. Conder, 715.

Amongst the business transacted was the passing of Bro. S. Fenel, and the initiation of Mr. C. Davis into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. The brethren appeared in partial Masonic mourning, "in sympathy with our American brethren for the loss of our brother, the late President Garfield," and it was unanimously resolved to forward an address of condolence from the brethren of the

St. Leonard Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The services of the W.M. and his officers were warmly acknowledged, and the visitors spoke very highly of the working of the lodge.

MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE (No. 1900).—The first meeting of this lodge since its consecration was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-fields, on Wednesday evening, when there were present: Bros. W. H. Dean, W.M.; G. P. Festa, S.W.; F. R. W. Hedges, J.W.; J. D. Collier, P.M. Sec.; W. H. Capon, S.D.; H. Slyman, J.D.; W. H. Gardener, I.G.; and Visitors, E. J. Petts, I.G. 209; J. Docker, P.M. 1687; Capt. J. J. Lane, 1872; J. E. Shand, W.M. 1563; W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, and W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

After the formal opening of the lodge and reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Francis Travers, P.M. No. 137, Past Prov. S.G.W., Dorset, and Samuel Brooks, P.M. No. 1608, were elected joining members, and Mr. Edmund Mohun Doble, Mr. Charles Monkhouse Tate, Mr. William Hartley Staff, Mr. Edward Ellis Ogston, and Dr. Geoffrey Stead were initiated into the earliest mysteries of the Order by the W.M. and his officers. The W.M. afterwards invested Bros. Brooks, P.M., as D. of C.; Staff, as Org.; and Doble, as W.S. Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. informed the brethren that he had received a letter from Bro. the Rev. H. Paget Raikes, P. Prov. G. Chap., Dorset, sending a copy of a lecture delivered by him at the last Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset. The W.M. informed the brethren that in about a week any number of copies of the lecture could be obtained, and if the brethren would give their names to the Secretary he would see that they had copies. At the same time he wished to say that the lecture would well repay perusal. Bro. Festa, S.W., afterwards thanked the W.M. and the lodge for passing a vote of thanks to him, for his presentation of the banner of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an exquisite banquet. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.V.G.M.," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers," having been regularly honoured, Bro. J. D. Collier, P.M. and Secretary, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," in doing which he said that Bro. Dean was not a young Mason, but a tried Mason, who had passed the chair in his mother lodge with ability and credit. This day he had recommenced at the regular meeting of the Montague Guest Lodge his Masonic duties, and from the excellent way in which he had discharged those duties he would have shown the brethren he would ensure to the lodge a very successful year, at the same time that it would be a very happy year to him. It was not only his performance of the duties in the lodge which promised this, but the very kind and courteous way in which he had presided at the banquet table. The W.M., in reply, said he wished he was half so good as Bro. Collier led them to believe, but in answer he might say it was and ever had been his study to do his duty in Freemasonry, and more particularly since he had been installed in the chair some years ago. He had endeavoured to carry out the principles of Freemasonry, and if he had failed it was sheer error, and not from want of that Masonic feeling which should inspire every brother. As regarded the Montague Guest Lodge, it would be his particular care to see the duties of Freemasonry carried out. They had a very excellent brother in the Right Worshipful Bro. Montague Guest, who, he was very sorry, was not present that evening, but who would have been if he had been in England. He (the W.M.) could testify to that brother being a most excellent Mason, who knew every office in the Craft, was well-acquainted with, and did his duties well as a Provincial Grand Master. There was none better in the Craft. As a Provincial Grand Officer himself, he (the W.M.) could testify that Bro. Montague Guest was at Provincial Grand Lodge two out of every three meetings. Such a good working Mason it was their duty to follow, and it would be his (the W.M.'s) duty so to do, and always to keep in mind the good feeling that should always exist among the brethren, and study to preserve it. He hoped this would be a lodge of good fellowship and good feeling; each one taking an interest in the other, and instructing them in their respective duties. This they should keep in view, and he trusted the lodge would be a success and second to none in the Craft. In proposing "The Initiates," the W.M. said he was sure those brethren would be an addition to Freemasonry, and Masonry would always be an addition to them. They had witnessed that evening the first part of the ceremony, and he trusted the portion they had witnessed, and to which they had paid commendable attention, had impressed them with its importance. As they went on further, from one Degree to another, they would become more acquainted with the principles of the Order, and appreciate Masonry and its general principles. They would find Masonry was not in name only, but in deed. Brotherly love, relief, and truth were its characteristics, and they should be fully adopted. These were the principles the initiates should carry out. Bros. Doble, Tate, Staff, Ogston, and Stead responded, each expressing the great pleasure he had had in his introduction to Masonry, and the deep impression the ceremony he had gone through had made on his mind. The principles and maxims enunciated so forcibly by the W.M. should be carried out in their entirety, and the best should be done to carry those principles into everyday life. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said the exchange of visits to lodges was an exchange of good feeling that enabled the brethren to see the usual working in lodges, which at all times was so desirable. There might be some little difference in the working, but it was very little indeed. At the same time, the visits begat that good feeling and that knowledge of themselves, Masonically, which they ought to have. On that account, therefore, it was desirable and agreeable that they should have visitors. In this Montague Guest Lodge they would be only too happy at all times to receive visitors, and to meet them in that good and fraternal spirit which characterised the Order. While mentioning the names of each visitor—Bros. Docker, Shand, Massey, Morgan, and Petts—he could not help thanking Bro. Docker for his kind services that evening in acting as Past Master, and so assisting him (the W.M.) very much. Bro. Docker, in the course of his reply, said he had watched the active pro-

gress of this lodge since its formation, and he could say that it was impossible for any lodge to have started with such success. He had known the W.M. and S.W. for some time. The brethren had seen the way in which the W.M. performed the ceremony that evening, and conducted the whole business of the lodge. This lodge possessed one of the best working members of the Craft in its W.M. The Rothesay Lodge and the Montague Guest Lodge worked with good feeling, and all the members of the Rothesay rejoiced in the success of the Montague Guest. Bro. Shand also replied, and said that, from a long knowledge of the W.M., he was enabled to say he was second to no Master. Of Bro. Festa, the S.W., he could say that if there was anything he excelled in it was in Freemasonry, and when he was installed in the chair it would be a *sine qua non* with him (Bro. Shand) to come and see him. When that time came the Montague Guest Lodge would have a W.M. equal in all respects to Bro. Dean, who would maintain the prestige of the lodge. Bro. Festa was an excellent worker in lodges of instruction, and took great delight in imparting the knowledge he possessed to others. The lodge, indeed, was a great success. It had had five initiates that evening, and he was very glad to be able to say they were good men and true. They did not want to have initiates, just for the sake of initiating them; but what was wanted was gentlemen who would do honour and credit to the Craft, and he was sure the brethren newly admitted to the Montague Guest Lodge would be such honour and credit. All the officers also of this lodge would do honour and credit to it. The W.M. next gave "The Officers," of whom he said he was very proud, as they were second to none in London or elsewhere. In his brother, the S.W., he had a most excellent and zealous Mason, who, whatever he took in hand with regard to Freemasonry, would endeavour to carry it out. He was good for the Charities, he was good for everything; and when the gavel was handed over to him he (the W.M.) hoped he would be in good health and able to do all that was required of him to command the lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren. Of his brother, the J.W., he might say the same. They all knew him very well as the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, who had proved himself in that position, not only the best of Secretaries, but a very good Mason. Of the Senior and Junior Deacons he could also speak most favourably. He knew what their work was; he knew that they would work together well, and that there would be no hitch in the ceremonies. Next was their esteemed brother, the Secretary. Notwithstanding that a W.M. could do his work well, it was a most important thing that he should have a good Secretary. Now he had a very good Secretary, who was not only an old P.M., but he had been Secretary of a lodge, and had performed his duties to the general satisfaction of his brethren. The lodge must congratulate itself on having such a good Secretary. There was one of the officers among the founders of the lodge who, though last, was not the least—the Inner Guard. He certainly did stick to his duties well, and by the time he got into the Warden's chair he would be perfect. As a proof of his zeal he came twenty miles once a week to a lodge of instruction. Such a man must be a very creditable Mason indeed. Bro. Brooks, being a P.M., would be a very good D.C. A D.C. should be a P.M., although this was not often the case. The D.C. should be acquainted with all the duties, for in a province if the Prov. G.M. visited the lodge, the D.C. should know how to receive him. The W.M. also spoke with satisfaction of the Organist and the S.W. Bro. Festa, in replying for himself, said it was his intention to follow up Masonry strictly, and if in his office of S.W. there was any deficiency, it would not be from want of will. He should endeavour, as he said at the last meeting, to assist the W.M. to carry on the work of the lodge which the W.M. had so well begun, in order to give éclat to the lodge and the name it bore, which was a Masonic household word. Bro. Hedges said that as long as he had the honour to be connected with the Montague Guest Lodge it would be his pride as well as his duty to do the best in his power to further its comfort, its pleasure, and its well-being in every possible way. Bro. Collier said that as he had been Secretary of the lodge for five years, he thought he was fitted for the duties. At any rate he should do his utmost to give satisfaction. He was quite sure the Montague Guest Lodge would be a success, and that its officers would be a credit. The officers were young Masons who were coming on, brethren who had taken great interest, not only in the work, but also in the well-being of the Montague Guest Lodge. He sincerely trusted that the W.M. would have a successful year of office, and he was sure the officers would endeavour to make it so. The other officers also responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a most agreeable and successful evening to a close.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The first meeting of the winter session of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, at 7.30 p.m., when there was but a moderate attendance, which may be accounted for in several ways. There were no ceremonies to be performed; within two days there had been a consecration of a new Masonic Hall in the province; and Wednesday, the 12th inst., is the day fixed for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset to be held at Bath, when a very large meeting is expected. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, I.P.M. 41, P.M. 43 and 958, assisted by Bros. Philip Braham, P.G. Org., as I.P.M.; Rubie, P.P.G. J.W. and P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., as D. of C.; R. B. Cuter, S.W.; Mercer, J.W.; Murlis, Sec.; Holmes, S.D.; Hunt, Past S.W., as J.D.; Peach, I.G.; E. Baldwin, Org.; T. Wilton and H. Smith, Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of a lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The acting W.M. explained the unavoidable absence of the W.M., in consequence of very important engagements; also of the Treas., D. of C., and J.D. The Secretary read the by-laws, as is required at least once a year. A ballot was taken for three candidates, who had been previously regularly proposed, which proved favourable, ample testimony of their eligibility having been given in open lodge. Another candidate was also proposed for entrance into the Order, as well as two joining members, one of them being Colonel Marnaduke Ramsay, District Grand Master of the Punjab, India. The acting W.M. announced that he had attended the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in London in June, and thus was present at a long

discussion in reference to one of the members of No. 41, which resulted in a confirmation of previous proceedings. He also stated that he had been fortunate in obtaining a great number of publications in regard to Masonic transactions in America, which will form a valuable addition to the library of the Royal Cumberland Lodge. He farther mentioned that since the last meeting in May he had had a most serious and painful illness, which it was at one time feared might prove fatal, but by exercise of great medical skill, under the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., he had recovered so far as to be able once more to take his place in the lodge. As soon as permitted to drive out, his first visit was to Bro. F. J. Brown, P.M. 41 and P.P.G.S.W., who had long been ill, and he regretted to announce his death on the 24th ult.; he felt it a duty to represent the lodge in attendance at his funeral. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then proposed that the Secretary should be desired to write a letter of condolence to the bereaved family, which was duly seconded and passed. A similar letter was ordered to be sent to Bro. Jas. Clark, P.M., in consequence of the sudden death of his wife on the previous evening, the 5th inst. Bro. Rubie addressed the brethren in very kindly terms in reference to the presiding officer that evening. Having seen him during his illness, he could state the fears he then entertained that he would never again be able to assist in lodge duties. That was soon after the end of last session, but here he was at the commencement of a new one, apparently as vigorous as ever. He desired to express the gratification of the brethren at his presence, and their congratulation on his recovery, which was responded to by hearty acclamation. The acting W.M. replied in a few words, and then having reminded the brethren of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in that hall on the 12th inst., closed the lodge, at nine o'clock p.m.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213). The first meeting after the recess was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, when there were present Bros. George Kersey, W.M.; James E. H. Watson, P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Charles Fenwick, S.W.; Charles E. Sexton, J.W.; Geo. Baxter, P.M. 807, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.G.D.C., Treas.; Harold Youngman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; Arthur E. Le Good, P.G. Std., S.D.; Thos. C. R. King, J.D.; S. N. Berry, P.M. 807, P.G.S. of W., Org.; W. J. Butler, I.G.; Thos. Smith, Jun., Std.; Joshua Morse, Tyler; T. T. Breeze; J. S. Offord, P.M.; R. J. Silburn, and others. The visitors included Bros. J. B. Bridgman, P.M. 93; E. Pankhurst, P.M.; J. W. Bateman, 807; Hollis, 943; J. P. Batch, 1273; A. Bullard, P.M.; Jesse Weyer, P.G. Std. 1500, and others.

The lodge being opened and minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the business was to pass Bro. Carpenter, which was done in an excellent and impressive manner by the W.M., after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to supper, under the gavel of the W.M., and the remaining portion of the evening was passed in the pleasant and agreeable manner usual in this lodge.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. Nicholl, W.M.; Mark Vickers, I.P.M.; H. Walmsley, S.W.; R. Tomlins, J.W.; J. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; J. W. Edwards, acting Sec.; J. Wilson, S.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Bladon, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., D. of C.; Jas. Eckersley; R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), Std.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Howarth Clark, P.M.; D. Donbavand, P.M.; Dr. C. J. Rix, J. G. Elderton, John Church, Ellis Jones, J. Garside, J. Halliday, Bates, C. Hart, and E. Smith. Visitors: Bros. G. E. Coleman, I.P.M. 467; H. Paulden, Sec. 204; J. W. Calverley, 290; A. Rosmayer, 1140; J. Varey, 204; G. C. Williams, W.M. 152; J. Grundy, 152; Murray Thomson, 163; and M. Owen, 163.

The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock, and after confirmation of minutes Mr. Walter Wood was balloted for and elected a member of the lodge. The brethren adjourned to tea, and re-assembled in the lodge room at 7.20, when Mr. Walter Wood was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., who worked the ceremony throughout in a highly satisfactory manner. The J.W., Bro. Tomlins, delivered the charge to the candidate, and Bro. Mark Vickers, P.M., very ably explained to him the First Tracing Board, after which "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.10 p.m. During the lodge proceedings the W.M., Bro. Nicholl, informed the brethren that their much esteemed Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, had on the previous Tuesday taken unto himself a wife, which naturally accounted for his absence that evening, and in moving a vote of congratulation, wishing him long life, happiness, and prosperity, he felt sure the brethren would spontaneously accord it. It is needless to say this was unhesitatingly done, and the fact was made known by telegram to Bro. Cunliffe, who was in London, and who, in gratefully acknowledging the same, also by telegram (which was afterwards handed to the W.M. at the social board) further stated that at 9.30 he would be drinking the healths of the brethren. The W.M. communicated this intelligence to the brethren, and precisely at that hour they all rose and drank success to the newly married couple.

CARNARVON.—Segontium Lodge (No. 606).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held last week in the lodge-room in Carnarvon Castle. Bro. R. J. Davids was installed W.M., Bro. the Rev. J. Sidney Boucher, P.P.G.C., being the installing officer. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. George Thomas, I.P.M.; D. W. Davies, S.W.; T. B. Williams, J.W.; Rev. J. S. Boucher, Chap.; A. H. De Burgh, S.D. and Treas.; D. H. Williams, Sec.; W. Ingleton, J.D.; W. Morgan, D. of C.; J. Williams, Org.; N. Bunnell, I.G.; R. R. Williams and O. Evans, Stewards; W. Watkins, Tyler. The retiring W.M. was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the admirable manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the lodge during his year of office.

The annual banquet was served at the Royal Sportsman Hotel, a large number of members of the local lodge and the various lodges in the district sitting down to a splendid repast provided by Bro. Pugh. The attendance of visiting brethren included Bros. the Rev. Hugh Thomas, Royal

Leck; Fred Jones, W.M. Anglesey; George Hughes, I.P.M. Anglesey; W. Jarvis, P.M. St. David's, Bangor; J. Pritchard, W.M. St. David; W. E. Thomas, S.W. St. David; Meshach, J.W.; T. Roberts, Portmadoc; and others.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—Portland Lodge (No. 637).—The festival of St. John was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Town Hall. The lodge was opened at three o'clock p.m., when many brethren were present, including visitors from other lodges in the province, for the purpose of installing Bro. David Smith as W.M. for the ensuing year. Amongst the members present were: Bros. W. T. Bectenson, W.M.; David Smith, S.W.; Jno. Perkins, J.W.; D. H. Dunning, Sec.; T. Stubbs, S.D.; J. Baker, J.D.; J. Eardley, acting I.G.; Thos. Bakewell, Steward; Edwin Roberts, I.P.M.; J. W. Thomas, P.M., Treas., P.P.G. Std. B.; H. C. Faram, P.M., D.C.; R. Tooth, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; T. Unwin, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; W. T. Copeland, P.M.; S. Smith, P.M.; and A. Kingstone, Tyler. The visitors included W. Bros. Col. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M. North Staffordshire; Cartwright, P.M. 460, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; Thos. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Newland, 460; E. V. Greatbach, I.G. 418; Herman Tapsley, 1076; Thos. Tunnicliffe, 418; F. Gee, 637; and T. Tonkinson, 451.

The installation ceremony was very effectively rendered by Bro. W. T. Bectenson, W.M., assisted by W. Bros. E. Roberts, P.M.; H. C. Faram, P.M.; Saml. Smith, P.M.; and J. W. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Std. B. The ceremony of installation being concluded, the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. John Perkins, S.W.; D. H. Dunning, J.W.; T. Bakewell, Sec.; T. Stubbs, S.D.; J. Baker, J.D.; E. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; S. Smith, P.M., D.C.; Rev. Westbury, Chap.; Thos. Hemmings, Org.; T. W. Gimsow, I.G.; and A. Kingstone, Tyler. After which the D.P.G.M., in an eloquent address to the lodge, complimented the Installing Master on the creditable manner he had performed the ceremony, and also the officers for their system and abilities in conducting the formalities.

The brethren then adjourned to the North Staffordshire Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared in Bro. Patzer's usual style. The W.M., Bro. D. Smith, occupied the chair. After the loyal toasts had been given, that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England," was received with acclamation. Bro. Copeland, P.M., in proposing "The Health of W. Bro. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M. of North Staffordshire," expressed the sentiments of the brethren when he referred to the satisfaction which the lodge had felt at the visit made that day, and hoped it would be an omen of good fortune generally to the lodge. The toast was enthusiastically received, and in the absence of Bro. Gough (who was obliged to leave to attend another Masonic meeting in another part of the province) was responded to by Bros. Tooth, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Thomas Taylor, P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Thomas, P.P.G. Std. Bearer. Bro. S. Smith, P.M., then proposed the health of the "W.M.," and in doing so dwelt upon the pleasure it had afforded him to take part in the ceremony of installing a brother initiated by himself, and augured a successful and happy year. The toast was responded to in very appropriate terms by the W.M. Bro. Dunning, J.W., gave the "Masonic Charities," and showed how prominent a part the Portland Lodge had taken for some years in aiding the Provincial charities, while he hoped that future aid would be increased. The toast was ably responded to by Bro. R. Tooth, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. "The health of the I.P.M." was given in eulogistic terms by Bro. Roberts, P.M. In replying, Bro. Bectenson said that as the son of a Mason who had years before occupied a prominent position in the Portland Lodge, it had been his ardent wish, not merely to retain his own reputation of W.M., but to honour his father's memory and credit to those worthy Masons who had preceded him in the chair. The lodge had during his year prospered in a marked manner, and had shown the harmonious character of its proceedings by the resolution it had that day passed unanimously, authorising application for a new lodge in the suburb of the town, to be named the "Minerva," a lodge which would be mainly composed of active brethren belonging to 637. He felt no fear of opposition from the new lodge, nor did he believe that the parent lodge would decrease in its prosperity through the new comer, he trusted the W.M. would have as pleasant a lodge to rule over as he had experienced, and it would be still one of his first principles to promote in every way the comfort, progress, and success of his mother lodge. The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. Perkins, S.W., and responded to by Bro. Thomas; "The visiting Brethren" by Bro. Ashwell, and responded to by Bros. Greatbach, Gee and Tomkinson; "The Officers" by Bro. Shenton, and responded to by Bro. Bakewell, Secretary; the Tyler's toast bringing one of the most successful meetings to a happy termination.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The first meeting of the winter session of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Club Rooms, No. 23, St. Giles-street, under the gavel of its W.M., Bro. George Green, assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. S. N. Berry, P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; Arthur J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P. acting as S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; H. Rosling, S.D.; J. W. Browne, (*Freemason*) J.D.; George Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Sec.; Thomas Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.D. of C.; R. A. Madge, Org.; Thomas Winter, I.G.; Charles Payne and W. N. Cooper, Stewards; W. Murrell, Tyler; and the following Bros. H. J. Wade, C. Holborn, J. Holt, A. King, Risc, George J. Berry, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Edwards, 389; T. T. Breeze, 213; Jacob P. Batch, 1273; Guyton, 1276; A. Bullard, I.P.M.; D. Mannings, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Harper, W.M.; Jesse Weyer, P.G. Steward; C. W. Bacon, 1500; and others.

The lodge being opened about eight o'clock the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. in a most impressive manner passed Bro. Arthur King to the F.C. Degree. Bro. A. J. Berry by the request of the W.M. gave the charge and the lecture in excellent style and precision. "Hearty good Wishes" having been given by the brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent supper had been prepared, on the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged. Some excellent singing,

rendered by some of the brethren and visitors present, guided the hours away until near twelve, when the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

NORWICH.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 943).—This lodge resumed its winter session on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, under the gavel of its W.M., Bro. R. E. Thorns, who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. T. W. Muskett, I.P.M.; R. J. Mills, S.W.; G. W. G. Barnard, J.W.; E. Orams, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler, Sec.; E. Baldwin, S.D.; A. Bullard, I.P.M. 1500, acting I.G.; R. A. Madge, 807, Org.; William Henry Moss, J.D.; and Joshua Morse, Tyler. There were a goodly number of brethren and visitors present, which included Bro. H. G. Barwell, the P.G. Sec. The business of the evening was to raise Bro. Jno. Francis, which was done in an excellent and impressive manner by the W.M., at the conclusion of which, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to supper, after which the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner.

NORWICH.—Walpole Lodge (No. 1500).—The opening night on the resumption of the winter session of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, under the gavel of its W.M., Bro. John Harper. He was assisted by the following officers: Bros. A. Aullard, P.M., I.P.M.; G. B. Jay, S.W.; Sam. J. Carmon, J.W.; R. H. Gissing, Secretary; M. J. Bailey, S.D.; C. E. Stevens, J.D.; Thomas Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., M.C.; Rob. A. Madge, 807, acting Organist; W. H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., acting I.G.; Jesse Weyer, P.G. Steward; C. W. Bacon and W. W. Warner, Stewards; and E. Hollidge, Tyler. And among the brethren present were Bros. Quartermaster F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Islay, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Woolbright, W.M. 1808; H. G. Chalker; J. H. H. Cooper; B. G. Woodhouse, W. R. Tidman, J. Hoberough, Everett Howard, G. S. Smith; E. Ellis, Jno. Cox, R. W. McKelvie, W. Snelling, C. J. Campling, Fred. Nash, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. W. G. Barnard, 93 and 943; George Kersey, W.M., and T. T. Breeze, 213; J. W. Browne (*Freemason*), 807; and G. W. Rogers and Jno. Dixon, 1808. After the lodge had been regularly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then, in an impressive manner, delivered the charge of the First Degree to a brother of the lodge, and after some desultory business the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most *recherché* supper had been prepared, and on the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and acknowledged. During the proceedings at the festive board Bro. H. G. Barwell, the P.G. Secretary, honoured the lodge by his presence, and was warmly received by the brethren. Several excellent songs were given during the evening by brethren and the visitors present.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren to take part in the election of Master. Bro. J. T. Seller, the W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; G. Simpson, S.W.; M. Millington, J.W.; and a number of others.

The accounts for the closing year having been satisfactorily passed, Bro. T. B. Whythead moved that ten guineas from the lodge charity fund be voted to Bro. C. G. Padel, P.M., who purposed acting as the lodge Steward at the Benevolent Festival, which was carried. The next business was the ballot for W.M., and the unanimous vote of the members fell on Bro. G. Simpson, who thanked the lodge for the mark of confidence. Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., who has acted as Treasurer for the lodge since its formation, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. P. Pearson, Tyler. The W.M. elect then proposed the name of a gentleman as a candidate for Freemasonry, and the lodge was closed. Subsequently, at refreshment, Bro. Whythead proposed "The Health of the W. Master, Bro. J. T. Seller," and in the course of his remarks said that a more generous and cordial brother had never occupied the chair. He had spared nothing in forwarding the interests of the lodge, and in all respects he had earned the goodwill and gratitude of its brethren. Bro. Seller, in replying, assured them that, as in the past, so in the future, he should ever regard the interests of the Eboracum Lodge as prominent in his heart, and hoped yet to do it service.

EALING.—West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612).

—Amongst the lodges that have been consecrated since the doings of the Craft have been recorded in the pages of this journal, few have been more successful than the one now under notice. The West Middlesex Lodge was inaugurated on the 15th July, 1876, the late Bro. John Hervey officiating as consecrating officer; he had the assistance of Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., and Bro. Weaver, who respectively filled the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs, while for the nonce Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, with wonted ability, acted as Director of Ceremonies. The day was in all respects an auspicious one; Bro. Hervey most enthusiastically directed attention to the brilliant future it was his opinion was before the lodge. W. Bro. A. Beasley, P.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, was installed the first W.M., and so ably did he conduct the business of the lodge, that at the conclusion of his year of office, he was unanimously re-appointed Master. In due course he was succeeded by Bro. Thomas Kingston, who filled the chair in 1878; this brother made way for Bro. H. L. Kasner, while Bro. A. J. Burr, who has ruled for the past year, gave place on Saturday to Bro. J. Green. Throughout its career the Lodge has been recognised as a pattern one; every regard has been paid to the ceremonies being conducted with dignity, and strict attention has been given by its Officers to make themselves proficient for their duties. As a consequence, the lodge is a popular one, and its roll of members long.

The Lodge was opened on the 8th inst. at the Institute, by Bro. Burr, supported by Officers and members of his lodge, and following visitors:—Bros. G. Lambert, G.S.B.; J. Owson, 671; Walter Goss, P.M. 780; H. C. Lambert, P.M. 198; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; S. Smout, jun., J.W. 1642; W. Gardiner, W.M. 780; C.

Andrews, P.M. 77; Robinson, 1589; Leper, 376; and others. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph William Guy, who was proposed by Bro. Beasley, P.M., seconded by Bro. A. J. Burr, W.M.; and for Mr. John Fryers, proposed by Bro. J. Green, W.M. elect; seconded by Bro. H. Kasner, P.M. The result in each case was unanimous, and Mr. Guy was introduced and Bro. Burr performed the ceremony of initiation. It is the rule in this lodge never to take more than one candidate; therefore, as the ceremony of initiation had to be gone through for the second candidate, the chair was taken by Bro. Past Master Beasley, the father of the lodge, and he performed the ceremony for Mr. Fryers, much to the edification of those present. Bro. Beasley then proceeded with the ceremony of installation; a Board of Past Masters was opened, in due course the lay members saluted their new Master, and he appointed his officers: Bros. H. E. Tucker, S.W.; S. Dyer, J.W.; H. Kasner, P.M. Treas.; J. Chambers Roe, P.M. Sec.; W. Seward, S.D.; Fisher, J.D.; Nye, I.G.; Delevante, Org.; Meadows, Assist. Org.; Wright, D.C.; Foster, A.D.C.; Hamilton, W.S.; Jones, A.V.S.; Harrison, Tyler. The addresses were given by the worthy Secretary Bro. J. Chambers Roe. Bro. Roe deservedly holds a position in the Craft as a Master of Ritual; he will however excuse us saying that we have heard him to greater advantage than on this occasion. The case of a distressed brother, who though not belonging to the lodge, was well known to its members, was now brought under notice. Bro. Kasner earnestly pointed out the painfully distressing condition in which he found the applicant. He was followed by Bro. Burr, who warmly supported the proposition that £5 should be voted from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. This was unanimously agreed to, and after greetings lodge was closed.

The banquet was served at the Lyric Hall, which, thanks to the enterprise of Bro. Delevante and others in the neighbourhood, will doubtless be a great acquisition to the residents of Faling. The alterations are not completed, but sufficient has already been done to enable us to judge of the advantages we may look forward for. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were duly honoured. The proceedings throughout were of a very harmonious character. Bro. Delevante, as usual, had provided a host of talent; and special thanks are due to him, his daughter, his son, and to Bro. Hambleton, for the successful efforts they made to entertain the company. Bro. Jones gave a capital reading, which was justly appreciated by the brethren.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge No. 1660.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., Bro. R. Wilson, W.M., in the chair, with the following officers: Bros. J. Harper, S.W.; J. Ashworth, J.W.; E. Clarke, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.J.D.; W. Martin, P.M., Sec.; D. Bell, S.D.; G. Lowden, J.D.; J. Banks, I.G.; B. Craig, Tyler; J. Bewlay, J. Peel, J. Routledge, F. T. Allatt, G. Hodson, J. Harris, E. Barwise; and visitors, Bros. J. F. Kirkconel W.M. 1267; R. Baxter, P.M.; J. Dyson; W. Macaulay; and J. Ramsay, 39, S.C.

The minutes were read and confirmed and the ballot taken for three candidates. All were accepted and initiated, after which Bros. Kirkconel and Baxter were proposed as joining members. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—This lodge met at its new quarters, Bro. Swallow's, the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Regent-street, W., on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when the ceremony of installation was very ably worked by Bro. Docker for the first time, and a vote of thanks was accorded on the minutes.

At the meeting on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., the First Degree was rehearsed by Bro. Kirkaldy, and some of the Sections were worked by Bro. W. C. Smith. It was also announced that an inaugural supper will take place on the last Wednesday in this month, presided over by Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., supported by Bro. Shand, W.M., and Bro. Docker, P.M.

Royal Arch.

STANMORE CHAPTER (No. 1549).—The third and last regular convocation of the current year was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 14th ultimo. Present: Comps. W. Stephens, M.E.Z.; F. Brown, acting H.; T. J. Maidwell, J.; G. Lidcombe, P.Z. and Treasurer; R. Veal, S.E.; C. H. Webb, S.N.; J. B. King, P.S.; R. Roy, 1st A.S.; B. Haynes, 2nd A.S.; J. Middleton, Janitor. Comps. Pilon and Corrick. Visitors: Comps. Goodall, 874; and F. Brown, 538.

The chapter was opened at 5.45, and the minutes of the previous meeting in June read and confirmed. Bro. Arthur Goldsmid, of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, who had been previously accepted, was then regularly exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M. The M.E.Z. having made the usual enquiries, with compliments from the visitors, the chapter was closed at seven o'clock.

At the usual dinner the various Royal Arch and complimentary toasts were well given and received, the musical contributions of the companions bringing a successful meeting to a close at ten p.m.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—A very strong muster of the members of this new but flourishing chapter took place on the 5th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those in attendance were Comps. J. H. Dodson, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, H.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall, J.; H. Dalwood, P.Z.; A. Tisley, S.E.; H. Turner, S.N.; G. Manners, C.C., P.S.; Bristow, 1st Asst.; F. Clemow, 2nd Asst.; and Gilbert, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, a notice of motion was given by Comp. Turner, S.N., that the nights of meeting be changed. Several communications from absent members having been read, the conclave was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. After the toasts of "The Queen," "The G.Z. of the Order," and "The Grand Officers" had been duly proposed and

loyally drunk, "The Health of the M.E.Z." was most warmly proposed by Comp. Dalwood, P.Z., and heartily received. The M.E.Z. having made a very humorous speech in reply, then gave "The Second and Third Principals," in the course of which he made some very flattering allusions in connection with the services of the companions occupying those positions. This toast having been honoured, Comp. Walls and Lake responded. "The Health of the Past Principals" followed, and while the pledge was being drunk a telegram was received from Comp. Wellsman, I.P.Z., who was staying at Hanover, forwarding his "Hearty good wishes." Comp. Dalwood having replied, the toast of "The Scribes and Treasurer" was given. Comps. Tisley and Turner having fluently responded, "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Bristow and Clemow, brought a very agreeable evening to a conclusion.

BRIGHTON.—Yarborough Chapter (No. 811).

—This improving and flourishing chapter held its annual election meeting on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, and was honoured by the attendance of E. Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.Z., &c., G.S.E., and Peter de Lande Long, P.G.P.S.T. E. Comp. G. B. M. McWhinnie presided, supported by Comps. C. J. Smith, P.Z., &c., as H.; V. P. Freeman, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Sussex, as J.; S. Peters, Scribe E.; T. H. Moseley, Scribe N.; W. F. Clarke, as P.S.; J. Harrison, P.Z. 804; L. B. Henderson, H. Cheal, Thos. Holloway, and Thos. Hughes, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. C. Daniel, J. 65; E. Bridges, 311; Rev. W. A. Tooth, 315; and Councillor T. Berry, 315.

After the minutes were read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation to the Supreme Degree was very ably performed by the M.E.Z. and the respective officers; Bros. R. B. Higham and J. Parnell, M.M. Burrell Lodge, 1829, being the candidates in attendance. The following brethren were unanimously elected to become companions: Bros. D. P. Frappe, E. Dabell, and J. W. Holloway, M.M.'s Burrell Lodge, 1829. The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting in the unanimous election of Comps. W. R. Wood, P.Z., &c., Z.; J. Harrison, P.Z., H.; Lord A. W. Hill, M.P., J.; S. Peters, Scribe E.; T. H. Moseley, Scribe N.; W. T. Clarke, P.S.; G. B. M. McWhinnie, Z., Treas.; Thos. Hughes, Janitor; and T. H. Moseley, H. Cheal, and T. Holloway, together with P.Z.'s, &c., to form Audit Committee. It is very gratifying to see the progress this chapter is making, and we look forward to a very prosperous year under the foregoing energetic officers. The installation meeting and banquet will take place on Saturday, the 15th December next.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—This eminent chapter of improvement commenced its meetings for the season on Tuesday, the 4th inst., after the usual recess, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and, as it is well known to be one of the best schools in which Royal Arch Masons can receive instruction, all its meetings are well attended. It has the advantage of a Preceptor, who, while strictly adhering to the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, corrects any little fault with a kindness and urbanity that makes his instruction a pleasure to all who receive it. At the opening meeting Comp. T. Brown occupied the chair of Z.; Comps. Briggs, H.; Maidwell, J.; Webb, N.; Gillard, P.S.; and the following companions were present: Thones, Walker, Pocock, Lawrence, Greenwood, Phillips, King, Edwards, and Swan. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Phillips being the candidate; and when it is known that Comp. Z. Brown was the First Principal, it is needless to say that it was performed in the most efficient manner. At the conclusion of the exaltation ceremony, Comp. Phillips, of the West Smithfield Chapter, 1623, was elected a member, and the chapter was adjourned.

Another meeting of the chapter was held at the Jamaica Tavern, on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., when Comp. Brown again was placed in the chair of Z.; Comps. Payne, H.; Rowe, J.; Webb, N.; and Gillard, P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was gone through, Comp. Nottley being the candidate. The following companions were present—Comps. Lardner, Maidwell, Webb, H. D'Arcy, H. Thompson, M.E.Z. 619; Pocock, Greenwood, Lawrence, Carter, 171, visitor; W. Palmer, Thones, 429; Storr, J. S. Fraser, Walker, Land, and H. T. Thompson. Comp. W. Land, 25, was admitted a member of this chapter. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing fortnight: Comps. Lardner, Z.; Edwards, H.; Rowe, J.; Webb, N.; and Nottley, P.S. The chapter was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

BAYARD CHAPTER (No. 71).—This chapter held its annual installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on the 11th inst., when the M.W.S., Ex. Bro. J. W. Waldron, installed his successor, Ill. Bro. Capt. H. S. Andrews, 30, in the most able and efficient manner. The new M.W.S. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Waldron, H.P.; H. W. Greene, 1st Gen.; F. C. Compton, 2nd Gen.; E. Macrory, G.M.; G. A. Ames, Raph.; Capt. Compton, 31, Treas.; Lieut.-Col. Haldane, 31, Recorder; S. G. Bake, 30, C. of G.; Sauerbrey, Org.; St. Alphonse, Herald; and Austin, Eq. Ill. Bros. Sandeman, G.S.C.; Col. Adair, and Col. S. H. Clerke, members of the Supreme Council, 33, and Capt. Nichols, 30, honoured the chapter by their presence.

The chapter having been closed, the members and their friends dined together at the Café Royal, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).—A meeting of this body was held at York on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. C. G. Padel, the M.P.S., occupied the chair, and there were also present: Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.S.; Geo. Simpson, V.E.; M. Willington, S.G.; A. T. B. Turner, J.G.; W. B. Dyson, Recorder; T. Humphries,

J.B.; and other brethren. Bro. J. C. Thompson was duly installed a member of the Order, and afterwards received the Degrees of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and of St. John the Evangelist in the St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery, the ceremonies being fully worked by the officers.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—St. George Lodge (No. 333).—A meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, 20th ult., Bro. David Dryman, R.W.M., presiding. The M.W. the Grand Master Mason of Canada, Bro. Lieut.-Col. James Moffat, who visited the lodge, was received with full Masonic honours, and was assumed as an honorary member of the lodge. There were also present Bros. Dalrymple Duncan, S.P. G.M.; Peterson, R.W.M. 102; Anderson, R.W.M. 534; and other distinguished brethren. The E.A. Degree having been conferred on a candidate by Bro. James Findlay, I.P.M. 333, and there being no further business, the lodge was called to refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and heartily responded to, the M.W.G.M. of Canada took the opportunity of complimenting the lodge on the excellence of their working, expressed his thanks for the honour conferred on him, and his pleasure on being present at a meeting of Masonic brethren in Glasgow. Reference was made to the progress made by the Grand Lodge of Canada since its formation, from which it appeared that there were about 400 lodges owning its jurisdiction, with a membership of 25,000; and to the liberality with which their Benevolent Fund was dispensed to distressed brethren. The present amount at the credit of the Grand Lodge of Canada Benevolent Fund is £15,000. In reply to the toast of "The Lodge St. George," the R.W.M., having expressed the pleasure with which he welcomed the Grand Master of Canada, and his satisfaction at the lodge attendance of the brethren, remarked that there were 818 members on their roll, with an average attendance at monthly meetings of 55, and that, after meeting liberally all claims upon their funds, they had a handsome balance with their bankers. A very profitable and enjoyable evening having been spent, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

South Africa.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED LODGE.—For the first time in Natal the Fifteen Sections were successfully worked by this lodge of instruction, meeting under the warrant of the Prince Alfred Lodge, 956, at the Masonic Temple, Pietermaritzburg, on Saturday, August 27th, under the Preceptorship of W. Bro. Deeves. Prior to the advent of that brother into Natal, the want of a lodge of instruction had been much felt, but with the assistance of W. Bro. Field and the W. Masters of the various lodges in Pietermaritzburg, this want was very soon rendered a thing of the past, and the United Lodge of Instruction met for the first time on the 4th June last, and has continued its meetings every Saturday since; W. Bros. Deeves being Preceptor, and Kiyel, Asst. Preceptor. Both these brethren are Past Masters of lodges in the Province of Kent, Bro. Deeves being I.F.M. of the United Military Lodge, 1536, Plumstead, and Bro. Field of the Sandgate Lodge, 1436, and the Temple Lodge, 558, Folkestone. The Lectures were worked by the under-mentioned brethren:

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Lemon, M.M. 956.
2nd " ...	" Smith, S.W. 1665.
3rd, 4th, and 5th Sections—	W. Bro. Field, P.M. 956, 558, and 1436, Assistant Preceptor.
6th Section ...	Bro. Deeves, I.P.M. 1536, Preceptor.
7th " ...	" Rix, P.M. 398.
SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Kelly, S.D. 1665.
2nd and 4th Sections—	W. Bro. Deeves, 956, I.P.M. 1536, Preceptor.
3rd and 5th Sections—	Bro. Rix, P.M. 398.
THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. Ireland, S.W. 956.
2nd " ...	W. Bro. Field, P.M., Assistant Preceptor.
3rd " ...	Bro. Deeves, I.P.M., Preceptor.

On conclusion of the Lectures, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Preceptor and those brethren who had assisted in working the various Sections.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

FAIRBAIRN.—On the 6th inst., at 24, Phillimore-gardens, Kensington, the wife of Mr. T. Gordon Fairbairn, of a daughter.

RICKETT.—On the 10th inst., at Burleigh House, Park-hill-road, Croydon, the wife of Mr. J. Compton Rickett, of a son.

WAY.—On the 8th inst., at the Haven, Bournemouth, the wife of Mr. Lewis Albert Way, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GRIFFITHS—WILLIAMS.—On the 4th inst., at Old Hornsey Church, Samuel Neil Griffiths, of Stoke Newington, to Laura, daughter of Mr. Henry Williams, of South Hornsey.

MACALISTER—KIRKWOOD.—On the 8th inst., at St. Mary's, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, by the Rev. A. T. Wirgman, M.A., D.C.L., James Macalister, to Dora, daughter of Mr. James Somers Kirkwood, of Port Elizabeth.

STONE—WILCOCKS.—On the 8th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Lambeth, Bro. Alderman Stone, to Miss Kate Wilcocks, eldest daughter of Mr. John Wilcocks, of Eliot Bank, Sydenham.

DEATHS.

BOSTOCK.—On the 8th inst., the Rev. G. J. Bostock, Vicar of Kirkby Wharfe, Yorkshire, in his 48th year.

CROMPTON.—On the 8th inst., at Slyn Lodge, near Lancaster, Mr. Brooks Crompton, aged 77.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., P.G.M. of Norfolk, has, we understand, appointed Friday, the 21st inst., at 12.30, at the Masonic Club, No. 23, Giles-street, Norwich, to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, and that he intends honouring the brethren by his presence. Masonry in Norfolk being in high repute, and owing to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. H. G. Barwell, P.M. 52, P.P.S.G.D., P.G. Sec., a most successful meeting is anticipated. We congratulate his lordship and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge upon the success of their province.

Comp. John Dennis was installed M.E.Z. of the All Saints' Chapter, 1716, at the Vestry Hall, Bow, on Thursday, the 13th inst. The banquet was held at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, P.G.M. Cornwall, presided over a meeting of the Truro Cathedral Committee on Saturday last, to decide the vexed question of what stone shall be used for the new cathedral. The architect, Mr. Pearson, proposed to use nearly all Bath stone, but that raised such a controversy in favour of Cornish stone, that the Committee had now decided to use it principally with Bath stone dressings.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis W. Truscott and Lady Truscott are staying at the Royal Pavilion Hotel, Folkestone.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, has heard nothing more about the valuable picture which was cut out of the frame during the recent fire at his private residence. Although the matter is still in the hands of his solicitor, and is being followed up by the police, it seems likely after this lapse of time that the fate of Bro. Allcroft's picture will remain a mystery.

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Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., has suggested the formation at Dover and Folkestone of a Naval Volunteer Corps.

Bro. Charles Taylor was installed W.M. of the Great City Lodge at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday last.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has consented to preside at the annual festival of the Scottish Corporation, to be held on St. Andrew's Day, November 30.

Bro. J. W. Waldron was installed M.W.S. of the Bayard Rose Croix Chapter at the annual installation meeting on the 11th inst., at 33, Golden-square.

At the last meeting of the Court of Aldermen a communication was read from Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, placing at the disposal of the Court a sum of £100 towards the founding of prizes for meritorious scholars of the Freeman's Orphan School at Brixton. Bro. Hanson, a few years back, was nominated as Sheriff, but he declined to become a candidate, and was fined £200, one-half of which went to the Sheriffs who actually served, and the other half to the Freeman's Orphan School. On Bro. Hanson's recent election to the Shrievalty, the Court determined to return him the latter amount, and, as will be observed, he now placed it at the disposal of the School Committee for prizes. The Sheriff's kindly offer was accepted with many expressions of acknowledgment.

Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips has purchased the freehold of 12, Queen's-gardens, Brighton, and fitted the mansion up for his residence.

Bro. Sir John Bennett, C.C., has for a fourth time given a watch as a prize at the annual competition of the 1st Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteers.

The Lord Mayor elect, Bro. Alderman Ellis, has appointed the Rev. John Henry Coward, M.A., Rector of St. Peter-le-Poer, Old Broad-street, and Minor Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, to be his Chaplain, and Mr. W. J. Soulsby to be his Private Secretary, during his year of office.

The annual festival of the Langton Lodge of Instruction will be held on Thursday, November the 3rd, at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge, and not at the Mansion House restaurant as stated in our last.

Bro. H. J. Byron is announced to give a lecture some time during the coming winter at the London Institution on "The Border Line between Farce and Comedy."

Bro. Alderman Stone was married on Saturday last, at Holy Trinity Church, Lambeth, to Miss Kate Wilcocks, eldest daughter of Mr. John Wilcocks, of Eliot Bank, Sydenham.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon and Countess of Carnarvon have left their seat, Highclere Castle, near Newbury, for the Coppice, Henley-on-Thames, on a visit to Sir Robert and Lady Phillimore.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt is announced to take the chair at the annual dinner of the Builders' Benevolent Institution (of which he is the president) on Thursday, November 3rd.

Bro. J. Galt Fisher will be installed W.M. of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, at the Criterion Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at four o'clock.

Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, who is now staying at Princes-gardens, Brighton, although much improved in health, will not resume active magisterial or municipal duties for some time to come.

The Marquis of Northampton, her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary, attended by Lord Compton, Lord William Compton, Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King of Arms, and the other members of the Embassy, proceeded at two o'clock on Tuesday, the 11th inst., to the Royal Palace, to perform the ceremony of investing King Alfonso with the Order of the Garter.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt was present on Thursday when the Lighthouse at Anvil, St. Durlleston Head, was formally opened by Mr. Chamberlain, President of the Board of Trade.

ST. HELEN, BISHOPSGATE.—This church was reopened on Sunday last, when the vicar, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox officiated, and delivered an eloquent discourse from Mark viii. 35, 36, 37, and 38.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, is the Chairman of the Ramsgate and Margate Tramways Company.

SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION.—Alderman Ellis, since he became Lord Mayor Elect, is quite another man, in fact he's "Somebody Ellis."—Punch.

The Queen has consented to become one of the patrons of the International Fisheries Exhibition, which is to be held in 1883. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is also a patron.

Bro. Defries and Co., of 147, Houndsditch, who have contributed to the Jewish wards of the Metropolitan Free Hospital, have made an appeal to their co-religionists on behalf of the fund which is being raised for building a new hospital. The site is freehold and already paid for, but a sum of £30,000 will be required for the building and furnishing.

Bro. the Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland, presided on Tuesday, at Newcastle, over the fourteenth annual conference of delegates from associations and clubs throughout the country affiliated with the National Union of Conservative and National Associations.

Bro. Henry Irving has promised to give the inaugural address of the new session of the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution.

A Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire will be held in the Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 4 p.m.

Mr. Edwin Olver, the Civil Service publisher of the Penderennis works, St. Dunstan's-hill, London, is about to publish a new volume of Bro. Emra Holmes's Tales and Poems. The book is to be called "The Kiss of Death"—the title of the leading poem.

Bro. Justice Cave has fixed the following dates for holding the autumn assizes on the North-Eastern Circuit, viz., Newcastle, Monday, October 24th; Durham, Thursday, October 27th; York, Wednesday, November 2nd. Prisoners only will be tried.

Bro. Benjamin Scott (the Chamberlain) states that there is at Fulham, in the library of the See of London, a manuscript work in the handwriting of an expatriated English gentleman, known and venerated in America as Governor Bradford, one of the Pilgrim Fathers, which gives in minute detail a diary of the proceedings of the pilgrims, and contains the compact or constitution out of which arose eventually the federation now termed the United States. Mr. Scott suggests that this document should be formally given over to the United States in token of our deep sympathy with America in her national sorrow, and our desire to forget the conflict of the two nations exactly a century ago.—City Press.

Bro. J. Green was installed W.M. of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, at the Institute, Ealing, on Saturday last, the 8th inst.

An emergency meeting of the Royal Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 75, will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday next, the 17th inst., at six o'clock, p.m. A splendid "goose" will be prepared at the Unicorn, about 7.30 p.m.

Bro. W. B. Dodd, P.M. and Secretary, installed Bro. Thos. Cross as W.M. of the Villiers, Lodge, No. 1194, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 1st inst.

The Senators of Aberdeen University have resolved to confer the Degree of LL.D. upon Bro. the Earl of Rosebery, the retiring Lord Rector, and to recommend the University Court to fix November 12th as the date for the rectorial election.

FOREST HOTEL, CHINGFORD.—Bro. Alex. Gordon has established a table d'hôte dinner at two p.m. at this popular hotel on Sundays only.

Messrs. Fouracre and Watson have written to the Treffy Memorial Committee to say the whole of the nine clerestory windows will be ready to place in St. Fimbarras Church on or about the 24th of this month. As, however, the vicar will be absent at that time, it is proposed to delay the ceremony of unveiling until his return. It is hoped that the Lord Bishop of Truro will himself perform the ceremony, and a proposal is made that the whole of the Masonic bodies with which the late Bro. Dr. Treffy was connected should attend on the occasion in full regalia. The Fowey Lodge has decided to be present provided the Provincial Grand Master sanctions their doing so. The Royal Arch Chapter and Knight Templar Preceptory at Tishwardreath are also to be invited to be present. The byword will be asked to name St. Andrew's Day. The collection will be in aid of the Cathedral Fund. A public luncheon, at which Dr. Davis, of the Treffy Committee, will preside, is also suggested.

On Thursday next, the 20th inst., Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M. 1381, P.G.S.B. Middx., will be installed W.M. of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, by Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.G. Steward Middx., the retiring Master.

Bro. Edmund A. Dutton was installed W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, on Tuesday, 11th inst., at the Holy Bush Tavern, Hampstead.

The following was suggested by our distinguished Bro. Benjamin Franklin, for his own epitaph, and is an excellent specimen of one kind of that class of inscription: "The body of Benjamin Franklin, Printer, like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and gilding, lies here, food for worms; but the work shall not be wholly lost—for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more perfect edition, corrected and amended by the author. He was born January 6, 1706; died—, 17—." However, a brother printer, thinking some of the type of his own craft would more expressively and concisely honour so worthy a type of man, suggested the following inscription in lieu of the above: "Benjamin Franklin, the * of his profession, the type of honesty, the ! of all; and although the ☞ of death has put a . to his existence, each § of his life has been without a ||."

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough presided at the Northampton Diocesan Conference, on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

Bro. the Rev. J. Sydney Boucher, P.P.G.C., installed Bro. R. J. Davids as W.M. of the Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon, at the last meeting of that lodge.

The Installation ceremony was performed in the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, 6th inst., by Bro. J. W. Brooke, P.M. 1839. The lodge meets at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, every Thursday except the third.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P., was present at the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Conference on Thursday.

Bro. J. Glaskin was installed W.M. of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, by the out-going W.M., Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's-pond-road, N., on Friday, the 7th inst.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Wednesday opened a new parade at Hythe, and laid the first concrete block of the harbour extensions at Folkestone, by which traffic may be conducted at all states of the tide. Both the towns and Sandgate, which lies between them, were en fête for the occasion, and as the weather on the whole was fine the proceedings were successfully carried out.

Dr. Bradley will be "inducted" into the deanery of Westminster on the 26th inst.

The Masonic Hall, Murton-road, Middlesborough, was the subject of one of the sketches in the Illustrated London News of last week, in connection with the Middlesborough and Cleveland Iron Trade Jubilee.

A Masonic Bazaar and Fancy Fair will be held in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, in Easter week, 1882, in aid of the funds for the completion of the New Masonic Orphan School, Merrion-road, Dublin, of which the buildings are now far advanced, having been erected at a cost of nearly £12,000, which amount has been contributed mainly by the Freemasons of Ireland during the last three years. A further sum of £2000 will be required to defray the incidental expenses, the cost of furnishing the school, providing a library and appliances for teaching and recreation, laying out the gardens and grounds, and completing the undertaking. The proceeds of the bazaar will be applied to these purposes in the hope of enabling the Governors to open their school free of debt, in May next, as a suitable home and place of education for seventy orphan girls, for whom it will afford accommodation.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to the announcement of Bro. Seymour Smith's annual benefit concert, which is to take place at the City of London College, Leadenhall-street, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. Bro. Smith will be supported by many well-known vocal and instrumental artistes, and, from a careful study of the extensive programme, we can confidently predict a rare musical treat for those who can be present. As an evidence of the esteem in which Bro. Smith is held, and the appreciation of his musical service, the names of upwards of thirty influential gentlemen, among whom are many well known Masons, are down as Stewards on the occasion.

Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., as Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, has signified his intention of visiting the St. George's Lodge, at Tewkesbury, on Monday next. Bro. Dr. E. J. Gregory of Cheltenham, is the W.M.

Our brethren of Fowey, who have long been dissatisfied with the accommodation provided in the present Masonic rooms, are determined to have a hall more fitting the reception of the Fraternity. Mr. Charles Treffy, of Place, has offered, on reasonable terms, to erect a suitable building, and the plans having been drawn by Mr. A. S. Clunes and approved, Bro. Smith's, of Austell, contract has been accepted, and the work is to be proceeded with at once. The site is a very good one, about half way down the hill leading into the town, and adjoining the premises now occupied by the South Cornwall Bank.

Bro. J. Hollingshead and Mr. R. Barker will open the Opera Comique Theatre to-night (Saturday) with an original comic opera in three acts, the words by Mr. W. S. Gilbert, the music by Mr. Fred. Clay.

The fund for a memorial to Professor Rolleston, which now amounts to £530, is expected to reach £1000. The subscribers are to meet shortly to settle what form the memorial shall take. There is a feeling in some quarters in favour of a special annual prize in biology, to be competed for by students in the Universities of Great Britain.

Comp. W. R. Wood was unanimously elected M.E.Z. of the Yarborough Chapter, 811, Brighton, on Saturday, the 8th inst.

Bro. David Smith was installed W.M. of the Portland Lodge, 637, on the 6th inst., at the Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.

FINDING AN EARTHQUAKE.—The Superintendent of one of the metropolitan divisions of Police on Wednesday, received from an intelligent constable on duty during the previous night, a report to the following effect:—"At 1.45 a.m. this morning found an earthquake opposite No. 207," naming the thoroughfare. The earthquake was the subsidence of a portion of a roadway over the coal cellar, the brickwork of which had given way.

It is rumoured in well-informed circles that the Earl of Aberdeen or the Earl of Rosebery will have the Green Riband of the Order of the Thistle, vacant by the death of the Earl of Airlie.

A new Mark lodge, the Drifelt, will be consecrated on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at Driffild, Yorkshire.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new buildings of the Princess Helena College, at Ealing, by the Duke of Albany, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Christian, has been unavoidably postponed for the present.

J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers). Well fermented Old Wines and matured Spirits. 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, October 22, 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, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Woodgreen.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton-cot.
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at S.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at S.
 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.
 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 7.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17.

- Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
 " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
 " 1537, St Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 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 S.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at S.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at S.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at S.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 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 S.
 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 S.
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
 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 S.
 Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at S.30.
 Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
 " 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan H., Battersea Old Bridge.
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Alexandra Palace.
 Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 186, Industry, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney, at S.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at S.
 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., at S.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at S.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at S.
 Beaconree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at S.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at S.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at S.
 Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at S.
 Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at S.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at S.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at S.
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at S.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at S.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at S.
 Priars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

- Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 4.
 Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hot., Dulwich.
 " 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
 Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at S.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at S.
 Burdett Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at S.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at S.
 Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at S.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
 United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at S.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at S.
 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 S.
 Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at S.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
 Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at S.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 49, Gehon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.
 " 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, S. Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Mark 176, Era, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 K. T. Precep. 45, Temple Crossing, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at S.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at S.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at S.
 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 S.
 United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at S.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
 Doric, 79, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-rd., at 7.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at S.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at S.
 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 S.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
 Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at S.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
 " 1541, Alexandra Palace, A. P., Muswell Hill.
 " 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 Chap. 1329, Sphinx, F.M.H.
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 17.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1276, Warren, Concert H., Liscard.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., Hope-street, L'pool.
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 " 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson, N. Urnston.
 Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
 De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
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