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Two interesting reports of the consecrations of a lodge and chapter respectively occur in the last *Freemason*,—that of the Wickham Lodge, 1924, on the 22nd October, and that of the Fitz Roy Chapter, 569, on the 21st October. In the case of the Wickham Lodge, a very proper beginning in support of the Charities was made by a collection of £10. We say nothing of the wonted ceremonial, ever effective, or of the addresses of the CHAPLAINS, always eloquent; but we congratulate all concerned on the successful results of their efforts, and we trust, with our esteemed Bro. AMBROSE HALL, G.C., that all prosperity, happiness, and concord will accompany the present incorporation and the future efforts of these two fresh offshoots of our old Masonic tree.

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THE consecration of this new lodge and chapter leads us to the consideration of a subject which we feel year by year, more and more as a new season of Masonic work commences, or a period of normal Masonic life is closed "pro tempore." It is this,—that, in our humble opinion, no better or truer manifestation of the vital spirit of English Freemasonry can mark the consecration of a new lodge or chapter under the Grand Lodge of England than some "initial act" in favour of the Masonic Charities. It is too often hastily assumed as an incontrovertible position that the preliminary expense incident on the formation of fresh lodges and chapters are too many to warrant the expenditure of money for other purposes, or the voting of a grant in favour of the Charities. Whereas, the deliberate absence of any such Masonic effort is only provocative of future hesitation and backwardness in the duty incumbent on all lodges and chapters, as well as on individual members of the Craft. The consequence undoubtedly is, that a large proportion of our new lodges are at present *doing nothing for the Charities*. Let any one take the list of lodges from 1800 to 1924 and ascertain how many votes they have as lodges; nay, even how many Stewards have come from all these lodges in comparison with the older lodges, and they will see, we do not venture to hesitate to assert here, the entire truth of our remarks, and the apposite reality of our conclusions. It is, then, of the utmost importance for the present and future efficient maintenance of those great Institutions, in which every English Freemason may well exhibit just pride and confidence, that "in season and out of season," whether approved or disapproved, this imperative need of our Charities for young support should be pressed on all our lodges and chapters alike. It is sometimes unpleasant, as we know, whether in public life or private circles, to speak home truths, to ventilate stern realities; but the duty remains the same, the responsibility still endures. And, therefore, deeply approving as we do of the creation of new lodges and chapters, and truly interested as we ever feel in the honour, utility, and dignity of our ancient and benevolent Order, we think we are not in error, in thus seeking in a most friendly spirit to call the attention of all our readers to this most important point, whether they be those to whom the government of these younger bodies is confided, or those who make up that faithful and Masonic membership of the same, on whose zeal, and energy, and faithful adherence to the principles of Masonry the active life of these new creations actually depends, and by whom the prestige and popularity, the usefulness and union of English Freemasonry, can be strengthened or weakened, advanced or retarded, in such vivid certainty, in such wondrous measure. To both classes these words are addressed in all goodwill and fraternal sympathy to-day, and we trust that they will be accepted as they are offered,—in that true Masonic spirit which overlooks minor differences and inevitable antagonisms in the greater claims upon us of all those Masonic principles of brotherly good feeling, which make us a band of brethren in unity, kindness, and peaceful goodwill.

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ONE other point "crops up" in this discussion and amid these considerations, which it is useless and unwise for us to ignore and put on one side. It is this: Are not many of our new lodges sacrificing too much to the "regime of materiality," and thus are compelled to forego the more "pressing" claims of charity? The metropolitan procedure of Freemasonry, essentially a social system in the main, has its good and bad, its strong and its weak side, and it also entails upon our numerous metropolitan brethren sundry unavoidable drawbacks. We are all for sociality under proper restriction, and in due measure and true proportion; but we think that many of our

younger lodges in London are built upon a shallow foundation, and possess in themselves the seeds of inevitable weakness and decay. Many of the lodge fees are too low to enable the lodges to pay their working expenses, and not a few "give" more than they receive, annually relying on their initiation and joining fees to "pull them through." Now we have long been of opinion that a certain amount of our lodge payments should be capitalized, whereas many of the new lodges are living on their capital! We admit at once that this is a very difficult question, and one that requires reserve and prudence in writing upon; but as our words are meant to be friendly words, of sincere interest and sympathy, we feel sure that they will neither be misconstrued, or found fault with. The effect of this unwise expenditure,—unwise in the best interest of the lodge itself,—is to dwarf charitable efforts, restrict the grants of lodges, and throw back on others who come forward regularly year by year, year after year, a duty and responsibility which devolve really and truly on all alike, and ought proportionately be shared by all alike. But perhaps we have said enough.

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WE heartily commend Bro. TERRY'S most interesting speech in returning thanks for the Charities, at the consecration of the Wickham Lodge. It is quite impossible to read his clear and effective words without feeling strongly that just now, for many reasons, it is incumbent upon all who have the means and will to give their hearty support to our great Institutions, that they should, though amid many other claims on their active sympathy and practical good will, make themselves Stewards for one or other of the Charities for 1882. Very few more appropriate after-dinner speeches have been made for some time.

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SOME one has said, "What's in an after-dinner speech? and the question is hard sometimes to answer, and more difficult may be to realize. The speakers of after-dinner speeches may be divided into several categories. There is the ponderous speaker, who will take the "high moral tone." There is the dogmatic speaker, who will propound his magnificent assumptions. There is the crotchety speaker, who will air his favourite "fad." There is the truly witty speaker, who excites the genial smile and the hearty laugh. There is the really eloquent speaker, who "brings down the house," and makes us "nolentes volentes" commend his "points" and applaud his "illustrations." There is the personal speaker, who always must bring in a bit of spicy personality. There is the sarcastic speaker, who likes to indulge in his inconsistent cynicism; and, lastly, there is the "bore" speaker, who will maunder on when no one is listening; who will dilate when everybody else is talking to his neighbour; who will persist in saying what he has got to say, though no one has yet found out that he has anything at all to enounce, or that anything he says is worth the utterance. Old CARLYLE used to like in other days of burnished antithesis, and chaotic prose, and rugged flowers of speech, to dilate upon "bottled moonshine," "old clothes," "wind bags," "et hoc genus omne." We sometimes think, we who dine at public dinners,—too often, perhaps, for our digestions or tempers,—what sufferings speakers can inflict, if they be so malevolently inclined, on a harmless, a friendly, a defenceless audience. After-dinner speeches, in our humble opinion, to be effective, or worth anything at all, should be short, clear, vigorous, and "out-spoken." They should be marked by enough of "A tlic salt" to make the listeners wish for more; they should be delivered with a calm and clear enunciation of what the speaker means and wants to say. But for the man who will talk about "nothing," who says nothing, who gives you no "new idea," educes no "old reality," but keeps pounding on with all but unending "platitudes," we have no pity. He is to us, and we fancy to others like us, an unmitigated nuisance,—a "bore of bores."

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EGYPTOLOGY is making great strides, as a letter we insert elsewhere shows, and we commend the study of the Assyrian and Egyptian texts in Mr. BAXTER'S publications for the Society of Biblical Archaeology, to all Masonic students. What the clearing away of the "debris" about the "Mosque of Omar" will do we are not at present quite sure. Such remains of the old Temple as exist have undergone many changes and transformations since the Roman army laid that glorious building low. Mahomedans and Christians have alike contended for, pulled down, or built up the now crumbling remains of those ancient stones. Nothing seems sure or certain in respect of the handiwork of the ancient Craftsmen, or the designs of the Great Master Builder. Let us await then in patience what Time will show.

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THE mention of the "Tradescant gardens," which are to be sold it seems, in the mania for building just now houses which do not find tenants, carries us back to ASHMOLE and that assembly of "Savans" and Hermetics, who undoubtedly formed part of an association in the seventeenth century. But NICOLAIS'S theory was, as is well known, that to ASHMOLE and to BACON

must be attributed the fraternity of the Masonic organization. That is an entire error we have not the slightest doubt,—a chimera of chimeras. ASHMOLE found Freemasonry existing, just as RANDLE HOLMES and others did, and sought a participation in its even then time-honoured mysteries.

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WE note that petitions are circulating still, and being signed largely, in favour of that interesting and heroic personage the "CLAIMANT," rather "ARTHUR ORTON." We regret to think that the sympathies and generous impulses of any portion of the English people are so perverted and wasted. Delusions we know, especially in rural districts, live long, and are difficult of eradication; and certainly no more intense delusion was ever practised on confiding credulity, on the one hand, or traded upon by deliberate deception on the other.

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ALL our readers will be pleased to learn that Mrs. KENDAL, the accomplished wife of our esteemed W. Bro. KENDAL, has recovered from her recent indisposition, and has re-appeared at the St. James's Theatre to delight all who have the privilege of witnessing her unique and unapproachable delineations of scenic personalities. We congratulate our eminent brother, now one of the "Rulers" of the Craft, on the great success which has attended the re-opening of the St. James's Theatre,—a pleasant haunt for playgoers, old and young.

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OUR old friend, "The Cosmo," appears again on the festive scene, with its wonderful array of statistics of cosmopolitan Freemasonry carefully compiled and admirably arranged. It is, indeed, a wonderful fact to realize the universality of Freemasonry at the present hour, its rapid extension, its intense development, and its apparently healthy progress. There are some birds of "evil omen," as we know, who shake their heads wisely and prophesy darkly all sorts of evil arising to Freemasonry, from this startling reality of cosmopolitan prestige and popularity, this world-wide existence and establishment of Masonic lodges and chapters and High Grade Councils. We do not believe them. On the contrary, we see in this positive truth only the proper realization of the mission and meaning of Freemasonry. We welcome, therefore, our old and valued friend heartily and gratefully.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when the following companions were present: Comps. General J. S. Brownrigg, as M.E.Z.; Capt. N. G. Philips, as H.; Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Comp. Robert Grey, as N.; General Clerk, P.S.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, 1st A.S.; J. Sampson Peirce, 2nd A.S.; H. C. Levander, G. Swd. Br.; James Lewis Thomas, Past G.S.B.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past A.S.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Past A.S.; Joshua Nunn, P.A.S., P.G.D.C.; C. A. Murton, P.A.S.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.D.C.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; J. Henderson Scott, P.A.S.; James Glaisher, P.A.S.; H. Gustavus Buss, P.G. Std. Br., Asst. Scribe E.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G. Swd. Br.; Thomas Massa, Z. 1293; Hugh E. Diamond, J. 435; Berry Fullwood, Z. 328; T. Mount Humphries, P.Z. 539; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; W. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; W. H. Perryman, Z. 1348; Edwd. F. Storr, Z. 1044; John Tompkins, J. 945; H. Sadler, Z. 169; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason).

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed.

The Committee of General Purposes reported that they had examined the accounts from the 21st July to the 19th October, 1881, both inclusive, which they found to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1314	1	5	By Disbursements during the		
„ Balance, Unappropriated				Quarter...	£188	19
„ Account	193	19	1	„ Balance	1440	12
„ Subsequent Receipts	318	19	10	„ Balance in Unappropriated Account	197	8
	£1827	0	4		£1827	0

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

The Committee likewise reported that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Robert Hudson, as Z.; James Saxburn Wilson, as H.; Matthew Henry Dodd, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Bede Lodge, No. 1119, Jarrow, to be called the St. Bede Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Grange-road, Jarrow, in the county of Durham.

2nd. From Comps. William Coppard Beaumont as Z.; George Bernard Brodie, M.D., as H.; Edward Milner, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, London, to be called the The Castle Chapter of Harmony, and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London.

3rd. From Comps. William Herbert Addiscott, as Z.; James Keating, as H.; George May, as J.; and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the United Service Lodge, No. 1341, Victoria, Hong Kong, to be called the United Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Victoria, Hong Kong, China.

4th. From Comps. Robert Hill Crowden, as Z.; William Lake, as H.; John Knight Stead, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, Sydenham, to be called the West Kent Chapter, and to meet at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, Surrey.

5th. From Comps. Richard Bagnall Reed, as Z.; Robert Foreman Cook, as H.; John Wood, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, Gateshead, to be called the Chapter of Industry, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Gateshead, in the county of Durham.

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

6th. The Committee also received a Petition from the Principals and other members of the Otago Chapter, No. 844, Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand, praying for a charter of confirmation, the original charter having been burnt in a fire when the Freemasons' Hall was destroyed.

7th. Also a petition from the Principals and members of the Chapter of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham, Hampshire, praying for a charter of confirmation, the original charter having been destroyed by fire.

The Committee also recommended that charters of confirmation for these chapters be respectively granted.

These recommendations were unanimously adopted, and Grand Chapter was then closed in due form and adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk, was held at No. 23, St. Giles-street, Norwich, on Friday, the 21st ult., which in every way was most successful. The P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., preceded by his Present and Past Officers, clothed according to their respective offices, entered the lodge room about one o'clock p.m., and took his seat upon the throne. He was assisted by his officers as follows:—

Bros. Major Penrice, P.M. 52, P.P.G.R., P.P.S.G.W., D.P.G.M.; Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart., P.M. 52, Prov. S.G.W.; Sir W. Ffolkes, Bart., P.M. 107, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. C. R. Ferguson Davie, P.M. 52, 357, Prov. G. Chap.; Hamon C. Strange, P.M. 10, 52, 32, Prov. G. Treas.; F. Baillie Quinton, P.M. 213, 1500, 1808, P.P.A.D.C., Prov. G.R.; H. G. Barwell, P.M. 52, P.P.S.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; John Moore, P.M. 93, Prov. S.G.D.; D. R. Fowler, W.M. 100, Prov. J.G.D.; S. N. Berry, P.M. 807, Prov. G.S. of W.; Thomas Isley, P.M. 1500, Prov. G.D. of C.; J. E. H. Watson, P.M. 213, Prov. A.S.D. of C.; D. Mannings, P.M. 1500, Prov. P.G.S.B.; F. C. Atkinson, 93, P.M. 1648, acting Prov. P.G.O.; J. S. Parker, P.M. 1193, Prov. G.P.; Robert Gunn, P.M. 93, Prov. G. Tyler. Stewards, Bros. Jesse Weyer, 1500; George Jewson, 93; John Etheredge, 100; Capt. H. Blake, and A. E. Le Good, 213.

The following brethren in addition to those already mentioned of the various lodges throughout the province were also present:

Bros. A. H. Santy, W.M.; Colonel C.E. Bignold, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Courtenay Boyle, S.W.; Chas. R. Gilman, J.W.; Rev. W. Vincent, and W. Murrell, Tyler, of Union Lodge, 52. Bros. Frank A. Crisp, W.M., of Faithful Lodge. Bros. Hugh Fox, W.M.; J. B. Bridgman, I.P.M.; Chas. Havers, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Henry Thouless, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. W. Lake, J.W.; J. H. Brockbank, H. J. Brooks, R. H. Fox, Fred E. Linging, and Joshua Morse, Tyler, of Social Lodge, 93. Bros. John Etheredge, W.M.; H. Stembidge, S.W.; W. J. B. Johnson, P.M. 305, J.W.; Chas. J. Bullen, I.G.; and Jas. Holt, of Friendship Lodge, 100. Bro. Sydney A. Selwyn, of Unanimity Lodge, 102. Bro. J. C. Sadler, W.M.; and Jno. S. B. Glasier, S.W., of Philanthropic Lodge, 107. Bros. George Kersey, W.M.; Joseph Stanley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; T. C. R. King, J.D.; W. J. Butler, I.G.; and G. T. Carpenter, of Perseverance Lodge, 213. Bros. F. D. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Edward W. P. Youell, P.M. 1631, P.P.G.S.W., and C. P. Laing Tyler, of United Friends Lodge. Bros. Geo. Green, W.M.; Robt. Baldry, P.M.; Arthur J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Thos. Camping, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Jas. J. Hunt, S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; Jno. Wm. Browne, J.D. (Freemason); Thos. Winter, I.G.; Jefferson Holt, Robt. Jeary, Geo. J. Berry, and J. W. Bateman, of Cabbell Lodge, 807. Bros. T. W. Muskett, I.P.M.; E. Orams, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Chas. Thorn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Baldwin, P.M. 40, 341; R. J. Mills, S.W.; Geo. W. J. Barnard, J.W.; Capt. Geo. Clements, Chas. Ward, J. H. Ladyman, and W. P. Edwards, of Sincerity Lodge, 943. Bro. W. P. Kidney, P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C., of Soudes Lodge, 996. Bros. T. S. Chambers, W.M.; Geo. Bambridge, P.M.; G. V. Grummett, Sec.; E. C. Chapman, S.D.; R. F. Atkinson, J.D.; Geo. Barrett, I.G.; R. Harrison, Tyler; Jas. Lydes, Geo. A. Watson, Thos. Cooper, W. M. Rumbelow, and W. A. Wilson, of Joppa Lodge, 1114. Bros. G. W. F. Loftus, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and Isaac Churchyard, I.G., of Doric Lodge, 1193. Bros. Jno. Harper, W.M.; Quarter-master F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Bullond, I.P.M.; Geo. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Thos. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; S. J. Carman, J.W.; W. W. Warner, Arthur N. Mann, C. W. Bacon, Jno. Standingford, Jno. Cox, Everett Howard, T. Woolveredge, W. R. Tidman, Jas. Hoberough, and J. J. Hosken, I.G., of Walpole Lodge, 1500. Bro. Henry O. Lyus, P.M. 85, P.P.G.J.D., of Montgomerie Lodge, 1741. Bros. A. R. J. Woolbright, W.M.; J. C. Firman, P.M. 71; G. T. Plumby, I.P.M.; Geo. W. Rogers, S.W.; D. G. F. Gaul, J.W.; Chas. Barnes, Sec.; A. M. Burrows, Robt. Palmer, W. Honddingham, Rev. Geo. Shartley, and E. Pugh, of Suffield Lodge, 1808.

Amongst the visitors were: Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, P.G.C.; Thos. M. Jenkins, P.M. 34; Edmund Cassell, 51; W. J. Rayment, 71; and J. Pedwin, 364.

The brethren having ranged themselves under their respective banners, the roll of lodges were called, and each found to be duly represented, with the exception of Unanimity Lodge, No. 102.

The minutes of the annual Provincial Lodge held last year were then read, and, being put for confirmation were unanimously adopted.

The P.G. Registrar, Bro. F. BAILLIE QUINTON, then gave the returns of the lodges for the past year, and the result showed Masonry exceedingly popular in this province, there being about 800 subscribing brethren.

The report and recommendation of the Finance Committee were then presented, which showed a good and sufficient balance at the bank; and the recommendation that £15 be given to a brother, £10 to Bro. Joshua Morse, Tyler, and 50 £1 shares be taken in the Masonic Association (Limited), making a total expenditure of £75, were unanimously adopted.

Bro. H. G. BARWELL, the P.G. Secretary, then read the report of the Charities Committee, which showed a satisfactory co-operation in this district. The report urged the members to concentrate their votes by sending them to the committee, who would assist the most deserving of the cases. It was stated that there were three candidates in the district, requiring the utmost exertion on the part of the committee to secure their election, and although the province was not successful in obtaining admission of their boy candidate at the last election, still the result of lending and exchanging votes adopted by the committee had been satisfactory, inasmuch that a larger number of votes had been polled than could otherwise have been obtained, and would in the end prove advantageous. The announcement that the Suffolk province had expressed a wish and determination to join with this province was received with acclamation by the brethren. The report was unanimously adopted, and it is hoped those brethren having votes will co-operate with the committee in their commendable but difficult task, the more so as the London Association possess, by organisation, a decided advantage over provincial committees.

The P.G.M. then declared all the offices vacant, and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. F. S. Chambers, W.M. 1114	-	-	-	Prov. S.G.W.
„ A. H. Santy, W.M. 52	-	-	-	Prov. J.G.W.
„ Rev. W. Vincent, 52	-	-	-	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Hamon le Strange, P.M. 10 (re-elected)	-	-	-	Prov. G. Treas.
„ J. B. Bridgman, P.M. 93	-	-	-	Prov. G. Reg.
„ H. G. Barwell, P.M. 52	-	-	-	Prov. G. Sec.
„ J. C. Sadler, W.M. 107	-	-	-	Prov. S.G.D.
„ Jno. Etheridge W.M. 100	-	-	-	Prov. J.G.D.
„ T. W. Muskett, P.M. 943-	-	-	-	Prov. G.S. of W.

" R. Baldry, P.M. 807	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. Bullard, P.M. 1500	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" G. T. Plumbly, P.M. 1808	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. C. Atkinson, 93, P.M. 1648	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.O.
" Geo. Kersey, W.M. 213	-	-	-	-	Prov. G.P.
" R. Gunn, P.M. 93	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Tyler.
Bros. F. E. Linging, 93; C. W. Bacon, 1500; G. J. } Berry, Jno. W. Browne, P. Soman, 807; and } G. J. Butler, 213	-	-	-	-	Prov. G. Stwds.

As each officer was invested the brethren marked their approbation by enthusiastic applause.

After some desultory business had been gone through, the P.G.M. announced his intention, in accordance with notice given, that the amount collected at the Cathedral service in the afternoon should be given to the Restoration Fund of the St. Peter's Mancroft Church, of this City, now under repair; his lordship characterising that grand old structure as second only to the Cathedral.

Bro. E. ORAMS, P.M., as churchwarden thereof, on behalf of the Restoration Committee, thanked his lordship for his kind intention and gift.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, before closing the lodge, thanked the brethren for their attendance, and expressed the great satisfaction he had in hearing the report of Masonry in the province. He also expressed the pleasure he had in testifying his personal experience of the comfort provided for him and the brethren by the Masonic Association, and commended the judicious recommendation of the Provincial Committee. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony. About four o'clock in the afternoon the brethren assembled in the school-room in the Cathedral cloisters, and from thence proceeded in Masonic clothing to the Cathedral for Divine service. Bro. F. C. Atkinson, P.G.O., presided at the organ. An excellent choral service was rendered by the choir, which included Bros. H. Thouless, J. H. Brockbank, and H. J. Brookes. The service was "Magnificat," and "Nunc Dimmittus," Bro. Atkinson, in D.—Anthem: "On Thee each living soul depends," Haydn. The sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, who took his text from the 21st chapter of Revelations, 16th verse, upon which the reverend brother expounded an admirable discourse, which was attentively listened to by a large congregation.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren reformed, and the procession was dismissed. The collection at the end of the service amounted to about £14. A large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled in the nave of the cathedral to witness the procession.

At six o'clock a banquet was held at the Masonic Club Rooms, which proved a gigantic success, the viands being of the most *recherché* description. His lordship, the P.G. Master, presided, supported on his left by the D.P. G.M., Major Penrice, and on his right by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk. There were about 100 brethren present.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

In giving the toast of "The Masonic Association (Limited)," his lordship again spoke of the great and useful benefits the Association had conferred upon the Craft of the province, as they had now a home and a fit and proper building to meet in.

In response to his lordship, various lodges and individual members of the province took several shares, and above 300 shares were obtained for the Association, a result which was received with immense enthusiasm.

Bro. H. A. W. REEVES, in response, thanked the brethren, and further explained the benefits arising from the use of the club.

"The Ladies" brought the toast list to an end; Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn favouring the brethren with his ever-green song, "She was such a charming woman."

Several excellent songs, duets, and glees were rendered by Bros. H. Thouless, J. H. Brockbank, and F. C. Atkinson (cathedral choir), Robt. Baldry and J. C. Firman, accompanied by Bro. F. C. Atkinson. Bro. E. Wilkins, the Steward of the Club, gave a beautiful recitation in capital style.

His lordship, the P.G. Master, should be warmly congratulated upon his successful meeting and of the great success of Masonry; and, as both himself and the D.P.G. Master are warm favourites, if, when their duties would allow them, they would pay the lodges a visit a hearty reception would be accorded them, and a boon conferred upon the brethren.

A word of congratulation should also be accorded to Bro. H. Barwell, P.G. Sec., whose untiring efforts are ever directed towards the success of Masonry in general, and the Province of Norfolk in particular. His zeal for the Charities is highly to be commended, and eminently entitles him to the warmest thanks of the brethren.

We would also congratulate the Masonic Association upon their success; and, in the name of the brethren attending P.G. Lodge, thank the Committee and Secretary for their exertions in rendering the comfort of the brethren everything desirable.

## MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I said that there was another "Crux" which I had to deal with as regards seventeenth century speculative Masonry, assuming that its existence is proved, as I apprehend it will ere long be, and that is its connection with post 1717 Masonry. Based on a certain usage of words, and special expressions, there has grown up a "Monograde" school of Masonic writers, which holds that previously to 1717 Freemasonry had but one Degree and one reception.

No doubt the direct Masonic evidence is very scanty on the point, but the want of details thereon "is not," as I have sought more than once to point out, in reality strictly decisive of the question.

There are many reasons which might be alleged why the minutes of lodges are sparse and cautious, and speak with perhaps an "uncertain tongue" on the subject.

Non-masonic evidences, such as Dr. Plot, &c., seem to point to an early use of Masonic ceremonial, symbolism, and usages in the abstract, and the word "secrets," explain it as you will, reduce its force, and take away its meaning as you will, cannot be identical with "secret."

The evidence of the well-known Sloane MS., if of transcription 1715, yet undoubtedly of seventeenth century archaisms, (as is admitted), would seem to establish the existence of more than one grade in the seventeenth century.

The entries in Ashmole's diary do not prove much one way or another,

as I read them; though it has been contended that, as in 1682, he uses the word "fellow" in relation to what took place in Warrington in 1646, he only knew of one grade. We must first be sure we have Ashmole's own words, as the "interpolations" of subsequent writers are many, and the commonly received account of what took place even at Warrington is different in the original.

Bro. Allnut, of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, has recently published a correct facsimile of Elias Ashmole's handwriting and his "ipsissima verba," which, for the modest price of 1s. 6d., may be obtained from Mr. Gee, Bookseller, of Oxford. And, at the utmost, it all depends on what sense Ashmole used "fellow," whether as "generic term" or a special term; also whether his authority can be really quoted one way or the other in this controversy.

A great many dismiss the German Steinmetzen from the question, as they in no way bear on the subject, as the evidence concerning them is most uncertain, and limited, and unreliable, and a good deal which has been written about them is rank nonsense.

The main point to be considered is, what is the amount of English and Scottish evidence on the subject? In England we have so far none available, except the Alnwick minutes, the Swalwell minutes, the Regulations of 1721, the earlier Harleian MS., and the Sloane MS., already alluded to. The late Harleian MS. may also be used to some extent. The present result of their evidence, shortly summed up, is, in my humble opinion.—I say it with all deference to others,—incontestably this, that a system of Degrees existed long before 1717.

In Scotland the evidence of the minutes of Mary Chapel and other lodges have been held to demonstrate the certainty of a monograde theory. But, as I originally pointed out, and I have never changed my opinion one iota, that evidence is overstrained, and it is principally with the want of actual evidence, rather than with direct evidence on the subject, that we are confronted.

In fact, the argument based on the Scottish minutes is a very able attempt to "prove a negative." For we must bear in mind this one great fact, that though everything turns on the theory that Désaguliers when in Scotland introduced our present tri-gradal system,—a new fact in Scottish Masonry,—there is not in any Scottish minute the slightest allusion to the fact itself. There is no trace in any Scottish minute book before 1750, at any rate, of any such known or recognized change, of any introductions of fresh formulæ or new Degrees. When Désaguliers visited Mary Chapel he was only admitted after an "examination," and the minutes allege that he was "found duly qualified in all points of Masonry." What these "all points" were we are not told; but it would only be reasonable and fair to conclude that a pre-knowledge of them was familiar to the brethren.

If the Second and Third Degrees were introduced into Scotland as the result of Dr. Désaguliers' visit, there would in well-kept minutes, like those of Mary's Chapel, be some allusion to such an important fact to so very great a change in the normal life of Scottish Masonry. In fact, it would have been a revolution. Surely any proposal to introduce new working, new lectures, new "apparata," would have been "minuted," and some "sanction" of "Mary's Chapel" must have been given for such an important addition to and change in the well-known and ancient ritual of Scottish Masonry.

It may be well to observe here that the minutes of Mary Chapel, as I am informed, having never had the pleasure of seeing them myself, and as, indeed, we learn as students from Bro. D. M. Lyon's most interesting and ably-written volume, are quoad Masonry—full and complete. They were kept by a professional lawyer, the clerk or secretary of the incorporation of Mary's Chapel, of which that famous and venerable lodge was a sort of appendage, and down until about 1740 this functionary always entered the minutes. The existence of a Third Degree—if not "expressed"—may be said I think "to be" understood; and I think this point is illustrated by the minutes of the Witham Lodge, where the giving of the Third Degree in the Master's Lodge is just alluded to in the regular minutes, though no record of its proceedings is so far known to exist.

Otherwise we are driven to this extreme conclusion, that in consequence of Désaguliers' visit, Mary Chapel and Scottish Masonry increased their degrees, expounded their symbolism, and added to their "apparata," without note or comment, resolution or sanction, "word or sign."

On the whole, I feel sure myself that the Scottish minutes, looked at from this expert and archæological point of view, prove for us the existence of a tri-gradal system from 1660; that the formalities then in existence were the same as at the time of Désaguliers' visit. I also think we may contend that there was a general identity and concurrent agreement, otherwise some note or remark to that effect might fairly be looked for in the carefully penned and posted minutes of Mary Chapel.

If, as is now almost a certainty that careful researches will establish the fact of speculative lodges in England in 1646, and later on in the seventeenth century, a great deal of the difficulty of this "Crux" and a large amount of the "haze" which overhangs the subject at present, will be dispelled.

It is very remarkable to note, as I am informed is undoubtedly the case, that in 1634 in the minutes of No. 1 of Scotland, when certain "non-operatives" were admitted,—"gentlemen,"—they were dubbed fellows of the Craft. In 1667, Sir Patrick Home was admitted a "Fellow of Craft," [and Master] of this lodge. The brackets embracing words "and Master" occurs in the "minute" of the transactions thus recorded. It may fairly be asked—what does all this mean? There must have been an object in designing this qualification of rank or degree.

The apprentice degree seems often to have been given out of the lodge, (whatever it was); and if my memory does not mislead me, there is evidence at Aberdeen, or one of the great Scottish towns and lodges "meeting in the open," to receive apprentices outside the lodge.

The same usage seems to have prevailed at Swalwell.

The question is a very important one "per se," though it may not seem so to some who take a superficial view of the controversy; as on its eventual settlement depends to a great extent the veracity of many Masonic writers, and the reality of the position of the Masonic system in its threefold traditions.

To believe that our present system was arranged in London subsequently to the revival of 1717, and had no basis or existence before 1700, is what, on every ground of positive and inferential evidence of our ancient annals of our mystic traditions, I can never concede, or bring myself to believe. And therefore I raise the question again to-day, calmly and clearly in the *Freemason*, as it will turn out to be a most important "factor" in respect of the future bearing of true and reliable Masonic History. I have to thank a very esteemed and distinguished friend of mine for many most admirable and effective "suggestions in this," my little "essay" on a confessedly "vexata quæstio."



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By order,

JAMES TERRY, SECRETARY.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
2nd November, 1881.

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**Original Correspondence.**

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

**GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.**  
*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,

As one of several interested in the happy settlement of the present difficulty between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec, I beg to thank you for your kind articles on the subject in the *Freemason* of the 29th ult. It is undoubtedly a difficult subject to write about, unless one sees the real principles involved, and what actually the Grand Lodge of England may fairly be asked to do.

The learned Grand Master of Quebec, Dr. Graham (who was Grand Master on the formation of that Grand Lodge, and has been the occupant of the chief chair many times since), is laudably anxious to see all conflicting questions forever settled, prior to his retirement as Grand Master, and I believe he has only consented to again act as Grand Master in the hope that such a result might be achieved. His correspondence with our Royal Grand Master inserted in the Proceedings, with Dr. Graham's annual address, is an evidence of his strong desire for peace and unity, and I think that the communications of our respected Grand Secretary, on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, are also as strong proofs of the desire of the English Craft for the happiness and prosperity of the Quebec Craft, only the result must be obtained according to the spirit and principle which have guided the Grand Lodge of England from its formation in the settlement of such matters. The Grand Lodge never compelled lodges to unite with a new Grand Lodge, and never will, that is certain.

What is termed the "American doctrine" is not, and never has been, that of the premier Grand Lodge of the world. It is comparatively new, and not universal even in the United States, and it involves an injustice to lodges which still prefer their old allegiance. Taking Quebec, however, by itself, circumstances are such as a speedy union of all the lodges in that province is most desirable, and to that result our Grand Secretary evidently leans as he says, "There is reason to believe that in the course of nature matters may terminate as you (Dr. Graham) desire." Until, however, the three lodges in Montreal elect of themselves to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec (and we hope they will soon do so) they are entitled to, and will receive, our support on all occasions according to our Constitutions and customs. England, however, from the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec has refrained from chartering new lodges in that province, and has not thrown any difficulties in the way of the lodges uniting with the new Grand Lodge. All the Scottish lodges now have joined it, and the late adherents have been allowed to retain their old warrants as souvenirs from their *alma mater*. I am strongly of the opinion that the friendly offer of union so heartily offered by the Grand Master of Quebec will, ere long, be accepted by the three lodges which as yet elect to remain under England, and until then permit me to add my hope to yours that forbearance will be exercised by both bodies in that province, and the principles of the Craft be exemplified in their relation with one another.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

**Reviews.**

A FEW THOUGHTS ON FREEMASONRY. By Bro. Rev. H. P. RAIKES, P.P.G.C. Dorsetshire. Bro. H. Ling, Dorchester.

This is an address, (published by request), originally delivered before the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset at Bridport, September 8th, 1881. It is a very able lecture, and well deserves to be printed, and greater Masonic publicity. Bro. Raikes's words are weighty, and his thoughts are well arranged, and there is a lucidity of explanation highly commendable, as well as an easy flow of words, which renders the pamphlet very readable. His "teachings" seem to be carefully grounded on the lore and text book of our ancient Craft; and we quite agree with the Grand Secretary, who says very justly, that it is an "excellent discourse," and that it may be "read with great advantage by any Mason." We wish that some of our foreign brethren could realize for themselves the kindly and gentle principles of English, nay, of cosmopolitan Freemasonry, as so ably set forth in these unpretending, but effective, pages. Instead of "burning questions" and "perverse controversies," instead of those "epea pteroenta" of crude exposition, wild themes, and hurtful philosophies (so-called), in which they too often indulge, they would find that true Freemasonry is still built on the "Rock of Ages," and still preserves on the sacred basis of inspired revelation the symbolism and the law of a divine morality, and lovingly and admiringly proclaims its own unchanging and unchangeable lessons of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

THE HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF UNITY, No. 183. By G. W. SPETH, P.M. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street.

The "advance sheets" of this new work are now before us. Though some affect to say and to think that it is not "good form" to review in the *Freemason* works, old or new, reprinted, or issued by our Publisher, yet as these reviews are perfectly independent of, and completely indif-

ferent to "intern" or "extern" influences, we think we cannot be doing wrong in bringing to the cognizance of our readers certain Masonic works of which otherwise they might remain, and probably would remain, entirely ignorant, not hearing of them in any other quarter. We, therefore, shall continue to mention all such Masonic works in these pages, until in truth any can fairly accuse us either of partizan sympathies, or undue partialities. Bro. Speth's work is a most interesting one, most compact and clear, most readable and reasonable. It is, in fact, a simple, but effective, lodge history, and we tender to Bro. Speth "in limine" our warmest thanks for thus placing before us in connected and continuous order, the records of that important lodge, —the Lodge of Unity, No. 183. Bro. Speth commences the special annals of his lodge with a little review of eighteenth century Freemasonry. We note one little error in respect of the Lodge of Antiquity which Bro. Speth will do well to correct in subsequent editions. It was not the "majority" of the lodge but the "minority," (a very great "difference," and with a "distinction" too), which in the great controversy sided with the Grand Lodge of England. It was a decided majority with which Preston founded the Grand Lodge south of the Trent, under a charter from the Grand Lodge at York, which charter still remains in the archives of the Lodge of Antiquity. This is not a point, strictly speaking, of much importance, in a happily dead and buried struggle, but we mention it, because it is always well to be perfectly correct in such matters. Freemasonry has already suffered much and vitally from slipshod "sheep-walking" and historical and anachronistic errors. It is but fair to remark that Bro. Speth has been misled by the fact that the minority was formed into a "Lodge of Antiquity" by the Grand Lodge, but the archives, &c., remained with the majority. Bro. Speth says, at p. 7, "the Ancients also sometimes called themselves York Masons." &c., &c., "but apparently without sufficient reason." We are not aware of any authority ever given by the York Grand Lodge to the ancient Masons thus to claim affinity to York. If it exists, it has yet to be found, and we think it would be safer to say, that such a claim of Dermott's was his own, and utterly unauthorized by the York Masons. The Lodge of Unity was chartered in April, 1769, by the Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master. Twenty lodges were constituted in that year, and the Lodge of Unity was the fifth. At the Union in 1813 only six of these twenty were surviving, though, as five of the twenty were foreign lodges,—one at Naples, one at Flushing, and three in Sweden,—they probably had become merged in other bodies: this leaves nine unaccounted for. Bro. Speth alludes to the changes effected by the Union in 1813, when, on the amalgamation, the lodges were placed alternately by lot, and as the Ancients drew No. 1 the Moderns lost a place. The Lodge of Antiquity—the oldest lodge in the world, anterior to the Grand Lodge itself, and thus the mother of all private lodges,—had to take No. 2, and, in fact, lost the number and status which specially belonged to it. There is one more point to which Bro. Speth alludes, to which we must take a little exception, namely, to the statement that, as regards the Grand Lodge revival in 1717, "many of the pre-existing lodges joined Grand Lodge, but some continued working on their own undoubted and inherent authority, and these were popularly known as lodges of St. John." We do not know Bro. Speth's authority for this statement. It is probably based on the "Grand Mystery," or some of Oliver's rather loose and inaccurate statements. The member of the Lodge of St. John, alluded to in Article 5, is probably an "unattached Mason," a member of no regular lodge, though a Mason, unless indeed independent lodges existed, of which no trace remains. Some of the early bye-laws are very interesting and peculiar. Take for example Article 1, (page 16); and there is also Article 5, (page 17); and Article 13, (page 18); well worthy of our special notice and attention. "Article 1st. Without Order and Decency in this society a dissolution must be the consequence therefore at the third stroke of the Master's Mallet profound silence shall be observed and no private Committee held and any brother who swears curses or talks obscenely disputes about politicks, is disguis'd in liquor or becomes disguis'd therein or offers to lay wagers dispose of Play-House Tickets sits down unclothed hisses to what another brother proposes or debates or refuses to stand up and address himself to the Master in anything he may have to relate such Behaviour shall be publicly reprimanded by the Master for the first offence and for a second offence shall be fin'd two and sixpence if the majority of the present members confirm the same which if he refuses shall be dealt with as they think proper." "Article 5th. Every visiting or travelling brother shall pay one shilling & sixpence to the Tyler for the use of the lodge before admission, & no brother shall be permitted to ballot in any affair relating to the lodge unless he becomes a member & no brother shall be permitted to ballot in anything relative to this lodge unless he have paid his full quarterage up to the last quarter day & in all kinds of Ballot the Master shall be intitled to one vote and a casting vote on an equality, & any brother who is only a member of the lodge of St. John's shall pay to the Tyler two shillings before he be admitted as a visitor or a travelling brother." "Article 13th. In order to keep the harmony amongst the brethren after the lodge is clos'd, no private piques or quarrels or state affairs shall be brought within the doors wherein the lodge is held for that would blast our designs therefore any brother found guilty shall stand to the determination of the brethren next lodge night for the first offence the second offence to be fin'd two shillings and sixpence for the use of the lodge & for the third offence shall be excluded." Indeed, were we not afraid to detract from the facts and freshness of the book itself, we might multiply these interesting extracts, but we prefer to leave Bro. Speth to tell his own lucid tale, and we will only add, in conclusion, that the work reflects great credit on Bro. Speth, and will be read not only by the members of the lodge of Unity, but by the members of the Craft in general, with every feeling of interest and gratitude. Such lodge histories are invaluable to the Masonic student and the Masonic archaeologist.

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. New Poem by the POET LAUREATE.

We do not profess or presume to criticize the serial entitled the "Nineteenth Century" in the *Freemason*, inasmuch as it lies far outside our boundaries, and treats upon subjects which impinge upon that debateable region of political or social controversies which are forbidden by Masonic law, and are, therefore, inadmissible in a Masonic journal. But a "pome is a pome," as an American writer laugh-

ingly says, and a new "outcome of Poiesis," by the "Poet Laureate" to boot, deserves the attention and enlists the sympathies of our many readers. We confess, however, we do not think that this last offering of Mr. Tennyson will enhance the credit of that effective writer, or afford pleasure to the "common mind" of most of us humble folks. There are some exalted geniuses no doubt,—some great, capacious, wondrous minds,—which take in anything, digest everything, whose powers of psychological assimilation are always active, always effective. But we neither like this display of the "morbidness of humanity," nor this representation of the "recklessness of despair." Like the witty Frenchman, we cannot help saying "a quoi bon?" "a quoi bon?" and our only reply is a shrug of our shoulders, or a calm and significant silence. Of course there are, we do not wish to deny, two sides to this as to most sublimary questions, but we see no use in quoting poetry which we do not ourselves care to read or repeat, and whose good to others we venture respectfully to doubt, whether in the abstract, or concrete.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**A WORK OF ELIAS ASHMOLE.**

I have been closely examining the catalogue of that portion of the Sunderland Library which is to be sold in the early part of December. I find the remarks recently passed upon it by the *Freemason* are amply justified. It has seldom been my good fortune to come across so many rare editions of chemical, biblical, and other books included in one list. My principal object, however, in going through the said catalogue was to ascertain if there were any works, directly or indirectly, bearing upon Freemasonry, or written by known Freemasons. The result is so far satisfactory; that I find lot No. 673 is Bro. Elias Ashmole's history of the "Institution, Laws, and Ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the Garter," with "portrait of Charles II., by Sherwin, and forty-eight engravings of views of Windsor Castle, coats of arms, habits of orders, seals, &c., chiefly by W. Holler." It is described as being bound in old calf, and as "a fine, clean copy," p. 207, however, being torn. It is a folio, and was published in London 1672. Such a work, being written by the first English gentleman known to have been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, would, in my opinion, be a fitting addition to our Grand Lodge Library. I may add that I have looked through Bernard Quatitch's catalogue of rare books, and I find a copy of the above work priced at £5 15s. G. B. A.

**KING WILLIAM III.**

It is said that somewhere there exists in a printed history an account of a visit of "Masons" to King William the III., at Hampton Court. Can any reader "spot" the passage? Can "W. H. R.," tell us where it is? ANTIQUARIUS.

**ASHMOLE.**

I repeat a query I once asked before. Can any one give us a clue to the present "locale" of Ashmole's private and personal MSS.? Where is Ashmole's will? MASONIC STUDENT.

**THE GILDS OF CHESTER.**

Can any Chester antiquarian brother give me any information relative to the Chester Gilds? MASONIC STUDENT.

**THE RECENT DISCOVERIES AT THEBES.**

"The following letter has been addressed to *The Times* :—  
"Sir,—Knowing with what interest the public has followed every detail of the recent discoveries at Thebes, I hasten to announce through *The Times* the solution of an important and much-disputed problem—namely, the identity of the mummy contained in a case bearing the names of Rameses Mer-Amen Sotep-en-Ra. Of this mummy, it will be remembered, Professor Maspero wrote as follows in his memoir addressed to the Orientalist Congress at Berlin, *vide The Times* September 19 :—

"It is this personage whom it has been sought to identify with Rameses II. I see many difficulties in the way of such identification, the chief being that the mummy case, which is of very fine workmanship, bears every characteristic of the 20th Dynasty, as, for instance, in the orthography of the cartouches, in which we find the special form of N, which was in favour at that time. The face of the effigy, in which it was invariably sought to present a likeness of the deceased, in no wise resembles the aquiline and well-known features of Rameses II. In the absence of further evidence, this mummy may, therefore, be accepted as that of Rameses XII., of the 20th Dynasty, the namesake of Rameses II., and the Pharaoh of the Stela of Bakhtan."

"Since writing the above, Professor Maspero has returned to Egypt, and for the last three weeks has been hard at work at Boulak, examining the newly-acquired treasures and unbandaging the more important mummies. Among the latter he has removed from the Rameses mummy those wrappings of rose-coloured muslin described by your Cairo correspondent. On removing one of the last folds of these outer wrappings (which would seem to have been a pious addition of later date) Professor Maspero found the mummy swathed in its original bandages, and on its breast an inscription showing it to be indeed Rameses II., surnamed the Great, and formally registering the circumstances of its removal to the vault at Dayr-el Baharec. This document, described by M. Maspero as the 'procès verbal,' goes on to say that the ancient coffin had been destroyed, and was consequently replaced at the time of removal by a new coffin of the date and workmanship of the 20th Dynasty. Hence the misleading character of the orthography, and the unlikeness of the outer effigy."

"I should add that at the time of writing his memoir for the Orientalist Congress, Professor Maspero had seen only a photograph of the mummy case. I have the above particulars direct from Professor Maspero in a letter bearing date Cairo, 12th inst.  
"I am, Sir, &c., AMELIA B. EDWARDS.  
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**INAUGURATION OF THE UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 382.**

The Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, is the oldest lodge in the Province of Middlesex, having been established in 1826, and the necessity for a lodge of instruction has been long felt, and is rendered more necessary from the fact that even members are joining the lodge from the town and district of Uxbridge, where the lodge is held. At the usual meeting in July steps were taken to obtain the sanction of the W.M. and lodge to form a lodge of instruction in connection with the mother lodge, to be held in Uxbridge. The sanction was obtained of Master and lodge unanimously, on the proposition of Bro. Swallow, P.M. The brethren in the district have held meetings to discuss and arrange details, frame bye-laws, &c., and have at last succeeded in securing the services of a very efficient Preceptor in Bro. Tucker, of Ealing, who is also Preceptor for the West Middlesex and Kew Lodges.

The first evening of the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when fifteen brethren from Uxbridge, Ealing, &c., attended, to meet Bro. Tucker, as Preceptor. Bro. Nicholson was voted to the chair, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Gray, S.W.; Galland, J.W.; Porter, S.D.; Botley, J.D.; and Poole, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meetings and bye-laws were read by Bro. Brooks, Hon. Sec., which were, on the proposition of Bro. Nicholson, W.M., carried. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Sugg being the candidate. Bro. Andrews, P.M., worked the Second Section of the First Lecture. This closed the work of a very successful evening, profitable and enjoyable. The visitors from Ealing added much to the success of the evening by their presence and assistance. May so good a work prosper, and be the means of diffusing true Masonic light to those who so much need it.

**GALLANT SERVICES BY THE FREEMASONS' LIFEBOAT, THE "ALBERT EDWARD," AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.**

It seldom happens that we have to record the fact that one of the National Lifeboat Institution boats have rendered greater service than the crew of the Freemasons' gift, "The Albert Edward," was enabled to perform on Sunday, the 22nd ult. The great gale of the Friday was talked of much in this now rising seaside resort, and several were heard to say, "Will the lifeboat be required; if so, how can she be taken out in such weather?"

However, time passed, and for the third time in a month, soon after five a.m., signals were seen from the Gunfleet, and then our coxswain, always ready on the first sound of danger, came out and replied with the usual rockets, following that up with the two signal guns for the crew to "turn out." This was soon done, and though the tide was very low, with the help of the Hon. Secretary's team of horses, and the ready assistance of the good folks of the place, the boat was safely launched, and away she went, many believing it was almost a useless task, the tide having turned, and the wind being "dead on." However, the noble coxswain, Legerton, known to most yachtsmen, with his gallant crew, consisting of "Captain Willis," better known to the visitors as the ever-obliging pier-master, with several of the coast guard and boatmen of the place, had only one thought, and the boat, with her sails set, plunged through the sea amidst torrents of rain towards the sands, when within some short distance of the "silver" they "fell in" with a steamer going north, who at once not only gave them a "friendly tow" but handed over a bucket of provisions, which helped to keep our men ready for the emergencies yet to follow.

Arriving off the Gunfleet, they espied the wreck and soon got to work. A difficult task it is at any time to rescue a crew in heavy sea, but on this occasion the surf and sea was of such a nature that it required the full knowledge and care of all our noble crew to effect the rescue. Much time was spent in endeavouring to save the poor Frenchmen, for it turned out to be a French fish lugger that had caught this treacherous sand, and no less than sixteen hands were holding on while the sea was making "clear breaches over her." Thanks to experience and the help of our Grand Architect, and notwithstanding the loss of anchor, ropes, boat hooks &c., the crew were all saved, but not before the gallant lifeboat crew were nearly upset and thrown amongst the "gear" of the smack; had such taken place the lives of all would not have been worth a moment's purchase. The sea was boiling round the sands, and the smack was thrown in such a position, and covered by the spray and water that it seemed almost a miracle that all were saved—every one having to be pulled through the water, as the lifeboat could not get close enough for the shipwrecked sailors to "step on board."

Their rescue was at length with difficulty accomplished, and away came the boat, not alone with sail, but our crew had the oars "under weigh;" and soon after one p.m. the inhabitants caught sight under lee of the cliffs of a small boat with a red flag flying; this, with the aid of glasses, was soon recognised as the lifeboat with a saved crew on board. Excitement grew apace; the Hon. Sec., Mr. F. Mann, with several members of the Lifeboat Committee, came to the pier, while the agent of the Shipwreck Mariners' Society visited the hotels and made arrangements for the poor crew. Amidst the plaudits of the crowd the crews came ashore, to be welcomed by every one assembled near the pier, &c., amongst the first being Bro. Edward Dorling, P.M. 1799, who, ever ready to recognise brotherly love and reward the brave, intimated that some refreshment was ready at the Royal Hotel.

The rescued crew were well supplied with all they required, while the lifeboat crew were not forgotten. The Frenchmen left, under the charge of the Vice-Consul, on Monday, and appeared glad indeed they had fallen into such friendly hands. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the lifeboat crew; the risk to their lives was much greater than those on shore could imagine, and we are pleased to learn that their services will not go without reward; the Institution will, no doubt, behave liberally, while the French will not forget a kindness to brothers in distress. We understand that a supper will be given at the Royal Hotel to the lifeboat crew, and amongst those who will assist in providing what is required, Bro. Wm. Wrench Towse, 1799, will not be alone. Indeed, the members of the Arnold Lodge, 1799, will lend their ready assistance to aid this good cause whenever asked.

**REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.**

**Craft Masonry.**

**BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 27th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. George Wale, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, Bro. C. Taylor, I.P.M., and several other Past Masters, including Bros. S. Poynter, Treasurer; Henry Chas. Jefferys, Secretary; R. N. Field, Swift, and a number of visitors. The usual formalities having been gone through, and the minutes of the previous lodge read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising was gone through; and, after somewhat lengthened experience in Freemasonry, without exaggeration we can say that we never witnessed this solemn rite conferred in a more careful, correct, and impressive manner than upon the present occasion; every one, from the W.M. downwards, being well up to his duties. At its conclusion the W.M. received the congratulations of all the visitors who were present. The next business was to pass Bros. Crowe and Walls to the Degree of a F.C., and in this case the work was equally well down. There being nothing more before the lodge it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a splendid banquet was provided, served in Bro. Clemow's best style.

The formal toasts having been given and responded to, Bro. Taylor, I.P.M., said he had great pleasure in asking the brethren to join with him in drinking the next toast—a toast that was always received with great cordiality in the Burgoyne Lodge, and he was sure that it would be drunk with the same heartiness and good will that night—it was "The Health of their W.M.," who had endeared himself to them, not only for his able conduct in the lodge, but for his genial conduct in the chair in the Fourth Degree. He had now not only the admiration of all the brethren, but the visitors included, and he was sure that the toast would be cordially responded to on that occasion. The toast was cordially received. The W.M., in responding to the toast, said: Brethren, I thank you most sincerely for the very kind manner in which your Immediate Past Master (Bro. Taylor) proposed the toast of my health, and you, brethren, for the hearty and cordial manner in which you have received my name. I can say that in the lodge I do my duty to the best of my ability, and I can also sincerely say that, whether inside or outside of the lodge, my thoughts are always with you, and anything that I can do for the lodge is always at your service. The Worshipful Master said the next toast was one which the members of the Burgoyne Lodge were always proud to respond to, as it was "The Health of the Visitors." No lodge could give a more cordial reception, and they were always proud to see them, and he hoped they would come again. Bro. H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158, was the first called upon to respond, and said that words almost failed him to describe the excellent working of the W.M. in the chair, and he felt assured that if their progenitor—one of the most talented Masons who ever sat in the chair—could again come amongst them he would find that the bright future he predicted for the lodge had been fully maintained. The Burgoyne Lodge had made its mark in Masonic history, and would go down to future times as one of the best worked lodges in the Craft. The name of Burgoyne was also inscribed on the military annals of the country, and his victorious exploits formed a long page in the enduring rolls of fame. Still there was no pleasure without its alloy, for another Burgoyne engaged in the service of his country, with the band of brave fellows under his command, found a watery grave, and not one remained behind to tell the tale. In conclusion, he said that as long as the name of Burgoyne was held in esteem, so long would the lodge sustain the reputation that it had hitherto borne. The other visitors returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Past Masters," of whom they had a goodly array, both as to quality and quantity. They were all aware of their good working. There were few lodges where they had such good reason to be proud of their Past Masters. Bro. Taylor said as the youngest Past Master he was called upon to respond to the toast. It was his duty and pleasure to assist the W.M. in the well ruling and guiding the lodge. The lodge was prosperous and the officers ably performed their duties. He could assure them that the Past Masters' duties were not sinecures, and they one and all thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk their healths. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," and few of the members of the Burgoyne Lodge were aware how much they were indebted to those officers; for without their efficient co-operation the lodge must soon come to grief. Bro. Poynter, Treasurer, said he had had to reply to this toast for nearly seventeen years, and as he was "poor in thanks," and having spoken to the toast so often he knew not what to say. He had for five months been moving about, and had been unable to go through the accounts. He thought that there was nothing of which they might be prouder than to find that their finances were in a prosperous state, leaving a very good balance for the great objects of their Masonic Association which they had well supported. As a member of the Grand Lodge, and also of the Colonial Board, he had always heard the Burgoyne Lodge spoken of with the greatest respect, and not long ago Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, told him that he had always heard this lodge spoken of in the highest terms. Having referred to the services of their Secretary and Past Masters, and the services rendered by them, he said the reputation of the Burgoyne lodge was second to none. Bro. Jeffries, Secretary, briefly returned thanks, and the proceedings were brought to a close. During the evening Bro. Wells delighted the company with some excellent songs.

**LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).**—A very successful meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E. The W.M., Bro. George F. Dix, was well supported by the officers and brethren as follows: Bros. R. Biggs, S.W.; J. Hunt, J.W.; T. S. Taylor, P.M., Treasurer; George W. Verry, P.M., Secretary; A. Meyers, S.D.; A. Bullwinkle, J.D.; C. Mansfield, I.G.; Dr. T. Loane, Steward; W. Buckle, Dir. of Cers.; Hopson, Organist; A. Furness, R. Hirst, A. H. Bardouleau, March, Keith, A. S. Judd; H. N. Taylor, I.P.M.; B. Cundick, P.M.; and others.

After due formalities lodge was advanced, and Bro. R. J. Middleton was tested as to proficiency, and duly raised to the

Degree of Master Mason. Bro. Dix next performed the graceful act of passing Bro. Grover to the Second Degree, that brother's lodge being in recess, and he was about to depart for Australia. The next business on the agenda was the initiation of two gentlemen into the Order. One of them, Dr. R. G. Ford, was in attendance, and was most impressively admitted into the mysteries of the Order. The working of the W.M. was admitted by all present to be capably rendered, and ably assisted by the Deaconry of Bro. Meyers. Several matters of lodge interest were next disposed of, including the resignation of one of the Past Masters, and lodge was closed in due form. There was no banquet, but the brethren passed several hours in pleasant and social intercourse. Bro. Dix gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, which were cordially received. The evening was enlivened by some excellent songs, by Bros. Dix, Keith, Judd, Hopson, Stephens, and others. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. H. Tapley, W.M. 1076; J. Taylor, J.D. 554; Latrille, P.M. 1056; Wayland, Treasurer 1227; Grover, Ford, G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*), and others.

**ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).**—The installation meeting of this prosperous young lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. There was a large attendance, both of members and visitors. The lodge was opened on behalf of the W.M., who was detained a short time by Corporation business, by Bro. Sir John Monckton, and there were present Bros. F. Green, S.W.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; Major J. Davies Sewell, Acting Sec.; H. Wildey Wright, S.D.; C. W. Bowley, I.G.; W. W. Brown, Org.; H. Wright, Steward; J. Perkins, E. Garnet Man, J. C. Whiddington, Beaumont Morris, Henry Clarke, H. Squire, Frank S. Jackson, F. A. Jewson, H. H. Cooper, W. H. Pannell, J. P. Godfrey. Visitors: Bros. George Lambert, G. Asst. D.C.; Peter De Lande Long, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; W. R. Marsh, P.M. 9; J. Vincent, P.M. 1861; W. H. Dempster, P.M. 890; J. B. Glenn, P.M. 3; H. Thorn, P.M. 165; T. Minstrell, 1928; H. Massey, W.M. 1928; J. A. Wild, jun., W.M. 96; Dr. Finch, 10; J. A. Cantle, P.M. 1257; W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Regr. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

The minutes having been duly read and confirmed, and Bro. Littell, W.M., having occupied the chair, Bro. Beaumont Morice was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Green, was then presented for installation, and Bro. Sir John Monckton, having again occupied the chair, proceeded according to ancient ceremony to induct him into the chair of King Solomon, and very ably delivered the usual addresses. The new Master then appointed his officers as follows: Wildey Wright, S.W.; W. W. Brown, J.W.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; J. E. Turner, Sec.; C. W. Bowley, S.D.; Henry Wright, J.D.; E. Garnet Man, I.G.; H. Pannell, C.C., D.C.; J. Perkins, C.C., Wine Steward; F. A. Jewson, Org. The accounts of the lodge were then presented and pronounced to be highly satisfactory, and were ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. The business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and, in proposing the health of the Grand Officers, the W.M. referred to the presence of Sir John Monckton and other members of the Alliance Lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. Peter de Lande Long and Bro. George Lambert, both of whom were heartily cheered, responded. Bro. C. F. Littell gave the health of the W.M., observing that their respected brother occupied his present position not for the first time. He could assure him that he would receive the cordial support and co-operation of the brethren, and if he should desire any assistance it would be most cheerfully given him by the P.M.'s. He, on their behalf, wished him a most prosperous and happy year of office. (Cheers.) The W.M. responding, said that he should endeavour to discharge his duties in such a manner that the lodge should not lack dignity or honour during his year of office. For the furtherance of this object he should have the co-operation of all the officers and members of the lodge. The lodge was started under more favourable auspices than generally fell to the lot of new lodges. Its very great success was due in no small measure to this; and he was quite sure that he could not do better in his efforts to extend the usefulness of the Alliance Lodge than in following the example of his predecessors—Bros. Sir John Monckton and L. F. Littell. (Cheers.) He subsequently gave "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. E. F. Littell," stating that it was a matter of great satisfaction to him that the toast needed so little from him to commend a cordial response, seeing the very admirable manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year. It was a great pleasure that, as Master, he had to hand to Bro. E. F. Littell a small testimonial, not only of their fraternal regard, but in acknowledgment of the ability in which he had discharged the duties of his office. (Cheers.) This testimonial—a very handsome silver salver, bearing the inscription: "Alliance Lodge, No. 1827. Presented as a mark of fraternal respect for the able, courteous, and efficient discharge of the duties of Worshipful Master during his year of office. Nov. 2nd, 1881." In the name of the Alliance Lodge he had, therefore, to ask his (Bro. Littell's) acceptance of this token of their regard and esteem. (Cheers.) He felt that in doing this he should be simply expressing the earnest wish of every brother present if he stated how much they hoped he would live long in health and happiness to recognise in this silver salver a token of their appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Alliance Lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. C. F. Littell, in response, said it was a source of infinite satisfaction to himself to find that his discharge of the duties of W. Master had met with the approbation of the brethren. When the lodge did him the honour of voting for him the usual Past Master's jewel, he was reminded of what took place in the case of Sir John Monckton, his predecessor, who said he had so many jewels that he really had not space for another, and he asked the lodge to substitute something in lieu. He was the humble possessor of but one jewel, so the same excuse would not serve in his case. A jewel, however was only valuable to its possessor, and could not be worn by anyone else, and as his career as a working Mason would draw to a close that evening, he thought he should like some more lasting memorial of his connection with the lodge—a something that would be useful to himself and to his family. The brethren very kindly acceded to his request, and a handsome silver salver was chosen.

This was a testimonial of which he should ever be proud, and he was quite certain his family would prize it as he did. (Cheers.) In conclusion, he could assure them that the events of the evening would be remembered by him as long as memory lasted. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Visitors," stating how much he felt flattered that so many visitors should be there to support him on that occasion. (Cheers.) Bro. Frank Richardson, one of the Grand Officers, replied in a suitable speech; and the W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Officers," to which the S.W., Bro. Wildey Wright, responded. The Tyler's Toast concluded the list. Miss Dunbar Perkins played a selection of pieces upon the violin, and was loudly applauded, as was Bro. J. J. Cantlin, who sang several very good songs.

**GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., at the Brixton Hall, Brixton, the attendance of brethren being good. There were present: Bros. H. Massey, P.M., J.W.M.; John Allen, I.P.M.; H. E. F. Bussey, S.W.; Thomas Minstrell, J.W.; Dr. Griffiths, Chaplain; W. M. Duckworth, Treasurer; C. B. Cooke, Secretary; W. Adam Burn, J.D.; Robert J. Albery, I.G.; J. C. Duckworth, Wine Steward; Chas. Williams, Chas. F. Pardon, W. T. Perkins, R. A. Hancock, J. Moore, Herbert Wright, V. S. Seabrook, George Tarran, T. B. Whitefoot, O. Willson, and J. H. Thomas. Visitors: Bros. Joseph R. Johnson, 1541; R. W. Goddard, P.M. 1604; M. Vizelety, S.D. 1297; Augustus Holt, I.G. 1744; George J. Dawson, W.M. 1853; Dr. Gibson Bott, W.M. 1839; J. C. Youngusband, 1670; J. H. Batty, P.M. 22; C. Burchell, 1547; and J. J. Elderton, 317.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. J. Allen, P.M. of the West Kent Lodge, 1297, was invested as I.P.M., and Bro. J. R. Somers Vine, 57; T. H. Thomas, P.M. 101; and Tom Barrett Whitefoot, 573, were unanimously elected as joining members. Bros. Herbert Wright, W. T. Perkins, R. A. Hancock, George Tarran, and V. S. Seabrook, who were initiated at the last meeting, were entrusted and passed. Bro. W. A. Burn was next invested as Junior Deacon. The bye-laws, as drawn up by the Committee appointed for that purpose, were considered, and, after some slight alteration, approved, subject to the sanction of Grand Lodge.

At the conclusion of the labours of the evening, the brethren sat down to a substantial and well-served supper. In the course of the usual speeches which followed, the W.M. explained to the brethren the character and objects of the Three Great Masonic Charities. He intended to be a Steward for the Aged Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Griffiths would be a Steward for the Girls' School, and he urged the lodge to do the best they could as a young lodge to contribute something to the funds of those excellent and valuable institutions. The appeal was well responded to. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

**JARROW.—St. Bede Lodge (No. 1110).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Mechanics' Institute, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., Bro. A. McDougall, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. M. H. Dodd, I.P.M.; Witter, P.M.; Renton, P.M.; Ponder, P.M.; Sinclair, P.M.; Golder, S.W.; J. H. Dale, J.W.; Sedcole, Hon. Sec.; Hickman, S.D.; Petree, J.D.; Armstrong, I.G.; Parker, S.S.; Gray, J.S.; Tebb, Organist; and a good number of the brethren of the lodge.

Mr. Andrew Holmes was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. delivered the charge; Bro. Golder, S.W., explained the working tools. Bro. Grant, was passed to the Second Degree; the charge being delivered by the W.M., and the working tools explained by the S.W. The W.M., on behalf of the officers and brethren of the lodge, in glowing terms presented Bro. M. H. Dodd, I.P.M., with a gold Past Master's jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. M. H. Dodd, by the brethren of St. Bede Lodge, No. 1110, Jarrow, as a token of their appreciation of his services as W.M. during the year 1880-81. Oct. 26, 1881." Bro. Dodd was also presented with a Craftsman's collar and silver Past Master's jewel. Bro. Dodd, in suitable terms, returned thanks. There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 1505).**—The annual installation meeting of the above prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 27th ult., at 4 p.m., when there were present: Bros. Henry Coulson, W.M.; H. Morris, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; W. Quayle, P.M.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Callow, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; H. Foot, S.W., W.M. elect; H. H. Smith, J.W.; Matthew Strang, Sec.; P. Thomas, S.D.; W. Roan, J.D.; L. Kretchman, I.G.; W. Parry, S.S.; W. Foulkes, J.S.; T. Blundell, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; Ralph Croft, J. Worthy, John Little, John Lancaster, J. Cross, S. Woods, A. H. Allwood, A. McKenzie, J. Jones, B. E. Bailey, A. Peter, T. Walley, and others. Among the numerous visitors were: Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Thos. Clark, P.M. 673, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724, P.P.G.P.; Councillor Jos. Ball, W.M. 673; Councillor Edward Grindley, 1547; J. R. Digges, W.M. 1908, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Cheshire; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; A. D. Hesketh, I.P.M. 1182; R. K. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; Robertson, W.M. 1325; W. Ladyman, W.M. 1547; R. Warriner, P.M. 1547; Jos. Boyle, I.P.M. 823; Henry Trevitt, I.P.M. 724; G. Gordon, W.M. 724; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823 and 1325; Dr. A. Soldat, 1547; R. Ripley, J.W. 1547; S. J. Henochsberg, W.M. 1502; W. Newman, P.P.G.K.; J. Sewell, 216; E. M. Davis, 216; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Jos. Hosken, who was duly elected. The W.M. elect was presented to the retiring W.M. for installation by Bros. Morris, P.M., and Hocken, P.M., and Bro. Foot was installed into the chair of K.S. and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. Coulson, I.P.M.; H. H. Smith, S.W.; M. Strang, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, M.A., Chap.; J. F. Callow, P.M., Treas.; P. Thomas, Sec.; L. Kretchman, S.D.; W. Parry, J.D.; J. Hocken, P.M., M.C.; Wm. Foulkes, I.G.; John Little, A. H. Hallwood, and John Lancaster, Stwds. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's 18 carat gold jewel,

bearing a suitable inscription, the name and number being upon the bars in raised gold letters. Bro. Coulson, I.P.M., returned thanks in suitable terms.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of ninety, sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Chaplain, the House Steward. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., in responding on behalf of "P.G. Officers," said that it afforded him very great pleasure in being present to witness the success of the lodge, and that the standard of its members had been well kept up, and trusted the W.M. would have a happy and prosperous year of office. "The Healths of the W.M., Installing Master, P.M.'s," and other toasts followed, when a pleasant evening was brought to a close. Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, foremost among whom were Bros. J. P. Bryan, 1035; W. Quayle, 1325; C. Watterson, 1035; J. Muir, 824; and H. Ashmore, 823.

**HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 20th ult., at the Lion Hotel. Among those present were Bros. T. W. Ockenden, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. S.W., W.M. elect; J. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Secretary; Jessett, I.P.M.; Hiscox, S.D.; Moody, J.D.; F. Honeywell, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx. Hon. Organist; Tozer, W.S.; Davis, D.C.; J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx.; Francis, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey (hon. member); and Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx., Tyler. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. J. Baldwin, P.M. 1423, &c., P.P.G.P. Middx.; Groome, P.M. 86, 1162; Crump, P.M. 228; G. Wood, 615; Marvin, 1765; and Beauchamp, 1793.

The lodge having been opened at five, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was then commenced by the W.M. appointing Bros. W. Hammond, as S.W.; J. Hammond, as J.W.; Francis, as D.C.; and Jessett, as I.G. to assist him in the "work." W. Bro. Walls was then presented to the W.M. by the D.C., and duly inducted to the chair of K.S., the ceremony including the addresses being ably performed by the W.M. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Hiscox, S.W.; Moody, J.W.; W. Hammond, Secretary; Tozer, S.D.; Davy, J.D.; Bartlett, I.G.; F. Honeywell, Organist; Crofts, W.S.; Jackson, A.W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A letter from Bro. Hopwood, who was confined to his room by indisposition, having been read, his investment as Treasurer was deferred. Telegrams and letters of apology for non-attendance were also read from Bros. H. C. Levander, P.G.S. Middx.; C. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Kent, Errington, and others. Previously to the lodge being closed a vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Office for his services, and he was presented with the customary Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him at the previous meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was exceedingly well served by Bro. Ballard, mine host of ye Lion.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were given. Bro. W. Hammond responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was fluently and kindly proposed by the I.P.M. The W.M. having replied, then gave "The Installing Officer." This toast having been warmly received, Bro. Ockenden replied to the effect that he had been exceedingly gratified with the vote of thanks that had been passed to him in the lodge that day. He was the first initiate of the lodge, and also the first initiate to pass the chair. He had endeavoured during his career in the lodge to discharge his responsibilities as a Mason, and he was pleased to find that his humble efforts had been crowned with success. "The Visitors" followed, and gave Bros. Baldwin, Groome, and Marvin an opportunity of passing some very complimentary remarks upon the "working" of the lodge. "The Officers" was coupled with the names of Bro. Hiscox, S.W., who briefly replied. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was coupled with the names of Bros. Hurst and Jessett, who duly responded. The proceedings were agreeably enlivened by the musical abilities of Bro. Frank Honeywell and others.

**LIVERPOOL.—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).**—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there were present: Bros. T. Evans, W.M.; J. W. Bottomley, I.P.M.; Robt. Wylie, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Hugh Jones, S.W.; W. E. Coxon, J.W.; J. Lees, Treas.; J. Hughes, Sec.; T. W. H. Walker, S.D.; W. C. Cowell, J.D.; W. H. Rowlands, I.G.; J. Lewis, S.; C. Davis, S.; T. S. Berwick, Org.; and upwards of thirty members. Bros. James Keet, W.M. 1356; R. Reader, P.M. 292; M. Davis, J.W. 249; and J. C. Robinson, 249 (*Freemason*); being among the visitors.

The lodge was opened at 6.30 by Bro. R. Wylie, P.M., Bro. Fairclough acting as J.W. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. Williams, who was declared unanimously elected, and he being in attendance was regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the acting W.M. in a very impressive manner; the working tools being presented and explained by the acting J.W., and the charge delivered by the S.W. After the transaction of the usual business, the lodge adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Wylie, P.M., then called upon Bro. Bottomley, P.M., to read the following illuminated address to Bro. Robt. Fairclough, Past Warden of the Antient Briton Lodge, 1675, West Lancashire:—"Dear Sir and Brother,—We avail ourselves of the opportunity which your retirement from Liverpool offers to express to you the pleasure we feel, as members of the Antient Briton Lodge, in having been associated with you and witnessing the zeal you have displayed for the good of Freemasonry, especially in connection with this lodge, and the manner you have always endeavoured to promote that love and harmony which is characteristic of the Fraternity. We ask you to accept the accompanying ring as a token of respect, esteem, and regard, together with the assurance that, while we sincerely regret your absence from amongst us, you have our best wishes for your present and future prosperity and happiness in your extended sphere of occupation; and may the G.A.O.T.U. add his blessing.



Yours faithfully and fraternally—(signed)—Thos. Evans, P.M.; Robt. Wylie, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. R. Bottomley, I.P.M.; H. Jones, S.W.; W. E. Coxon, J.W.; John Lees, Treas.; John Hughes, Sec.; T. H. W. Walker, S.D.; W. C. Cowell, J.D.; W. H. Rowlands, I.G.; John Lewis, S.; and S. J. Hughes.—Bro. Wylie then presented a massive diamond ring to Bro. Fairclough, and asked the brethren to rise and drink his health. Bro. Fairclough, in responding, thanked the brethren for their valuable gift, and assured them that upon his return to London the address should have a prominent position in his new home, and that he should ever look back with pleasure and pride to his connection with the Antient Briton Lodge. "The Health of the W.M., P.M.'s, Officers, and Visitors" were then proposed and responded to. The address was designed and illuminated by Bro. Wm. Lowe, 833, and was very much admired as a work of art, the ring being supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

**SANDOWN.—Sandown Lodge (No. 1860).**—There was a large attendance at the meeting of this lodge on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the lodge-room, Wilkes Hall, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. R. Loveland Loveland as W.M., he having been again elected to fill the chair. The ceremony of installation was performed very effectively by Bro. F. Newman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who had very kindly filled the office of S.D. of the lodge during its first year. The W.M. appointed the following as officers for the year ensuing: Bro. L. H. Saunders, S.W.; J. Bunt, jun., J.W.; W. Garland, Treas.; R. Henry Cole, Sec.; R. Dampier Child, S.D.; T. E. Porter, J.D.; T. J. Nicholls, D.C.; A. J. Firth, I.G. and Org.; H. C. Rembridge, Steward; J. W. Bignell, Asst. Steward; and J. H. Gray, Tyler. After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, attached to the lodge, where a capital banquet was served by Bro. H. C. Rembridge, Steward.

The following were present at the meeting in addition to the lodge officers named: Bro. Rev. J. N. Palmer, 698, P.P.G.W.; J. R. Webber, P.M. 551; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M. 130, P.G.S.W.; A. Houston, P.M. 551, P.P.G.A. D.C.; A. Scott, W.M. 551, P.G.S.; H. M. Green, P.M. 804; A. J. Pound, 698; W. Quickfall, S.D. 1884; W. Judd, 1884; T. Kentfield, S.W. 131; C. Neill, J.W. 698; T. H. Clough, 551; Shilling, J.W. 1884; J. Bailey, Sec. 1884; F. Rayner, 1884; and E. Pritchard, 1869.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).**—The Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge, at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., on the 23rd ult. The chair was ably filled by Bro. W. Musto, P.M., the Preceptor of the lodge. The W.M. was supported by the following brethren: Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M., J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M., I.P.M.; I. P. Cohen, P.M., S.D.; T. Wooding, J.D.; and A. Abrahams, I.G.; The lodge was numerous attended, and the Sections were worked in a very satisfactory manner by the following brethren:

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| FIRST LECTURE.  |                            |
| 1st Section ... | Bro. Payne, Steward, 1278. |
| 2nd " ...       | Macgregor, J.D. 1445.      |
| 3rd " ...       | Cohen, W.S. 1421.          |
| 4th " ...       | Wooding, S.W. 1306.        |
| 5th " ...       | Barnes, P.M. 554.          |
| 6th " ...       | Cundick, P.M. 1421.        |
| 7th " ...       | Stephens, S.D. 1623.       |
| SECOND LECTURE. |                            |
| 1st Section ... | Bro. Stewart, 1278.        |
| 2nd " ...       | J. Taylor, J.D. 554.       |
| 3rd " ...       | Job, S.W. 1076.            |
| 4th " ...       | Cundick, P.M. 1421.        |
| 5th " ...       | Macgregor, 749.            |
| THIRD LECTURE.  |                            |
| 1st Section ... | Bro. Cohen, P.M. 1227.     |
| 2nd " ...       | Myers, P.M. 1445.          |
| 3rd " ...       | Barnes, jun., 554.         |

A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Musto was ordered to be recorded upon the minutes. Bro. W. J. Musto, 1349, and H. Freeman, 184, were elected members. Bro. Wooding was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 30th ult., and the lodge was closed.

**WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).**—The Fifteen Sections were rehearsed at a meeting of this lodge of instruction on Monday last, the 31st ult., when the lodge house, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, was the scene of a goodly muster of brethren. Bro. Walter Martin, J.D. of the Southwark Park Lodge, 879, presided, and was assisted by Bro. Griffin, P.M. 933 and 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, P.G.J.D. Kent, the Preceptor of the lodge, as I.P.M.; Bro. Millbourn, D.C. 13, Preceptor of the Temperance Lodge of Instruction, as S.W.; Bro. Hutchings, W.M. 147, S.W. 1531, Chaps. 79 and 548, as J.W.; Bro. Gloster, P.M. 1531, S.W. 1326, as S.D.; Bro. Cooper, 548, as J.E.; Bro. H. B. Taylor, 1531, as I.G.; and Bro. Gilbert, Stwd. 1531, Chap. 548, Hon. Sec.

The lodge having been opened in ancient form the working of the Sections was proceeded with as follows:

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| FIRST LECTURE.  |                       |
| 1st Section ... | Bro. Millbourn.       |
| 2nd " ...       | Griffin.              |
| 3rd " ...       | H. B. Taylor.         |
| 4th " ...       | Brown, P.M. 169.      |
| 5th " ...       | Davidson, P.M. 299.   |
| 6th " ...       | Davidson, P.M. 299.   |
| 7th " ...       | G. Andrews, P.M. 271. |
| SECOND LECTURE. |                       |
| 1st Section ... | Bro. H. B. Taylor.    |
| 2nd " ...       | Gibson.               |
| 3rd " ...       | Millbourn.            |
| 4th " ...       | G. Andrews, P.M.      |
| 5th " ...       | Davidson, P.M.        |
| THIRD LECTURE.  |                       |
| 1st Section ... | Bro. Hutchings.       |
| 2nd " ...       | Griffin.              |
| 3rd " ...       | Gibson.               |

The working on the the part of both the W.M. and the brethren was in every respect excellent, and their efforts obtained cordial recognition prior to the closing of the lodge, in the form of an unanimous vote of thanks. The arrangements for the reception of the numerous assemblage of the brethren were efficiently carried out under the supervision of the host of the White Swan, Bro. F. Morgan, who was

assisted by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Gibson, and by Bro. H. B. Taylor. This was the fifth occasion upon which Bro. Martin has presided at the working of the Fifteen Sections in the Wellington Lodge of Instruction.

**SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).**—The first meeting of this lodge in their new home, the Pheasant, Stangate, close to Astley's Theatre, was marked on Thursday last by a large attendance of brethren to assist in working the Fifteen Sections. The chair was taken by Bro. Preceptor Wise, P.M. 1158. Bro. A. Darch, W.M. 72, occupied the position of S.W., and Bro. Holloway, J.W. 1158, that of J.W. Amongst a number of good workers Bro. Walter Martin, 879, deserves special notice for his excellent delivery of some of the most beautiful illustrations. Bro. Walter Wood, S.D. 193, the Secretary proposed several brethren, who were unanimously elected joining members, and drew attention to the facilities for conveyance from the door of the lodge to all parts of London. Opening punctually every Thursday at 8 p.m., with officers most regular in attendance, South London brethren cannot fail to give to this lodge the encouragement it deserves.

**UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).**—The Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge on the 26th ult. Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275, was W.M. and was supported by Bros. J. Andrews, P.M. 1227, as S.W.; A. Clark, W.M. 1227, as J.W.; John Taylor, S.D.; Horley, J.D.; Pearcey, I.G.; A. W. Fenner, P.M. Preceptor and I.P.M. Bro. Moss was numerously supported, among those present were Bros. R. Defries, W. B. Ford, J. F. Dupree, W. Sergeant, T. E. Horley, A. M. Marks, D. Legg, T. Wooding, J. Stroud, C. Lorkin, J. Wilson, T. J. Barnes, P.M., I. P. Cohen, P.M., A. Leoffler, W. J. Bassett, A. Benabo, A. Marks, J. Siegenberg, A. G. Clements, C. Richmond, A. Turbfield, J. Pender, P.M., A. M. Ellingford, H. Cotter, P.M., J. H. Pringle, E. M. Money, A. P. Levy, J. T. K. Job, A. Greseke, Treasurer; C. J. Free, Sec.; G. H. Stephens, and others.

After due formalities the Sections were worked by the following brethren:—

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| 1st Section ... | Bro. J. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623. |
| 2nd " ...       | T. E. Horley, D.C. 1227.        |
| 3rd " ...       | R. W. Pearcey, 1227.            |
| 4th " ...       | T. Wooding, S.W. 1306.          |
| 5th " ...       | J. Taylor, J.D. 554.            |
| 6th " ...       | T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554.         |
| 7th " ...       | J. Andrews, P.M. 1227.          |
| 8th " ...       | A. Clark, W.M. 1227.            |
| 9th " ...       | C. Lorkin, J.W. 1524.           |
| 10th " ...      | J. Pinder, P.M. 1562.           |
| 11th " ...      | J. H. Pringle, I.G. 781.        |
| 12th " ...      | G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623.      |
| 13th " ...      | I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205.          |
| 14th " ...      | A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227.        |
| 15th " ...      | J. Taylor, J.D. 554.            |

At the conclusion of the working, votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Moss (also conferring the honorary membership upon him) and to the working brethren. Seventeen brethren were elected members of the lodge, and a highly successful meeting was brought to a close.

**FRIARS LODGE (No. 1349).**—The usual meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 20th ult., at Bro. J. H. Pavitt's hostelry, the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, Canning Town, E. The evening had been set apart for the working of the Fifteen Sections, under the presidency of the W.M. of the mother lodge. Bro. R. Durell was well supported, both as to numbers and ability, by the following brethren: Bro. W. Musto, P.M. and Preceptor, as S.W.; F. C. D. Fenn, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M., I.P.M.; G. H. Stephens, S.D.; Jones, J.D.; Bailey, I.G.; Willoughby, Loane, Pavitt, McGeorge, Cope, Tannahill, Rodham, Calver, W. J. Musto, J. Taylor, Stewart, W. H. Myers, P.M.; A. T. Ives, acting Secretary; and others. The Sections were capably rendered throughout, fully maintaining the character of this lodge for thorough working. The Sections were worked as follows:

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| FIRST LECTURE.  |                          |
| 1st Section ... | Bro. Loane, W.S. 1421.   |
| 2nd " ...       | Musto, P.M. 1349.        |
| 3rd " ...       | Loane, W.S. 1421.        |
| 4th " ...       | Myers, 860.              |
| 5th " ...       | Musto, P.M. 1349.        |
| 6th " ...       | Calver, 933.             |
| 7th " ...       | Cundick, P.M. 1421.      |
| SECOND LECTURE. |                          |
| 1st Section ... | Bro. Stewart, 1278.      |
| 2nd " ...       | F. C. D. Fenn, J.W. 171. |
| 3rd " ...       | Pavitt, S.D. 860.        |
| 4th " ...       | Musto, P.M. 1349.        |
| 5th " ...       | Stephens, J.D. 1623.     |
| THIRD LECTURE.  |                          |
| 1st Section ... | Bro. Stewart, 1278.      |
| 2nd " ...       | Taylor, J.D. 554.        |
| 3rd " ...       | Myers, P.M. 820.         |

Bros. W. J. Musto, 1349; Fenn, 171; Tannahill, 171; Calver, 933; and Jones, 193, were duly elected members of this lodge, and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., also the honorary membership of the lodge, in recognition of his eminent services rendered that evening. Bro. Durell having expressed his thanks for these marks of appreciation, returned his thanks to Bros. Musto, S.W., and Cundick, I.P.M., and all those brethren who had given him such valuable assistance in carrying out the duties of the evening. The lodge was duly closed in harmony.

**TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).**—The usual meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on the 24th ult. There were present: Bro. Brittain, W.M.; C. Kendall, S.W.; Hubbert, J.W.; T. Wooding, Preceptor; T. J. Barnes, P.M.; Treas.; B. Stewart, Sec.; Dance, Job, Cooke, Scheerboom, P.M.; Wheatley, Andrews, Austin, Moss, Davis, and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was ably worked (Bro. Scheerboom acting as candidate) by Bro. Brittain, this being the first occasion of his doing so in this lodge. Bro. Moss worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sections of the Lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. A vote of thanks, to be recorded upon the minutes, was unanimously passed to the W.M., Bro. Brittain, for the efficient working displayed.

Bro. Maud, S.W. of the mother lodge, was elected to the chair for the ensuing meeting, and the lodge was closed.

At the meeting held on the 31st ult., Bro. Maud was W.M., he being assisted by Bros. Clements, S.W.; Kendall, J.W.; Scheerboom, P.M., S.D.; Clarke, J.D.; Hubbert, I.G.; T. Wooding, Preceptor; Stewart, Sec.; Dance, Clarke, Magrath, Stephens, and others.

After due formalities, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Clarke acting as candidate. The ceremony of passing was afterwards worked. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the ceremony of closed down was very efficiently worked. Bro. Stephens worked the 4th Section of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. A well-deserved compliment was paid to Bro. Maud, the W.M., for his excellent working, a vote of thanks being unanimously accorded. As the period for working the Fifteen Sections is approaching, Bro. G. C. Stephens was unanimously invited to preside and work the Sections upon the fourth Monday in November, the 20th inst. Several names were given in to assist Bro. Stephens on that occasion, and the lodge was then closed, a most instructive and pleasant evening having been passed. Brethren seeking instruction would do well to pay this lodge a visit.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. A. C. Tanqueray, W.M.; Pocock, S.W.; Shaw, J.W.; Sudlow, Preceptor; J. D. Langton, Secretary; Stoddart, S.D.; Money, J.D.; Hallows, I.G.; Hobson, J. T. H. Saunders, W. S. Besant, J. T. Tanqueray, Steingraber, Davidson, Morriss, Chubb, Bué, Rosenthal Marshall, and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Bro. S. T. H. Saunders, acting as candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Sudlow worked the Second Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Steingraber was unanimously elected W.M. for the 10th inst., and Bro. Sudlow stated that Bro. Duret, P.M. 1233, had consented to act as Preceptor on those evenings when Bro. Sudlow could not attend. It was then proposed by Bro. Sudlow, seconded by Bro. J. T. Tanqueray, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Duret be elected honorary member of this lodge, which was then closed.

**CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on the 27th ult., when there were present: Bros. Cumming, W.M.; J. Rothschild, S.W.; T. W. Tillett, J.W.; Rest, S.D.; J. S. Fletcher, I.G.; Geo. H. Caldenwood, acting Preceptor; Harold Holliday, Hon. Sec.; and many other brethren. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which Bro. Cummings vacated the chair of K.S. in favour of Bro. Payn, who opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, and worked the ceremony of raising very impressively, Bro. Pratt being the candidate. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the W.M. elected for the ensuing week. Bro. Tillett, the W.M. designate, appointed his officers in rotation. Bros. Fletcher, Home, and Tillett were then chosen auditors for the past year, and other business having reference to the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Thursday, the 3rd inst., which is the night of the annual general meeting.

**Royal Arch.**

**UNION WATERLOO CHAPTER (No. 13).**—The regular meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, on the 26th ult., under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Capt. W. Weston, assisted by the following officers and companions: Comps. E. West, H.; H. Shaw, J.; E. Denton, P.Z., and P.P.G., P.S. Kent; W. Gamble, P.Z.; G. Kennedy, S.E.; J. Scott-Mutch, S.N.; J. Wilkins, P.S.; Lock, De Gray, W. B. Lloyd, J. 913; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others.

After the usual business of the chapter had been finished, the ballot was taken for Bro. G. Anderson, of Lodge 913, and the result proving unanimous, that brother was exalted to the Supreme Degree in excellent style. The election of Z. for the ensuing twelve months was then proceeded with, and Comp. West was unanimously chosen for that position. H. Shaw, as H.; J. Scott-Mutch, as J.; J. Wilkin, Scribe N.; and Lock, as P.S. The business of the chapter being finished it was closed, and the companions adjourned to Comp. De Gray's comfortable hostelry near the Dockyard Station, where they partook of a pleasant little supper. The only toast given was that of "The Exalte," and he briefly responded, and trusted to be worthy of the rank in Masonry conferred upon him. A comfortable and enjoyable evening was spent in conversation and social harmony.

**PATTISON CHAPTER (No. 913).**—The first convocation of the above chapter since the installation in July last took place on the 20th ult., at the Lord Raglan Assembly Rooms, Burrage-road, Plumstead, under the presidency of Comp. T. D. Hayes, M.E.Z., assisted by the following officers and companions: Comps. W. B. Lloyd, H.; Captain Eugene Sweny, J.; H. J. Butter, I.P.Z.; J. McDougall, P.Z. and P.P.G.S.B. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.G.S. Kent and Treas.; E. Denton, P.Z. and P.P.G.S. Kent; W. Musto, P.Z. and W.S.; W. Myers, P.Z. and D.C.; H. Pryce, Scribe E.; H. Mason, Scribe N.; R. Edmunds, 1st Asst. S.; T. R. Nicholson, W. Rees, D. C. Capon, G. Nichols, J. H. Roberts, G. Frost, R. Hewitson, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). Among the visitors were: Comps. W. Weston, M.E.Z. 13; G. Kennedy, Scribe E. 13; G. Tedder, 554; and W. Smith-Cox, 13.

The chapter having been duly opened and the companions admitted, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and then Bro. Francis George Bone, of St. James' Lodge, 765, was, with the full ceremonial, exalted to the Supreme Degree in grand style. The working was simply perfection, not a single hitch or break occurring through the whole of the long and elaborate ritual; and when it is remembered that this was the first effort of the Principals in their respective offices, and that Comp. R. Edmunds, with only a short notice, undertook the office of P.S., and did it admirably, it reflects the highest credit upon all concerned.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions partook of an elegantly served dinner, after which the various loyal and Arch toasts were honoured. In response to that of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Comp. Penfold, as representing Grand Chapter, said it was a great pleasure to be connected with it, and so to be brought intimately, as it were, closer to the excellent Masons who had the government of it, and had had with so much distinction for so many years past. The duties of a subordinate G. Officer were certainly not very light, but when they thought of the heavy and onerous duties so ably sustained by their noble Grand Superintendent, Lord Holmesdale, and Grand H., Comp. Eastes, it had but one effect, and that was to make every Mason in Kent feel for them, and express to them upon all such occasions as the present the highest esteem and admiration. (Applause). Comps. Denton and McDougall would bear him out that nothing seemed too hard or too heavy for the labour of love undertaken by those exalted Masons, the G.S. and G.H., and he thanked the M.G.T. and companions for their hearty reception of the toast. He then referred, in glowing terms, to the spontaneous response that greeted the proposal, made some time ago, to mark their sense of the esteem in which their Grand Superintendent was held in the province by a presentation to him, on his completing his twenty-one years as Grand Master of it, and to the grand result of that proposal, and with commendable pride stated that their lodge and chapter, the "Pattison," stood, by the amount of its subscription, at the head of the poll. (Cheers.) In their numbers and strength they were nearly, if not quite, at the summit of the hill, and the influence of the chapter was shown by the presence at their last installation of their G.H., Comp. Eastes, and G.S.C., Comp. Warno. He again thanked them for the toast. Comp. Butter, as I.P.Z., then, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z., Comp. Hayes." He felt great pleasure in proposing the toast for the second time, and more especially after the splendid manner in which the M.E.Z. had carried out the duties of his important office that night. They liked men with some bone in them, and in adding another "Bone" to their chapter, their M.E.Z. had shown that he had done and belovos too. (Cheers and laughter.) The excellent manner in which he (the M.E.Z.) had carried out the ritual, and had been so ably assisted by his officers, augured well for the future prosperity of the chapter. There was another thing that he wanted them to be especially hearty in drinking the toast to-night for, and that was that this was the anniversary of the day when Comp. Hayes first saw the light—not the light of Masonic knowledge, but the light of day. It was his birthday, in fact a double event, and he asked them to drink the toast with all the cordiality it deserved. (Cheers.) Comp. Hayes, in response, thanked Comp. Butter for the kindly manner in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and after reference to the "double event," expressed the desire he felt to be worthy of the prestige of the chapter, and the example set him by the excellent First Principal who had preceded him, else he felt, with his many duties outside, he must have resigned the office. He thanked them for the hearty support given him, and felt that while he had that support it would be an incentive to him to go on and endeavour to make the chapter worthy of the position it held in the province. (Applause.) The toast of "The Initiate" followed, and Comp. Bone suitably replied. In response to a cordial toast to "The Healths of Comps. Musto and Myers," the former, the most genial and energetic of Wine Stewards, and the latter, the pink of Directors of Ceremonies, Comp. Myers thanked the companions, and referred to a "Chapter of Improvement" at the east end of London, at which he would like to see some of the companions present. Comp. Musto said the toast was an unexpected honour. When he was appointed to office he said he would do his duty; they were the jury, and their verdict was in his favour. He was pleased to run about and look after the comfort of the companions, and would do all he could at any time for the prosperity of the chapter. (Cheers.) "The Second and Third Principals" were then toasted, and they returned thanks. "The Visitors" was responded to Comps. Weston, Kennedy, and Cox; and Comp. McDougall, P.Z., returned thanks for the toast of "The Past Principals." A well-deserved compliment was paid to Comp. Edmunds, for which he thanked the companions briefly, and then the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 28th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. The following members were present: Comps. E. Tyson, P.P.G.D.O., M.E.Z.; T. Atkinson, H.; G. Dalrymple, J.; W. B. Gibson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; W. F. Lamony, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; E. Clarke, S.N.; F. Hodgson, P.S.; J. Cooper, Org.; J. M. Salisbury, Janitor; and others.

The chapter having been solemnly opened, and the rest of the companions admitted, the minutes were read and confirmed. Three candidates were on the agenda for exaltation, but one only, Bro. B. Grey, 1267, was present, and he was regularly exalted to the Supreme Degree. The next business was the installation of Principals for the year, and Comp. R. Pearson, P.Z. 995, P.P.G. Reg. West Lancashire, was invited to perform the ceremony. The Principals installed and officers invested were: Comps. T. Atkinson, M.E.Z.; G. Dalrymple, H.; E. Clarke, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; J. F. Kirkconel, S.N.; F. Hodgson, P.S.; J. J. Braithwaite, 1st A.S.; G. Sparrow, 2nd A.S.; W. Bewlay, Treas.; J. Cooper, Org.; J. Casson, and C. Mossop, Stwds.; and J. M. Salisbury, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Principal for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony and after two candidates had been proposed for exaltation the chapter was solemnly closed. Subsequently the companions had tea together, after which the usual toast list was gone through.

**MANCHESTER.**—Affability Chapter (No. 317).—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when the following companions were present: Comps. William P. Norris, Z.; J. Howarth Clark, H.; Daniel Danbavand, J.; J. J. Lambert, S.E.; J. E. Steward, P.S.; J. W. Almond, 1st A.S.; Sydney Henson, Treas.; James Sly, Janitor; J. Dawson, P.Z.; W. F. Towle, P.P.G.P.S.; P.Z.; John Smethurst, P.Z.; John Bladon, P.Z.; W. R. Sower, P.P.S.; H. Walmsley, J. W. Edwards, Robert

Tomlins, C. Aldham, W. Nicholl, J. G. Elderton, J. R. Hillkirk, and R. R. Lisenden (Freemason.)

The chapter opened at six o'clock and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. At 6.30 the companions adjourned to tea, and re-assembled at 7.20 in the lodge room, and having no further business for transaction the chapter was closed in the usual manner.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—This chapter met for the despatch of business on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Among those present were: Comps. H. Ashmore, M.E.Z.; J. W. Ballard, P.Z., P.G.S.N., acting as H.; R. Warriner, J.; T. Shaw, P.Z.; R. Washington, P.Z.; and J. G. Hassall, P.S.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the names of Bros. Matthew Gotham, 823, and J. Lancaster, 724, were submitted to the ballot, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they being in attendance, as was also Bro. S. Outram, they were admitted and exalted to the Supreme Degree by the M.E.Z. After Bro. Gertrey, 823, had been proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, the chapter was solemnly closed and the companions partook of refreshment.

### Amusements.

**ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.**—This pleasant theatre reopened on Thursday week, with an audience crowded to the ceiling, many going away disappointed. Mrs. Kendal, who is popular alike with the public and playgoers, hardened or neophyte, it matters not which, perhaps received, if it were possible, owing to her recent indisposition, an extra warmth of sympathetic greeting, while the other zealous members of an excellent and distinguished company received their due share of a most friendly reception. The two pieces selected for the "re-opening," as it turned out very seasonably and judiciously, were the "Cape Mail" and "Home." The "Cape Mail" is an adaptation of "Jeanne qui pleure, Jeanne qui rit," and was originally, if we mistake not, brought out at the St. James's by Miss Herbert, under the name of the "Merry Widow," in a clever piece written by Leicester Buckingham. The present "Cape Mail" is a re-adaptation of a portion of the same play, by Clement Scott, and which has enabled Mrs. Kendal, supported by some most able assistants, to move her audience to tears. Indeed, one of the only effective hostile criticisms we have heard against that most real and "thorough" actress is that she "makes a fellar blubber." Probably at no period of her career did she more completely "bring down the house," many as have been her legitimate triumphs in this respect. "Home" is the adaptation by the late T. W. Robertson of Emile Augiers' well-known "Aventuriere." Like all that proceeds from that able writer, it is full of powerful contrasts, effective scenes, and touching episodes. The genuine wit which marks its satire, and the commingling of the pathetic and humorous, render it always pleasant to read and to see. All the characters were well "cast" and most realistically represented. Bro. Kendal greatly distinguished himself as Col. White; his acting was very fine, and those "nuances" of character which belong to his impersonation were most skilfully brought out. It is very gratifying to note how thoroughly and truly this accomplished actor has "come to the fore." Mr. Hare was, as usual, most effective as Mountraffe, and though some critics have found fault with the earlier scene of intoxication, the question fairly comes in whether the only fault can be really alleged is, that he was too realistic. It has always struck us as a weak excrescence on the play, and not really necessary; a "tour de force" which was beneath Emile Augiers' "strong hand." Miss Kate Bishop and Miss Maude Catchcart were very pleasant and pleasing impersonations, and great praise must be accorded to Mr. Wenman and Mr. T. W. Robertson. But Mrs. Kendal's acting was the consummation of acting "selon nous." We fancy we are repeating a truism, when we add that never was an audience alternately more delighted and more affected, more raised to smiles, more moved to tears. At one period, a most striking point, the silence was most oppressive, as if the audience was afraid to lose a single word of that clear voice and perfect intonation. When we add to this that the "mise en scene" was most carefully attended to, and the illusions of artistic effect never more striking, we have said enough to congratulate Messrs. Hare and Kendal on a most triumphant re-opening, and what we trust will be to them the beginning of a most successful and prosperous season.

**ROYAL COMEDY THEATRE.**—Bro. D'Albertson is to be congratulated on becoming acting-manager of this new and beautiful theatre—certainly adding to the attractions of London. It has been built for Bro. Alexander Henderson, from designs by Mr. T. Verity, F.R.I.B.A., and does the architect great credit. He seems to have built his name almost in the theatre, for it is quite the truth there are few theatres to come up to it. "La Mascotte" is a comic opera, adapted from the French, and need we say as most translations are, is far superior to the same piece playing in Paris just now. If the story has lost some of its plot in bringing it to suit Englishmen, it has gained in morals and lost none of its beauty. The scenery, dresses, &c., leave nothing to be desired. "La Mascotte" was originally intended for the Royalty, of which Bro. Alex. Henderson is also Lessee, and who intended producing a comedy on the stage of the Panton-street theatre. But it was found the Royal Comedy Theatre is not suitable for the comedy which was arranged, and an exchange of pieces therefore took place. Bro. Henderson claims for his new theatre "that though originally intended for the production of comedy, popularly so-called, will still, even in the adoption of opera as its speciality, justify its title." We must leave each one to judge for oneself as to this, remembering the poet who says, "What's in a name? A rose would smell as sweet by any other." Whatever title the theatre may have, its first production is attracting London society, and is likely to have as long a run as the managers like. We do not remember enjoying ourselves more at a comic opera than we did a few nights since. The principal character, *La Mascotte* (Miss Violet Cameron, an old favourite in London), is a country girl, whom the possession is luck for the possessor. She is sent to the farm of an uncle, *Rocco* (Mr. Haynes), who does not know the treasure he has got, and sends her away as of no use for milking cows and feeding poultry, because she is in love with *Pippo*, a shepherd (M. Gaillard),

and of course spends, or wastes, shall we say, a good deal of time in his company. Just as she is starting to go a letter is put in the hands of *Rocco*, which points out her value, and ends,

"If she loves whom she shall wed,  
Then the *Mascotte's* power is fled."

The farmer immediately requests her to stay, and says, "in future you shall do nothing on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; and on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays the same; and on Sunday you shall get prepared for Monday." But *Rocco* must get a stop put to the engagement, or her power will have fled if she marries him whom she loves. The *King Laurent XVII.* (Bro. Lionel Brough, the master of burlesque) happens to see the girl, and at once will have her brought to Court, and makes the farmer his Lord Chamberlain. Her lover, in the disguise of a travelling minstrel, finds her out when he comes to play before the Court, and prevails on her to fly with him. But the *King* finds it out and prevents it. But at last she escapes, and travels with peasants. The *King* and his chamberlain disguise themselves, one playing the bagpipes, and the other the flageolet, and pursue her, but too late, of course, she is wedded to *Pippo*. We have not space to enter into other details, but must be content to allude with much admiration to the acting of Bro. Lionel Brough, and Mr. Haynes, who bring roars of laughter by their drollery. The *Crown Prince of Pisa* (Mr. Henry Bracy) must be mentioned as singing the song "Love is blind," and receiving three encores. Miss St. Quentin is also herself in her character as the *Princess*, but we cannot help feeling disappointed—and we are not alone in that—that Miss Clara Graham should have such a poor part assigned to her. At the "Globe" she was a very popular actress, and one of the "props" of the house in farces, where she always took the leading part with great éclat. We ought to add the song "Glow, Glow," sung by Miss Gaillard, is received vociferously, and will, we suppose, shortly—as most pretty songs—be on the street organs and the whistle of every street-boy. A novelty has been introduced in the refreshment department from America, help yourself and pay sixpence. We ought to add all the photographs we have mentioned were taken instantaneously.

**VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.**—Last week we chronicled one of Bro. G. R. Sims' latest plays. We have now to introduce to our readers one by the same brother, certainly not less clever—"The Half-way House"—and which is as likely to have as great a run as the "Lights of London." It will be interesting to watch them; just now they are parallel. We were sorry not to find Mr. David James one of the company. He and Mr. Thorne, the lessees of the theatre, have been graphically described as the Siamese twins, so long have they been partners, both in the finance and the characters in the plays of the "Vaudeville." Most of our readers in London will recollect them in "Our Boys," a comedy which had an unprecedented run of almost three years. Mr. John Hope (Mr. Thorne), a retired florist, with a big heart and plenty of money, which he means to keep for himself and his daughter, having so often been taken in, has, of course, the leading character. Beck (Mr. Maclean), the landlord of the half-way house, is in difficulties, and has the broker's man (Mr. Lestocq) in his house. His landlord, the squire (Mr. Farren), is in the same plight, on a larger scale, in what is known as genteel poverty. He has mortgaged the estate heavily, and even mortgages his son Philip (Mr. Graham) by settling he shall marry an heiress; but Philip does not agree to this, and is in love with Miss Ivy Hope (Miss Alma Murray). The two young people are not only properly in love with one another, but are examples to their elders. The son Philip loves his mother, whom his father's sister has put into a private asylum; but he moves heaven and earth to release her, which he does, and brings true accusations against his aunt to her shame, and reconciles his father and mother. *Squire Hesseltime*, when he finds out his son's attachment for Miss Hope, requests her and her father to leave his house, where they are staying as guests, and accuses Ivy of entrapping his son. Mr. Hope being enraged at this, and not himself knowing of the engagement—which was kept from him for a proper motive—declares his daughter shall never see Philip again, and condemns the young man. But everything is amicably arranged by a meeting at the "Half-way House," where Philip has had his mother concealed under the care of Ivy, she having borne the reproach of having a locket with Philip's initials on it in her possession when it belonged to his mother, whom she was taking care of. Mr. Hope, in finding out the whole circumstances, commends their conduct, of course giving his consent to the union of Philip and Ivy, and for her dowry releases the *Squire*, Philip's father, of his financial difficulties. The *Squire* give his consent for having his wife restored to him through the young peoples' instrumentalities. We never admired on the stage a character so much as we do Philip Hesseltime's. We wish there were in real life more such candid, genial, loving men, who would not do a bad action and are always going about doing good ones. We have always maintained that some plays are better than some sermons. Miss Ella Strathmore plays in the piece, and two farces before and after the "Half-way House," and with Miss Kate Phillips and Miss Alma Murray is very attractive. All the parts are exceedingly well sustained.

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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#### BIRTHS.

**CAMPBELL.**—On the 29th ult., at 25, Charles-street, Berkeley-square, the wife of the Hon. A. Campbell, Scots Guards, of a son.

**FORRESTER.**—On the 31st ult., at Beckenham, Kent, the wife of Mr. Frank W. Forrester, of a daughter.

#### MARRIAGE.

**MCCLEINTOCK—ALEXANDER.**—On the 19th ult., at Charlync, Bridgwater, Robert McCleintock, of Dunmore, county Donegal, to Jessie McLeod Alexander, daughter of Mr. C. W. W. Alexander, Lahore.

#### DEATHS.

**BROWNE.**—At Warkworth, aged 81 years, General Walter John Browne, C.B., Bombay Army.

**KEILY.**—On the 27th ult., at 41, Norfolk-road, Brighton, Bro. Frederick Keily, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Treas. Middlesex, aged 50.



**Masonic and General Tidings.**

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. A report will appear in our next.

Bros. the Lord Mayor-Elect, Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Sheriff Ogg will attend the master and wardens' inauguration dinner of the Makers of Playing Cards' Company on Monday, December 12th next, at the Guildhall Tavern, Mr. Baldwin Latham, C.E., in the chair.

A short time ago the French Government transmitted through Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., the handsome large bronze medal of the International Exposition, with a diploma of honour, to all the soloists who took part in the concerts given at the Trocadero in July, 1879, by Mr. Henry Leslie and Mr. Arthur Sullivan, both of whom had also received the gold medal, when the jury unanimously awarded the prize in the international competitions to the English choir. The official recognition has been received with the greatest satisfaction by all concerned.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon and Countess of Carnarvon left Highclere Castle on Monday for Hallam's Hotel, Albemarle-street, where they will probably remain for about a week, and then proceed to Pixton Park. Bro. Lord Carnarvon disposed of his house in Bruton-street several months since, and has not yet purchased a town residence in its place.

Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips was present at the Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 27th ult., where he met with a very cordial reception.

A series of original papers, under the editorship of Bro. Sir Julius Benedict, will shortly appear in *Musical Education*, dealing with the course of musical training and general arrangements for students at the various foreign conservatoires.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson presided at the second meeting this season of the City Glee Club, which took place at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Tuesday evening last.

On and after Wednesday, the 9th inst., the meetings of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, will be held at the Cork Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30 p.m.

Bro. W. H. Jones on Monday applied for the renewal of the dramatic licence of the Alexandra Palace, and the Edmonton magistrates (Mr. Abbiss presiding) granted it.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, held at the Moorgate, Moorgate-street, on the 17th inst., by the Preceptor, Bro. George King, P.M. Old Concord Lodge.

Bro. Alderman Knight has returned from his visit to America, which extended over three months, during which time he visited most of the important cities in the States, and passed through some of the finest scenery. He was much impressed with the canons of the Platt and Arkansas Rivers, Colorado, and with the grandeur of the Yosemite Valley and the giant trees of Mariposa. The Alderman was everywhere received with great cordiality, and splendid hospitality was abundantly afforded him on all sides. The American people appeared to be so gratified with the kindness shown them by the Queen on the occasion of the death of their President, that words failed to express their feelings of regard towards Her Majesty and nation. We regret to add that the Alderman on his return to New York was taken seriously ill with peritonitis, &c., which confined him to his bed for ten days. Although he has been enabled to reach home, he is still far from recovered, and his physicians enjoin absolute rest and quiet. It is not likely therefore that he will be able to return to his duties for some little time.—*City Press*.

Bro. P. Soman, proprietor of the *Norwich Argus*, has been appointed Provincial Grand Steward of Norfolk, by Bro. Lord Sulfield, Provincial Grand Master.

The lease of Bro. Crowden's premises in Falcon-square terminating in December next, he is now erecting spacious warehouses, styled Falcon House, Southwark-street, to which address all communications must be sent after December 17th.

A meeting of the West Lancashire brethren was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 4th inst., for the appointment of officers, sub-committees, and fixing night for a ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts passed through Paris on his way to Madras, and called on Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the Hotel Bristol, on Saturday.

**PUBLIC HALL, CLACTON-ON-SEA.**—The above premises have changed hands within the past few days, and Bro. Wm. Wrench Towse has now become the proprietor, and we understand intends to give his personal attention to all matters in connection with the carrying out of the desire of the directors of the company, who have laid out a large sum of money with the view of affording a place of amusement for the residents as well as the visitors. Some addition has been made already in the number of newspapers, books, &c., in the reading-room; the London papers being represented by the *Times*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Standard*, *Freemason*, *City Press*, *Punch*, *Graphic*, &c., and most of the county papers, together with the leading railway time tables and other books of reference will be found in the building. It is intended to obtain as much information for the general public as possible, so that it may become a place of reference. It is also hoped penny readings may be arranged for. Messrs. Towse Brothers' offices as land, house, and insurance agents, are also at the Public Hall.

Bro. Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.P., is one of the Treasurers of the Emergency Committee, which has been formed in London in connection with the Emergency Committee in Dublin.

£20 TO £500.—**TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.**—A pamphlet; how to open respectably from £20, post free. Address H. Myers and Co., 103L, Euston-road, London; and at Birmingham. Established 1855. Wholesale only.

Bro. Lord Ebrington is a candidate for the representation of Tiverton in Parliament.

The Bowyers' Company have contributed the sum of £105 to the funds of the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education.

The discovery of what is supposed to be an infernal machine, loaded with dynamite, has been made at the Masonic Hall, Dingwall, N.B.

At the quarterly meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee held on the 28th ult., it was decided to build an additional dining room at a cost not exceeding £300, exclusive of furniture. Bro. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.D., has been appointed the architect.

A banquet of the Library Committee of the Corporation will be held at the Guildhall Tavern on Monday to meet the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Sheriff Ogg.

In response to an appeal from Grand Master, Bro. Arthur M. Clark, of Michigan, the lodges of Pennsylvania are liberally contributing to the needs of their Michigan brethren who are sufferers from the late desolating fire in that jurisdiction, by which hundreds of our brethren are to-day homeless and penniless.

The series of popular lectures which Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson has undertaken to deliver, at the instance of the Ladies' Sanitary Association, at Exeter Hall, was continued on Saturday last, the subject for explanation being "The Brain and its Structure."

Bro. the Earl of Fife, K.T., has been appointed by Her Majesty's Government to go on a special mission to Dresden to invest His Majesty the King of Saxony with the Order of the Garter. His lordship will be accompanied by the suite usual on such occasions. The mission will not leave until after Christmas.

Lady Brassey has promised a donation of 100 guineas to a fund for establishing a Seaman's and General Hospital at North Shields, on condition of St. John Ambulance Association being attached.

We regret to announce the death of that well known brother, Frederick Keily, P.M. 1293 and 1597, P.Z. 214, P.P.G. Treas., Middlesex, which sad event took place on the 27th ult., at his residence 41, Norfolk-road, Brighton.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft (Treasurer of Christ's Hospital) has raised the reward for his missing "Monarch of the Meadows" to £300; and, with a view to inform the public of the nature of the wanted painting, an outline sketch is appended to the letterpress.

We regret to learn that Bro. the Marquis of Donegall, P.G.M. Antrim, whose bodily powers have been failing for some weeks, is now in such a condition at Hamstead, near Newbury, that much anxiety is felt as to the result.

Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts, before his departure for India, visited the studio of Bro. A. Bassano (Robert Burns, 25), in Old Bond-street, to see the picture the latter has just completed in oils of the distinguished Afghan hero. We have been favoured with a private view of it. Bro. Sir Fredk. Roberts is in the full-dress uniform of a major-general, with the dress-sword presented to him with the freedom of the City of London. It is a life-size picture, and, what is more, is a life-like picture. The general and all his friends consider it a most admirable picture. We were shown an autograph letter from Sir Frederick Roberts, from which we have made a quotation: "I think the large oil painting you have done of myself most successful. The likeness is good. Lady Roberts thinks the picture very characteristic." It is not always the ladies are so well pleased, for they set up an ideal for themselves, and if a picture is not up to it they condemn it. On the breast are the decorations which our distinguished brother has so well earned. The painting would well suit a Masonic Hall or mess room. There is also a good likeness of the late Mr. Montefiore, son of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore. Bro. Bassano will be pleased, we are sure, to show the picture to any of our readers who may like to call.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., and Alderman Staples, F.S.A., have recently become vice-presidents of the City Churchyard Protection Society, to which we alluded in an issue a few weeks ago.

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland was installed W.M. of the Sandown Lodge, 1869, on Thursday, the 20th ult., for the second time, at the lodge-room, Wilkes Hall, Sandown. Bro. F. Newman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., was the installing Master.

Bro. Lord Bandon, Custos Rotulorum for the county of Cork, presided at a meeting of magistrates on Saturday last, in the Grand Jury room, Cork, for the purpose of taking steps to give support to the Government in maintaining law and order in the county.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey presided at the General Committee meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday last.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, commencing at seven o'clock sharp. The chair will be taken by Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, who will be assisted by Bros. W. H. Boswell, P.M. 1339, S.W.; E. Cocks, S.W. 1339, J.W.; and Cockburn, 1339, I.G. The Sections will be worked as follows:

<b>FIRST LECTURE.</b>	
1st Section ...	Bro. A. G. Boswell, 1339.
2nd " ...	" G. Cooper, 1381.
3rd " ...	" E. M. Appleton, 1381.
4th " ...	" C. Taylor, J.W. 1624.
5th " ...	" F. Pincott, 1686.
6th " ...	" H. Landfield, P.M. 87.
7th " ...	" J. Matz.
<b>SECOND LECTURE.</b>	
1st Section ...	Bro. J. Plowman, 975.
2nd " ...	" E. Ayling, J.W. 975.
3rd " ...	" W. Palmer, 1381.
4th " ...	" W. H. Boswell, P.M. 1339.
5th " ...	" H. Moss, 1339.
<b>THIRD LECTURE.</b>	
1st Section ...	Bro. J. Cockburn, 1381.
2nd " ...	" Foot, 1339.
3rd " ...	" Woodrow, 1339.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has presented Mr. Edgar Bruce, manager of the Colonel Company, who played before the Queen at Abergeldie last month, with a scarf pin of onyx surmounted with brilliants, in memory of the occasion. Mr. Bruce has also been presented by the company with a handsome clock in memory of the same event.

The installation meeting of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, will be held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, this day (Saturday), at three o'clock, when Bro. W. H. Gosdall, S.W., will be installed W.M.

Bro. Caubet, representative of the Grand Lodges of Ohio and Missouri to the Grand Orient of France, has been appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

Bro. A. Stavely Hill, O.C., M.P., and Mrs. Stavely Hill have returned to town from their tour through Canada.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "The House of Lords" to the Gladstone Club, 1113, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, on Wednesday last; and also on "Paris and the Parisians" (in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Association), at St. Saviour's Lecture-hall, 419, Oxford-street, on Tuesday last, when Major-General Lowry, C.B., presided.

In the afternoon of the 2nd day of November, 1880, a party of gentlemen sat in a room on Tremont-street, overlooking Boston Common, indulging in friendly conversation, which included among the topics discussed the result of the Presidential election. The question of the personal appearance of James A. Garfield was raised, which one of the gentlemen answered by saying that he had seen him in Washington on a certain occasion, and proceeded to describe him by comparison with another of the party, saying that the President elect was the taller. This description not being satisfactory it was decided to ascertain the facts, and a secretary was selected to do the work. The gentlemen interested, all Masons, and, indeed, all Past Masters, were: Albert A. Folsom, John L. Stevenson, Albert L. Richardson, Samuel Creech, jun., John H. Lakin, Thomas Waterman, and Alfred F. Chapman, the last being secretary. Accordingly, on November 4th, a brief note was sent to Mentor, Ohio, making enquiry, and in due time the writer received a cabinet photograph portrait, with the familiar and well-known signature, "J. A. Garfield," at the bottom, and on the back the desired information, as follows: "Height, 5 ft. 11 3/4 in., weight 210 lbs., age 49." The envelope bears the inscription "West Mentor, Ohio, Nov. 16th, 1880." It is needless to add that the portrait was pleasantly commented on by all interested, and that the genial character, who amid the trial and turmoil of political cares could thus turn aside to gratify a friendly curiosity, incited a warmer glow of affection for him in their breasts, and a deeper personal sorrow at his death. The portrait is now among our choicest treasures and prized beyond expression.—*The Liberal Freemason*.

Bro. William Walford offers himself for reelection as representative for the Ward of Aldersgate, in the Court of Common Council.

The "Cable" Chapter, which is appropriately attached to the "Anchor" Lodge, was consecrated at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday last.

Bro. Lord Hartington will address meetings of his constituents at Blackburn on November 26th, and at Nelson on December 3rd.

Bro. Alderman Ellis, the Lord Mayor-Elect of London, was presented on Wednesday to the Lord Chief Justice of England, who acted for the Lord Chancellor. Lord Coleridge intimated that the choice of the citizens had met with the full approval of her Majesty.

The Fifteen Sections were worked in La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 26th ult., as follows:

<b>FIRST LECTURE.</b>	
1st Section ...	Bro. J. Hurdell, S.D. 1348.
2nd " ...	" J. Elvin, D.C. 538.
3rd " ...	" T. E. Cooper, P.M. 538.
4th " ...	" E. Child, W.M. 538.
5th " ...	" J. C. Smith, Org. 1744.
6th " ...	" E. Carlstone, 733.
7th " ...	" J. Ash, P.M. 179.
<b>SECOND LECTURE.</b>	
1st Section ...	Bro. G. A. Cundy, S.W. 901.
2nd " ...	" J. Skinner, J.W. 538.
3rd " ...	" J. Hemming, 1287.
4th " ...	" J. Paul, 1287.
5th " ...	" J. Hurdell, S.D. 1348.
<b>THIRD LECTURE.</b>	
1st Section ...	Bro. L. G. Langdon, I.G. 538.
2nd " ...	" System, 1744.
3rd " ...	" W. H. Richardson, 1348.
	J. Hurdell, S.D. 1348, Preceptor.

At the conclusion, Bro. W. H. Richardson was elected an honorary member of the lodge, in recognition of the able manner in which he had worked the Sections.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, at a meeting in the Chapter House of St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, urged the use of unfermented wine at Communion because it was harmless. A physician's room was often a confessional, and hardly a month passed away without his being consulted on this question, the persons fearing to take the Communion because of the fermented wine which was used.

The Dowager Countess of Mount Edgcumbe, mother of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, died on Thursday morning at Mount Edgcumbe. The deceased lady was the daughter of the late Rear-Admiral Charles Fielding, and married the late Earl of Mount Edgcumbe on Dec. 6, 1831.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, November 12, 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, NOVEMBER 5.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic.
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, NOVEMBER 7.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
188, Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
256, Unions, F.M.H.
1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
1853, Caxton, F.M.H.
1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley.
Chap. 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

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 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, S.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
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, NOVEMBER 8.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
180, St. James' Union, F.M.H.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1196, Urban, F.M.H.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers' F.M.H.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.
1668, Samson, 38, Regent-st.
1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

- Gen. Com. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
11, Enoch, F.M.H.

- Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
15, Kent, F.M.H.
87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Hot., St. John's Wood.
1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
1503, Francis Burdett, Albany, Hof., Twickenham.
1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

- Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

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 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
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 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Canon-st. Hot.
91, Regularity, F.M.H.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
534, Polish National, F.M.H.
657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-road, W.
1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury H.
1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-h.
1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, E. Finchley.
1791, Creton, F.M.H.
1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Chap. 140, St. George's, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
538, Vane, F.M.H.
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-cr., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
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 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
157, Bedford, F.M.H.
177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 198, Croydon, 105, High-st., Croydon.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
1328, Granite, F.M.H.
1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
1446, Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hot., Lon.B.
1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star & Garter, Kew B.
1686, Paxton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Mark 234, Brixton, S.M.H., Camberwell.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, November 12, 1881.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
1490, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Lion, M.R., Birkenhead.
Prince Arthur L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Wittington.
1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.R., Grange-over-Sands.

- Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
477, Mersey, M.R., Birkerhead.
780, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., L'pool.
1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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