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We have great pleasure in announcing, as will be seen by an official communication elsewhere, that his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, will preside at the Festival of the Girls' School in 1882.

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A most important meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Wednesday last, with reference to the alteration of the rules. We shall call special attention to it next week.

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At a recent lecture on "Secret Societies," a Rev. HELY HUTCHINSON thus spoke of Freemasonry. "It might be objected that his remarks might apply equally to the Masonic Brotherhood. He was not a Mason, but he knew that Freemasonry was not a conspiracy. It described itself as 'founded on the practice of social and moral virtue.' Its watchwords were 'Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.' It was a friend of order, and upheld the constituted authority and laws of the realm, and the testimony of centuries had proved that its fruits were as beneficent as its object was benevolent." These are just and befitting words from a non-Mason. It is both amusing and interesting for the student of the past to note, not only how "history repeats itself," but how often the "engineer is hoist with his own petard." Hardly a day passes, (as in some curious correspondence in India, which we have asked the Editor to publish in the December or January number of the "Masonic Magazine,"—too long for our columns), but that we read of virulent Ultramontane attacks on Freemasonry as a "Secret Society." And yet the organization of the Jesuits is the *greatest* "Secret Society" in the world, with its *mysterious Fourth Degree*; and the "Illuminati," the most pernicious and destructive society which ever existed, was formed clearly on the "Jesuit lines" by WEISHAUP, a Roman Catholic Professor of Canon Law at Ingoldstat, and a quondam disciple of the Jesuits, though he left them and denounced them later.

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THE Earl of MAR, in the place of Sir MICHAEL SHAW STEWART, who has ruled over the Scottish Grand Lodge with singular dignity and effect, has been elected unanimously G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Sir ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL was also elected D.G.M., and Bro. R. F. SHAW STEWART Substitute G.M.. The Earl of HADDINGTON and the Earl of BREADALBANE, Senior and Junior Wardens, the Rev. J. BARCLAY and the Rev. W. TULLOCH G. Chaplains, Major CROMBIE S.G.D., and the Marquis of TWEEDDALE J.G.D. We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Scotland on its present position of prestige and prosperity.

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THE letter of our esteemed Bro. HUGHAN, which appeared in the last *Freemason*, will be read by all Masons, both in England and Quebec, with feelings of admiration and approval. Practically, our worthy and able brother endorses the same "deliverance" we felt bound to make on this difficult subject, if in different form. We had to deal with the "correspondence" as a "whole," and with its possible and probable effect on the English Masonic mind. We may be right or wrong in the opinions we formed and the views we expressed on the substantial merits of the case; but those who know us best can answer that we write *honestly*, and, while with every good feeling to our brethren in Quebec and Bro. GRAHAM, their distinguished G.M., we yet believe it to be our duty, for which we are responsible to the Craft, to uphold and to defend the rights of English lodges, and the dignity and prestige of the Grand Lodge of England—always fair dealing and considerate. We do not hesitate to add the expression of our conviction, that if the G.M. and Grand Lodge of Quebec are wise in their generation, and accept the friendly suggestions of our GRAND SECRETARY, the matter will, and must, eventually, we think it is quite clear, "settle itself." But if, by hasty measures, or regrettable manifestation of needless energy, on the part of our Brethren of Quebec, the English Grand Lodge becomes involved in a contest, not of its own seeking, matters will become still more complicated, and the ultimate peaceable and amicable settlement of this jurisdictional controversy will be inevitably postponed during our time and generation. Surely, if now the old adage is made good and true, "Verbum sat sapienti," and, therefore, we call Bro. GRAHAM'S attention, specially and thoughtfully, to the two-fold representation of the undoubted mind of English Freemasons, which we have been privileged to put forth in the *Freemason*.

A reflection came over us on November 5th, (Gunpowder Day,) which we think it well to communicate to our readers, "quantum valet." It is this, that Time, "edax rerum," as the old poet has put it, seems to carry away on its oblivious and yet destructive stream the memories and the struggles, the crimes and conspiracies of men. We are told however by the "Press" that this last 5th of November was a very "lively" day—one of the "most lively for years," spent as it is, as most of us know in scenes and episodes partly farcical, partly "saturnalian." If we to day, remembering the passionate reprehension of the loyal English people which that great pre-dynamite crime of nearly 300 years ago unanimously evoked, and which is still represented in grotesque proceedings and childish horseplay, giving the police much trouble, we repeat, we may well not pass over in silence this somewhat peculiar anniversary of national feeling as a protest against hurtful conspiracies, secret societies, and unbridled fanaticism. For, keeping before us the farther fact that the "outcome" of that mournful incident still lingers in popular ballads and black letter treatises, or that curious literature of indignant attack and Jesuitical defence, which may be found on the shelves of the bibliophilist, and at the same time realizing that some time ago a quasi sort of defence, even apology, was put forth by a Roman Catholic writer for GUY FAWKES and his "merry men" all, we are warranted in repeating the "truism" with which we commence this short article, despite such passing "effervescence." Yes, Time spares none of us; the annals of kings or the records of peoples; and we to-day, who look back on the past, even now are still partial in our judgment, as we fear, in our estimate of the past, inasmuch as "Time" seems to wrap up all men and things in its "darker pall of forgetfulness and uncertainty." The lesson we are to learn, we think, is a message of "toleration,"—that great Masonic truth,—and which bids us, while adhering to what we ourselves believe and know to be the truth, "even to the death," like the "four faithful Craftsmen of old," never to let go our own nobler Masonic sentiment of toleration for the religious convictions, for the different and differing views of others, and, above all, ever to manifest an absolute horror of the "debasement practice of persecution for conscience sake," by whomsoever initiated, by whomsoever carried out.

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WE note that the National Portrait Gallery has been recently enriched by pictures of two old Grand Masters, H.R.H. the DUKE OF KENT, and H.R.H. the DUKE OF SUSSEX. The DUKE OF KENT was Grand Master of the "Antient" and "Athol Masons"; the DUKE OF SUSSEX was Grand Master of the so-called "Moderns," the Grand Lodge of 1717. The happy union between the two bodies took place, as most of our readers well know, in 1813. But it is not generally realized, that Her Gracious Majesty the QUEEN being the only daughter of a brother—H.R.H. the DUKE OF KENT, the Grand Master of the Antients—has special claims on our Masonic sympathy and loyalty. Three of her sons and her son-in-law, the Imperial Crown PRINCE OF GERMANY, are also all Freemasons.

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THE progress of cheap literature is very remarkable, so much so that it almost amounts to a "revolution." Lady BRASSEY published the "Voyage of the Sunbeam," with illustrations, at the price of sixpence, a short time back; and now Sir THEODORE MARTIN, through SMITH and ELDER, and with the special sanction of the QUEEN, issues his valuable life of the late Prince Consort, originally published at about four pounds, for the hitherto unheard of price of two and sixpence—five parts at sixpence a part. What effect such a movement on our contemporary literature will have remains to be seen. The *Times*, in a striking "leader" on the subject, seems to anticipate that one result will be an international copyright between the United States and England. But the question is one admittedly which has two sides; and one, too, on which a great deal may be said from the very opposite points of the "compass." We shall see, and appreciate we think, the kindly and benevolent motives which have permitted such a cheap issue of readable and remarkable works, and shall be ready to acknowledge that their value as "Educators" of thousands of eager readers cannot be over estimated. Lady BRASSEY'S work has already reached a sale of 100,000. How far, however the prices of our general literature will be affected by such exceptional publication, as we said before, remains to be seen.

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WE are glad to be able, with these facts before us, to raise another protest against that ignoble profanation of our common literary inheritance carried on in the abbreviation and evisceration of the great works of dead authors, or of those whose copyright has expired by efflux of time. Such acts of misapplied ingenuity constitute a very serious impeachment on the tastes and temper of contemporary "litterateurs," and, above all, of our own reading generation. We can only hope that they will be thoroughly unsuccessful, as not only are they a "fraus pia" in themselves, but are a manifest evidence of some prevailing characteristics of the hour, of that tendency to manifest "Egoism," which seem to underlie, to its present weakness and eventual

discredit, much that appeals in sensational fervour to the inexperience of the young or the morbid tastes of the old.

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ALL our readers will rejoice to hear that our eminent and benevolent brother, Professor ERASMUS WILSON, P.G.D., has received the honour of knighthood from Her Majesty the Queen. This recognition of his patriotic zeal and philanthropic efforts is thoroughly well merited, and the fact will give great satisfaction to all his "brethren in Masonry."

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THE artistic tastes of various members of our Royal Family, especially Her MAJESTY'S daughters, have long been a source of deep admiration and just pride to all classes of our English people. H.R.H. Princess BEATRICE, not behind her elder accomplished sisters, has graciously permitted Messrs. SMITH and ELDER, as by their announcements, to issue a "birthday book," as illustrated by herself. We rejoice to note the fact, and record it in the pages of the *Freemason*.

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OUR readers will note that at the installation meeting of the "Lodge of Asaph," mainly composed of brethren of the musical and dramatic profession, Bro. Herr MEYER LUTZ, the composer, has been elected as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, and was duly installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. CHARLES WELLARD, to whom a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the lodge.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The general Committee of this Institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present: Bros. Richard Tyrrell, the Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Donald M. Dewar, Alfred Williams, William Mann, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. F. Matier, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., Leopold Ruf, W. Maple, S. Rosenthal, F. Adlard, W. H. Saunders, George Motion, W. Paas, George Cooper, John L. Mather, F. Binckes, Sec., and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the report of the Audit Committee was read, received and adopted, and as by this report it was found that a balance of more than £2000 would remain after all claims had been discharged, it was resolved to purchase £1000 of stock. The above mentioned balance of over £2000 was exclusive of £500 which was ordered to be transferred from the General Fund to the Sustentation Fund, and of £105 given nearly two years ago by Capt. Wordsworth, of Leeds, towards a Preparatory School Fund, which was then first proposed, and which now having assumed a distinct form, by the resolution of the last Quarterly Court of October, has now a separate account opened at the London and Westminster Bank. The brethren ordered Capt. Wordsworth's 100 guineas to be transferred to this account.

Five new candidates were placed on the list for next election, and outfits were granted to four former pupils of the Institution.

The draft agreement with Grand Lodge for the occupation by the Institution of the new offices was read, and referred to the solicitor of the Institution.

The Committee then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, V.P. Grand Treasurer, in the chair. The other brethren present were: C. G. Dilley, John Bulmer, Charles Godtschalk, Richard Hervé Giraud, C. A. Cottebrune, Thomas Cubitt, Thomas W. C. Bush, Charles Lacey, William Stephens, Charles John Perceval, George Jones, John G. Stevens, G. Bolton, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, S. Rawson, Raynham W. Stewart, C. H. Webb, J. A. Farnfield, C. G. Rushworth, John L. Mather, J. R. Gallant, Charles Daniel, E. F. Storr, J. J. Berry, and James Terry, Secretary.

The Secretary reported that the death of three annuitants had taken place since last meeting.

The agreement for the tenancy of the new offices, draft of which was read by Bro. Terry, was approved of; and the report of the Committee appointed at last meeting to consider the proposed alterations in the laws of the Institution was read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for annuities coming due to the amount of some £3000, and the Secretary was authorised to give notice to the bank to transfer £2000 from deposit to current account.

Nine candidates were afterwards placed on the list for next election.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

A special meeting was afterwards held to consider the alterations in the Laws of the Institution.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 3rd inst., the Grand Master Mason, Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, on the throne. Bro. Major Crombie, J.G.D., acted as S.G.W.; and Bro. W. Officer as J.G.W. The Grand Master was supported by Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Dep. G.M.; Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., Sub. G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Kinnear, G. Cashier; Rev. James Barclay, G. Chap.; Andrew Kerr, G. Architect; J. S. Matheson, G. Jeweller; H. Y. D. Copland, G. Swd. Br.; G. Fisher, G. Bible Br.; Major Hills, James Caldwell, Alexander Hay, Dr. Falconer, James Turner, and others.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Earl of Haddington, J.G.W.; R. F. Shaw Stewart, S.G.W.; James T. S. Elliot, jr. of Wolfelee; F. A. Barrow, P.G.W.; G. F. R. Colt of Gartsherrie; William Hay, P.G. Architect; and others.

Bro. Caldwell presented his commission as representative from the Grand Lodge of Wyoming. A vidimus was submitted of the income and expenditure for the quarter ending 22nd October, which showed an income of £627

and an expenditure of £416, leaving a balance of £211. There had been during that period nearly 800 entrants to the Craft. Another quarterly statement showed that during the three months ending 26th ult., the Committee on the Fund of Masonic Benevolence had made grants to the amount of about £110. Presents, being reports of their proceedings, were received with thanks from the Grand Lodges of Nevada, Sweden, Prince Edward Island, Belgium, National Mother Grand Lodge of Prussia (The Three Globes), New York, Tennessee, and Massachusetts. It was unanimously resolved to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the widow of Bro. General Garfield, late President of America. Charters were ordered to be issued in favour of the following new lodges: Wairu, Blenheim, New Zealand; Southern Cross, Alexandria; Sir Colin Campbell, Balmain; and Concord, Albury, New South Wales. A petition was submitted from the promoters of the reposal of the Lodge Carron, 139, stating that they had utterly failed to obtain a suitable place in which to carry on Masonic work in the village of Carron, and praying that the lodge be authorised to meet at Grahamstown; and this was granted. In compliance with the wish of the Province of Dumbartonshire, Bro. John Maclellan Martin, jr., of Auchindennan, was appointed Provincial Grand Master, in room of Bro. Smollett, of Bonhill, deceased.

Bro. James McCallum, P.M., was appointed representative to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, in room of Bro. G. S. Blackie, M.D. deceased. Grand Committee reported that a memorial had been submitted to them from three Past Masters and thirty other members of the Lodge Canongate and Leith, No. 5, repudiating the act of the lodge which led to its suspension, and praying that the charter should be delivered to the petitioners, with authority to meet and elect office-bearers and otherwise reorganise the lodge, under such conditions as Grand Lodge might in its wisdom impose. They had remitted the matter to a special Committee, which now reported that, after a careful consideration, they recommended that this old lodge be restored to its working; but that, after what had occurred, they were unanimously of opinion that the warrant should be granted on the conditions that the brethren who had been the means of bringing the lodge into its present unfortunate position should not be allowed to speak, or vote, or hold office in the lodge until 1st January, 1885, by which time it was hoped that all dissensions would have been healed and forgotten. This report was adopted by a majority, against a proposal that the suspension should be remitted as to the present office-bearers, and only continue for one year. The bye-laws were approved of a lodge in Aberdeenshire, which embraced the following rule: "Every member of this lodge is strictly forbidden to use any of the emblems on his sign or in connection with a business advertisement unless such advertisement be strictly for Masonic purposes." In a report by Grand Committee it was stated that Bro. W. M. Bryce had resigned the office of Grand Tyler and Hall Keeper on account of failing health and long service. He had been elected Joint-Grand Tyler in 1847, Grand Tyler in 1855, and Grand Tyler and Hall Keeper in 1859, and has thus been thirty-four years in office. Grand Committee recommended that a pension to the amount of £52 a year be granted to Bro. Bryce; and had remitted to a Committee to consider the matter of appointing a successor or successors. This report was adopted.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination of Office-bearers for next year. It was reported from Grand Committee that Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., had intimated that he was of opinion that the time had arrived when it would be for the interests of Grand Lodge that there should be a new Grand Master, and that he would decline to be again nominated. He added that the Grand Committee were aware of his feelings of friendship and gratitude to them individually and collectively. It had been suggested in Committee that the Grand Master be respectfully asked to reconsider this decision, but Grand Secretary stated that he had the authority of Sir Michael for saying that, however highly he valued the honour, he had made up his mind to decline re-election, and Grand Committee had thereupon now recorded in their minutes their deep sense of the invaluable services rendered to Grand Lodge and Freemasonry by Sir Michael during his occupancy of the throne.

This report having been received, the Grand Master nominated as his successor Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and in doing so said he made the proposal with the greatest pleasure and confidence. From the manner in which his Lordship had attended to the Grand Lodge business for a great many years, and the fact that he was conversant with the business, and devotedly attached to the interests of Freemasonry, he was sure he would well discharge all the duties of his high office. The nomination was enthusiastically agreed to, and the Grand Master elect, in thanking the brethren for their reception of the proposal of the Grand Master, and for the very feeling and fraternal manner in which he had proposed it, said that he had always had the greatest pleasure in acting under Sir Michael, and thought it one of the highest honours he could have to support him. (Applause.) He assured the brethren that he would do his utmost to discharge aright the duties of the high office to which they had been pleased to nominate him. (Applause.) His lordship then named as Depute Grand Master Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, of Blythswood, and, as Substitute Grand Master, Bro. Robert Shaw Stewart. (Applause.)

The following brethren were then, on the recommendation of Grand Committee, nominated for the other offices:

Bro. the Earl of Haddington	-	-	-	G.S.W.
„ the Earl of Breadalbane	-	-	-	G.J.W.
„ the Rev. James Barclay, and Bro. the Rev. W. W. Tullock	-	-	-	G. Chaplains.
„ Major Crombie	-	-	-	G.S.D.
„ the Marquis of Tweeddale	-	-	-	G.J.D.
„ Andrew Kerr	-	-	-	G. Architect.
„ John S. Matheson	-	-	-	G. Jeweller.
„ George Fisher	-	-	-	G. Bible Bearer.
„ Major W. Hills	-	-	-	G.D. of C.
„ Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart.	-	-	-	G. Bard.
„ James T. S. Elliott	-	-	-	G. Sword Bearer.
„ Carl Drechsler Hamilton	-	-	-	G.D. of Music.
„ Captain Farquhar McGillivray	-	-	-	G. Marshall.

The Grand Stewards were also re-nominated, Bro. James Turner to be President; Bro. James Crichton, Vice-President; and Bro. J. M'Laren, Superintendent of Locomotive Arrangements.

Bro. OFFICER then proposed that Grand Lodge should order to be recorded an expression of their deep, grateful, and most heartfelt thanks to Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, remarking that he was sure he only gave utterance to the unanimous feelings which they all entertained when he said that he left the Masonic throne carrying with him not only the regard but the deep and grateful affection of the members of the Craft. (Applause.)

This was seconded by Bro. Major CROMBIE, who said they all knew the invaluable services which Bro. Sir Michael had given to the Craft in Scotland. (Applause.) The evidence of it had been before them in the past, and he was sure that in the future they would see the result of his handiwork in the prosperity of Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

The GRAND MASTER, who was received with enthusiastic applause, thanked the brethren, and assured them that for anything he had been able to do for Grand Lodge he was sure he had been more than amply repaid by the kindness, consideration, and friendship which he had invariably received from the members of the Grand Lodge—(applause)—and that he would never forget, but would always remember with affection, the Masons of Scotland and the Grand Lodge for whom he had acted so long. (Applause.) Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

CONSECRATION OF THE GILBERT GREENALL CHAPTER, No. 1250.

Another new chapter in West Lancashire was consecrated at the Masonic Rooms, Warrington; on Thursday, the 3rd inst., by Comp. H. S. Alpass, Pro G.S.E., P.Z., as M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. W. Ashton Clayton, Pro G.J., P.Z., filling the chair of H.; Comp. John Bowes, P.G. Treas., P.Z., as J.; Comp. Thomas Tunstall, P.G. Soj., acting as P.G.S.E.; Comp. Hugh Williams, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z., as S.N.; Comp. D. W. Finney, P.P.G.F.A. Soj., as P.S.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.F.A. Soj., P.Z., officiating as Director of Ceremonies.

The chapter having been duly opened by the Principals, the companions were then admitted, the following, in addition to the companions mentioned above, being present:—

Comps. Robert Wylie, P. Prov. G.H., P.Z.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org., P.Z.; P. J. Edelsten, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z. 148; Sir Gilbert Greenall, 148; Spencer Wallhead, 148; Robert Heaton, 148; Wm. Richardson, 148; A. G. Webster, 148; Wm. Taylor, 220; T. Webster, H. 823; J. H. Galloway, 148; Thos. Hutchinson, 148; Thos. H. Sutton, 148; Thomas Domville, 148; Peter Ball, P.G. Janitor; Joseph Wood, 249, 594, 1094 (Freemason).

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the Presiding Officer calling upon the Acting Prov. G.S.E. to read the petition and charter, and the M.E.Z. inquired of the companions if they approved of the officers named in the charter. The companions having signified their approval in the usual way, the M.E.Z. commenced to constitute the companions into a regular chapter in ancient form. Comp. Bowes, Prov. Grand Treasurer, rendered the scriptural portion in a faultless manner.

The M.E.Z., H., J., and S.N. carried the consecrating elements round in the usual way, solemn music being played by Comp. Joseph Skeaf, P.Z., Provincial Grand Organist. The M.E.Z. then dedicated and constituted the chapter.

The companions below the rank of Principals retired, and a conclave of Installed Principals was formed, when Comp. Robert Wylie, P.Z., P. Prov. G.H., proceeded to instal, with his well-known ability, Comps. Thomas H. Sutton, as J.; William Richardson, as H.; Price J. Edelsten, as Z.

Upon the re-admission of the companions a ballot was taken for the S.E., when Comp. Spencer Wallhead was unanimously elected and invested by the M.E.Z. Comp. Robert Heaton was elected Treasurer; also Comp. John H. Galloway was elected S.N.; and Comp. William Taylor, as P. Soj.

Several propositions for exaltation and joining were then made, and the chapter was duly closed.

The companions adjourned to the Lion Hotel, where a substantial banquet was provided. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and responded to, the companions separated at an early hour.

CAVERNOUS MASONRY.

BY BRO. W. HARRY RYLANDS, F.S.A.

The Abbey of Arbroath, or Arbrothic, as it was formerly named, is so well known that I need only mention one or two points in its history, referring those who wish to pursue the matter further to the work (which will repay perusal) from which I have collected the following notes: "History of Arbroath," by George Hay, Arbroath, 1876. The Abbey of Benedictine Monks, dedicated to Thomas A'Becket, was founded by William the Lion, King of Scotland, described as "a school companion of St. Thomas, and a sharer of his tribulations in England." The work of building appears to have commenced eight years after the murder of A'Becket, and five years after his canonization, or A.D. 1178.

From a document preserved in the Vatican, dated 2nd October, 1517, we learn something of the size of the Abbey Church at that time; although the town contained only "about 200 hearths," the church itself is compared to its advantage with the then St. Peter's and St. Maria del Popolo, at Rome, Great as was its wealth and privileges, gradually, like that of the English monasteries, it became dilapidated. James, Duke of Ross, brother of James IV., who was also Archbishop of St. Andrew's held it *in commendam*, as twenty-seventh, or twenty-eighth, abbot. Afterwards James Beaton, Bishop of Glasgow, and his nephew, the celebrated Cardinal, David Beaton, became, at the age of twenty-nine years, the thirtieth abbot. He was the last abbot who performed the clerical duties of the Abbacy. Lord John Hamilton possessed it in 1551, and on the attainder of his family it was conferred, in 1579, on Esme Stuart, afterwards Duke of Lennox. In 1583, it was returned to the Hamilton family, and in 1606 James, second Marquess of Hamilton, had the Abbey erected into a temporal lordship in his own favour. It was resigned, with compensation, in 1636, and passed into the possession of William Murray, afterwards Lord Huntingtower and Earl of Dysart, who sold it in 1643 to Patrick Maule, Earl of Panmure. In 1636, it appears, however, to have been granted by Charles I. as an endowment of the Bishopric of Brechin, but at the time of the Commonwealth it reverted again to the Crown, in whom it is still vested.

Mr. Hay quotes (p. 29) "Spottiswoode's Religious Houses in Scotland:" "The Tyronensian Order was represented by six important houses in Scotland: 1. Kelso; 2. its cell, Lesmahago; 3. Kilwinning; 4. Arbroath; 5. Fyfie, its cell; 6. Lindores, &c. Left desolate, the Abbey of Arbroath was blown down by winds, burnt by fire, let to a thread manufacturer, and, in 1875, the great kitchen, and what was once the dungeon, were stores for groceries." Many documents relating to the history of the town of Arbroath are extant, in one, about 1529, there is mention of the "Master of Works," and in 1666, George the Second, Earl of Panmure, employs John Mylne, Master Mason to the King's

Majesty, as "the undertaker of the worke." (The same mentioned by Bro. Murray Lyon in his "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," page 92.) After his death, December, 1667, the work was entrusted to Alexander Nisbet, who also became the King's Master Mason [Ib. p. 126], a manuscript containing details of the erection being still preserved at Panmure. It was Mr. Milne, Mason [Cf. "Hist. Lodge Edin." p. 95], who, on the introduction of Wesleyan Methodism into Arbroath, in 1768, invited the preacher to his house; and here the Methodists found a home until a manse could be built. The charter for building a chapel was made out, in 1784, in the name, amongst others, of Robert Milne, Mason.

On p. 283, Mr. Hay gives a history of the incorporated trades of the town, but that of the Masons does not appear among the seven named. The power of granting the right of incorporation rested with the Magistrates and Town Council, and they successfully opposed the endeavour of bodies of tradesmen to assume the privileges of incorporation without their consent. "On the 1st February, 1742 (p. 285), the Master Masons petitioned the council, representing that there were several stranger Masons in the town who were not burgesses, and who bore no part in the public burdens, but who were employed as Masters within the burgh. The Council prohibited these 'stranger' Masons from working in the town until they were burgesses, and paid a sum not exceeding £3. Scots each to the mason's box, for behoof of the poor of the fraternity. But this act was stretched by the masons further than the council intended it to go. In September, 1742, the council discovered that the mason fraternity had, at their own hands, stopped the stranger masons from working, and had applied to the Convener and Deacons to be enrolled as a corporation. In consequence of these proceedings, the council rescinded its act of the 1st February, and ordained that, in the event of the Convener and Deacons admitting the masons as a craft, no regard should be had to such admission. It further ordained that any masons applying for such a purpose should not be employed on the town's public works, and should not meet with any encouragement from the members of the Council. The masons accordingly were not admitted into the number of incorporated trades." One of the acts of the Convener's Court (p. 289) was as follows: "No tradesman within the burgh should forestall his neighbour in any sort of commodity, buying and selling it to the hurt and prejudice of his neighbour craftsman." "To contribute towards the erection of a new harbour was one of the chief purposes for which the Arbroath Guildry was brought into existence." Formed of the merchants of the burgh, and was incorporated in 1724-5.

The Lodge of Arbroath, according to the list given in Bro. Kenning's Masonic Diary, is No. 40, St. Thomas, Arbroath, Park-street Hall, constituted 1740. Other lodges were formed in 1766 and at later dates. Writing of the eighteenth century, Mr. Hay says (p. 311): "The Masonic lodges, who largely favoured the non-ascetic aspect of life, held their meetings in the Guild Hall early in the century. They claimed to hold them there or in the Town Hall, on the ground of prescriptive right."

When, in 1789, General Hutton wrote to the then minister of Arbroath, the Rev. George Gleig, asking for information about the Abbey, Mr. Gleig sent to him, amongst other matters, (Hay, p. 31) "an impression of a seal which was found among the ruins of the Abbey, and which, he adds, was then used by the Lodge St. Thomas, of Arbroath, to seal the diplomas granted by them to their brethren."

On page 437 is given the following interesting statement:—"The Cove Haven, the next noteworthy feature of the coast was at one time a favourite resort of the smugglers, as were the caves generally in the days when the contraband trade was in a flourishing state. It derives its name from the cavern, now called the Mason's Cave, which name, in its turn, arose from the circumstance that formerly the St. Thomas Lodge of Freemasons used to meet in it annually on St. John's Day, for the admission of members and the performance of the mysteries of their Craft. The brethren walked in procession from Arbroath to the cave. The cavern is about 231 feet long and from 12 to 24 feet wide. At its further end there is a fine spring of water. The Rev. Mr. Aitkin, writing about 1790 (in the "Old Statistical Account of Scotland," vol. xii., p. 182), says of the cave: 'The Mason Lodge of Arbroath built a gate to it, and gave it a door many years ago. Part of the stonework of this erection remains, but the Masonic gatherings in the Mason's Cave have not been held for many years. This cavern is about the most accessible of the series. The descent to it is by means of a *brae* or sloping bank, one of many such occurring on the coast.'"

It may be added that no regular path leads to the cave, after having passed the *brae* some little distance of rough boulders must be traversed. It can be approached even at high tide, and according to the charts the bay in which it is situated is called Carlingheugh Bay. The spring is a very small one, and trickles into a bowl, running over and gradually losing itself in the length of the cave. The door, or rather entrance—in which some of the masonry still remains, is about five feet across, and the light it admits is too small to allow anything to be seen of the interior. On visiting the cave it is customary to take candles.

Mr. Hay wrote in 1876. He says that the gatherings have not been held "for many years." I am informed that this procession was performed in full clothing, with banners, and that it took place sometime in the forenoon, perhaps about 11 or 12 o'clock, a distance of about a mile and a half being covered. It appears not to have been given up until about the year 1866, after that time the lodge possessed a Masonic Hall.

Was this a survival of an old custom, or was it merely the result of laws which the Government made in 1745-6, when, being afraid lest meetings—even meetings for worship—should be used to hatch treason, "not more than four persons were permitted to meet for Episcopalian worship, unless the services was conducted by a person who had qualified himself by taking the oaths to Government;" soldiery being employed to see that this law was respected?

Again, by what right did the Free Masons erect a door to the "lodge?" Surely, the landowner, or even the public, would have raised an objection; or is it that they received permission from the family of Carnegie of Seaton, the owners of the land, perhaps from the Sir James Carnegie, who, with others, returned to the Grand Lodge of Scotland about 1740?

Whatever may have been the tradition or reason for the procession and lodge meeting it cannot but be of some interest, as being, I believe, the only instance on record of a Masonic meeting being held in a cave, in an open cliff, on the sea shore!

There appear to be plenty of records and documents extant bearing on the history of Arbroath, its Abbey and Church, so justly celebrated; and I have put together these notes in the hope that they will excite some brother who has the opportunity to place us in possession of any facts, throwing light on the Craft of Masonry contained in the records. I cannot but think that there must be many.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT,
UNDER THE SANCTION OF THE LODGE OF UNIONS, No. 256.

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| Bro. J. E. Anderson, 18 and J.D. 255.
" W. Beattie, P.M. 142.
" H. Bue, J.D. 1820.
" G. Brooke, P.M. 63.
" J. March Case, P.G.D.
" Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.
" J. H. Davidson, 1820.
" R. R. Davis, P.M. 256.
" *W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768.
" H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.
" A. W. Duret, W.M. 1768, P.M. 1223.
" A. Escott, W.M. 1593.
" *T. Fenn, P.G.D., Treas.
" Montague Gossett, P.M. 66.
" R. Grey, P.G.D.
" W. H. Johnston, 1820.
" J. W. Jones, J.D. 5.
" C. Lowther Kemp, 63 and J.D. 1924.
" W. G. Kentish, S.W. 1293.
" J. W. Lambert, W.M. 1415, P.M. 142.
" P. de L. Long, P.G.D.
" A. Marvin, J.W. 1768. | Bro. J. H. Matthews. P. Dis. G.D. Bengal.
" Sir J. B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes.
" *C. A. Murton, P.G.D.
" J. Muzio, P.M. 1150.
" T. W. Oekenden, P.M. 1512.
" G. C. Pilsford, Sec. 1593.
" *A. A. Richards, P.G.S., P.M. 8 and 865, P. Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex.
" J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.
" Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bt., 6.
" Sir W. Shaw, J.D. 799.
" *W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, J.W. 969, Sec.
" A. C. Spaul, P.G. Reg. N. Wales and Salop.
" F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1768, S.W. 1124.
" R. Clay Sudlow, 18 and 263.
" A. C. Tanqueray, 33.
" T. Truman Tanqueray, 1768.
" Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.
" S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59. |
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- * Members of the Committee.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Of the Lodge will take place
AT FREEMASONS' HALL,
On Friday Evening, November 25th, 1881,
On which occasion
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR
Has kindly consented to preside.
The Lodge will be opened in the Grand Hall, at Six o'clock precisely.

The Work will be the Second Lecture, viz. :-

- I. Section by Bro. J. W. Jones, J.D. 5.
- II. " " T. Truman Tanqueray, 1768.
- III. " " J. H. Davidson, 1820.
- IV. " " C. Lowther Kemp, 63, J.D. 1924.
- V. " " S. W. Shaw, J.D. 799.

Tickets for the Banquet, price 4s. each, may be had of the Stewards, or of Bro. W. SMALLPEICE, Secretary, Freemasons' Hall.

THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

MEETS AT THE
PORTUGAL HOTEL, 155, FLEET STREET, E.C.,
Every Friday Evening, at 8.30 p.m.

Brethren desirous of becoming Life Subscribers or Life Governors of any of the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions are requested to apply to the Hon. Secretary, who will forward them Prospectus and Bye-laws of the Association free.

Amount already Received £1179 10s. 4d.

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Bro. W. W. SNELLING, Hon. Secretary,
155, Fleet Street, E.C.

To Correspondents.

The following reports, &c., stand over :
Craft Lodges—Nos. 41, 493, and 1567. Lodges of Instruction—Nos. 933, 1445, and 1623. Mark Lodges—No. 75, 139, and 179.
Grand Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Scotland.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Ward and Lock's Illustrated History of the World," "The Hull Packet," "Rimmel's Comical Almanack of Beau and Belles for 1882," "The Citizen," "The Broad Arrow," "Boletin Oficial del Grand Orient de Espana," "New York Dispatch," "Montreal Herald," "The West London Advertiser," "The Masonic Chronicle" (Columbus, Ohio), "Der Long Islaender," "The Children's Kettledrum," "El Taller," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Australian Freemason," "Caygill's Tourists' Chronicle."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1881.

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.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is with very great pleasure I have to inform you that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., has been pleased to consent to preside at the Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival of this Institution, in May next, on which occasion I trust H.R.H. will be supported by a large Board of Stewards.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in your last issue a reference to the report of the Charity Committee in the province of Norfolk, by its able Secretary, Bro. Barwell, to this association. In that he says, as you repeat his words, that "by organization it possesses a decided advantage over provincial committees." Now if "words mean words," I really profess hardly to understand, much less to realize, what Bro. Barwell wishes to convey.

Those who are "behind the scenes" in such matters know well, that whereas the provincial organization is perfectly compact and coherent, that of the London Association is necessarily nothing but a "rope of sand," in that being a purely voluntary association, its members are not debarred, (as they could not be), from voting for separate or individual cases, and especially "provincial cases," which many of them do. In the provinces, as is well known, a Charity Committee is appointed, (generally according to the provincial bye-laws), to collect all the provincial votes, and it is a very rare case indeed if any of the provincial votes do go through the provincial Charity Committee. But in London, the London Association is composed of brethren who, without infringing on "liberty of voting," seek to do for poor and helpless candidates, good cases nevertheless, what the more compact organization of the province does for provincial candidates. The "advantage" alluded to by our able Bro. Barwell, is, however, as will be seen, purely imaginary.

Yours fraternally,
A MEMBER OF THE L.M.C.A.

HAMBURGH LOTTERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Lotteries are illegal in this country, but not in many foreign countries; and of which, in common no doubt with many of your readers, I often receive the prospectuses, one of which came to me a few days ago, and I think deserves notice in your pages. The prospectus is signed "Laz. Sam. Cohn," and letters are to be forwarded to the "Chief Lottery Office, Hamburgh." It proposes to be "the newest great money lottery;" to have 50,800 prizes. "The highest prize in the most fortunate case" is 400,000 marks, or £20,000. In another part it is said there is a prize for 250,000 marks, 150,000 marks, 100,000 marks, 60,000 marks, and 50,000 marks. Yet when you come to look carefully into the matter, these "fine illusions" vanish into "thin air."

The whole ticket for 6s. only refers to the drawings for the first division, there being no less than seven divisions, and a whole ticket for all the drawings amount to 140 marks, (£7). I shall be glad if any brother or reader can point out to me the justification for the issue of documents illegal in England, and over which is thrown, by the "facts" I have enumerated, the grave doubt of *bona fide* transactions.

In case any of my younger brethren have the same prospectus, and are tempted by its glittering offers to "invest," I think it well here to say a few words of friendly and fraternal caution.

IGNOTUS.

Reviews.

GLEANINGS FROM THE BLUE.

This is a collection of poetry and prose, selected with some judgment from the "Magazine of Christ's Hospital," from November 1870, to 1881, and is dedicated to our esteemed brother, the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M. Some of the articles, though necessarily juvenile in tone and treatment are marked by much promise—by a good deal of carefulness of language, originality of thought, and neatness of compilation. Some of the "Poiesis" is very good. We have previously alluded in terms of great admiration to some verses, dedicated to the "Empress Eugenie," and we give here a few more French lines, which, in our opinion, are equally nice and felicitous in treatment and in tone. Our limited space only permits this somewhat short and necessarily cursory reference, but we think that it would be well to insert a longer review of so meritorious a little work in the "Masonic Magazine."

LES LILAS.

Pourquoi, fleur du printemps, mourir à peine éclosée ?
Pourquoi, charmante sœur du lis et de la rose,
Toi par Dieu destinée à briller parmi nous,
Perdre ton bel éclat et ton parfum si doux ?
Tu nais, tu nous ravis quelque temps, puis tu passes,
Laisant le jardin vide et les bosquets déserts.
En vain le papillon te demande aux espaces,
En vain l'œil attristé te cherche dans les airs.
Mais de tout ici-bas telle est la destinée ;
Mainte chose se fane et meurt à peine née ;
Beauté, jeunesse, amour suivent un sort commun.
O charmes fugitifs dont notre âme es ravie
Sans vous, sans vos attraits, qu'est-ce donc que la vie ?
Rien qu'un fruit sans saveur, une fleur sans parfum.

We shall be happy to publish in the *Freemason* the best translation of these verses, to be submitted to Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, Christ's Hospital. Copies may be had direct from Dr. Brette, Christ's Hospital.

GREAT MOVEMENTS, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THEM. By H. J. NICOLL. Bro. J. Hogg, Paternoster-row.

Much of this interesting volume lies outside the "province" of the *Freemason*. We can, indeed, rejoice and dilate upon cheap literature, the penny postage, the steam

engine, electricity, the question in the abstract of the slave trade, prison reform, improvement in the criminal law; but we are "estopped" from touching on "sumptuary laws" or "social movements," which some how or other "get mixed up" with the wider range of political or semi-political questions. Therefore, we must be cautious always in reviewing such books as the one before us, however able or interesting, "outside of Freemasonry," because in the *Freemason* we ever assume to, and claim to enforce, an absolute neutrality on all political and social discussions, which are supported by this party, or opposed by another, and which develop either the reminiscences of ancient political feuds, or reflect in some measure on present political sections and proclamations. This book, like all that issue from Bro. Hogg, is well printed, ably compiled, and for many of our readers, (exterior to Freemasonry), will have much interest.

THE MAGAZINES FOR NOVEMBER.

"Temple Bar" comes before us, we think, duller than of yore, at least we think we can call to mind pleasanter and lighter "Temple Bars." We can say very little, we think, about anything except "The Freres," (which is now becoming sensational), and "The Great in Deshabille," which is gossipy and slightly amusing. "The Story of a Railway Journey" is well told.

"All the Year Round" has some good chapters, but we do not, we confess, care much, though it may please some, for "Jack Doyle's Daughter." "Lolla" is a very pretty tale, well and touchingly told. Read it, by all means, ye cynical and heart-withered beings, who think there are no romances left in life, no fragrant or refreshing "oasis" in its dusty, weary journey through a wilderness of "mirage," difficulty, and danger. "In the Sunny Rhineland" is good, and "Old Lady Copt" amusing.

"The Century" formerly "Scribner's," (it still retains the name in part) appears before us in great power, and with most striking and artistic illustrations. "A Diligence Journey in Mexico," "In the Footsteps of Fortuny and Regnault," are both very admirable papers. We must all be struck with the face of "George Eliot" for various reasons. The whole magazine deserves attentive perusal.

"The Antiquary" is a very good number. We particularly call attention to Lady Margaret Domville's "Basilica of Nola, Greek, and Gothic Art at Rome," and Sir J. H. Ramsay's "Accounts of the Reign of Richard II." Its reviews are also all ably and carefully written.

"Time" Kelly and Co. This is a comparatively young candidate for popular favour. It contains some very interesting articles, and the following poem by Mr. Saville Clarke, which may please some of our readers :

"You're fair, very fair, if the picture
Has given no additional grace ;
A critic the keenest of stricture,
Could never find flaw in that face.
And here 'mid the stir and the traffic
That in the great station grow loud,
Limned clear by the art photographic,
You smile on the crowd.
And thousands must pass and must view you,
A specimen hung on the wall,
Some people perchance who once knew you,
And I who don't know you at all.
Yet strange are my swift-coming fancies,
And here are the dreams that arise,
The maddest of railway romances
I weave from your eyes !
Time was when you loved, though no blushes
Come now to carnation your cheek ;
How well I can picture its flushes
When some one in whispers would speak.
I see all the summer moon-shimmer,
I hear the soft swing of your dress,
How strangely the station lamps glimmer !
Your lips murmur, 'Yes.'"

"Yet, ah ! how the idol was broken,
I hear as by magical art,
Of words that were cruel when spoken,
And left a fell wound on the heart.
You smile, but mine eyes look behind it,
And watch the wan woe on your lips :
How bitter we all of us find it—
Love's fatal eclipse !"

"There's pride in that face, and no murmur
Was there to acknowledge the scar ;
The heart of the hero grows firmer
Mid grim revelations of war.
You faced all the dreary to-morrows,
With brow and demeanour serene ;
The saddest of all human sorrows
Is, what might have been."

"And now all the past has been banish'd,
A dream of a feverish night ;
A vision that came and that vanish'd
Before the kind touch of the light !
Were mine but the old necromancy,
I'd ask, could you love once again ?
A smile ! Is it only my fancy ?
But here comes my train."

There is here, we feel bound to notice, an æsthetic dilemma. How can this photographic picture represent the placidity of liveliness and "wan woe on her lips?" Such is, indeed, a flight of imagination. Some of us may remember Præd's original lines to a "Lady in the Exhibition, their singular grace, tenderness, wit, and fun. W. M. Præd was the founder of that special style of graceful and facetious Vers de Society, which some have called the "Italian Romantic School," and which has found so many imitators, especially in this our generation, in England and America. But it may well be doubted if any of his followers have ever equalled their greater master. Even in the present case before us, effective as are the verses, there seems something wanting in them, and the abbreviation of the last line in each stanza appears to us a bit of affectation. But just now we are very fond of everything, as the French say, "bizarre."

OSTRICH FARMING IN SOUTH AFRICA. By ARTHUR DOUGLASS. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin, London, and Silver and Co., 67, Cornhill.

This work, written by Mr. Arthur Douglass, who has given much attention to ostrich incubators, (he is a medalist of the Société d'Acclamation, Paris), and to ostrich

farming at the Cape of Good Hope. The work, which is well illustrated, is clearly and forcibly written, with much apparent reality and good sense. Mr. Douglass seems to put "Ostrich Farming" in a very favourable light for some adventurous young Englishmen or Scotchmen, with a certain amount of capital, and who finding the "old country" too small for them, migrate to seek fairer pastures and more "elbow room" in some one of Her Majesty's colonies. Mr. Douglass recommends an intending ostrich farmer and settler to apprentice himself to a successful farmer for twelve months, paying "one hundred guineas" premium, and then start business on his own account, either as a whole or half proprietor of ostriches. Though many are the risks, and difficulties, and expenses, and dangers attendant on the rearing of ostriches, Mr. Douglas declares that under fortunate circumstances and careful "husbandry" the profits are exceptionally large. And though it is, perhaps, at first sight difficult to account for the fact, yet such it is. We recommend the work cordially to all who are about settling at the Cape of Good Hope; and, we may add, that having read the work with interest and pleasure ourselves, we feel quite certain that it is not only well worth reading, (which many books are not now), but that it contains very clear and reliable "data," on a very important phase of emigrant life and prospects and possibilities in South Africa.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

I wish to call the attention of my readers to a fact to which my own attention was directed the other day by a very able confrere! Who is the king represented in the original frontispiece by Pine to Anderson's Constitutions of 1723? Is it William the III.? And do those pillars represent a locale or hall in Hampton Court? The Presentor has been held to be the Duke of Montague! Anderson, Desaguliers, and Payne are supposed to be standing behind the king? Or is one of them Sir Christopher Wren? In fact, can any one explain the frontispiece?

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE CHARTER OF COLOGNE.

It may perhaps not be generally known that Eckert (Eduard Emil) in his curious work, "Mysterien der Heidenkirche," &c., (Schaffhausen, 1860), gives us an alleged "facsimile" of the "signatures" to this so-called charter. As some of my readers well know, though Eckert seems himself to support the reality of the document, and other writers have upheld it, it is generally discredited in Germany. And certainly if the alleged "facsimile" of the "autographs" be correct, we are inclined to think that "experts" would generally doubt and deny the genuineness of the document. It may be a question, however, whether it would not be well to republish the charter in Latin, with an English translation, as students forget such "evidences," (if they be evidences), and also to give a "facsimile" of the alleged signatures. Perhaps some brother can refer me to one or more of the various translations of the "charter," as I am anxious to select the best and, being very busy just now, to save myself the labours of a retranslation? I have seen a good translation; I have also seen an indifferent one.

MASONIC STUDENT.

ARMS OF GRAND LODGE.

Can any heraldic brother tell me if the Grand Lodge of England has ever taken out a "Grant of Arms" at Herald's College? And, if not, can he further tell me whence and how the present "Coat of Arms" in common use originated? The present "bearings" seem to be acknowledged as lawful by our distinguished Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter; but I should be pleased if any brother learned in such lore could point out its probable and possible origin, or any Grand Lodge order or resolution in favour of its adoption.

ANTIQUARIUS.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the members of this Benevolent Association was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at Bro. Yates', Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, when Bro. J. R. Stacey was reappointed President of the Association, Bro. While, Vice-President, and Bro. W. W. Snelling, Honorary Secretary, and twelve members were elected as Committee, and Bros. Fitch, Parden, and Johnson were appointed Auditors.

The annual report was read by Bro. Snelling, showing that since the formation of the Association he had received £1179 10s. 4d., and that there had been paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £382 15s. for Aged Freemasons, and £230 5s. for Widows; and to the Boys' School, £189, and to the Girls' School, £299 5s.

As the association is now a permanent one, brethren in London or in the provinces may become members at any time without payment of back subscriptions, and thus by small subscriptions of one shilling per week make themselves Life Subscribers or Life Governors of any of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Snelling will forward prospectus and bye-laws of the association gratis, to any brother who may be desirous of becoming a member of the association. A vote of thanks to the Committee and officers for their valuable services during the past year terminated the proceedings.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are especially adapted for treating diseases incidental to females. At different periods of life women are subject to complaints which require a peculiar medicine; and it is now an indisputable fact that there is none so suitable for functional errors of this nature as Holloway's Pills. For all those peculiar disorders incidental to the sex, and in every contingency perilous to the life and health of women—youthful or middle-aged, married or single—this great regulator and renovator of the rectrictive organs and the nervous system is an immediate cure. Their purifying qualities render them invaluable to females at these ages. They are searching and cleansing, yet invigorating, a few doses will speedily remove every species of irregularity in the system, and thereby establish health on a sound and firm basis.—[ADVT.]

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Town Hall, Bradford-on-Avon, the receiving lodge being the Lodge of Friendship and Unity, No. 1271.

In the absence, through temporary illness, of the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Methuen, the meeting was presided over by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., who was supported by a numerous gathering of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, amongst whom were Bros. C. F. Marshall, P.S.G.W.; Alfred Plummer, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas.; William Nott, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Reg.; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D., P.G. Sec.; T. S. Fletcher, P.J.G.D.; E. B. Merriman, P.G.S. of W.; John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C.; W. S. Bambridge, P.G.O.; Robt. Stokes, P.P.S.G.W.; T. H. Chandler, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Turner Payne, P.G.D., P.P.J.G.W.; T. Graham, P.P.J.G.W.; John V. Toone, P.P.S.G.D.; T. P. Saunders, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Gauntlett, P.P.J.G.D.; J. J. New, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. C. Collie, P.P.G.O.; James Sparks, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Brinkworth, P.P.G.O.; H. E. Bishop, P.P.G.P.; W. G. Stodard, P.P.G.P. and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. M. Worlock, P.P.S.G.W. Bristol; T. Ringer, P.M. 1308; J. Robinson, P.M. 417; and others.

The roll of the various lodges was called, and all being found to be properly represented, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER having expressed his own regret, which he was sure they would all feel, and which he knew, personally, was deeply felt by their Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, that the latter was unable to preside over them to-day on account of a severe neuralgic affection, called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Tombs, to read the minutes of the last meeting. These having been read were duly confirmed.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER then read his accounts which showed good balances in hand on the general account, the General Charity account and the Benevolent Fund account. These accounts had been duly audited by Bros. E. Turner, Payne and Merriman; the former moved that the Treasurer's accounts should be passed, especially approving the inclusion therein of a small sum being the balance of the cost of printing the Wiltshire Masonic Calendar for 1881, after crediting the amounts received for sale of copies thereof. This was seconded by Bro. Stokes and carried unanimously.

The P.G. SECRETARY then read the minutes of a meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee held that same morning, when, after having had the General Charity accounts as well as the Benevolent Fund account before it, the Committee had resolved to recommend the Prov. Grand Lodge to direct the investment in Government stock on the former account of the sum of £100, in the names of the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Treas., and to suggest that a like sum of £100 should also be invested on the Benevolent Fund account in a different Government stock, in the names of the same Trustees. The Report of the Charity Committee and its recommendations were unanimously approved and confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. WILLIAM NOTT, then read his report, from which it appeared that the number of subscribing members in the province was 449, being practically unaltered since the preceding year. The general working expenses averaged 14s. 9d. per member, whilst the expenditure devoted to charity stood at 4s. 5d. per member. The report called attention to the gratifying fact that the amount of subscriptions in arrear from members of the various lodges had very largely decreased. The report also brought to notice the fact that in some cases the names of members had not been included in the fee and other returns from private lodges to the Provincial Grand Lodge, simply on account of non-payment of their subscriptions, and without such members having either resigned, died, or been excluded. The P.G. Registrar's opinion was that the lodge was, according to the Provincial bye-laws, bound, in the absence of any one of these causes, to include the names of all members in the Provincial returns, and pay dues for them, whether they had or had not paid their subscriptions. He suggested the desirability of the Provincial Grand Lodge expressing an opinion on the subject, in order to remove the misapprehension on the point which existed in some quarters.

Some discussion took place upon the point raised; the PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY reading a letter from the Grand Secretary in reply to a question as to payment of Grand Lodges dues under similar circumstances, which payment, it was Colonel Shadwell Clerk's opinion, should not be made.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. TOMBS, stated that this opinion had been obtained in consequence of some little difference which had arisen between him and the Secretaries of some of the lodges last year, and he trusted that now the question had been raised by the P.G. Reg., some steps would be taken to make the position and duties of the Provincial Grand Officers clear in the matter.

Bro. NOTT pointed out the difference between Grand Lodge payments, which were, in fact, payments from the individual member, and entitled him to participation in the benefits of the Fund of Benevolence, and the payments under the Provincial bye-laws, which were payments from the lodge itself, calculated according to the number of members composing the lodge. In support of this view he read the Provincial bye-laws bearing upon the subject, and suggested that if it were the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodge that the payments in question should not be made then that the bye-laws should be altered. Eventually the Registrar's report was approved, with the exception of the last mentioned portion thereof, the subject referred to in which was referred to the Committee which had to consider the alteration of the bye-laws.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then called upon Bro. W. Nott, as Charity Secretary, who read the report of the Charity Organization and Benevolent Fund Committee. First, as regards the Charity Organization, the report recapitulated the work done by the Committee during the past year. It stated that almost without exception all the Wiltshire votes had been placed at the disposal of the Committee, which had thereby been enabled to very greatly reduce the liability of Wiltshire to other provinces,

although there was still, owing to the exceptional circumstances of the previous year, a very considerable amount of indebtedness remaining. The number of votes the Committee had received for the various institutions during the year numbered 1176. The report stated that Wiltshire was now on terms of close union with some eight or ten other provinces, principally in the west of England and Wales, and mentioned as showing the strength engendered by such union, that at the elections for the Boys' and Girls' Schools at the beginning of last month this confederation was instrumental in carrying two out of the fifteen successful candidates for the Girls' School, and three out of twelve who were elected for the Boys' School. Secondly, as regards the Provincial Benevolent Fund, the report stated that the contributions from the various lodges in the provinces, and their members during the past year, the first of its existence, after meeting all working expenses, had amounted to £105, and that there was good reason to believe that the receipts would be considerably increased next year by contributions from lodges which had not yet seen their way to make any vote, and by increased contributions from others. No claim on behalf of any applicant for assistance had yet been brought before the committee. The report further stated that the Committee had found in practice that certain slight additions to the Benevolent Fund rules were desirable, and had, therefore, given notice thereof, as would be seen in the agenda for the Provincial Grand Lodge. The report was unanimously approved and confirmed.

The alterations of the Benevolent Fund rules alluded to were, first, to give to Royal Arch Chapters or Masonic Bodies of any other Degree (as well as to Craft lodges who alone had the right under the present rules), the right of constituting any of their officers Life Governors on payment of £50. And secondly, that all investments should be made in the names of three Trustees to be appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge, such appointment to be made from time to time as may appear necessary.

These additions were proposed by Bro. NOTT, and seconded by Bro. ROBERT STOKES, and were carried unanimously.

It was further unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Stokes, seconded by Bro. James Sparks, that the Trustees of this fund be the same as those before appointed for the General Charity Fund of the province, viz: the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Treas. for the time being.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, on behalf of the Committee appointed at the last Provincial Grand Lodge to consider the revision of the by-laws, stated that through an accidental circumstance this Committee was not in a position to report, and asked that the period for making their powers might be extended to the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. This was agreed to, the Committee being enlarged so as to make it more generally representative, and for that purpose to consist of the whole of the members of the Charity Organization Committee. To this Committee was more especially referred a question brought forward by Bro. E. Turner Payne, as to the desirability of raising the fees of honour on appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, and another brought forward by Bro. the Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap., for the issue of certificates of appointment to office in Provincial Lodge on payment of a small fee.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, then stated that he had a pleasing duty to perform. He was glad to find the work of the province so well and so happily carried out, and he was glad to invest two of those brethren, who might be called the working bees of the hive, and two of those to whose labours the present condition of the province was largely attributable. He had to invest Bro. F. H. Goldney, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, with the jewel voted to him last year as a slight acknowledgment of his munificence in presenting to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and to every brother in the province, his work on Wiltshire Freemasonry, at a cost of upwards of £100. He was sure that work had been highly appreciated, and was greatly to the advantage of the province, and it was a great gratification to himself, speaking of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, both as his son and his brother, to bear in mind the kind expressions used by Lord Methuen last year, and to now invest him with this jewel as a mark of esteem and affection.

Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY briefly but warmly thanked the lodge for the compliment.

As regards Bro. William Nott, the Charity Secretary, he (the D.P.G.M.) had a similar pleasing duty to perform, namely, to invest him with the jewel voted last year in recognition of his labours in relation to the establishment of the Provincial Benevolent Fund. Bro. Nott was always anxious and willing to promote the interest of the Craft and its Charities, and to him was largely due the success of the Committee of the Provincial Charity organization, in getting Wiltshire candidates elected as recipients of the Charities, and his steady, persistent endeavours entitled him to all honour at the hands of the brethren.

Bro. NOTT thanked the D.P.G.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren generally for their appreciation of his services as shown by the honour just conferred upon him.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir G. GOLDNEY, in addressing the Prov. Grand Lodge, expressed his regret at the absence of Lord Methuen, whose attendance that day nothing but illness would have prevented, and whose heart was still with them. They all knew the pleasure he took in the work of the province, and that he was always ready for anything that might advance its prosperity. The D.P.G.M., in glancing at the proceedings of the meeting, expressed his pleasure at learning from the Registrar's report the substantial sums the brethren of the province were able to devote towards charity, and also that the amount of arrears of subscription had been very greatly reduced. That the province had been able to put by such a balance as enabled them to make the investments that day ordered, he considered to be extremely gratifying, for now was the time, when they had no special calls upon them, to put by for a rainy day. In alluding to the successful starting of the Benevolent Fund, the D.P.G.M., announced his intention of making a donation to it towards qualifying himself as a Life Governor. He then alluded to the admirable manner in which the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge were managed by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Henry C. Tombs, who made all the arrangements in so admirable a manner, and who, without the assistance of any shorthand writer, managed to lay before them as correct a record of their proceedings as, he believed, it was possible to make. The great advantage of such a full and

complete record as they from time to time heard read by their Provincial Grand Secretary it was impossible to over-estimate, and he thought he should be entirely in accordance with the wish and feeling of every brother present if he proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Tombs as some expression of their appreciation of his labours. This, therefore, he did with the greatest pleasure and gratification.

Bro. E. TURNER PAYNE said that although there was no necessity for so doing, to commend the vote to the meeting, yet, as a matter of form he seconded the proposition, and this he did most readily and cordially. The vote was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

The P.G. SECRETARY expressed his obligation for this renewed mark of approval of his services.

The D.P.G.M. having declared all offices vacant, Bro. F. H. Goldney was, on the proposition of Bro. R. STOKES, seconded by Bro. Col. FORD, unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. Rev. F. King, 586	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. P. Saunders, 1271	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. A. Lloyd (re-appointed), 1533	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. H. Goldney (re-elected), 626	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Thos. Ponting, 1478	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Henry C. Tombs (re-appointed), 355	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. S. Edmonds, 355	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. R. Magrath, 1271	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. T. Briscoe, 626	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" John Chandler (re-appointed), 355	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. D. Lovell, 1271	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" H. Simpson, 1271	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Jas. Sparks, 1271	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Beavan, 1271	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
" G. W. Collen, 626	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purs.
" John Savory (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Before the lodge was closed, Bro. W. NOTT, Charity Secretary, who had, with the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, superintended the issue of a calendar for the province for the year 1881, called attention to the fact the proceeds from the sale thereof had not met the actual cost out of pocket of printing the same, as they had gathered when the Treasurer's report was before them earlier in the meeting. He now asked whether it was the wish of the Provincial Grand Lodge that this calendar should be continued next year, expressing, at the same time, his belief that in a year or two it would be self-supporting.

The D.P.G.M. suggested, as the result of a conversation with Lord Methuen, whether it might not be possible to print the calendar once in two or three years, instead of every year, but it was pointed out that as the work in question was as much in the nature of an almanac as of a directory, this would be undesirable, and eventually it was unanimously resolved that the "Wiltshire Masonic Calendar" be issued for the year 1882, and that Bro. Nott be requested to again kindly undertake the office of editor thereof, any deficiency in the expenses of printing beyond the amount received for sale of copies (at one shilling each) to be borne by the Provincial Grand Lodge funds.

This ended the business of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, the brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and warmly responded to. In addition to the brethren present at the lodge, Bro. Walter H. Long, M.P., who had been delayed on the railway, was present at the banquet.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Congleton, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., under the banner of the Warren Chapter, 533. The companions of this chapter—the latest addition to the roll of Cheshire chapters—had made most complete and satisfactory arrangements for the event, the whole of the proceedings being carried out within their commodious and well-appointed rooms at the Masonic Hall, and it was generally remarked by the companions in attendance that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire was never seen to better advantage than on the present occasion. Notwithstanding the fact of Congleton being somewhat difficult of access from the greater part of the province, there was a very fair muster of Provincial Grand Officers, Principals of chapters, and lay members from the nineteen chapters in the province, all with three exceptions being represented.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened shortly after three o'clock p.m. by the M.E. Prov. G. Supt., Comp. Lord de Tabley, G.J. of Eng., as Z.; Comp. T. Marwood, as H.; and Comp. H. Bulley, P.P.G.H., as J. The M.E. Prov. G. Supt. having been saluted in ancient form by the assembled companions, the roll of chapters was called by the Prov. G. Scribe E., Comp. G. W. Latham, and the minutes of the last annual convocation, held at Stockport twelve months ago, read and confirmed.

The report of the Committee appointed to inspect chapters and regulate the procedure in reference to Royal Arch Masonry in the province was read, and on the motion of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, ordered to be printed for distribution amongst the chapters of the province, and the thanks of the Provincial Grand Chapter were accorded to the members of the Committee for their labours.

The M.E. PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions at some length, and expressed his pleasure and gratitude at being able once more to meet the companions in Provincial Grand Chapter, and more especially so under the banner of a chapter which he had so recently consecrated to the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry. He paid a well deserved compliment to the companions of Congleton for the excellence of their arrangements, and referred to the satisfaction he felt, as head of the province, in seeing the disposition evinced by members of the Craft to dissociate Freemasonry from taverns. Nothing afforded him greater pleasure and satisfaction than to hear of brethren and companions of the Order carrying out the business and duties of Masonry away from taverns, and he hoped the excellent example set by the Masons of Congleton in this respect would be followed in other parts of the province.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Comp. F. JACKSON, jun.,

submitted his statement of the Prov. Grand Chapter funds, which showed a balance in hand of over £15.

On the motion of the PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT the accounts were passed, and Comp. Jackson unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The M.E. PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers of the chapter for the ensuing year, viz.:

Comp. R. Beales, 533	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. S. Sutton, 537	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" G. W. Latham, 321	...	...	Prov. S.E.
" Wallace Lumb, 321	...	...	Prov. S.N.
" W. Johnson, 721	...	...	Prov. P.S.
" S. F. Gosling, 533	...	...	Prov. 1st A.S.
" W. Pritchard, 323	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.S.
" J. Hibbert, 361	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" L. D. Bradbury, 322	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. Blackshaw, 533	...	...	Prov. G. St. Br.
" H. Finch, 323	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" E. Cuzner, 425	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Jackson, jun., 295	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" M. Allcock, 941	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The newly-appointed officers having been proclaimed and saluted, under the direction of Comp. Finch, P.G. D.C., the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent announced his intention of holding the next Prov. Grand Chapter at Chester, and the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

The companions afterwards dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The state of Lord de Tabley's health did not permit of his remaining to the banquet, but his place was most ably and genially filled by his senior officer, Comp. Dr. R. Beales, Prev. G.H. The companions separated about seven o'clock, after enjoying one of the pleasantest meetings ever held in connection with the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MARK LODGE AT DURBAN.

On the 30th September last, at the Masonic Temple, Durban, Natal, a new lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 288, under the Grand Lodge of England, was opened in due form, and Bro. Robert I. Fimmere (President Magistrate of Durban) was installed as the first W.M. The new W.M., who has already served in the chair of this Degree and is P.M.M. of the Natalia Lodge, No. 252, then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Cook, S.W.; G. Leask, J.V.; H. D. Grazebrook, M.O.; G. Russell, S.O.; S. Marriott, J.O.; A. J. Keeler, Sec. and Registrar of Marks; G. Ireland, S.D.; H. C. Tait, J.D.; F. Pay, Tyler.

W. Bro. E. S. T. Stantial, W.M. 252, attended from Pietermaritzburg for the purpose of taking part in the ceremony of consecration and installation. There were also present: Bros. J. Hulston, P.M.M.; J. R. Harrison, P.M.M.; D. R. Hastings, W.M.M. Caledonian Lodge; F. H. Field, G. H. Serridge, M. H. Emanuel, T. N. Price, F. Brownlee, T. Petersen, E. H. Bingham, W. E. McVeigh, and others. Six candidates were advanced to the Hon. Degree of Mark Master Mason, viz: Bros. Russell, Marriott, Keeler, Ireland, Tait and Pay before being appointed to the respected offices as above. There is also attached to the lodge, a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, Bros. R. I. Fimmere, W.C.N.; T. Cook, J.; G. Leask, S.; H. D. Grazebrook, S.D.; meetings of which have also been held under warrant.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the usual toasts were given and received with the wonted enthusiasm, and many good wishes were expressed for the success of the new lodge.

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHWARK LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

The members of the old and distinguished Southwark Mark Lodge having obtained a warrant to hold meetings in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, the consecration took place on Tuesday last.

A lodge of Ark Mariners was opened under the warrant, and seven brethren were elevated by Bro. Poore, assisted by Bros. Dewar, Hatch, Sparks, and Lovegrove.

Bro. DEWAR then assumed the gavel, and assisted by Past Commanders T. Poore and H. Lovegrove, proceeded to consecrate the lodge according to ancient custom, and afterwards instal Bro. Rev. H. G. Hatch, W.C.N. The officers were appointed and the lodge closed.

Bro. the Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.G. Chap., W.M. of the Mark Lodge, then took the chair and opened the lodge.

Most of the officers were in attendance, and W. Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.G.S.O., Asst. G. Sec.; H. Lovegrove, G.S. of W.; and Cottebrune, Past G. Std. Bearer, were present as visitors.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. C. T. Sparks, P.M., P.G. Swd. Bearer, installed Bro. A. Middlemass into the chair of A. in a very able manner. Bros. Bryant, Sorrell, jun., "Voysey, Eveniss, and others were appointed officers; Bro. Klingenstein, as Treas.; Bro. Poore, as Sec.; and Bro. Seymour Smith, Org.

A very elegant banquet was served in the Wellington Room. Bros. Dewar and Lovegrove responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Cottebrune to that of "The Visitors."

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

The annual banquet of the above excellent institution for the improvement and instruction of the brethren in Masonry, took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at its locale, the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, and was partaken of by a large and distinguished gathering of those whose influence in the Craft and society at large is undoubted, and always for good. We may say, *en passant*, that the Star Lodge of Instruction is held to be the "Emulation" out of London, and the fame of its excellence attracts to its weekly gatherings aspirants for Masonic knowledge from all quarters of the Metropolis and suburbs, as will be plainly evinced by the list of good and true Masons, as under, who were present, viz.: Bros. H. B. Taylor, 1531, Chairman; Griffin, P.M. 331, and P.G.

J.D. Kent, Vice-Chairman; G. Andrews, P.M. 811, and M.C. 871, the Preceptor of the lodge; H. Gloster, P.M. 1531, S.W. 1326; H. Shaw, P.M. 834; H. Keeble, P.M. 1275, Treasurer of the lodge; W. Martin, J.D. 879, Hon. Sec.; Speight, P.M. and Sec. 147; Waterman, P.M. 147; Vohman, P.M. 871; Hutchings, W.M. 147; Behenna, J.W. 1531; Youngman, I.G. 1571; Nunn, D.C. 1531; Gibson, W.S. 1531; Emblin, 147; Pitt, 147; Dobson, 147; Lifeber, 211; Risch, 706; Smith, 834; Wickens, 871; West, 871; W. Taylor, 871; Clarke, 871; Buckley, 1326; Rich, 1524; Wain, 1531; and Holding, 153; all of the lodge.

Among the visitors were: Bros. Walford, P.M. 1489; Winkle, P.M. 548; Dickson, 147; Sturdee, 147; Uglund, 706; J. Walford, 509; Stringer, 871; Hubbard, 879; Pooley, 140; Bushell, 871; Joskey, 913; Turrell, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The banquet was superbly served, the menu comprising the choicest viands, while the wines were of the best quality brands. "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty, coupled with that of the Craft," "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and the other Masonic toasts, never forgotten or neglected where loyal Masons assemble, were drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Griffin, being a G. Officer of the Province of Kent, was honoured by an especial toast, and in putting it the CHAIRMAN spoke in glowing terms of Bro. Griffin's Masonic work.

In response, that brother said that he anticipated having something to say during the evening, and, therefore, would say but little now. He must, however, thank them most sincerely for coupling his name with the Grand Officers of the Province of Kent, an honour he felt sure that any Mason, however exalted his social position, might fairly be proud of. He had worked with, and for, the Star Lodge of Instruction, and so much so that they had conferred upon him the distinction of honorary membership, and of that he also felt proud. Nor did he take it as an empty compliment, for he had attended all their meetings, and had, he trusted, done good suit and service in the lodge. (Applause.) He then referred to the members of the lodge who had arrived at distinction through its teachings, and congratulated the Chairman upon having so numerous and influential a body of Masons around him that night; attributing it, in no ordinary measure, to the respect and esteem in which he (the Chairman) was held in by all his brethren. He trusted the lodge would for many years have such a gathering at its annual meeting, and that he might be present. Bro. Griffin resumed his seat amid cheers.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Visitors." They had fourteen visitors present, and among them were two distinguished Past Masters. He, of course, could not ask all the visitors to respond, but would mention those that came from the north and some from the south of London, but all were welcome, and he, in the name of the lodge, trusted they would enjoy themselves. He coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Walford and Jolly. (Applause.)

Bro. Walford, in reply, thanked the chairman and brethren of the lodge for the hearty reception of him and the visitors generally. As an old Mason, he was gratified to see such a grand lodge of Instruction as the Star Lodge, whose fame had reached all over the metropolis. It was only through lodges of instruction that a young and aspiring Mason could arrive at the head of his lodge and carry out the work with credit to it or himself. (Cheers.) He was pleased to hear that the chairman had given the lodge, his support, which was in itself a guarantee for its stability, and trusted soon to hear that he, at the head of his lodge was carrying out the good work he had learned in that. (Applause.) Bro. Jolly also returned thanks briefly.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the toast of the evening, "Health and long life to Bro. Past Master Andrews, the Preceptor of the Lodge," and in so doing said that in following up the remarks of Bro. Walford, he must add that a lodge of instruction would be of very little use, unless they had a good Preceptor, and he could safely say that in Bro. Past Master Andrews they had not only a good, but a thorough conscientious Preceptor. (Cheers.) Since he, the chairman, had been a member of the lodge he had seen and remembered with admiration, and almost wonder, the inimitable fund of Masonic lore in the possession of Bro. Andrews, and not only that, but the earnest zeal and courage with which he had surmounted all difficulties and made the lodge what it was, now one of the most flourishing both, in number and influence, in the metropolis or out of it. (Applause.) Bro. Andrews was especially worthy of their regard. In him they had a considerate Master and a kind teacher, and he asked them to drink the toast with the acclamation it deserved. (Applause.)

Bro. ANDREWS, who was received with rounds of applause, said: Unaccustomed as he was to pub—no, that would not do. On that momentous occasion it—(cheers and laughter)—no, it was no use, he must just go on and say what came uppermost in his mind; but how could they expect him to find words sufficient to thank them for their generous reception of his name. He could only say that it was a labour of love to him to work as their Preceptor, and a pride to see the lodge second to none for good sound Masonic applause. (Applause.) It turned out Masters, not only second to none, but superior to many; and he felt that there must be a certain amount of credit due to the Preceptor, for they not only "battered" him with credit, but "creamed" him with praise also. (Cheers and laughter.) He could not take all the credit to himself however, for to Bros. Hutchins, Waterman, Shaw, Gloster, and, not the least, to their indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Bro. Martin, a large amount of it belonged. The lodge was deeply indebted to them for its prestige and prosperity. (Cheers.) He, after again thanking them, prophesied that the next installation ceremony to be performed in the Star Lodge would show what the calibre of its Master was, and what he had learned in the Star Lodge of Instruction. (Applause.) He then, in eloquent terms, proposed "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. Taylor," who, although a young Mason, was an enthusiastic one, and the son-in-law of the founder of the lodge. It was not usual to place so young a Mason in the chair upon such an occasion as the present, but Bro. Taylor had won his way to it by his indomitable will, sterling character, and undoubted talents. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. TAYLOR, in reply, said it was only in deference to their reiterated wishes that he took the chair. It was not an easy task, but he felt that he had given satisfaction, and had the satisfaction of knowing that he had done his best.

in the position to give pleasure to all. After pleasantly referring to a newly-made brother of the lodge, Bro. Harding, he again thanked them for the toast, and trusted to be with them for many years to come.

"The Hon. Secretary" was then toasted most enthusiastically; and, in returning thanks, gave an excellent account of the progress and prosperity of the lodge. There had been during the past year 1000 attendances, averaging 20 per night. £10 5s. 6d. had been collected in twopences, and £8 5s. had been given away to distressed brethren in small sums. (Cheers.)

The Treasurer and Stewards, Bros. Keeble, Andrews, Emblin, Gloster, Shaw, Stockwell, and W. J. Taylor, were complimented. "The Masonic Press" received its meed of praise, and soon afterwards the company separated, pleased and delighted with one another and the enjoyable evening passed together. Some excellent harmony enlivened the proceedings.

Knights Templar.

EMBASSY FROM THE G.M., H.R.H THE PRINCE OF WALES, TO THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

One of the most pleasing episodes in the history of Templar Masonry in Canada occurred on Wednesday evening the 19th ult., at the rooms of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, at their asylum, British Chambers, Notre Dame-street, Montreal. A large representation of the several Preceptors, upon the invitation of the M.H. and E. Great Prior, Sir Kt. Col. W. J. B. Macleod-Moore, Great Prior, assembled with the Sir Knights of the above Preceptory to assist in receiving and welcoming to the city and jurisdiction V.E. Sir. Kt. Alex. Staveley Hill, D.C.L., M.P., Grand Chancellor of the Great Priory of England, who was the bearer of a letter from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Grand Master of the Order to the Templar Body in Canada.

Amongst the distinguished visitors were the following: M.E. Sir Kt. G. O. Tyler, G.C. State of Vermont; D. B. Tracey, Detroit Commandery, Michigan; M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham, LL.D., 32°, G.M. G.L. of Quebec; M.W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson and W. B. Simpson, P.G.M.'s G.L. of Canada, now of Quebec; Sir Kts. W. H. Hutton, 1st Lieut. Supreme Consistory, 33°; H. A. Mackay, 33°; J. H. Stearns, 33°, G. Treas. G.L. of Quebec; T. Sargent, 32°, G.J. G. Chap. Canada; J. Kyle, Gendernar; B. Matland, W. G. Reid, H. Stone, Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton. There were also present a large representation of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory.

The preceptory having been opened in due form, M.H. and E. Prior was announced and received with all the honours of a Knight Templar holding the very responsible and honourable position of Great Prior of Canada. After a few remarks from the Great Prior, the V.E. Sir Kt. Alex. Staveley Hill, the Chancellor of the Great Priory of England, was announced, and being introduced by R.E. Sir Kts. W. B. Simpson and I. H. Stearns, was received under the arch of steel, and, by the request of the Great Prior, he was, under the direction of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, welcomed with the grand honours of Masonry, which was enthusiastically responded to by every Sir Knight present.

The V.E. Sir Knight then proceeded to read the special letter from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Great Prior of Canada:

ALBERT EDWARD.

To the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight Colonel W. J. Bury Macleod-Moore, Grand Cross of the Temple, Great Prior of the Dominion of Canada:

His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., G.C.S.L., G.C.B., K.T., K.P., &c., &c., Grand Master of the United Religious and Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, sends his Royal and Fraternal Greeting. Being well assured of the loyalty and true affection of the Knights of the Order towards us, and of their sincere resolve that in the Dominion of Canada the brotherly bond of Union shall ever exist among all joined together under our Grand Mastership; and further desiring to show to you our continuing affection towards you, and to assure you that the prosperity of the Order and the union and brotherly love of the Great Officers and members of the same under Her Majesty the Queen, our Patron, has been, and are, an object of our most constant care;

We have, therefore, charged our trusty and well beloved Chancellor of the Great Priory of England, Alexander Staveley Hill, D.C.L., one of Her Majesty's Counsel and Member of Parliament, to be the bearer to you of this our letter; and our said Chancellor hath it further in charge to express towards you, Very High and Eminent Great Prior, our Royal favour and good-will, and our affection towards the brethren Sir Knights of the Order and to the Dominion of Canada.

Given on board the Osborne, R.Y., the 18th day of August, A.L. 5885, A.D. 1881, A.O. 763.

The M.H. and E. Great Prior then made the following reply:—

To the V. Emt. Frater. Sir Knight Alex. Staveley Hill, O.C., M.P., D.C.L., and Chancellor of the Great Priory of England and Wales, United Orders of the Temple and Hospitaliers of Malta:

V. EM. AND DEAR BROTHER,—It is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that I, as Great Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in Canada, welcome you to our New Dominion, and, with all knightly courtesies, receive and greet you as one of the chief officers of our sister Great Priory of England, duly accredited to us by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Illus. and Supreme Grand Master of our Order. I only regret that the annual meeting of Great Priory of Canada for this year has already taken place; but permit me, in the name of the National Great Priory, and in behalf of the officers and members of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of this city, under whose auspices we are now assembled, heartily to tender their fraternal greeting, and I feel confident, Very Emt. Frater, that I am also expressing the sentiments of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite 33° for the Dominion, and of the officers of the Supreme Council here present, and of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, and of the M. Exet. Principals and other Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the same, who are now with us as Templars on this occasion, in saying that we

very highly appreciate the honour conferred on us by the letter from the Supreme Grand Master of the Order, and we fraternally request you, on your return to England, to be pleased most respectfully to convey to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales our due appreciation of his gracious favour and fraternal kindness, and of our profound esteem for him, and our unwavering loyalty to the person and throne of our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady the Queen, the patron of our Knightly Order. For myself, I look upon it as one of my greatest honours and privileges—that I received my Patent as Great Prior of Canada from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and heir apparent to the throne of England—and that from the powers and prerogatives conferred by the said Patent the Templar nationality of our Dominion derived its existence.

We further beg you most respectfully to assure H.R. Highness, as Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and of the M. Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, and Grand Patron of the Ancient and Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, that, while on account of peculiar circumstances, the several Rites and Orders of the Craft in our Dominion are establishing local Masonic Government, and while we are seeking to have such carried out and perfected in harmony and amity, we are more than ever desirous of having and perpetuating the most intimate fraternal relations to the co-ordinate Sovereign Grand Bodies of every regular and duly recognised Rite of Freemasonry and allied Orders in England, and to establish and maintain a perpetual alliance of loyal and fraternal amity and correspondence therewith.

Again proffering you a hearty and Knightly welcome, and wishing you a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic, and a safe and happy return to England,

I have the honour to be, Dear and V. Eminent Frater, Fraternaly yours,

W. J. B. MACLEOD-MOORE, G.C.T.,
Great Prior Dominion of Canada.

Montreal, Province of Quebec, 19th October 1881.

Before closing an opportunity was given by the Great Prior to every Sir Knight of making the acquaintance of our V. E. Sir Knight and brother-in-arms in that peculiar manner known only to the initiated. After closing, at the request of the E.P. of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Sir Knt. Adams, the company repaired to the banqueting hall of the Preceptory, where a very *recherché* and enjoyable repast was prepared.

The chair was occupied by the E. P. of the Preceptory, I. R. E. A. G. Adams, having on his left the guest of the evening, V.E. Sir Knight Alex. Staveley Hill; Sir Knights D. B. Tracey, of Detroit; H. A. MacKay, of Hamilton; A. A. Stephenson, of M.; and Knight Hutton. On his right the M. H. and E. Great Prior of Canada; R. E. Sir K. W. B. Simpson, P. G. Sub-Prior; R. E. Sir Knight Graham, G.M. of Quebec; Geo. O. Taylor, G. C., Vermont; and I. H. Stearn, Provincial Prior, Quebec. After having partaken of the good things prepared, the Sir Knights proceeded to honour the toasts as proposed by the Chairman.

After a few remarks by the Chairman, the first toast in Masonry was proposed, "The Queen," which was received with all the enthusiasm that loyal and true Knights Templar at all times delights to exhibit.

The second toast followed, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of the Order."

The next toast, and one which is at all times received with more than usual pleasure, was that of "The M.H. and E. the Great Prior of the National Great Priory of Canada, Col. W. J. B. Macleod-Moore," to which the V.E. Sir Knight replied in feeling terms, referring to the kind and hospitable manner in which he was everywhere received by the Templar body in Canada. The great pleasure in the honour done him in being the recipient of the letter from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales through the V.E. Great Chancellor, assuring the brethren that it would at all times be his aim to preserve intact the principles and privileges of the Order, and that though holding his patent from the Supreme Grand Master of the Order, H.R.H., we possess that entire freedom which in years before had not been enjoyed by us. That after long years in the service the greater joy to him would be that during the balance of his probation—which might, perhaps, be but short—it must be. Yet he hoped to see the Knight Templars of Canada stand fast and firm in the bonds of Christian Knighthood which has led us up to that high and honourable position in having been convened together to-night to be recipients of a letter from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The M.E. Great Prior having assumed the Sceptre, proceeded in a few remarks to propose the toast of "Our Guest, V.E. Sir Knight Alex. Staveley Hill, G.C. of England," which was responded to with enthusiastic cheers.

The distinguished Sir Knight, in replying to the toast, remarked that he was pleased at the brotherly remarks from the M.H. and E. Great Prior, and congratulated himself that wherever he had been (though kindly received by all) yet he had not received such a reception as the one given him this evening. He had been upon a trip of observation, and was delighted with what he had seen and learned. He saw opening out to Canada a grand and brilliant future; in it a source of development to which the many classes in good Old England could come with strong arms, determined will, and steady purpose of action to carve out for themselves a comfortable home and honourable livelihood. He also hoped that if in the distant future the Colonies would be represented in one Grand State Parliament, Canada would be able to do credit to herself, and this he felt satisfied of from the push, tact, and loyal sentiment which he found abounds over this vast territory. He trusted that at some future day the Royal Craft would be honoured with a visit from H.R.H. After an eloquent and entertaining speech he resumed his seat amidst rourds of applause.

The next toast, which the Chairman said gave him peculiar pleasure to propose, was that of "Our Visiting Sir Knights." They had amongst them visitors from several jurisdictions, and he knew that the Sir Knights of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory felt how great an honour had been conferred upon them by the presence of so many this evening, to which replies were elicited from the following brethren:

Sir Knight W. H. HARRON, 33, on behalf of the Supreme Council 33 of Canada, who desired to convey to the Sir Knights the thanks of that Grand Body for the honour conferred upon it by proposing the toast, and in being pleased to do honour to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales through the R.E. the Grand Chancellor.

Sir Knight J. H. GRAHAM, LL.D., 322, G.M.G. Lodge, Quebec, in replying, referred to the very great pleasure it afforded him at being present to do honour to the Ambassador from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to associate with a few old friends who he saw present from Ontario and enjoy that fraternal intercourse with those whom he had met in former days, and trusted that the same kindly feeling of reciprocal attachment would be enhanced by the meeting that evening; that wherever little differences of opinion had existed in the past, he felt satisfied that nothing would occur to mar that pleasure and goodfellowship which are the teachings of Masonry.

The Grand Master of Quebec concluded his able address amidst the enthusiastic plaudits of the whole assembly.

Sir Knight GEO. O. TYLER, Grand Commander of the State of Vermont, in replying, said, though hailing from over the border line, he still claimed that he was a Canadian, Masonic as well as by birth; that he desired to express his feeling of loyalty in assuring the distinguished Sir Knight that he spoke the sentiments of 900 knights of Vermont in wishing long life and prosperity to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Sir Knight W. B. TRACY replied for the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

Sir Knight THOS. SARGANT, Grand J. Grand Chapter of Canada, in replying, desired to convey the assurance to H.R.H., through R.E. the Great Chancellor, that within the wide domains of Canada none were more loyal, more true to the throne, and possessed greater fealty and reverence to our Grand Master of the Order than the four thousand who were on the register of the Grand Chapter of Canada (Ontario). On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Canada he thanked the Sir Knights for the expressions of brotherly love which had been extended to him.

Sir Knight H. A. MACKAY, of Hamilton, replied for the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory.

M.W. Bros. W. B. SIMPSON and A. A. STEVENSON responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The CHANCELLOR of the GRAND PRIORY of ENGLAND proposed the following toast—"The E.P. of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Sir Knight Adams," which was received with three times three.

The E. SIR KNIGHT, in replying, said that this was a red-letter day with the preceptory; they had been honoured with the presence of so many tried and true friends, as well as the distinguished visitor, that he felt satisfied Knight Templarism in this city would receive an impetus which would result in good to the Order.

The toast of "The Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Stearns," was then proposed, and received with rounds of cheers.

The E. SIR KNIGHT, in replying, stated that he was unable to give utterance to what his heart desired him to say, but he assured the brethren that he felt it no small honour to be present and assist in receiving our distinguished Sir Knights. He trusted that the feeling engendered this evening would result in good to the Order of Knight Templars.

The Sir Knights then dispersed after "God Save the Queen" and "Auld Lang Syne" had been rendered in the time-honoured style, all being satisfied that it had been one of the most pleasurable evenings they had spent in the interests of Templar Masonry.

Obituary.

BRO. H. J. ADAMS.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. H. J. Adams, one of the founders of St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, and senior partner in the house of W. J. Adams and Son, who have been the publishers of Bradshaw's guides from the time that they first began to appear. Bro. Adams was much respected by all who knew him, but few imagined that the modest, retiring publisher of railway guides was a diligent student of Schopenhauer, and that when he left Fleet-street his evenings were devoted to the study of German philosophy. Bro. Adams never wrote even a pamphlet, and, like too many other English students, he has left behind him no monument of lifelong labours. He was overseer of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, in the City of London. His death took place last Monday, at his house in West Hampstead, at the early age of fifty. He will be buried at Norwood next Monday.

BRO. THOMAS THOMAS.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., after a few days illness, passed away Bro. Thomas Thomas, Post-master of Great Berkhamstead, and Provincial Grand Tyler of Hertfordshire. He was also Tyler of the Berkhamstead and Watford Lodges, which posts he had filled over thirty years. He died at the age of seventy-three, and was followed to the grave by several members of the Masonic body, and also by about 150 of the members of the respective Orders of Odd Fellows and Foresters.

BRO. R. W. LOWRY.

Considerable regret was caused in local Masonic circles by the intelligence of the death of Bro. R. W. Lowry, a highly-esteemed member of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 1356, Liverpool. The deceased was for about a period of ten years a most useful and practical member of the Toxteth Board of Guardians, and his funeral, which took place on Wednesday week at Smithdown-road Cemetery, was very largely attended. At the graveside were assembled many of his colleagues on the Poor-law Board and a gathering of Freemasons. The chief mourners were Mr. E. Lowry, brother, and several sons and nephews of the deceased. The guardians present included: Bro. E. Paull, Mr. E. Lewis, Mr. W. Hood, Mr. W. H. Edwards, Mr. T. Edwards, Bro. B. B. Marson, Mr. E. Jones, Messrs. W. Abercrombie, T. Pritchard, Harrison, and Dr. Macdonald (medical officer). There were also in attendance: Capt. Stabb, Messrs. T. Beaumont, T. Trevitt, and J. Robson, of the Toxteth Burial Board; Councillor T. Hughes, Messrs. T. Roberts, W. Lloyd (Secretary to the Toxteth Conservative Association); and the following members of the Masonic Fraternity: Bros. J. Keet, W.M.; H. P. Squire, Sec.; J. W. Williams, G. Yates, J. Shaw, B. Hologate, Charles Arden, J. Moulding, J. Lees, H. H. Hughes, John Ashley, H. Wilson, J. Neil, J. R. Pritchard, and — Casement, all of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 1356; Bros. Coxon, Walker, T. Evans, and J. Hughes, of 1675; Bros. W. W. Thomas, S.W., and W. T. Thomas, of 1570; and others. The deceased was interred in that portion of the cemetery set apart for Nonconformists, the Rev. J. C. Greaves, Wesleyan minister, conducting the burial service.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held under auspicious circumstances at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present we noticed: Bros. T. Morrison, W.M.; Heaphy, S.W., W.M. elect; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Rumball, I.P.M.; Clark, S.D.; Jordan, I.G.; Fromholtz, W.S.; Kendall, D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were: Bros. the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.P.G.C. Middx., P.M., &c.; C. Kendall, W.M. 1625; J. Jacobs, J.W. 1614; J. Brant, 749; W. Turner, 1586; W. Heath, 1681; E. W. Acock, 1901; G. T. Acock, 1901; Gr F. Snook, Kingsland Lodge; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the several ceremonies of raising, passing, and initiation were duly carried out by the W.M. Bro. Heaphy having been presented by the I.P.M., he was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. by the W.M. At the Board of Installed Masters the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Carter and Walls; Bro. C. Dairy being the D.C., and Bro. W. Stuart the I.G. The officers invested were: Bros. Walls, S.W.; Clark, J.W.; Carter, Treas. (twenty-third time); W. Stuart, Sec.; Jordan, S.D.; Fromholtz, J.D.; Kendall, I.G.; Holmes, W.S.; Hul, D.C.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The addresses were given by Bros. Rumball, Stuart, and Dairy. Previously to the lodge being closed a Past Master's jewel was given to Bro. Morrison by the W.M., who, in the course of the presentation, alluded to the very excellent way in which the arduous duties of the chair had been performed by the I.P.M. during his year of office. Bro. Morrison having replied in a neat and modest speech, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, after five hours' labour, adjourned to their well-earned and much needed refreshment.

As the cloth was not cleared until nearly eleven o'clock, the toasts were necessarily curtailed, and given so briefly that there remains nothing further to report, except that Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden made a very forcible and telling response upon behalf of "The Visitors;" and Bro. Morrison, I.P.M., a fluent speech in returning thanks for "The Past Masters and Officers." The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the very protracted proceedings terminated.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel on Thursday, the 3rd inst. There were present: Bros. S. T. Lucas, W.M.; J. G. Chillingworth, S.W.; J. Lorkin, P.M.; J. W. T. Rickwood, I.P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; H. Legge, P.M.; Thos. Cohu, P.M.; Geo. Abbott, P.M., Hon. Sec.; and several other brethren.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Fowler was passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was then taken for Mr. W. Hamblin, which proved unanimous, and that gentlemen was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Smith, for many years Tyler to the lodge, having resigned through ill-health, it was unanimously resolved that, in consideration of his long and faithful services to the lodge, he be paid an annuity of three guineas. A notice of motion to alter the visitor's fee was unanimously adopted. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in the usual form and adjourned, after which the brethren banqueted together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—The installation meeting of this lodge was celebrated on the 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Shortly after five o'clock lodge was opened by Bro. J. F. Van Raalte, W.M., and his officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were submitted by Bro. L. Stean, P.M., Sec., and confirmed. Bros. Jules Blondel and Alfred Sprules were then raised to the Sublime Degree in an impressive and masterly manner. Bro. Van Raalte may be congratulated upon having concluded his year's working in so commendable a style. Bro. William Pitt, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. L. Stean, P.M., and inducted into the chair of K.S. On the return of the brethren, the new Worshipful Master was saluted in ancient form in the several Degrees, Bro. Mather, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Herts, acting as D.C., and then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. G. Redding, S.W.; J. Field, J.W.; T. W. Jones, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); L. Stean, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); G. Edwards, S.D.; A. G. Winsor, J.D.; G. F. Goodenough, I.G.; R. Prime, D.C.; W. T. Yates, Steward; and Marsh, Tyler. The investing of the officers was, by request of the W.M., performed for him by Bro. Stean, who explained the duties of the various offices to them. Two cases of application for relief were then discussed with the result that the petition of one brother was entertained for application to the Board of Benevolence, and a sum of £5 5s. was voted to another brother from the Lodge Benevolent Fund. We are happy to state that this amount was augmented at the banquet by a collection, which produced over £4. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, lodge was closed and adjourned.

Among the brethren present were: Bros. Lovell Keays, P.M.; G. M. Taylor, P.M.; R. Prime, Albert Sproules, J. D. Blondel, W. T. Yates, A. Sproules, L. V. James, W. Nash, T. Burdett, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Cooke, Treas. 1613; W. Pennefather, P.M. 1623; T. Butt, P.M. 907; J. G. Hutchinson, 569; R. B. Greenwood, W.S. 1623; J. P. Allen, W.S. 1056; H. Forss, 554; W. Smith, W.S. 1743; J. L. Mather, P.M. 1580, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; H. J. Lardner, W.M. 1745; T. Jackson, S.W. 1475; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*); and others.

At the conclusion of labour a very well-served banquet awaited the brethren, and due attention having been bestowed upon the good cheer, grace was said, and at a somewhat late hour the combined toast, "Loyalty to the Throne and Fidelity to the Craft," was given briefly from the chair, and heartily received. A verse of the National Anthem was sung by Bro. Stephens, Bro. Greenwood kindly accompanying. Bro. Van Raalte, I.P.M., said no doubt the brethren were fully aware for what purpose he had taken possession of the gavel. He had the pleasing duty to perform of proposing "The Health of the W.M." They

had not as yet had any opportunity of judging how their W.M. would work in the chair. He (Bro. Van Raalte) had seen their W.M. in the chair, and could inform the brethren that when they did see him perform his duties they would all be satisfied with their choice. He was sure that under the direction of their W.M. they would have a good and successful year, and he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would grant Bro. Pitt health and strength to carry out his duties and leave the Cosmopolitan Lodge in a still more flourishing condition than it was at present. (Cheers.) After a song from the S.W., the W.M. returned thanks. He trusted the kind expressions and hopes for the future of Bro. Van Raalte would be realised. Like Bro. Van Raalte, he had worked up step by step, and assured the brethren he would always be at his post and do his best for the lodge. Bro. Van Raalte had that evening as his last duty in the chair worked the Third Ceremony; they had all seen how well the work had been performed, and he had great pleasure in the name and on behalf of the Cosmopolitan Lodge to present the I.P.M. with a jewel voted to him by the lodge. The jewel, with inscription, "Presented to Jacob Frederick Van Raalte, P.M., by the members of the Cosmopolitan Lodge as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of the services rendered by him as W. Master of the Lodge, 8th November, '81," having been pinned on the breast of the recipient, Bro. Pitt concluded by wishing Bro. Van Raalte long life to wear the jewel, and that he might be happy and prosperous. Bro. Van Raalte, whose rising was most heartily greeted, said he could hardly find words sufficiently strong to express his feelings on being presented with so beautiful a jewel. He felt he scarcely deserved it. (Yes.) He was very glad then to feel they had thought him worthy, and he trusted he would be spared for many years to be with them, and to do all in his power for the lodge. (Cheers.) Ever since he had entered the lodge he had always been very fond of it, and felt sure that under their present W.M. it would continue to be prosperous. The W.M. next introduced "The Masonic Charities," pointing out the necessity for supporting the three excellent Institutions belonging to the Craft. As the hour was late he would leave the matter in the hands of Bro. L. Stean, as he knew that brother would not allow the toast to suffer. Bro. Stean said he should content himself on that occasion by making an appeal on behalf of a distressed brother, asking that the contents of the charity box, which was being passed round the table, might be devoted to relieve the case. The pleasing announcement was made that over £4 had been contributed, and Bro. Edwards kindly undertook to convey it to the brother. "The Visitors" next received attention, Bro. Pitt offering a hearty welcome to all, the brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge being at all times pleased to receive their guests. Bro. Prime here favoured the brethren with a song. Bro. Mather, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., first responded. It was so late in the evening he would not speak at length of the capital working or sumptuous banquet they had been favoured with, but would simply return thanks for himself and those brethren not called upon. It had afforded him great pleasure for the first time in his Masonic career to visit the Cosmopolitan Lodge. He must point out that this was owing to no fault of his, but of some of those around the table. The W.M., Bro. Pitt, was a pupil of his, and he (Bro. Mather) entertained no doubt that at the end of his year of office he will have been found as good a Worshipful Master as they had had in the Cosmopolitan Lodge. He was punctual in his attendance, possessed a good memory; and Bro. Mather hoped that all the brethren who were aiming at the position Bro. Pitt held would attend lodges of instruction as he had, and there they were sure to attain that knowledge which would fit them for the position. Bro. Mather concluded by thanking them for his cordial reception, and, on behalf of himself and the other visiting brethren, said it would be no fault of theirs if they were not seen again visiting the Cosmopolitan Lodge. Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M. 1623, fully endorsed the remarks of Bro. Mather, and trusted the W.M. would be enabled to carry out the duties in the excellent manner that he had indicated. Bros. T. Butt, P.M. 907, and H. J. Lardner, W.M. 1745, also spoke to the toast. The W.M. next gave "The Masonic Press." Bro. Pitt alluded to the great improvements which had been attained in the production of our newspapers, and how necessary they had become. He pointed out the advantage to be derived from a perusal of the Masonic journals regularly, recommending each brother to avail himself of the opportunities for improvement which are therein afforded. Bro. Pitt had derived much information, and recommended the brethren to do so. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens. That brother, in reply, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the hearty reception of the toast with which his name was associated. Bro. Pitt had very appropriately claimed the support of the members of the Craft for those journals which promoted the welfare of the Order. All he would add to the observations of the W.M. was that whereas the general press appealed to a wide and extensive field for support, the Masonic Press, which it cost much to publish, could only look for support to the narrow limits of the Craft. He was sure the proprietors would be pleased if the brethren would follow the precept and example laid down by their W.M. Bro. Stephens thanked the brethren for their hearty welcome and cordial response to the toast. The "Past Masters" were next toasted. How impossible (Bro. Pitt said) it was for any lodge to go on for long without the assistance and wise counsels of the Past Masters. This they had seen that evening in the exertions of one of that body and the only surviving founder of the lodge, Bro. L. Stean. Some of the P.M.'s had left the lodge, but he would personally thank Bro. Stean for the kind and able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation in the lodge. Bro. Stean, P.M., in the course of his remarks thanked the brethren for the warmth of the response to his name, coupled with the toast of "The Past Masters." He was one of the founders of the lodge—his name appearing upon the warrant—he was their first Secretary, and had continued to hold that office since the lodge was formed. It was always a pleasure to him to render service to this or any other lodge. Being now seventy-three years of age he could not expect to render service for any very lengthened period, but it always afforded him great pleasure to see his pupils, and those whom he had instructed attaining the highest positions in the Craft. Bro. I.P.M. Van Raalte said, although a very young Past Master, and, consequently, one who had not rendered any service as such, he would take that opportunity of bringing under the

notice of the lodge the fact that he was representing the Cosmopolitan Lodge at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, on the 22nd February next. Bro. Van Raalte appealed to the brethren to support him, and so enable him to present a good list from the lodge in aid of that deserving Institution. Several of the brethren made a ready response to this appeal, and we have no doubt Bro. Van Raalte's list will be adequately supported by the other brethren, many of whom had been obliged to leave. "The Officers" were next toasted. Bro. Pitt said the newly-appointed officers had not yet been called upon for those services the lodge claimed of them. He felt sure that when they were called upon their duties would be properly performed. When such was the case it was a great pleasure, alike to those who performed them and to those who looked on and listened to the work. The Officers severally returned thanks, each pledging himself to a proper discharge of his duties during the ensuing year, and the Tyler's toast was given, bringing a harmonious and successful meeting to a close.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The installation meeting of this celebrated dramatic and musical lodge was held on Monday evening, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present: Bros. Charles Wellard, W.M.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M. and Sec.; James Weaver, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; George Buckland, P.M.; Charles Coote, Treas.; Edward Frewin, P.M.; William H. Cremer, Henry Baker, Charles S. Jakyll, P.M., G. Org.; Charles Harper, jun.; Joseph Perry, W. A. Tinney, P.M.; John M. Ball, Henry Guydys, Henry J. Tinney, Org.; Julian Egerton, Joseph Baker, Frederick Burgess, John T. Carrodus, William J. Castell, William Graves, Leopold Silberberg, Edward Swanborough, I.P.M.; Gustavus H. Egerton, Ambrose Austin, Wallace Wells, Frederick Kendall, William Lewis Barrett, William Meyer Lutz, S.W., W.M. elect.; Arthur Thomas, Harry Cox, Robert Hilton, Abraham Hendon, D.C.; Robert Soutar, John Maclean, J.W.; G. Arnold, F. Delevanti, S.D.; James C. Hambleton, Victor Tussard, C. G. Alias, R. A. F. Rochester, William Parker Hamond, Charles Francis Fogarty, Walter Hopkins Smith, Henry James Carter, Robert Dodson, Jules Guillon, Pietro Le Conte Castell, Charles Blount Powell, Lionel Brough, Charles Ernest Tinney, I.G.; William John Kent, Steward; Frederick H. Pritchard, Henry James Calcott, Alfred Morton, Henry Ashley, Steward; Lestock Boiteau Woolridge, Richard Temple, Harry James Hitchins, Edward Humphrey, George Edwin Fairchild, James G. Taylor, Wallis Mackay, Henry Marsh Edsall, Luigi Lablache, Charles J. Abud, Alfred R. Phillips, Emile Girard, Julien Girard, Charles J. Taylor, Henry Parry, George Griffiths, John L. Simon, Walter A. Rolls, Henry Bracey, Alfred Woodhouse, George W. Trout, George Jenkinson, Max Klein, W. Holman, H. Herman, L. Honig, and C. T. Bradberry.

The visitors were Bros. George E. Fox, 1339; Joseph D. Langton, 1 and 1673 (S.W.); Dr. Casson, P.M. 1706; J. J. Allan, 1539; W. W. Benjamin, 1017; H. J. Phillips, W.M. 205; T. K. Habins, 23; John S. Hillier, Samaritan Lodge, N.S.W.; C. F. Hogard, P.M. and Sec., 205; F. Stanislaus, 781, 1663; John Corke, 1613; William Sevelton 231; Arthur Adams, 738; Richard Cummings, J.D. 1677; Edmund Boulnois, 1635; J. R. Behena, 1531; J. Stone, 704; T. de B. Holmes, 1209; John Read, P.M. 720; Robert White, Bayley Mason, S.D., St. Andrews; W. C. Pouch, 231; James Willing, junr., P.M. 1771 and 1507; Butler Jackson, 1677; Samuel Etheibert White, 922; Charles Smith, 3; Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; J. A. Hammond, I.P.M., Trinity College Lodge; William Hilton, P.M. 1351; H. Mackintosh, M.D., P.M. 4; James Blyth, P.M. 173; C. F. May, P.M. 780; J. W. Lee, 205; J. F. Walsh, Grand Stewards' Lodge; A. L. Oswald, 1670; Thos. Dawson, 1305; H. Brocklehurst, 862; H. Bailey, Kilwinning, O.; E. W. Cathie, Percy, George Bishop, 231; A. W. Dunn, P.M. 1670; Archibald Nagle, 186; John King, 180; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, and W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

After the formal business had been performed, it was announced that Bro. Tinney, P.M., resigned the office of Secretary of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, on account of his going to reside in Paris. The installation of Worshipful Master then proceeded, and Bro. James Weaver, P.M., presented to Bro. C. Wellard, W.M., Bro. William Meyer Lutz, S.W. and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. Bro. Wellard thereupon formally installed Bro. Lutz, who was heartily congratulated on his attaining the distinguished position of W.M. of the Lodge of Asaph. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. Maclean, S.W.; Delevanti, J.W.; Charles Coote, Treas.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; Charles Tinney, S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; W. Kent, I.G.; H. G. Tinney, D.C.; Jenkinson, Org.; L. B. Woolridge (Lestock), and W. H. Smith, Stewards; and Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Wellard then delivered the addresses. Bro. Harry Cox apologised for the absence of Bros. J. Taylor, J. Carter, E. Terry, P.M.; and J. Beveridge. The W.M. announced that Bro. Edward Swanborough, P.M., would take the office of Steward for this lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the 22nd February, 1882. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, where the usual choice banquet for which this lodge is famed was provided. At the close of the banquet grace was beautifully sung, and the customary toasts were proposed. "The Queen and the Craft" having been disposed of, the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M." followed. The toast of "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was acknowledged by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary. Bro. Wellard, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, had been known to the brethren for many years, and, therefore, whatever he might say of him would not add much to their knowledge. He had been in the Lodge of Asaph some time, and from the date of his taking office no one could have shown more energy and perseverance in the discharge of his duties. If there was wanted a grand proof of his perseverance it was his presence that day, when he was suffering very greatly in health, and it was only by the greatest application and energy that he had been enabled to present himself for installation. The brethren, therefore, would show their entire sympathy with Bro. Meyer Lutz by drinking his health most heartily, and wishing him a speedy return to good health, and a prosperous and happy year of office as Master of the Lodge of

Asaph. The W.M., in reply, said he thanked the brethren sincerely for electing him to the high office he now held, and he would endeavour during his year of office to carry out the duties properly, carefully, and successfully, and to do so nothing should be wanting on his part. With these words, though very few, but nevertheless, the more deeply felt, he begged to thank them all for the kind way in which they had drunk his health, so feelingly alluded to by Bro. Wellard. There now devolved upon him a very pleasing task, which was to present a jewel to their Immediate Past Master, Bro. C. Wellard. He had great satisfaction in presenting this jewel, as it was a testimony of the brethren's appreciation of the way in which he had performed his duties. In presenting it, he begged to assure Bro. Wellard that the brethren were truly grateful to him for what he had done on behalf of the lodge and for his having so well and actively performed his duties. He hoped to have the pleasure of his assistance during his year of office. Bro. Wellard, I.P.M., in reply, said he estimated the jewel at a very high rate. He had passed through all the offices of the Lodge of Asaph, and he now retired. During that time he had been in office he had much to be thankful for. The brethren had encouraged him to persevere, and had overlooked the many deficiencies he had exhibited; but he could only say he had endeavoured to do to the best of his ability. He had worked hard to do so, and any defect shown had not been from want of love to the Craft. It had been his great delight to do his work, and he had been ably assisted by the P.M.'s. He hoped that now he should be able to give assistance to those who might come after him. The jewel presented to him would be an heirloom in his family, and would be highly cherished as a presentation by this Lodge of Asaph. Bro. J. M. Chamberlin, P.M. and Secretary, responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," whose greatest recompense, he said, was to see the lodge prosperous. Bro. Casson replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and, in the course of his observations, said he believed the new W.M. would maintain the dignity of the lodge. Bro. Delevanti, J.W., replied to the toast of "The Officers," Bro. Maclean, S.W., having been obliged to leave, on account of his professional engagements, early in the evening. Bro. Delevanti said that nothing should be wanting on his part to do his duty properly, not only in the working, but in cementing those feelings among the brethren which would eventually make Freemasonry much more than the outer world thought. They would show to the outer world that they were friends to every effort to do good to all the world. The Craft was noble, and let them show that it was so. Referring to the W.M., he said he could go thirty years back, when this clever artist conducted the opera of "Les Huguenots" at the Surrey Theatre. He was amazed to see him conduct with one hand and play the pianoforte with the other, a kid glove dangling from one hand. From the drum parts to the horn parts, he filled up each part with all the artistic fervour which would foreshadow him as a future thorough master in music, and as a climax Brother of this grand dramatic and musical lodge. All the brethren believed that he would be as perfect a Master of the lodge as he was as a musical Master. Indeed, the lodge might congratulate itself on possessing one who would be one of its landmarks. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening a beautiful selection of music was performed by Miss Alice Aynsley Cooke, Bro. George Buckland, Bro. John Maclean, Bro. Parry, and Bro. Henry Bracy; Bro. Julian Egerton (clarinet), and Bro. C. J. Jekyll, P.M., G. Org. (pianoforte).

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE (No. 1765).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at Trinity College, Mandeville-place. Bro. J. A. Hammond, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. H. J. Stark, S.W.; Rev. V. Hunt, J.W.; Gabriel, Treas.; J. Stedman, Sec.; B. Turner, S.D.; Hoare, J.D.; G. F. Hammond, I.G.; J. Hodges, H. Taylor, Wallace Wells, Plant Martin, Stanley Smith, Edmund Rogers, E. H. Farwig, P.M. 180; Russell M. Lechner; J. E. Shand, W.M. 1563; C. Brander, 1563; J. Stevens, P.M. 1426; T. Poore, P.M. 720; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*). The W.M. first raised Bro. Carl Magnus Brander, F.C., No. 1563, to the Third Degree, and at the conclusion of this ceremony, in a perfect and unflinching style, installed Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The presentation being made by Bro. Farwig, P.M. 180, the brethren appointed to office were: Bros. J. A. Hammond, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. V. W. Hunt, S.W.; Stedman, J.W.; Gabriel, Treas.; J. A. Hammond, Sec.; E. J. Hoare, S.D.; B. Turner, J.D.; G. Hammond, I.G.; B. Lane, Org.; F. Carr, D.C.; S. Hoare, W.S., and Harrison, Tyler. After Bro. Hammond had delivered the address to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, the W.M. presented Bro. Hammond with a P.M.'s jewel, and in making the presentation, said, the task was indeed a difficult one, because he was quite unable to express adequately the feelings which had guided the lodge in voting it. In some lodges the presentation of a jewel to the outgoing Master was a mere matter of routine. But in this lodge, young as it was, one occasion had already arisen on which it was deemed neither necessary nor expedient that a jewel should be presented. This was a proof that the present jewel would not have been voted unless the W.M. had performed his duties faithfully. Those brethren who had been witnesses of the W.M.'s performance of his duties could agree that, in saying what he now said, he was perfectly justified. He would only add that in presenting this jewel the W.M. might regard it in a twofold light—first, as a small token of the brethren's appreciation of the dignified and able way in which he had discharged the duties of the chair; and, secondly, as a mark of personal esteem and fraternal regard. He (the W.M.) placed now in Bro. Hammond's hands a jewel voted to him, with the best wishes for his long life, happiness, and prosperity, and also with their best wishes for his continued presence among them. The remarks of the W.M. were endorsed by the cordial cheers of all the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Hammond, I.P.M., in reply, said, he should content himself with thanking the brethren most emphatically for the gift so kindly and heartily made, and would assure them that it would be an heirloom in his family, and a gift he should very much prize. This concluded the business of the lodge, which was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to what was called on the summons simply "refreshment," but which in reality consisted of a very elegant cold banquet. When this had

been disposed of, the brethren were entertained between toasts with a selection of vocal and instrumental music of the highest class, and which could only be given by a lodge whose members entirely consist of professors of the Divine art. The vocalists were Bros. J. Hodges, H. Taylor, Wallace Wells, Plant Martin, and Stanley Smith; and presiding at the pianoforte were Bros. Edmund Rogers and Russell M. Lechner. The musical pieces performed were "Grace," "For these and all Thy Mercies," "In Autumn we should Drink," "The Magic Hour," "Qui Stegno," "He and She," "Haste ye Soft Gales," "Mandoline," "Sul Campo Della," "When Evening's Twilight," and "Fill the Shining Goblet," together with some other concerted pieces of equal excellence. In proposing the toasts the W.M. observed that as the hour was late, and as the enjoyment of music was the principal portion of the programme after dinner, the speeches would be made very short. The formal toasts were then given. Bro. Hammond, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, was one of the founders of Trinity College, as well as one of the founders of the lodge. He had also held a high position in the college as a professor, and likewise as its Registrar. With such qualifications the brethren could not but agree that Bro. Stark was the right man in the right place, when he was W.M. of the lodge. The W.M., having replied in a very few words, in which he conveyed his feelings of intense gratification at having been honoured by the unanimous election by the brethren to the chair of the lodge, proposed "The Visitors," to which toast Bro. James Stevens replied. He felt indebted, as all the visitors must, to the lodge for the great treat that they had had that evening, both in the working of the lodge and the entertainment subsequently provided. The outgoing Master, in his performance of the ceremonies of raising and installation, had left nothing to be desired. In all the Masonic experience of the visitors, which was not a short one with many of them, they had never heard any brother do his duty of installing his successor for the first time so admirably as Bro. Hammond, and the jewel with which he had been presented was well earned. The music also had been such as was rarely met with. Other visitors also replied, and the W.M. then gave what he described as the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Hammond," and he likewise complimented that worthy brother, not only on his performance of the ceremony of installation, but on his execution of the office of Master throughout the whole of his year of office. Bro. Hammond responded, and thanked the brethren for the high appreciation they had of the endeavours he had made to dignify the position in which he had been placed. The toast of "The Masonic Press" was also given and responded to; and the W.M. next gave "The Health of the Officers," on whom, he said, he should have to depend for the proper carrying out of his own duties. He knew very well that the officers he had invested would do their duty, and endeavour, to the utmost of their ability, to discharge the onerous functions of their offices. Bro. the Rev. V. Hunt, S.W., replied, and, in the course of his remarks, observed that it was the duty of all officers to prepare themselves for their work before they were invested, as one year was hardly sufficient fully to prepare a brother for a higher office. There was before him the prospect of the W.M.'s chair next year, and he hardly knew how to manage; but the officers felt a deep sense of the responsibility cast upon them, and they trusted they should not prove themselves unworthy of the confidence reposed in them. Bro. Harrison gave the Tyler's toast, and the proceedings terminated.

CLARENDON LODGE (No. 1769).—The annual installation meeting of this young but prosperous lodge, which is just commencing the fourth year of its existence, took place on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a large attendance, especially of visitors. The brethren assembled shortly after five o'clock, and at half-past lodge was opened in accordance with the time-honoured formalities, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Grove, who was supported by his I.P.M., Bro. J. Cooper; Bros. Chas. Thompson, S.W., W.M. elect; T. W. Mayes, J.W.; John Stanley, P.M., Treas., acting Sec.; John Soper, S.D.; George Croxton, J.D.; J. C. Thomas, D.C.; J. B. Linscott, I.G.; E. Abercrombie, W. Goldsmith, C. Thomas, Tyler; and others. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276; H. C. Soper, P.M. 704; J. T. Robertson, P.M. 55; J. C. Dwarber, P.M. 55; W. T. Fathing, P.M. 55; G. E. Snow, P.M. 55, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; J. Henry Smith, P.M. 279, P.P.G. Chap. Leicester; T. P. Lewin, W.M. 276, P.G.S. West Essex; H. E. Dehane, W.M. 1543, P.G.S. Essex; H. Turner, P.M. 1589; James Andrews, 1799; Thos. C. Nunn, 1531; H. White, 1671; Maurice S. Rubenstein, 1642; T. Ernest Pocock, 1891; H. Foskett, 1642; J. Healey, 1348; John Cottorson, 862; Robert H. Johnson, 1348; D. Stroud, 55; Thomas E. Wright, 55; W. Robinson, 55; and others. Lodge having been advanced in accordance with the customary formalities, Bro. Charles Thompson was presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and installed into the chair by Bro. Charles Cooper, P.M., who performed the ceremony in a most creditable manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W. Master was proclaimed, saluted and greeted with the usual honours, and he then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed: Bro. Thomas Grove, I.P.M.; T. W. Mayes, S.W.; John Soper, J.W.; John Stanley, P.M. Treas.; George Croxton, S.D.; J. C. Thomas, J.D.; J. B. Linscott, D.C.; E. Abercrombie, I.G.; C. Thomas, Tyler. Some formal business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast had been provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills gave unqualified satisfaction. At the conclusion of the repast the loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, "The Health of the new Worshipful Master" being received with especial cordiality. In responding, Bro. Thompson thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and assured them that he should exert his utmost efforts to promote the welfare of the lodge. In proposing "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," he spoke of the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his time of office, and begged his acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and in recognition of the valuable services he had

rendered to the lodge. The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Grove in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, thanked the brethren for their generous gift and promised to render all the assistance he could to his successor during the time he should rule over the lodge. Several other toasts were honoured, and during the evening an attractive selection of vocal and instrumental music was given, Bro. Cantell, P.M., lending efficient aid as accompanist on the pianoforte. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was passed.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at The Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the following members were present: Bros. W. Nicholl, W.M.; H. Walmsley, S.W.; J. Smethurst, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Cunliffe, Secretary; John Bladon, P.M., P.G.D. of C., acting J.W.; James Wilson, S.D.; Daniel Doubavand, P.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; A. Wild, J. Garside, Walter Wood, H. Bury, Charles Hart, and J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. A. Palmer, J.W. De Tabley Lodge, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened at 6.15, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.G.D. of C., then assumed the chair of K.S., by permission of Bro. W. Nicholl, W.M., and passed Bro. Walter Wood to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Bladon also delivered the S.E. Corner Stone Address, and presented and explained the working tools to the candidate. On the conclusion of the ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brother, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.15. A soiree and ball was held in the banquet room, and amongst those who took part in the same were Bros. W. Nicholl, W.M.; H. Walmsley, S.W., and Mrs. Walmsley; Bro. John Smethurst, P.M., Treas., Mrs. and Miss Smethurst; Bros. J. Howarth Clark, P.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; Daniel Doubavand, P.M., and Mrs. Doubavand; Bro. J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Mrs. Elderton, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. John Church, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Higginbotham; Bro. Edward Smith and Mrs. Smith; Bro. Walter Wood and Mrs. Wood; Bros. J. Garside, Charles Hart, H. Bury and Mrs. Bury; Bros. A. Wild, Matthew Owen (163) and Mrs. Owen; Bros. Hugh J. R. Bayley, P.M. 815; George C. Williams, W.M. 152; J. E. Steward, P.M. 336; — Kelly (Humphrey Chetham); R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*) and Mrs. Lisenden. Dancing commenced at 8.45, and at 10.20 the company adjourned to supper, which was prepared for them in the lodge room, and which was *sans doute* a perfect triumph for Bro. Phillips and his unwearied helpmeet. During the repast Bro. J. Howarth Clark, P.M., rose, and in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which, it is needless to say, was responded to with enthusiasm, and Bro. Charles Hart, on being called upon to respond for "Les Dames," did so in an amusing manner. Bro. Clark afterwards rose again and proposed "The Health of Bro. Nicholl, W.M.," whom he said was the most popular and highly esteemed W.M. the lodge had possessed for some time, being never weary of doing whatever he could for the welfare of the lodge. The toast was most cordially received by all present, and heartily drunk. When Bro. Nicholl had replied, the company proceeded to the ball room again, where dancing was resumed and kept up with unflagging spirit until four o'clock, and shortly afterwards our brothers and sisters wended their homeward way, having spent a most enjoyable evening. We may remark, *en passant*, that the ball room was tastefully decorated with flags and banners, and that the Club Committee very graciously conceded the use of their spacious smoke room to the ladies, and in which light refreshments were served during the evening. Great praise is due to the Committee of Management for the care and attention that was bestowed on the complete arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of all who were present. Our inimitable Bro. J. H. Greenwood presided with his customary ability at the pianoforte, assisted by two *confreres*, who manipulated the cornet and violin respectively. Bro. Bradshaw officiated as M.C.

BUNGAY.—Waveney Lodge (No. 929).—The little town of Bungay was enlivened on Monday, the 7th inst., by the assembling of numerous members of the Craft to celebrate the installation of Bro. H. J. Hartcup (whose family are very popular in the neighbourhood) as W.M. for the year ensuing. The lodge was opened in due form in the justices' room at the King's Head Hotel at four o'clock p.m., by the retiring W.M., Bro. John Legge Currie, the following brethren being present: Bros. H. Burstal, R. C. Mann, T. H. Boulter, P.M.'s; W. W. Walesby, P.M. 929, P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk; F. W. Tewson, Sec. 929, P.G. A.D.C.; T. H. L. Rodwell, S.D.; E. Cadge, J.D.; B. Seaman, R. Waldegrave Packer, J. K. Womersley, T. Paul, W. Crowfoot, W. H. Mann, and James Frew, 929. The visitors included: Bros. John Boyce, P.M. 213, P.Z. 213, P.P.S.G.D. Norfolk; T. Isley, P.M. 1500, P.P.D.C. Norfolk; A. Bullard, P.M. 1500 and 1808, P.G.D.C. Norfolk; J. Stanley, P.M. 213, Z. 213, P.P.G.A.D.C. Norfolk; P. Soman, 213 and 807, P.G.S. Norfolk; Frank A. Crisp, W.M. 86; A. Woolbright, W.M. 1808; Jesse Weyer, S.S. 1500; George Bowes, P.M. 305; J. W. Bateman, 807; E. Wilkins, 998, Wahab, East Indies; Hugh W. H. Elwes, S.D. 1452; W. Brown, 313; and C. J. Campling, 1500 and 1808. The customary business having been gone through, the installation ceremony was performed in an exceptionally praiseworthy manner by Bro. Burstal, assisted by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Currie). The W.M. elect appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Rodwell, S.W.; Walesby, J.W.; Cadge, S.D.; Seaman, J.D.; Packer, I.G.; F. W. Tewson, Sec.; and John Norman, Tyler (19th time). The lodge having been closed according to ancient custom, the brethren sat down to a banquet that even surpassed anything for which the old King's Head is famed, and augurs well for the new host, Mr. Candler. After the toast of "The Masonic Charities" (for which Bro. Isley and Tewson made a powerful appeal), "The Lodge Officers," "The Ladies," "The Press" (coupled with Bro. Soman's name), and the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated in the best of spirits. Bros. Wilkins and Campling (pianist) contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening.

MANCHESTER.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1099).—The usual meeting of this influential and select lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday, the 7th inst. The following members were present: Bros. Frank A. Hult, W.M.; George W. Wilson,

I.P.M.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; S. W. George Hunt, J.W.; Charles E. Austin, P.M. Treas.; George Carter, Sec.; James Radford, S.D.; Henry L. Robberds, P.P.G. Organist; Chas. S. Allott, I.G.; George Enticknap, S.S.; Henry Heap, Tyler; Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; T. Killbour, P.M.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; Joseph Halden, G. Capreel, and W. E. Pickles. Visitors: W. Newman, P.P.G. Reg., West Lancashire; C. M. Brierle, P.P.G.D.C. Leicestershire and Rutland; Edward Galea, 515, Malta; W. W. Dawson, W.M. 1219; Charles Heyman, 27; George F. Pringle, 1094; Thomas Stafford, S.D. 481; J. Buckley Seel, S.W. 1730; F. Naggior, R. A. Howell, 27; E. Goldsmith, 1083; James McAlister, and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The brethren met at six o'clock to tea, and at 6.50 assembled in the lodge-room, when the lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Joseph Halden was then passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. delivered the address and explained the working tools, after which Bro. Geo. W. Wilson, I.P.M., delivered the charge to the candidate, and Bro. George Hunt, J.W., gave the lecture on the first tracing board. The whole of the work was most satisfactorily performed, and did great credit to all concerned. Bro. J. L. Hine, S.W., P.P.G.S.W., shortly afterwards rose, and, addressing the W.M., said, that in pursuance of a resolution, moved and seconded at the previous meeting, he begged to inform the members that the illuminated address which it was proposed should be sent to the St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass., was completed, and that the same should (after the brethren had inspected it) be forwarded to the W.M. of the said lodge. The address, which was handsomely engrossed on vellum, read as follows:—

"To the Worshipful Master of the St. John's Lodge, Freemasons' Temple, Boston, Mass.—Greeting. At a regular meeting of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, holding under the Constitutions of England, on the third day of October, 1881, it was unanimously resolved that having heard from our esteemed Bro. C. E. Austin, P.M., a report of his recent visit to your lodge, wherein he states that he was most kindly and Masonically received and entertained by you, this lodge desires to return to you their fraternal thanks and high appreciation. They look forward to the time, which they hope is not far distant, when they may have an opportunity of reciprocating your kindness. By the interchange of such fraternal greetings they are assured that although severed by the great Atlantic, Masons are nevertheless united firmly in those grand principles upon which Freemasonry is founded. They take this opportunity of offering to you their deep sympathy and condolence in the severe loss your country has sustained in the death of your late President and their eminent Bro. General Garfield. Signed on behalf of the members of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009.

"FRANK A. HULT, W.M.

"J. L. HINE, S.W., P.P.G.S.W.

"GEORGE HUNT, J.W.

"GEO. CARTER, Secretary.

"F.M.H., Cooper-street, Manchester."

This interesting proceeding concluded the business of the evening, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.25.

A very enjoyable two hours was passed by the brethren at the social board, in the course of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, as was that of "The Newly-passed Brother," who returned thanks, and a very pleasing incident was the appearance of that veteran in Masonry, Bro. Henry L. Robberds, P.P.G. Organist.

PENARTH.—Windsor Lodge (No. 1754).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Friday, the 4th inst. The lodge was opened at three o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Guthrie, after which the newly-elected W.M., Bro. W. D. John, was presented by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was present on the occasion, to the chair, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. D. Hopkins, I.P.M. of the lodge. Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Tennant for his attendance, to Bro. Guthrie for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master for the past year, and to Bro. D. Hopkins for the skilful way in which he had performed the arduous duty of installing officer. Bro. W. D. John, having been formally installed in the chair of King Solomon, he proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were invested: Bro. Guthrie, I.P.M.; B. Arthur, S.W.; F. P. Adey, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Kennedy, Chap.; I. O. Lewis, Treas.; W. J. B. Fry, Sec.; F. S. N. Johnson, D.C.; F. C. Hodges, S.D.; W. L. Hawkins, J.D.; Lewis Hopkins, Org.; A. Boelti, I.G.; A. Calaminus and T. Austin, Stwds.; and A. Jenkins, Tyler. Bro. Atkins, P.P.G. Org., presided at the organ during the ceremonies.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to the Penarth Hotel, where a banquet was served up in excellent style by Bro. Wain, which was presided over by Bro. W. D. John, supported by Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Tennant, and other distinguished brethren. The usual Masonic toasts, interspersed with songs, occupied the remaining part of the day. Altogether a most enjoyable time was spent. The following visitors from other lodges were in attendance: Bro. Frederick Atkins, P.P.G. Org.; P. T. Batten, James Saunders, Albert Edward, I.P.M.; Charles P. Evans, Silurian, W.M.; William Austice, Bute; J. C. Sladen, Caradoc; John P. Hutchins, Ogmores, W.M.; T. Leyshon, Cambrian, W.M.; W. Mitchell, Canynges; G. Bowain, 960; W. Churchman, 960; T. Williams, I.P.M. Glamorgan; T. G. Horder, Sec. 36, Glamorgan; Charles Cross, Glamorgan; D. Watson, P.M. Glamorgan; F. S. Sharp, Peace and Harmony; Thomas Dickson, W.M. of the Merlin; James Harman, I.P.M. Bute and Windsor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Stranton Lodge (No. 1862).—On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the installation of Bro. W. J. Young, J.P., as W.M. of this lodge took place, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. W. Cameron, P.P.G.S.W., the retiring W.M., in the presence of a large body of brethren, many from distant lodges. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bro. John Brown, S.W.; R. W. Simpson, J.W.; C. Lane, D.C.; Taylor, Treas.; T. Metcalfe, Sec.; J. E. Davison, S.D.; J. F. Wilson, J.D.; G. T. Walker, Org.; Hobson, I.G.; and Atkinson, Tyler.

The banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, and was attended by a large number of brethren, among others

being: Bro. Joseph Dodds, M.P.; Knowles, J.P.; and Hunton, J.P., Stockton; the Mayor of Hartlepool (Bro. John Horsley, J.P.); Bro. Baumann, W.M. 764; Alex. Iley, 509; Dr. Gourley, J.P., P.P.G.S.W.; and the following Past Masters: Bro. Coxon, Pearson, Hudson, Glendenning, Carter, Brunton, Casebourne, Armstrong, Harpley, and Tate.

INSTRUCTION.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, E., on the 1st inst. Bro. W. Cross, Secretary, was W.M., supported by Bro. J. Andrews, P.M., S.W.; J. R. Shingfield, J.W.; G. N. Stephens, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; and E. W. Walter, W.M. 554, I.G. Also Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor; W. Hawes, C. Warman, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was worked in a manner which elicited from Bro. Barnes, P.M., some very flattering remarks. Bro. J. Andrews worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Andrews, P.M., was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 8th inst. On the proposition of Bro. Walter, W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. Barnes, who has previously filled that position, was unanimously elected to the post of Preceptor of the lodge, which, in the unavoidable resignation of Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, he had kindly consented to occupy. The result was heartily welcomed, and Bro. Barnes stated the conditions on which he had determined to again take up the duties of the Preceptor of the Yarrow Lodge. Among these he mentioned that in his, at times unavoidable absence he should depute Bro. Past Master Andrews to perform his duties for him, feeling sure that the respect in which Bro. Andrews was held would ensure a ready compliance with his dictation. Bro. Andrews having expressed the pleasure it would afford to him at any time to discharge any duty the lodge of instruction might require of him, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. Another change, which together with the important one already noted, is that the lodge meetings will be held uninterruptedly every Tuesday evening. We trust to see this old and useful lodge attain its previous large and influential character.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The annual festival of this successful lodge of instruction took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, the usual place of meeting, the Mansion House Restaurant, not being sufficiently large to accommodate the large number of brethren attending. The chair was taken by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, the Preceptor of the lodge, supported by the following brethren: Bro. Henri Dué, S.W.; J. T. Tanqueray, J.W.; S. T. H. Saunders, S.D.; J. H. Davidson, J.D.; S. W. Shaw, I.G.; Joseph Langton, Treas.; A. W. Duret, D.C.; A. C. Tanqueray, A. Pocock, and C. E. Barnett, Stewards; and J. D. Langton, Secretary.

There was a strong muster of the members, and amongst the visitors were Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; H. C. Francis, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Richards, G.S. Lodge; Benjamin Fullwood, P.M. 328; W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768; F. Pender, P.M. 33; F. R. Stavell, P.M. 1768; W. E. Haycock, P.M. 1196; Jos. Driscoll, P.M. 30; Wigginston, P.M. 1503; J. W. Hoddinott, W.M. 181; Henry Grey, 1820; L. Pocock, 1818; J. Slade, 1685; H. B. Chamberlain, 1364; Howard Smith, 1818; J. W. Baldwin, 1692; W. K. Wylie, 869; F. G. Bampfyde, 1820; H. F. Paget, 104; Henry Garland, 1673; W. G. Kentish, 1293; C. Dudley, 360; F. H. Gruggen, 1670; T. E. Mundy, 1670; V. R. Schalch, 1820; A. Reynolds, 1820; F. Stafford, 1586; J. Brignall, 1586; Arthur Proudfoot, 201; W. W. Morgan, 211; Theo. Drew, 1673; E. W. Parkes, 569; and C. Patrick, 1227.

The installation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., acting as the Installing Master, and Bro. Joseph Langton, P.M., as the W.M. elect. The following officers were then appointed for the next meeting:—Bro. Shaw, S.W.; Stoddart, J.W.; Money, S.D.; Barnett, J.D.; and S. T. H. Saunders, I.G.; and were regularly invested by the W.M. Bro. Duret, P.M., was appointed D.C., and Bro. J. D. Langton, Sec. The usual addresses were then given by the Installing Master, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed for his kindness in performing the ceremony. After which the lodge was duly closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was served in an admirable manner, reflecting great credit on the manager, Bro. Yardley. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., that of "The Grand Officers" being responded to by Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., who also proposed "The W.M. of the Evening," to which Bro. Langton replied. "Success to the Langton Lodge of Instruction" was then proposed, the toast being associated with the names of Bro. Sudlow and J. D. Langton. Then followed "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement" and "The Visitors." The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening, which had been enlivened by some singing and recitations.

Royal Arch.

FRANCIS BURDETT CHAPTER (No. 1503).—This chapter met for the despatch of business on the 27th ult., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Amongst those present were: Comps. Raymond Thrupp, P.Z., M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., acting H., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Taylor; C. Rushworth, J.; W. H. Saunders, S.E. Comp. Dodd was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: Comps. W. Taylor, M.E.Z.; C. Rushworth, H. and Treas.; W. H. Saunderson, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; R. J. Saunders, S.N.; and Richnell, P.S. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Thrupp. Comp. Rushworth gave notice of motion that the annual subscription should be increased.

The name of Comp. Dodd having been submitted as a joining member to be balloted for at the next meeting, the convocation was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The only toasts given thereat were "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The M.E.Z.," and "The Visitor." The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

WIGTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Satur-

day, the 5th inst., at the chapter-rooms, Lion and Lamb Hotel. The chapter was opened soon after eleven o'clock by M.E. Comps. Joseph Pearson, Z.; H. Bewes, P.Z., as H.; and J. Lazenby, J.; assisted by E. Comps. Robinson, P.Z.; John Gate, P.Z.; and John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.N. The remainder of the companions, including a representation from Whitehaven, were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. having invited E. Comp. Bowes to take the chair as Installing Principal, Comps. Bewes, Lazenby, and McMechan were respectively installed in the chairs of Z., H., and J. The remainder of the companions having been re-admitted, the subordinate officers were invested, and the usual proclamations made. Subsequently Comp. Bowes again took the chair, and exalted Bro. J. Isted, the duties of P.S. being efficiently discharged by the newly-installed M.E.Z. After some routine business had been transacted, and a proposition received, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

The dinner was provided by Mrs. Martin, the obliging hostess of the hotel, and gave every satisfaction. The toasts embraced the usual loyal and Masonic ones, and concluded with a vote of thanks to the Installing Principal of the day, whose services are at all times highly appreciated at Wigton as elsewhere in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HILDA CHAPTER.—A meeting of this body was held at York, on Friday evening, the 4th inst., the M.W.S., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, presiding. The election of M.W.S. took place, and Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, H.P., was chosen, and returned thanks to the members. Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.S., was re-elected Treasurer. A resolution expressive of sympathy with the Masons of America in the loss of their late brother, the President, was passed, and ordered to be forwarded to the heads of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the United States.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).—An excellent gathering of this prosperous council took place on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square. Amongst those in attendance were: Bro. T. C. Walls, R.I.G.M., Deputy Master; Thomas Poore, P.C. of W., &c.; F. Davison, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; A. Williams, C. of C.; Rev. A. W. Hall, Chap.; T. Cubitt and T. E. Anderson, Marshals; George Lambert, H. Lovegrove, James Moon, H. Venn, R. Loveland Loveland, and E. Storr.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. F. Goodenough, N. J. F. Bassett, W. Barkley, T. O. Harding, Dr. Livingstone, and C. H. Driver were duly admitted and received into the Degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super-Excellent Master, the ceremonies being performed by the D.M., assisted by Bros. Poore, Dewar, and Williams. Several communications having been read from absent brethren, and several matters discussed, the council was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the "Albany Hotel," Theobald's-road, where an excellent collation was partaken of. Upon the removal of the cloth, the toasts incidental to the Order were duly given and responded to. In giving "The Health of the Grand Master," the D.M. alluded to the serious indisposition of Bro. the Rev. R. Portal, who had been ordered to winter abroad by his medical adviser, and he expressed a hope that in the spring their G.M. would return thoroughly restored to health, and able to resume the numerous clerical, official, and Masonic duties which he had hitherto discharged so ably and so satisfactorily. This toast having been enthusiastically received, "The Health of the Newly-Admitted Brethren" was proposed and drunk, and acknowledged by the whole of the brethren thus honoured. In their respective speeches they each expressed themselves gratified and impressed with the several ceremonies of admission and reception. The toast of "The D.M." was flatteringly proposed by the Treasurer. Bro. Walls having replied, then gave "The Officers." This pledge having been acknowledged by Bros. Dewar, Davison, and Poore, the proceedings terminated.

Amusements.

STANDARD THEATRE.—The Haverley Minstrels, after a much more successful engagement at Her Majesty's Opera House than they had last year, have migrated to Eastern London, there to entertain that section of the community who don't deign to travel beyond Temple Bar—there are such people in the East. We wish the manager, Bro. Philip Vistran, Lodge of Israel, 205, whose first winter meeting we gave a detailed report of in our issue of the 22nd ult., every success. Some of the songs are the best we ever heard of that sort of thing. The jokes are also good and certainly original. Their performances, while overflowing with fun, are extremely chaste and entirely devoid of vulgar elements. The banjo, as played by the two Brothers Bohee, one must hear to believe there can be so much music in that instrument. We have heard that they are besieged with applications to be taught the instrument. The fight between a negro and a tame bantam cock is very amusing, its crow after the victory brings roars of laughter from the audience.

GAIETY THEATRE.—An interesting event took place last Saturday at this theatre in connection with the benefit of Bro. Meyer Lutz, W.M. 1319, who was then presented with a valuable gold-mounted ivory bâton, subscribed for by the members of the company and friends as a token of their esteem and appreciation of the musical talent of that accomplished conductor. The bâton is made of a perfect piece of African ivory, with a carved handle, in relief, representing a Roman damsel carrying a lighted lamp, emblematic of the lamp of burlesque which shines so brilliantly at this theatre, the upper part being enriched with a golden serpent, bearing an appropriate presentation inscription. The bâton was manufactured by Bros. Köhler and Son, of 116, Victoria-street, Westminster, and reflects the greatest credit on that old established firm.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Donald M. Dewar consecrated a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge on Tuesday last, which is to be attached to the Southwark Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

Bro. W. D. John was installed W.M. of the Windsor Lodge, on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Penarth.

A lady has placed the sum of £250 at the disposal of the committee of the Homes for Working Girls in London towards the founding of a home in the south of London to be called Garfield House, in memory of the late President Bro. Garfield.

Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., and Sir Richard Glynn were among the company at the annual dinner of the Yeovil Agricultural Society, on Friday, the 4th inst.

The *Illustrated London News*, the *Graphic*, the *Queen*, and the *Pictorial World* contain portraits of the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Ellis), Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Mr. Sheriff Ogg.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott has declined to stand for the representation of Tiverton, which seat is just now vacant.

Bro. Pannell, C.C., Chairman of the Fish Committee, brought up the final report last Thursday, at the Court of Common Council, and on his motion it was adopted. There will now be an inland fish market at Smithfield, whilst Billingsgate will remain for water-borne fish. The Metropolitan Board of Works have dropped their schemes.

Bro. George Clark, jun., Grand Mark Steward, will be installed W.M. of the Brixton Lodge of Mark Masters, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday (this day) in succession to Bro. H. Lovegrove, Grand Supt. of Works. &c. The ceremony will be performed by the veteran Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G.

The installation meeting of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, takes place on Monday next, at York, when Bro. G. Simpson, the W.M. elect, will be installed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. There have been a number of acceptances for the banquet, which takes place at 6 p.m., at the Queen's Hotel.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, has received the honour of Knighthood, in consideration of his munificent gifts for the support of hospitals and the encouragement of medical studies.

Bro. Herr Meyer Lutz, the musical composer, was installed W.M. of the Asaph Lodge by the outgoing Master, Bro. Charles Wellard, at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last.

It is probable that Bro. Lord Hartington will open a Liberal club at Brierfield, and then address a large meeting in the evening at Nelson, on Saturday, December 3rd.

Missouri has established fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Egypt, and has a representative near that body, which also has one near the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Bro. Alderman W. H. Hallett, F.L.S., P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M., &c., was unanimously elected, and duly installed, Mayor, and consequently chief magistrate, of Brighton, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., and gave his inaugural banquet in the Dome on November 11th. The guests, we understand, had an excellent opportunity of judging the effect of the arc and incandescent electric lights on that occasion.

Bro. Henry Irving, speaking at the conclusion of the performance at the Glasgow Royalty Theatre on Saturday last, stated that the receipts during his twelve nights' engagement had amounted to £4013. This, he said, was the largest sum that had ever been taken during the same time in any theatre in the kingdom, the Drury-lane returns never having shown so much.

Bro. E. L. Shepherd, P.M. 945, 1770, H. Chap. 945, P.M. Mark 225, J.W. Mark 1, and P. Prov. G.S.W. Berks and Oxon., Mark, has been unanimously elected Mayor of Abingdon.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Burt presided on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the annual dinner of the Builders' Benevolent Institution, at which subscriptions were announced to the large amount of £1400. Bro. Burt offered on behalf of his firm (Messrs. Mowlem and Co.) a donation of £105 as their money offering to the Chairman's list next year.

Bro. G. Augustus Sila is staying in Corsica for the benefit of his health, which is somewhat indifferent.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice, attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, are, according to present arrangement, expected to arrive at Windsor Castle on or about the 23rd inst., from Scotland.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., one of the Lords of the Admiralty, will attend and be admitted a member of the Court of Assistants, and join the subsequent dinner of the livery of the Shipwrights' Company, which is to take place at Cannon-street Hotel on December 2nd.

Bro. William Pitt was installed W.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, on the 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel.

Bro. George Francis Crane, P. Prov. G.P. Suffolk will be installed W.M. of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, 975, on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., heads the list of subscriptions to a fund for the relief of the thirteen widows and forty-two orphans of the fishermen who lost their lives at Ramsgate during the gale of October 14th.

Bro. John Bennett delivered a lecture on Tuesday evening on the Paris Electrical Exhibition and its wonders to the inmates of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Oxford-street. It occupied an hour and a half in delivery, and was, of course, translated into manual signs. Great attention was shown and interest excited by the lecture.

Bro. Henry Squire, 1827, is a candidate for the vacant gown in the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Bridge Without. We wish him success.

The London Stereoscopic Company, Cheapside, have produced portraits of the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Ellis), Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Mr. Sheriff Ogg.

At the funeral of the Dowager Countess of Mount-Edgcumbe the Queen was represented by the Earl of Morley, and sent a beautiful wreath; the Princess Frederica and her husband also sent wreaths. The mourners included: Bro. the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe and his brother, Colonel Edgcumbe, Viscount Valletort, and Lord Algernon Percy; the followers the Earl of St. Germans, Sir Massey Lopes, Bart., M.P., Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., M.P., Admiral Sir Charles Elliot, and Major-General Pakenham. The deceased lady was buried in the grave of the late Earl in Maker parish churchyard.

Bro. Wildey Wright, barrister-at-law, Middle Temple, S.W. Alliance Lodge, 1827, whose installation meeting we chronicled last week, has been admitted to the livery and freedom of the Farriers' Company, on the introduction of Bro. Henry Wright, J.D. of the same lodge. Bro. Bare, P.M. Guelph Lodge, 1527, is also a Liveryman of the same Company. Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, C.C., the Clerk of the Company, has just been elected first Mayor of Lewes, and was installed on Wednesday last. Mr. Baxter is also Coroner for Sussex and High Constable of Lewes. It was through his influence the town has received its charter of incorporation.

Bro. Alderman Staples, F.S.A., has sent a donation to the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society.

Bro. George King, P.M., Old Concord Lodge, will work the ceremony of installation in the St. Michaels Lodge of Instruction, at the Moorgate, Moorgate-street, on the 17th inst.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales attained his fortieth year on Wednesday last, having been born at Buckingham Palace on November 9th, 1841.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson delivered the third of a course of lectures on "Domestic Sanitation" before a large audience of members of the Ladies' Sanitary Association and others, in the Excter (Lower) Hall.

At Weston it has been decided to add another wing to the West of England Sanatorium, Super-Mare, and the contract of Mr. Beavan, of Bedminster, has been accepted for the execution of the work, which will cost about £6,000.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, under the sanction of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 25th inst., on which occasion Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has kindly consented to preside. The lodge will be opened in the Grand Hall, at six o'clock precisely.

A portrait of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington is being painted for the Birmingham Art Gallery by Mr. H. T. Munns. The artist has already been favoured with several sittings.

Bro. Commander Cheyne has sailed from the Victoria Docks, London, in the Victoria for New York. The object of his visit to America, which is made at the request of many Americans who believe in the feasibility of his Arctic expedition scheme of exploration to be aided by means of balloons, is to increase the interest in and to obtain support in order that he may form a combined Anglo-American expedition.

Bro. George R. Sims's comedy, "Crutch and Toothpick," is being played at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Beauchamp, the Earl of Glasgow, and the Right Hon. A. J. Beresford Hope, M.P., are among the Vice-Patrons of the National Society for Preserving the Memorials of the Dead. Its object is to preserve and restore the extant memorials of the dead in country parish churches and churchyards throughout Great Britain.

Bro. Henry Irving delivered the opening address of the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution, at the Music Hall, Edinburgh, on Tuesday last. The subject of the address was "The Stage as it is."

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., presided on Friday, the 4th inst., at the annual dinner of the Yeovil Agricultural Association.

Bro. Albert Fradelle, of 246, Regent-street, has issued a cabinet photograph of Bro. Alderman Ellis, the new Lord Mayor of London. It will be generally admitted that it is an excellent specimen of photographic art, and an admirable portrait. The expression has been happily caught, and the furred gown and chain of office give an official tone to the picture.

The Prince of Wales's tradesmen dined together at Willis's rooms, on Wednesday evening, in honour of the anniversary of His Royal Highness's birthday. Our most respected Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Past Grand Steward (Messrs. Skinner and Co., Jernyn-street), took the chair, having Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, and Bro. Henry Venn on his left and right. The room was most elegantly furnished with palms and shrubs by Messrs. Willis, and the tables were profusely laid out by Messrs. Willis. The band of the 74th Highlanders, under the direction of Mr. Samuel Mowbray, played a charming selection of music during dinner, and after dinner, Madame Alice Barth, Miss Louisa Augarde, Miss Marie Belval, Mr. Arthur J. Thomas, Mr. W. Phillips, Bro. Theodore Distin, and Miss L. R. Distin entertained the company with some lovely vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Bro. Theodore Distin. Miss L. R. Distin, daughter of Bro. Distin played the accompaniments on the pianoforte. Mr. Henry Melton, the indefatigable Honorary Secretary, in the course of the evening, read the following telegram he had received from Sir Dighton Probyn:—"Having submitted your arrangements for to-night's dinner to the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness directs me to express his thanks to the Chairman, and to add the hope that you will all pass a very pleasant evening." A long list of loyal toasts was proposed and honoured. Among the toasts was that of "The American Republic," which was most heartily responded to, and a telegram to that effect was directed to be sent by Mr. Melton to the President of the Republic.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey responded at the annual dinner of the Maidstone Agricultural Association to the toast of the Navy, and spoke of the admirable condition of that service, remarking that never since the days of Nelson had England occupied a more paramount position as a naval power.

The Alexandra Chapter, No. 1661, will be consecrated on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Town Hall, Newark, at three o'clock, by M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.Z., G.S.E., &c., assisted by M.E. Comps. W. H. Smyth, P.G. Supt. Linc.; Ensor Drury, P.Z., P.P.G.H. West Yorkshire; T. C. Lazenby, P.G.R. Linc.; C. Harrison, P.Z.; M. Vowles, P.Z.; C. G. Wragg, P.Z.; H. R. Hatherley, Z. 47; E. R. Pidd, and Rev. A. J. L. Dobbin. The Principals designate are Comps. Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, Z.; Wm. Newton, H.; and R. F. H. King, J. Comps. Henry George, Scribe E.; Wm. Curtis, Scribe N.; J. H. Tomlinson, P. Soj.; and H. Walton, Treasurer, are the officers selected to fill the various positions. There will be a banquet at the close of the meeting.

Bro. A. J. Altman, I.P.M. 1657, is seeking re-election for the Ward of Aldersgate, in the Court of Common Council.

The services of the crew of the Masonic life-boat, Albert Edward, rendered on Sunday, the 23rd ult., in the rescue of the sixteen hands, being all the crew of the French lugger *Madeline*, has been considered worthy of public recognition, and a subscription list is now open at the Public Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, for that purpose, and already a fair sum has been subscribed. Any donations sent will be acknowledged by Bro. Wm. Wrench Towse.

Bro. Alderman Knight has made good progress this week, and is able to sit up a little, but not to leave his room.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Wm. Bailey, which sad event took place at the residence of his son, 54, Frenchwood-street, Preston, at the age of seventy-seven. Bro. Bailey was an enthusiastic Freemason when the Craft was not so popular as it is now, and was a P.M. of three lodges, viz., the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 155, now held at Liverpool, but formerly at Preston; the Lodge of Concord, No. 343, Starkie-street, Preston; and the Clifton Lodge, No. 703, held at Blackpool. Of the last lodge he was one of the founders, and was the first W.M. He succeeded in tiding the two former lodges over a very critical period of their existence, and, with the assistance of a few other ardent members, laid the foundation of their present prosperity.

Bro. Amos Jennings has been unanimously re-elected Mayor of Truro.

Comp. Col. A. W. Adair, M.E. Grand Superintendent of Somersetshire, has signified his intention to hold Provincial Grand Chapter in Bath, under the banners of the Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Royal Sussex, Chapter, No. 53, and Tynte Chapter, No. 379, on Friday, the 18th inst. A banquet will be held at the Grand Pump-room Hotel, at 5.30 punctually, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in the chair. To facilitate arrangements for the banquet, companions intending to be present are particularly requested to signify the same to Comp. J. B. Wilson, Secretary to the Joint Committee, 1, Belmont; or to Comp. C. W. Ranway, Grand Pump-room Hotel, Bath, not later than Wednesday, the 16th instant. The G.W. Railway has kindly arranged to convey companions attending P.G.C. in first and second class carriages, at the rate of fare and a quarter the double journey, from Bristol, Bruton, Yatton, Highbridge, Taunton, Langport, Yeovil, Wells, Shepton Mallet, Congresbury, Chard, Frome, Ilminster, Keynsham, Clevedon, Portishead, and Weston-super-Mare to Bath, upon the production of summons.

Bro. George Sims, of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, seeks re-election for the Ward of Aldersgate, in the Court of Common Council.

Bro. Charles Thompson was installed W.M. of the Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

Punch's fancy portrait for this week is "The Lord Mayor: or, Ellis in Wonderland."

Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M. 139, &c., Secretary to the Brixton Mark Master Masons' Lodge, requests us to state that the installation of that lodge will take place on Saturday, the 12th inst., at four o'clock, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M., &c., the very distinguished worker in this interesting Degree, will install Bro. George Clark, jun., into the chair of A.H.

The first meeting of the newly formed Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be held at York, on Tuesday next, under the banner of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.) The lodge will be opened at three p.m. and the ceremony of advancement worked, after which the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. J. W. Woodall will be received, and will open his lodge and appoint and invest his officers. After the close of the lodge the brethren will dine together. A large gathering is anticipated from both North, East and West Yorkshire.

Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, District Grand Master of the Punjab, was, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., unanimously elected a joining member of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, 41, Bath.

Much labour appears to have been spent upon the "Cosmopolitan Pocket Book" for the year ensuing, and as a comprehensive Masonic book of reference it far surpasses any previous publication of the kind. The vast number of Craft lodges, chapters, K.T. preceptories, conclaves, colleges, and grand councils spread over the habitable globe are here arranged in order, and the dates and places of meeting, together with other valuable information, is supplied. Craft Masonry is shown by this publication to be immensely on the increase. Warrants are held by no less than 1936 lodges, all of which are in active "working order." This year his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, has sanctioned the formation up to the present time of forty-three new lodges; last year there were forty warrants granted; in 1879, fifty-one; and the same number in 1880.—*City Press*.

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