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THE quarterly communication of Wednesday, the 7th inst., was a most important one in all respects for English Freemasonry. Few more important assemblies of our Masonic Parliament have recently been held, inasmuch as subjects fraught with present and permanent interest to English Freemasons were to be discussed. H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER was re-nominated by Bro. ALFRED MEADOWS, P.M., Grand Steward, and his nomination was hailed with universal cheering. A vote of condolence was unanimously passed, amid unmistakeable demonstrations of hearty sympathy, with the widow of our lamented Bro. President GARFIELD, while an earnest abhorrence was expressed of the atrocious crime which robbed the United States of its President, and Freemasonry of a distinguished member. Bro. JOSHUA NUNN was nominated President of the Board of Benevolence, and Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT and Bro. JAMES BRETT were unanimously elected Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the same body for the ensuing twelve months. The votes for the Board of Benevolence for the quarter were, with one exception, confirmed, one large vote or £200 eliciting some discussion, and which may, perhaps, have to be reconsidered. The claim of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales for recognition was decisively rejected. The appeals were submitted to Grand Lodge, and by the advice of the GRAND REGISTRAR were dismissed. The alterations in the laws made by the Managing Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the report of a Sub-Committee, were considered by Grand Lodge and approved of. Bro. PERCEVAL'S motion was referred to the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART'S motion for an increase to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in the grant of Grand Lodge, so as to make that grant £1600 per annum, instead of £800, as at present, was unanimously agreed to. This concluded the heavy business of a lengthy Quarterly Communication, before a large array of Grand Officers, and not less than 700 brethren.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was invested and installed as Past Grand Mark Master Mason, on Tuesday, by Lord Henniker. We see that the negotiations for his marriage with the Princess Heléne, of Waldeck, are going on at the Foreign Office under the direction of Lord Tenterden. H.R.H. request is to be married in England. The King of Holland, who married an elder sister of the intended bride, has conferred on the Duke of Albany the "Grand Cross of the Dutch Lion."

WE call special attention elsewhere to an official communication from the GRAND MASTER to all PROV. GRAND MASTERS, and we beg our readers to study it carefully. We are glad that this incipient controversy is thus properly decided, and in a way which leaves no room to doubt, and no ground for further discussion. We all must bow alike to the "dictum" of the GRAND MASTER, based, as it is, on unchanging precedents for "over 150 years." With one further remark we now dismiss the subject. English Freemasonry in its threefold system of lodge, Prov. Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge arrangement, forms one ascending scale of honour and authority. Just as all Provincial Grand Officers take precedence of all lodge officers, except the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, unless the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER or DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER be present, so Grand Officers take precedence of all Provincial Grand Officers, except the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, unless the GRAND MASTER, the PRO GRAND MASTER, or DEPUTY GRAND MASTER be present. It seems by the decision we have alluded to elsewhere, that all fall now into their proper places Masonically, and certainly according to the common law of English Freemasonry and the meaning of our written Constitutions.

WE are pleased in being able to call attention to an article in the "Masonic Magazine" for December, by our Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, entitled "Freemasonry in the Seventeenth Century." Warrington, 1646. We commend it to the notice and perusal of our Masonic students. We are also glad to hear that another interesting paper on a cognate subject will appear in the January Magazine, by the same writer.

WE understand that an effort is being made at the meeting at Brighton on the 12th, both of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex and the Sanitary Congress the same day, to have an exhibition of Masonic "relics," books, curiosities, and old jewels. Whether there is time now to organize a successful exhibition with such short notice may be a matter of doubt, but we wish it all success, and trust that it may tend to encourage alike Masonic collections and Masonic archaeology. We think that in the spring some attempt should be made to have a Masonic collection of interesting specimens of Masonic æstheticism and Masonic usages, history, and archaeology in London.

THE report of the meeting of the Lodge of Emulation is very interesting. We always mark gratefully the services rendered by this distinguished body of Masons to Masonic ceremonial, to a chaste and correct rendering of our beautiful ritual.

WE agree with our contemporary, the *Observer*, that the dispersion of great libraries, though sometimes lamented, is not a fact to be regretted, either in the interests of "Bibliophily," or the reading, student, and collecting public. When we see at the "Sunderland Sale" £1000 are given by Mr. QUARITCH for "De Civitate Dei" of St. Augustine, printed at Venice, on vellum, in 1475, "excessively rare," as we are told, things, we think, must be looking up in more ways than one. Mr. TECHENER, of Paris, and Mr. ELLIS (ELLIS and WHITE), who have been Mr. QUARITCH'S principal competitors, have given large prices for curious, and rare, and valuable works. The ultimate value of this famous library sold will probably now considerably exceed £40,000. What a sum to give for books, some may be inclined to say. But "books," after all, form one of the main ingredients in the personal and intellectual happiness of social life, and to the philanthropic and humanitarian progress of mankind and the world.

OUR distinguished brother the LORD MAYOR has opened a fund for the relief of many distressed ladies, whom the failure of their tenants in Ireland to pay their rents (in many cases amounting to moral dishonesty) has reduced to so low an ebb of poverty and distress that one or two, if not more, have had to apply for parochial relief. We wish, therefore, all success to the benevolent efforts of our brother the LORD MAYOR, and call the attention of our readers to so proper and needful a fund. Indeed, Grand Lodge, we venture to think, might fairly grant a "vote in aid."

WE are glad to be informed that the reverend and learned Rabbi, NATHAN has recovered from a severe attack of illness, and proposes to continue (D.V.) in the new year the interesting lectures on Freemasonry which he commenced some time back at No. 33, Golden-square. We wish him all success; and many who were privileged to be present at his first lecture will be pleased to note the announcement.

WE quite agree with a contemporary that the "body-snatching" in Scotland, hitherto an unknown crime in Great Britain, in this special form, at any rate is a matter calling for deep caution and grave attention. We may have in this country a reproduction of the removal of poor Mr. STEWART'S corpse, and the abduction of a living CHARLEY ROSS. We cannot do better than give his own words, in which we fully concur: "Crimes, like storms, seem to travel from West to East. The American forgers came to us from New York. It is not at all improbable that the thieves who rifled the family vault at Dun Echt are the same who stole the corpse of Mr. STEWART. The abductors of CHARLEY ROSS have paid their last account. But it is possible that their example may be followed or attempted here in England, and it is well that parents should bear the possibility in mind." We are glad to hear that the police have taken the matter in hand, and trust that they will give their best attention to unravel the web of this dangerous and audacious criminality.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., being on a visit to Longleat, was not able to be present, and the throne was occupied in his absence by Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. for Middx. General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. for Surrey, acted as Deputy G.M., and Lord Tenterden, Prov. G.M. for Essex, as Past Grand Master. The Earl of March, G.S.W., and Bro. Justice Cave, G.J.W., occupied their respective chairs; the other Grand Officers present were:

Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx., as G.M.; Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, as D.G.M.; Lord Tenterden, P.G.M. Essex, as Pro G.M.; Lieut.-Col. the Earl of March, M.P., S.G.W.; The Hon. Mr. Justice Cave, J.G.W.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Reg.; Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., Pres. Board Gen. Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Secretary German Correspondence; Major-Gen. H. Clerk, R.A., F.R.S., S.G.D.; John Sampson Peirce, J.G.D.; H. C. Levander, J.G.D.; Capt. Arthur Bott Cook, Asst. G.D. of C.; George Lambert, G.S.B.; Charles S. Jelkyl, Grand Org.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary; Wm. Clarke, Grand Purs.; Wm. Robt. Wood, Asst. Grand Purs.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; J. Bevan, D.G.M. Westland, N.Z.; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griceland; Hugh D. Sandeman, Past D.G.M. Bengal; Lieut.-Col. M. Ramsay, Past D.G.M. Punjab; Robt. Cunliffe, Rep. G.L. of Hamburg; Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. W. Hayes, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. C.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; R. Bird, P.G.D.; Braxton Baker, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, F.R.S., P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; Robt. Grey, P.G.D.; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D.; Jas. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Peter de L. Long; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. Percy Leith, P.G.D.; John H. Scott, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montague, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Sommerville Burney, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Henry Maudslay, P.G.D.; R. Warren Wheeler, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; M. Clark, P.G.D.; George Burt, P.A.D. of C.; J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.D. of C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.D. of C.; J. T. Collins, P.G.S.B.; Chas. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; J. Wright, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; and Jas. Kench, P.G.P.

About 700 brethren were present.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Grand Secretary read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 7th September, which were put and confirmed.

Bro. Dr. ALFRED MEADOWS, P.M. No. 4, then rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, and brethren.—It is my privilege, and I need scarcely add that the privilege carries with it a great deal of pleasure, to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for re-election as Grand Master for the ensuing year; and as I shall hope to have the honour of proposing His Royal Highness at the next Quarterly Communication, I believe I shall best consult the wishes of Grand Lodge if I defer what I may have to say in support of this proposition. But I may, perhaps, be allowed to make this one remark, that, apart from any special fitness which His Royal Highness may possess for the office of Grand Master, I think that the way in which the high and important duties have been discharged by His Royal Highness in the past few years since he ascended the throne of the Royal Solomon, constitutes, if I may with all respect say so, a claim upon the gratitude of the craft, which demands, at least, the recognition that is involved in this nomination. For this, among other reasons, I have great pleasure in moving it. (Applause.)

The next business was the moving of a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late President Garfield.

Sir FRANCIS BURDETT rose and said: Brethren, in the name and on behalf of His Royal Highness our Grand Master, I now come before you to ask you to accede to and pass a vote of condolence to the widow of the late General Garfield, President of the United States. We have all known and heard of him for a considerable length of time, and still at the same time we know how he laboured, and how he successfully laboured, for the good of his own country. He stood there, before all others and before the whole world, as a man respected by all, and beloved by all his countrymen. If he had not been a straightforward, honest good man, and one of real genuine worth, he never would have been placed in that position which he occupied at the time of his death. He was there placed in that position by his fellow countrymen, and that was the highest position and the highest honour they could confer on him in his own country. He was known throughout the whole world as an honest, straightforward man, He was respected and beloved by every Power that had communication with the American nation. He was, at the same time, kind, indulgent, and a very good husband; and moreover, we all know, and we have heard, that he was among us—that he was a Mason, and I believe, stood very high in the estimation of his brother Masons in America. We have not only received a great many of the American Masons here (and I believe they have always gone away very well pleased and satisfied with their reception), but whenever any Mason goes to the American country he will always find himself hospitably and kindly received. Whenever a Mason has gone to that country he has always been pressed to come again, and whenever a Mason has been invited to this country he has always been hospitably and kindly received. I may state, for the information of the brethren, that Bro. James Abram Garfield was initiated on the 22nd November, 1861, in the Magnolia Lodge, in Ohio, and he was also exalted to the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 23, at Washington. Now we must look upon him as a brother, and a brother worthy to be honoured in every possible way. Therefore I have without further trespassing upon your time, to propose, "That this Grand Lodge agree to a vote of condolence," in the words of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, "to the widow and family of the late Brother General James Abram Garfield, President of the United States of America, who died on the 19th September last, of wounds received from the hands of an assassin." I think that every man who has got a heart, and every man who feels for his country will feel that we cannot do less than pass that vote of condolence. (Applause.)

LORD TENTERDEN, Prov. G.M. for Essex, M.W.G.M. in the chair, as honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Washington I beg leave to second that motion. I have at the same time to call your attention to the fact that our late lamented Bro. General Garfield, was one of the principal members of the Committee which organised the truly remarkable and fraternal reception given by the Freemasons of the United States, to our Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, at Washington, in April 1871, at which I had the honour of being present on the occasion of his diplomatic mission. I on that occasion had the honour of making the acquaintance of our late

lamented Bro. Garfield, and I have to testify to the earnest and active part he took in the Craft, and the respect in which he was held in it. The bright estimation of his Masonic brethren was justified by his election as President, and has been confirmed by the universal sympathy elicited throughout the United States, and indeed the world by his death. Brethren, I beg to second the motion.

The motion was put by General BROWNRIFF, C.B., and carried unanimously amidst loud applause.

Bro. the Rev. SPENCER STANHOPE, P.G.C., suggested that the vote should be immediately cabled to America, and Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.C., said that by American time it was then half past two in the afternoon, so that all through America Masons could know of it by the English hour when the vote was passed (7.30 p.m.).

Sir F. BURDETT said Grand Secretary had informed him that it must be first submitted to the American Minister in London.

Sir F. BURDETT then said that Bro. Clabon had tendered his resignation as president of the Lodge of Benevolence, finding that he was unable to perform his duties. The Most Worshipful Grand Master had accepted the resignation, but could not pass it over without expressing his sense of Brother Clabon's energetic performance of his arduous services as president since the re-constitution of the Board, and of his regret that Bro. Clabon's connection with the Board, in his capacity as President, had ceased. The Grand Master had seen fit to appoint as president Brother Joshua Nunn, who had served an immense length of time as Senior Vice-President. There had been a nomination of Senior Vice-President in Bro. Nunn's place—Bro. George Lambert—and he (Sir F. Burdett) had no doubt the brethren would find him equally energetic.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN thought that something like a surprise had been sprung upon the brethren of the Board of Masters. No man in the room had the least notice that Bro. Clabon was going to retire, or that Bro. Joshua Nunn would be promoted to his office. There was a very strong expression of surprise at the announcement. No one at the meeting would have thought of proposing another brother in the place of Bro. Nunn, and now that Bro. Lambert had been sprung upon them he thought that the election of Bro. Lambert should be deferred to the next meeting. Bro. Nunn could appoint some one to act for him as Senior Vice-President.

Bro. MC INTYRE, Q.C., G.R., explained that, by the Constitutions, the appointment of President was in the Grand Master, and that the nomination of Vice-Presidents must be made at the Board of Masters preceding Grand Lodge of December. The nominations were made. One of the Brethren nominated for Senior Vice-President had been since appointed by the Grand Master as President; consequently, there was only one brother nominated for Senior Vice-President.

Bro. BRITTEN thought, as the matter had been sprung upon the brethren, they should have an opportunity of nominating some one other than Bro. Lambert. He had no doubt there could be found several brethren of greater experience and more agreeable to them than the brother who had been nominated. He repeated that a surprise had been sprung upon the brethren.

After some further discussion,

Bro. Sir F. BURDETT said that he begged to declare that Bro. Joshua Nunn had been appointed by the M.W.G.M. President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and as no other brethren than Bros. George Lambert and James Brett had been nominated as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, those brethren were Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence. The following brethren were nominated as the twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence, and as no others were nominated, there could be no election;—

Bros. Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; George P. Britten, P.M. 183; Joseph D. Collier, P.M. 1366; John Constable, P.M. 185; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; William Mann, P.M. 176; James H. Matthews, P.M. 143; William Stephens, P.M. 1489; and Francis Edward Storr, P.M. 22. The following grants, recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence, were then confirmed:

A brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 80, Sunderland	...	...	£ 50 0 0
A brother of the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, Bridport	...	...	100 0 0
A brother of the St. Edward's Lodge, No. 966, Leek	...	...	50 0 0
A brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	...	...	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, Stretford	...	...	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, London	...	...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon	...	...	50 0 0
A brother of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court	...	...	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Franklin Lodge, No. 838, Boston, Lincolnshire	...	...	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Finsbury, No. 161, London	...	...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, Newport, Mon.	...	...	50 0 0
A brother of the Mount Edgecumbe Lodge, No. 1446, London	...	...	200 0 0
A brother of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042, Leeds	...	...	50 0 0

One case was sent back to the Lodge of Benevolence for further inquiries. A long discussion occurred in this case, and a division was called for, when a great deal of confusion arose, the brethren not seeming to know on which side of the hall they were to go for the purpose of voting for or against the motion or the amendment, and it was therefore arranged that the matter should be reconsidered by the lodge.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read:—"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.—The Board of General Purposes feel it their duty to bring to the notice of Grand Lodge the fact that the Lodge of Benevolence have within the last eighteen months so increased their grants that the total expenditure out of their funds has been in excess of the income.

"At the present time, as will be seen by the subjoined statement of Grand Lodge funds, the Benevolent account has been overdrawn to the amount of £1242 7s. 8d; in addition to which an amount of about £1570 will be required to meet the grants to be confirmed by the next Lodge of Benevolence, and those by the Grand Lodge in December, while the amounts which will come in before the end of the year will not, in all probability, be more than sufficient to meet the grants which will be made in November and December.

"The Board therefore recommend that £3000 Consols be sold out from the accumulated balance of £50,016 10s. 6d., now standing to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence, and the proceeds placed to the current account of that Fund.

"(Signed)
"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
"15th November, 1881.

"JOHN B. MONCKTON.
"President."

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th ult., showing a balance of £4870 11s. 1d. to the credit of the Fund of General Purposes, less £1242 7s. 8d. applied to cover an amount overdrawn on account of the Fund of Benevolence, leaving a balance in the Bank of England of £3456 8s. 5d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON, President of the Board of General Purposes, in moving the adoption of the report, said that fortunately it contained no cases of Masonic pains and penalties, and it might be looked upon more as an arithmetical proposition. The Board of General Purposes had nothing to do with the mode in which Benevolence was distributed; that remained with the Lodge of Benevolence and Grand Lodge; but the Board had it in its power to see that the finances were kept straight, and if they found, as they did, that the account was considerably overdrawn, rather to the detriment of the General Purposes account, which it was their duty to invest as soon as they had anything worth investing, they thought it right to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the scheme they proposed, which they did in the report now before the lodge.

COL. CREATON, Grand Treasurer, seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

GRAND SECRETARY then read a long application from a body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Free and Accepted Masons," requesting their recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England as a regular Grand Lodge.

BRO. A. E. J. MCINTYRE, Q.C., Grand Registrar, in moving that the request contained in this memorial be not complied with, said that a similar memorial had been unanimously rejected by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, both of which as well as Grand Lodge of England had District Grand Lodges and District Grand Masters in South Wales. There were forty seven lodges under the English Constitution there, thirty under the Scotch, and nine under the Irish, or in all eighty-six lodges. The lodges wanting to be a Grand Lodge were thirteen, and they based their application on the principle in America, that any three lodges might form a separate Grand Lodge. If the memorial were granted the thirteen lodges would be a regular Grand Lodge and all the others would be irregular. He had made himself thoroughly acquainted with the facts, and to his mind it was not at all consonant to the Constitutions of English Masonry to say, as the brethren of the memorialists did, that the country was unoccupied. The brethren prayed that the memorial might not be refused on the ground of the financial contributions of the lodges in the colony to Grand Lodge. The brethren were under a mistake; there was no contribution by Colonial Lodges to Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge of Scotland and Grand Lodge of Ireland having refused the memorialists, and all interchanging representatives, Grand Lodge of England ought to refuse it as well.

BRO. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.S., seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

On the motion of BRO. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded by COL. CREATON, G. Treas., the report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, agreed to at a special Meeting of the governors and subscribers, on Wednesday the 19th day of November, 1881, at which it was resolved that certain alterations should be made in the rules and regulations of the Institution, was approved and adopted.

The appeal of Brother Thomas J. Mountain, of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, against a sentence of expulsion passed on him by the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand, was dismissed on the ground that his appeal had not been presented to Grand Lodge within the time limited by the Book of Constitutions.

The appeal of Bro. Samuel H. Dougal, of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398, Halifax, Nova Scotia, against a vote of the Lodge removing him from his office of Senior Warden, was allowed.

An appeal from a brother of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 356, St. Thomas, West Indies, against a sentence of exclusion passed on him by his lodge, for un-Masonic conduct, was dismissed.

BRO. C. J. PERCEVAL, P.M. 1607, moved:

"That in all cases when a question is brought before Grand Lodge, for which a division is demanded, the telling of the same shall be conducted in a similar method to that pursued in the House of Commons, viz.:—Two tellers from each side of the question be appointed to record the votes as the Members pass out, and make their report accordingly."

He based his motion on the difficulty under the present arrangements for correctly ascertaining the exact numbers on either side in a division, and he referred to the confusion that was apparent this evening when a division was called on an important question.

BRO. F. DAVISON seconded the motion, which was supported by Bros. A. E. GLADWELL, W.M. 172, and DR. CARPENTER, and others. Ultimately the subject was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

BRO. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., moved:

"That having regard to the enormous increase in the number of lodges since the grant made by Grand Lodge in 1858 to the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' and for which the Institution has to send to the W.M. for the time being of each lodge two voting papers every year, the amount to be contributed in future by Grand Lodge be increased to £1000 per annum to the Male Annuity Fund, and £600 per annum to the Widows' Fund; such payments to be borne in equal proportions by the Funds of Benevolence and of General Purposes."

BRO. COL. CREATON, G. Treas., seconded the motion.

BRO. G. P. BRITTEN, P.M. 183, objected to the Fund of Benevolence bearing a portion of the burden.

BRO. J. M. CLABON, P.G.D., supported Bro. Britten.

After a short discussion, it was agreed by Bro. Raynham Stewart to let the last portion of his motion read "such payments to be borne by the Fund of General Purposes."

The motion, as altered, was carried unanimously, amidst loud cheers; and Grand Lodge was then closed.

We are glad to be able to state that since the last meeting of United Grand Lodge, important improvements have been made in the ventilation of the Temple, the Board Room, the De Grey, the Zetland, and the whole of the rooms in which the various lodges are held.

The ventilation improvement works have been carried out by the Sanitary Engineering and Ventilation Company, of Victoria-street, Westminster, who have applied their "Imperial" ventilating tubes and "Imperial" exhaust ventilators, under the direction of Bro. John Gibson, F.R.I.B.A.

The high standing of the architect, and the large experience of the Ventilation Company, is sufficient guarantee that the detail of the arrange-

ments has been carefully worked out and the work so executed as to give the best possible result; and we may reasonably hope that the frequent complaints of the heat and oppressiveness of the atmosphere of the rooms will now cease, in so far as it is possible to satisfy the very varying ideas of different persons on a subject which is comparatively little understood and full of difficulty.

We may say, that from enquiries made since the completion of the ventilation, it appears to have given general satisfaction.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY AS PAST GRAND MASTER.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, when a large number of brethren attended to witness the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., as Past Grand Master of this degree. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M., presided. The other brethren present were:

M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Provincial Grand Master Mason; R.W. Bros. Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. G.M. South Africa, as D.G.M. M.M.; Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey; Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M.M.M. Dorset; R. C. Else, J.P., Prov. G.M.M.M. Somerset; W. A. F. Powell, Prov. G.M.M.M. Bristol; Hon. Willbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. Cheshire; John Bevan, Prov. G.M.M.M. Westland, N.Z.; Lord Arther Hill, M.P., G.S.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., as G.J.W.; General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.W.; V.W. Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, G.M.O.; E. C. Mather, G.S.O.; H. R. Cooper Smith, G.J.O.; Baron de Ferrières, M.P., P.G.M.O.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.M.O.; Richard Eve, P.G.M.O.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.M.O.; William Roebuck, P.G.M.O.; J. F. Tweedale, P.G.S.O.; R. de M. Lawson, P.G.S.O.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.S.O.; Reginald J. Mure, P.G.S.O.; Alexander Spears, P.G.J.O.; Lieutenant-Colonel J. Crosland Hay, P.G. Overseer; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, G. Chap.; Rev. H. G. Morse, G. Chap.; Rev. Augustus A. Bagshawe, P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. Stanton Moses, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, M.A., G. Reg.; Edward Baxter, P.G. Reg.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Donald M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., G.A. Sec.; W. Bros. W. Hickman, D. Prov. G.M.M.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; D. Y. Strachan, D. Prov. G.M.M.M. Northumberland and Durham; C. Stephens, D. Prov. G.M.M.M. Berks and Oxon; Major Frederic R. Sewell, D. P.G.M.M.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; T. Jell Pulley, G.S.D.; A. Thrale Perkins, G.S.D.; S. S. Partridge, G.J.D.; S. Mattison, P.G.D.; Alfred Williams, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.G.D.; Captain Thos. Hargreaves, P.G.D.; G. J. McKay, P.G.D.; Henry Lovegrove, G.S. of W.; Colonel W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of W.; R. Berridge, G.D. of C.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D. of C.; T. C. Walls, G. Swd. Br.; T. W. Coffin, P.G. Swd. Br.; Jas. Stevens, P.G.J.O., as G. Std. Br.; Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; J. H. Spencer, P.G.I.G.; Geo. Clark, jun., W. J. Meek, H. J. Lardner, C. I. Mason, Deputy Provincial G.M.M.M. West Yorkshire; and Edwin Gilbert, G. Stewards; Wm. Watkins, W. Tunstall Clarke, Geo. Yaxley, James Smyth, T. J. Armstrong, John Barker, Edward Margrett, P. de E. Collin, J. C. Mason, R. L. Loveland, O. H. Pearson, T. W. Murley, F. W. Köch, A. Haynes, T. W. Adams, Chas. Pullman, A. GreatRex, M.D., P. Grand Stewards; C. T. Speight, Grand Tyler; W. J. Hickman, P.G.S.W. Hants and I. of W.; John W. Gibson, P.G.S.W. Middx. and Surrey; Charles Harding, P.G.J.W. Middx. and Surrey; H. H. Riach, P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey; H. H. Hodges, P.G.M.O. Berks and Oxon; N. S. Hewens, P.G.S.O. Leicestershire; Henry George, P.G.J.G. Lincolnshire; G. Westall, P.P.G.J.O. Berks and Oxon; Rev. W. Valentine, P.G. Chap. N. and E. Yorks; Rev. P. H. Richardson, P.P.G. Chap. Leicestershire; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; W. F. Lamony, P.G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland; R. Glasspool, P.G.A. Sec. Berks and Oxon; G. Kennedy, P.G.A. Sec. Kent; G. Ker, P.G.S.D. Kent; Henry Stone, P.G.D. of C. Hants and Isle of Wight; Geo. Lilley, P.P.G.D. of C. Middx. and Surrey; Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.D. of C. Middx. and Surrey; C. W. Duke, P.G.D. of C. Sussex; Geo. Ellard, P.G.S.B. Northumberland and Durham; Robt. Osborne, P.G. Org. Hants and Isle of Wight; H. Brett, P.P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon; H. W. Homann, P.P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon; Thomas Brooke, P.G.S. Monmouth; J. K. Pitt, Middx. and Surrey; and H. Massey, P.G. Stwd. (Freemason).

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the M.W.G.M. was saluted in due form, and the minutes of the last Half-yearly Communication, and of the Moveable Grand Lodge held at Sheffield, on 22nd September, were read and confirmed.

The M.W.G.M. then rose, and said I have to inform Grand Lodge that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany is waiting without, having been elected as a Past Grand Master at the last Grand Lodge. The confirmation of the minutes ratifies that election. I will, therefore, ask two Past Provincial Grand Masters, who are waiting without the lodge at the present moment, two Grand Chaplains, one Past Chaplain, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, two Grand Deacons of this year, and four Grand Stewards to go without the Grand Lodge to receive His Royal Highness.

His Royal Highness was then conducted into Grand Lodge by the following brethren, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Organist, playing the National Anthem: Bros. Montague Guest, Prov. G.M. Dorset; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.W.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, G. Chap.; Rev. H. G. Morse, G. Chap.; Alfred Williams, G.D.; Thos. Jell Pulley, G.D.; S. S. Partridge, G.D.; R. Paulson Spice, P.G. Steward, and W. Joseph Meek, G. Steward, Cushion Bearers; E. Gilbert, G. Steward; and Robt. Berridge, G.D. of C. His Royal Highness having taken his stand in front of the Grand Master's pedestal,

The M.W.G.M. said: Sir, it is my pleasing duty as Grand Mark Master Mason to welcome your Royal Highness to this Grand Lodge. Your Royal Highness is aware that you were unanimously elected as Past Grand Master at the meeting in May last. The reception which the proposition and your acceptance of the office at the time met with, and your reception here to-night, will assure your Royal Highness that I am not only justified in saying that we welcome you to Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons, but that we welcome you on this occasion most heartily. Sir, it is never absent from our thoughts how much Freemasonry owes to the many illustrious members of the Royal House of England. It would indeed be unnecessary for me to go into details on this subject. What I have said is well known to all of us here present. Sufficient is it for me to say now that we know that your illustrious brother, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, presides over the Grand Lodge of England, and H.R.H. your illustrious brother, the Duke of Connaught, is a Past Grand Warden of England, and that you yourself are a Past Grand Warden of England, and that Her Majesty the Queen allows us to call her the Patron of our Order. Sir, we welcome you, not only on this account for the many services and the many favours that we have received from the Royal Family, but for yourself and for the

many talents and accomplishments which you possess, among them those of gentleness and learning, so well remembered to be possessed by H.R.H. your beloved and revered father. (Applause.) We offer you, Sir, the highest compliment that it is in our power to offer, that high position of a Past Grand Master of the Order, and we thank you for accepting it. We have many lodges under Grand Lodge. They muster strong. They are increasing in number day by day. There are some 15,000 or 16,000 Mark Masters now under Grand Lodge, and in their name I have the honour to speak. (Applause.) Sir, it is a great pleasure for me that your Royal Highness joins Grand Lodge during my term of office. May I add it may be in your power now and then to come amongst us, and to aid us in the good government of the Order. (Applause.) I am sure, Sir, that I may promise you as warm and cordial a reception as you have received here to-night. (Applause.) I cannot, Sir, refrain from referring to an important incident which has lately occurred, which may affect your Royal Highness through life. When the proper time comes no doubt a vote of congratulation will be passed to your Royal Highness; but I think the brethren present would blame me if I did not offer you our hearty congratulations on the happy prospects which are placed before you. (Renewed applause.) May you, Sir, enjoy all the happiness which the real domestic life of this country always receives. Through a long vista of years we wish your Royal Highness this as heartily as we wish you health and prosperity, and as heartily as we wish that your Royal Highness's Royal House may guide the destinies of this great country for generations to come, and as heartily as we welcome your Royal Highness here to-night, and shall ever welcome you when you come amongst us, (Loud and long continued applause.)

The customary forms having been observed,

The DUKE OF ALBANY, who, on rising, was received with great applause, said: Brethren, I beg to assure you of the great pleasure which it has given me to become a Past Grand Mark Master Mason, and at the same time to assure you that I will always endeavour to advance Mark Masonry. (Applause.) I have been much gratified by the kind reception which you have all given me here this evening, and in particular for the congratulation you have given me on my approaching marriage. I beg particularly to thank Bro. Lord Henniker for the kind terms he has used in speaking of me. As I am leaving here in a few minutes I hope you will excuse me saying more.

The M.W.G.M. then said: Brethren, it is my duty now to propose a vote that I think you will all join in. It may be late to propose the vote but you will recollect that this is the first Grand Lodge that has been held since the sad event of the death of the late President of the United States. I am in favour of making very short speeches on occasions of this kind, especially when we are in earnest in what we say, and we mean what we say. I don't think I need say how thoroughly grieved we are at the great loss not only to the United States of America, but I think also to the world in general by the death of this upright and enlightened ruler of that great country. We recollect his bravery and fortitude in his long and painful illness; we recollect the watching by the sick bed, and we almost felt that we in this country were joining in that watching. We recollect, too, the enormous amount of sympathy that was shown in this country, and we recollect that General Garfield was a most distinguished Mason; and we remember, too, that this Grand Lodge of Mark Masters had always been in close sympathy with the Supreme Grand Chapter of the United States. The feeling that was shown I think in this country was not one that we can look upon alone as respect for the great man who was taken away, but it reminds us that the people of America and ourselves are come from one common stock. We must not forget this, nor must we forget the enthusiasm in America for Her Majesty the Queen—(applause)—for her sympathy with that country and with Mrs. Garfield in the sad trial that had come upon them. (Applause.) We in this country know that we may expect that sympathy from Her Majesty at such times of trial. It is well known, too, in the United States, and such sympathy, you may depend upon it, is not easily forgotten, and I believe it must tend to cement that friendship which always exists between England and America. Her Majesty has set us an example which we can only humbly follow; but still I shall ask you, by passing this vote of condolence with Mrs. Garfield, to add one more word of sympathy to the many that have been spoken from this country already. I think you will trust me to see the resolution if it is passed sent in proper terms; and I will merely move now that a vote of condolence be sent to Mrs. Garfield in the great loss that she and the great country of America have sustained.

The Duke of ALBANY: Brethren, I have very much pleasure in seconding your Grand Master's motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany then left Grand Lodge, escorted as before.

The following report of the General Board was, on motion duly made and seconded, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

The number of certificates issued in the six months to 30th September, 1881, was 660, the total of registered advancements being 15,398.

During the same period thirteen warrants for new lodges were granted, viz.:

No. 279 Pinnacle... .. Simla.	No. 286 Cheena... .. Nynce Tal, Bengal.
" 280 Newton... .. Newton, Auckland, N.Z.	" 287 Carlo Eduard... .. do Coffey Syracuse, Sicily.
" 281 Beverlac... .. Beverley.	" 288 Port Natal... .. Durban, Natal.
" 282 Derwent... .. Worthington.	" 289 Dalhousie... .. Kyneton, Australia.
" 283 William Pearl... .. Mysore, Madras.	" 290 Tudor Lodge... .. of Volunteers Wolverhampton.
" 284 High Cross... .. Tottenham.	" 291 Drifelt... .. Driffild.
" 285 Kirby... .. Saidpur, Bengal	

And ninety-two certificates in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, with three warrants for New Ark Lodges:—

Dove, attached to Worthy Apprentice, No. 193.

Comet, attached to Comet, No. 260.

Port Natal, attached to Port Natal, No. 288.

In the Province of South Wales, after a lengthened period of inactivity, renewed interest has happily been awakened, and on Wednesday, 31st August last, Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart. (formerly Craft Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division), was installed as R.W. Provincial Grand Master, with every augury of success as the result of earnest and efficient administration.

A Provincial Grand Lodge has also been constituted for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, exclusive of the town of Kingston-upon-Hull, the Lodges in which have elected to continue direct connection with the Grand Lodge.

The granting of a warrant to the Carlo Eduardo Coffey Lodge at Syracuse, Sicily, has led to the formation of a District Grand Lodge of the Mediterranean, and the best results are anticipated from the introduction there of English Freemasonry under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The District Grand Lodge has been placed under the rule of the Provincial Grand Master of Tunis and Malta, R.W. Bro. A.M. Broadley, whose zeal and ability have already been acknowledged.

The Grand Festival was held on Tuesday, 31st May last, on which occasion was celebrated the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the constitution of the Mark Grand Lodge. The prestige of the meeting was considerably enhanced by the official announcement of the acceptance by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., of the rank of M.W. Past Grand Master of the Order, was unusually successful in point of numbers, between 300 and 400 brethren having attended, and was ably presided over by the newly-installed Grand Master, the M.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker. The auspicious event was further commemorated by a banquet to ladies, who subsequently joined the brethren in the enjoyment of a concert specially provided under most satisfactory arrangements.

The Benevolent Fund Festival was held at the Crystal Palace, on Wednesday, 6th July, the M.W. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, in the chair, the result of the efforts of twenty-three Stewards and their friends being the amount of £346 17s.

Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle Bart. (Deputy Provincial Craft Grand Master), was installed as R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, at Truro, on Monday, 12th September, in succession to R.W. Bro. Col. John W. Peard, whose lamented death was noticed in the last report of the Board.

A moveable Grand Lodge was held at Sheffield on Thursday, 22nd day of September, and proved one of the largest and most successful meetings of Grand Lodge ever assembled. The attendance numbered upwards of 300, including six Provincial Grand Masters, and the M.W. Past Grand Master, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., who presided with his customary ability, accepting the position at the last moment, owing to the regretted, and unlooked for, absence of the M.W. Grand Master, occasioned by ill-health.

In the course of the proceedings, Bro. John W. dall Woodall, P.M., was installed as R.W. Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire with every assurance of a prosperous and beneficial term of office.

The W. Master of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, Bro. S. Gatty, was also installed on the same day by the R.W. Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., Prov. G. Master of Sussex, in the presence of the unprecedented—as is believed—number of eighty-one Installed Masters.

Thos. Montagu Quinn, son of the late Bro. Benjamin Quinn, has been admitted to the benefits of the Educational Fund, there being now five sons of Mark Master Masons enjoying the advantages of that fund.

The hall at the rear of the Offices, No. 8A, Red Lion-square, has been rendered suitable in every respect by the completion of the heating and lighting apparatus, new fittings, and temporary decoration, for the meetings of lodges, &c., and it is hoped that the expectations of the Board as to revenue from this source may be realised.

The Board recommend the following grants from the Benevolent Fund: £25 to a brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 225; £21 to the widow of a late brother of the St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 64.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months ending 30th September, 1881, show the following results:

GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 31st March, 1881	...	...	...	...	£426 4 4
Half-year's receipts	...	...	...	...	£653 11 2
Interest on Investments	...	...	...	...	38 13 16
					692 4 8
					£1118 9 0

Half-year's disbursements:

Ordinary Expenditure	...	...	...	...	£446 7 2
Extraordinary expenditure:					
Legal expenses for lease	...	...	...	...	£25 14 6
Expended on Masonic Hall	...	...	...	...	236 1 9
Furniture for Office and Board-room	...	...	...	...	89 19 6
Grand Festival on 31st May last	205 2 0
					556 17 9
					1003 4 11

Balance at Bankers 30th September, 1881	£115 4 1
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BENEVOLENT FUND.

Balance from 31st March, 1881	£142 15 10	Half-Year's Disbursements:	
Half-year's receipts	£234 14 0	Grants in relief	£40 0 0
Interest on Investments	32 16 0	Expenses	4 1 6
	267 10 0		44 1 6
	£410 5 10	Balance at Banker's, 30th September, 1881	£366 4 4

EDUCATION FUND.

Balance on 31st March, 1881	£117 3 11	Balance at Bankers, 30th September, 1881	£117 9 4
Interest on Investments	10 15 5	Less Cheque not paid	2 2 0
	127 19 4		115 7 4
Half-Year's Disbursements for Educational fees	£12 12 0		

Examined and found correct,

(Signed)

ALFRED WILLIAMS, }
ROBERT BERRIDGE, } Auditors.

12th October, 1881.

INVESTED FUNDS.

General Fund	...	...	...	...	£1700 0 0
Benevolent Fund	...	...	...	...	1400 0 0
Educational Fund	...	...	...	...	500 0 0
And the Board have ordered the following additional investments to be made:—					
On Account of Benevolent Fund	...	...	...	...	£100 0 0
On Account of Educational Fund	...	...	...	...	200 0 0

Bro. HERBERT DICKETTS then rose and said: Brethren, I have very much pleasure in rising to propose the nomination of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, our present M.W.G.M., as Grand Master of the Order for the year ensuing. (Applause.) I need not say in the presence of his lordship, and of you, how admirably he presides over us. From what you have seen this evening I am sure it will be with your hearty approval that I nominate him again as Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, and I feel confident it will meet with the approval of all the Mark Masons of England.

Charity jewels were then presented to the following brethren, who served as Stewards at the last Mark Benevolent Fund: Bros. J. Bance, A. M. Broadley, J. H. Clarke, A. T. Godson, H. Martin Green, John Hancock, Wm. Hickman, W. H. Hodgkin, Geo. Ker, John Kirke, J. H. Leggott, Wm. March, C. L. Mason, O. H. Pearson, James Pinder, C. J. Smith, Henry Stone, T. C. Walls, T. B. Whytehead, and D. M. Dewar.

The GRAND SECRETARY announced that he had received letters of apology for inability to attend from several brethren, prefacing the announcement with the remark that all the brethren would be sorry to hear that Bro. Portal, P.G.M., was obliged to sojourn for the winter at Cannes, on account of ill-health.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, after which they honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. W. A. F. POWELL, Prov. G.M. of Bristol, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," said that all who had been present in Grand Lodge must have been much impressed with the manner in which the investment of the Duke of Albany was conducted, and he ventured to say that no one was more deeply impressed than H.R.H. himself. It was a matter of gratification to all Mark Masons that so eminent a brother was among them. He (Bro Powell) felt that his presence to-day was a fortunate circumstance, seeing that he happened to be one of the Senior Deacons in Craft Masonry when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was placed in the chair as Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge.

The M.W.G.M., in replying, said the brethren very kindly received him some months ago, when he was quite untried, as their Grand Master. It gave him great pride then; and now, in the middle of his first year of office, the kind reception of this day gave him very great encouragement for the future. He most fully appreciated their kindness. He wished to take this opportunity of saying how sorry he was that he was unable to be present at the Moveable Grand Lodge which was held at Sheffield on the 22nd September. Nothing but the peremptory orders of his doctor prevented him from being present, not only because he had passed his word to go, but because when he undertook the position of Grand Master he made up his mind—as he hoped he should be able to fulfil his promise to himself—that he should always be present when Grand Lodge met, whether in London or elsewhere, when his presence would tend to the advancement of the Order. It was not his duty in Grand Lodge to-day to say a word in answer to the proposition of Bro. Dicketts, who nominated him as G.M. for next year, but he, nevertheless, felt the compliment very greatly. He wished to add that he desired to thank all the brethren who were present at Sheffield, and all the brethren connected with Mark Grand Lodge generally, for the noble manner in which the entertainment of the Moveable Grand Lodge at Sheffield was conducted. He heard all about it, although he was not there. Although he regretted at the time not being present at Moveable Grand Lodge, he still more regretted it after hearing how successful the meeting was. Glad he was that the meeting was successful. He now thanked the brethren very warmly for drinking his health, and for their general kindness to him. He thought one warm word was better than a dozen long sentences, and he should content himself by thanking them for their kindness. He now had to propose "The Health of the Past Grand Masters of the Order," and he was sorry that there were none of them present. But it must be remembered that many of the Past Masters were busy men in their different counties, and it was not always possible for them to be in London at this time of year. They were all very sorry to hear that Bro. Portal was away on account of ill-health. Bro. Portal was a most useful member of the Order, and had rendered essential service to Mark Masonry. They all knew what Bro. Beach and Bro. Lord Leigh had done for Mark Masonry. The same might be said of Bro. the Earl of Lathom. The Duke of Albany, whom they had had the pleasure of receiving that day, would gladly have stopped to banquet, but he was obliged to return to Windsor, as a relative of his was staying at the Castle. The brethren would be pleased at what his Royal Highness said that night when, in reply to the hope expressed by him (the G.M.) that his Royal Highness would now and then come among them, he said that he would, and would also do all he could to advance Mark Masonry. The brethren must all be gratified that another member of the Royal Family had taken part in another branch of Masonry, and they might congratulate themselves upon having secured him as a Past Grand Master. He might add that since the announcement in Grand Lodge of Bro. Portal's illness, Bro. Davison, the Grand Treasurer, had received a communication from that brother that he was now much better, and hoped to be soon among the brethren again.

Bro. the Rev. F. H. RICHARDSON, P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, W.M. 194, proposed "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." It would not be necessary for him to take up the brethren's time by using many words, as the Grand Officers would not have been appointed if they had not proved themselves of great service to the Order. He had only to mention the name of the G.S.W., Lord Arthur Hill; the ubiquitous Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, whose portly presence was always to be seen whenever good was to be done for Masonry in general, and Mark Masonry in particular; and Bro. Dewar, the Assistant Grand Secretary; Bro. Berridge, D.C., who did his work in right courtly fashion that evening, to secure for the toast the hearty acceptance of the brethren. It was an object of ambition, a high position, and a great honour for any brother to hold an office in Grand Lodge, and coming from a province well represented this evening—Leicester, Rutland, Northampton, and Derby—which had made great progress in Mark Masonry, it was pleasant to know there was no adventitious circumstance in the way of men being promoted to a position in Mark Masonry. Any brother who felt an interest in the welfare of Mark Masonry might reasonably aspire to high office in it. They had had the unusual satisfaction that evening of seeing a Prince of the Blood Royal installed in the chair of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master. Perhaps none of them would have such a satisfaction again, because all the princes had taken a post in Masonry, and the youngest had taken the position that night. No one advanced as a Mark Master could fail to take an interest in the circumstance or in the ceremonial he had witnessed. The Degree was supplemental to the Craft, but he believed Masonry would suffer if this Degree were not a prominent one among them. It was a most interesting ceremonial, one which taught invaluable lessons, and so carried on the instruction which they received in the earlier stages of their Masonic career.

BARON DE FERRIERES, M.P., replied. He was sure there was no Mark Mason who was not proud to belong to this degree. They had heard there was 15,000 or 16,000 Mark Masons under this Grand Lodge, and if that was the case they must all feel that it was receiving the support which it merited. The fact of belonging to Grand Lodge was one they should all be proud of—and none the less because a member of the Royal Family had been enrolled among the Past Masters. His Royal Highness seemed to take it as a compliment to him. The way he took the obligation showed that he felt he was heartily becoming one of them, and in his speech he promised to advance the welfare of the Order. All the Past Grand Officers felt proud that they had joined the Order, and that they were members of Grand Lodge. He trusted the Order would prosper.

Bro. C. F. MATIER proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," a fund that was still to the front, and ready, able and willing to give contributions to those brethren of the Mark Degree who deserved it and were in need of it. When the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Master of Freemasons at the Albert Hall, he said the watchwords of Freemasonry were Loyalty and Charity. Mark Masons were preeminently loyal subjects, and as charitable brethren they had no superiors. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes, who in his capacity of Secretary of the Boys' School, and as Grand Secretary of the Mark Degree, had done more to perpetuate the great cause of charity than any other brother in the land.

Bro. BINCKES responded. Without egotism he believed he might say he was doing his duty in the cause now as much to the satisfaction of his numerous friends as he did when he commenced his Masonic career thirty years ago. At all events, his efforts were crowned with success. He had been a sower of seed, but, unlike the sower in the Sacred Volume, none of his seed had fallen on stony ground or among thorns. It had all fallen on

good soil, and had fructified mightily. He had met wherever he had gone with large-hearted generosity, which had expressed itself in liberal practical support. The Mark Benevolent Fund had been very successful, both in the subscription to it, the relief it had given, and in the educational branch; and he was glad to see that already the Stewards for the next festival were at work, and Bro. Watkins, of Monmouthshire, had even now got a list of £51 4s. He hoped the other Stewards would go round and do likewise. From the time he first saw Masonic light he looked upon Masonry as being, without exception, the grandest organisation in the world, bringing together as it did men of all races and all shades of opinion, and binding them by a tie which was to ameliorate human distress, mitigate human misery, and reduce the aggregate of all those evils in the world which men and Masons must deplore.

Bro. F. DAVISON, G.T., proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. BEVAN, District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, in replying, accepted it as a great compliment, high honour and privilege to thank the brethren for this toast. He was flattered by being appointed by Lord Henniker District Grand Master of Westland. It was not necessary to dilate on this toast, because hospitality among Masons was proverbial; that it mattered not whether you went to the furthest confines of the earth, hospitality prevailed in every branch of the noble Order, and all seemed influenced by the one great desire to promote the one great and universal cause of Masonry—charity, that brightest and greatest religion which mortals could offer to each other. His experience of Masonry during nearly a quarter of a century pointed to one great fact, that it mattered not what branch of the Institution a Mason might be in, they all seemed to beat with one heart and pulse in the great object in view—to ameliorate the distresses of mankind and cast a ray of sunshine across the weary path of the benighted wanderer, and to clear the vision that was surrounded by chaos.

The proceedings then terminated.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the afternoon of the 30th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, for the election and installation of Grand office-bearers, and the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew. The Grand Master, Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., presided, and there were also present Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie; Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythwood, Bart.; R. F. Shaw-Stewart; the Rev. W. Tulloch; Major John Crombie; J. T. S. Elliot, the younger, of Wolfelee; Wm. Officer, S.S.C.; Whyte Melville; James Turner; James Crichton; J. Martin, Prov. Grand Master of Dumbartonshire; Hector McLean, Prov. Grand Master of Lanarkshire; Wm. Mann, S.S.C.; and others.

The attendance numbered about 250.

After opening the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master intimated that Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie had been nominated Grand Master; and he would proceed to invest him with the jewel of his office.

After the installation, the Grand Master, the Earl of Mar and Kellie, asked the office-bearers to step forward for installation.

After the lodge was closed, the Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated with a dinner, at which the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Grand Master, presided. In replying to the toast of his health, which was proposed by the Past Grand Master, Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, the GRAND MASTER stated that the income of the Grand Lodge during the past year had been £4390, and its expenditure £2986, showing an excess of income over expenditure of £1404. The number of entrants for the year was 3883.

The PAST GRAND MASTER, in reviewing the proceedings of Grand Lodge during his term of office, said that the number of charters granted to new lodges in that period was 127, while six old lodges had been re-opened and the number of entrants had reached 33,489. The debt of the Grand Lodge had been increasing annually up to 1877, when it stood at £11,000. Now, however, it was only £2500, so that they had, in these recent years, wiped off no less than £8500.

After several other toasts had been duly honoured, the brethren dispersed, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. William Roebuck in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rosenthal, Charles Saunders, Don. M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, W. H. Saunders, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff Filer, W. Maple, F. Adlard, Raynham W. Stewart, Fredk. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, it was resolved that C. E. Jackson, a purchase candidate, be admitted in January on payment of £178 10s.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for the cost of the enlargement of the gymnasium and the Christmas Entertainment to the boys remaining in the School during the holidays.

The CHAIRMAN, before the authority was given, reported that he had carefully examined the works at the gymnasium, and that they were all perfectly satisfactory.

Bro. BINCKES read a letter from Bro. George Newton, of Barnsley, stating that he had seen in the *Freemason* that the 100 guineas given by Bro. Capt. John Wordsworth, of Leeds, towards the establishment of a preparatory school had been ordered to be transferred to the Preparatory School account, and reminding the Secretary that he (Bro. Newton) had also given a similar amount, on the understanding that it was to be applied for the same purpose.

It was therefore resolved that the 100 guineas kindly given by Bro. John Newton, of Barnsley, for the Preparatory School Fund, be transferred from the General Fund to that Fund.

It was then resolved to invest £1000 in Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per cent. Stock.

Five candidates were afterwards placed on the list for election in April next, and outfits of £5 each were granted to five former pupils of the Institution.

The Committee then adjourned.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

There is a point in our Masonic annals very important to the Masonic historian of the future, which I think requires a little attention and elaboration.

It is well known to many Masonic students, and especially to Bro. Gould and others, how important a part, in the history of the German Steinmetzen, for instance, the legend or tradition of the "Quatuor Coronati" plays.

The "Quatuor Coronati," or "The Four Crowned One's (Martyrs)," were four Masons put to death by the Emperor Diocletian for refusing to make a statue to Æsculapius. The legend is found in the "Masonic Poem," though in no other English Masonic record that I am aware of, and the observance of their day (November 8th) was common in England in the eleventh century.

Bro. Findel has based mainly on this fact the derivation of English Freemasonry from German. But a critical analysis of his argument by no means supports so hasty a conclusion; and, indeed, not only is it not in any sense a case of "sequitur," but it is, to a great extent, "post hoc propter hoc." Latterly a good deal of attention has been paid to this point, the more so as the four Masons and the five sculptors (these were also put to death by Dioclesian) are often confused together. There is still a church of the "Quatuor Coronati" at Rome, where the "reliques" of the four Masons and the five sculptors are said to be preserved. It is also averred that once a year there is a gathering in that church of the artistical and Craft Guilds of Rome.

In order to illustrate this ancient story I have thought it well to give another account of these "worthies" of Masonry. I take it as a translation from Ribadaneira's "Les Fleurs des Vies des Saints," published at Paris in 1687, folio:

"In the time of the Emperor Diocletian there were at Rome four brethren (or brothers), Severus, Severinus, Carpophorus, and Victorinus, all Christians, and willing to surrender their life for their master. The Emperor had them taken and brought before the idol of Æsculapius, either to adore it or be beaten to death with blows of whips. They took no more notice of it than they did of the command of the Emperor. They then stripped them of every thing, and fastened them up, and they were then so beaten with leaded cords that they died under the torture. The tyrant had their bodies cast to the dogs to be eaten there, on the spot, but they touched them not during the five days they lay there exposed, showing that men were more cruel than the beasts. The Christians carried the bodies away secretly, and buried them in a sandpit, in the 'Via Lavinia,' a league from Rome, and as 'Adon' says in his 'Martyrology,' the Pope Melchiades ordered that they should keep their day—the day of their martyrdom, which was the 8th of November—though then they knew not their names, but under the names of the 'Four Martyrs.' The 'Four Martyrologies' make mention of them. Pope Honorius had a church built for them, which is an ancient title of the Cardinals of which Gregory speaks. The bodies were found at Rome in the time of Leo. IV."

It seems according to this account that these names, long forgotten, were revealed to a holy man. This account differs from others materially, and we must make much allowance to-day for that love of the marvellous and the mythical, which often marks grotesquely enough such so-called "golden legends."

The five martyrs, Claudianus, Nicostratus, Simphorianus, Castorius, and Simplicianus, who are sometimes called the "Coronati," are, in truth, the five sculptors. "With the four crowned ones," says Ribadaneira, "the Church celebrates this day the feast of the five glorious martyrs, who were excellent sculptors and Christians, all but Simplicianus, who was a pagan." The account is too long to give in detail here, and has been referred to before in an account of the "Coronati." Roman writers especially have confounded the four and the five, and attributed what took place to the latter,—as in a MS. account published in the "Masonic Magazine" some time back,—to the former. Suffice it to say, that when these four Christian sculptors and the pagan equally refused to make an image for Dioclesian, he had them placed in leaded boxes and thrown into the Tiber. Forty days after their cruel death and goodly martyrdom, a Christian, called Nicomedes, sought for their "coffins," found them, and buried them in the garden of his house.

They were put to death on the same day as the four crowned martyrs, but two years before. An account of them is to be found in "The Four Martyrologies." I have thought this account interesting to students, and not the least to Bro. Gould, as he knows how constant is the reference to them by the German Steinmetzen, and how there is a sort of link in the life of the Craft Guilds with this curious history or legend, call it which you will, of the Four Faithful Masons.

One very remarkable fact is that on the Sarum Missal, on the day of this "Quatuor Coronati" there is not one name of the four honoured martyrs, but the names given are those of the five sculptors. Some of the German and other Breviaries are different, and hardly any agree in the names. HEIDELOFF gives the name as RIBADANEIRA does, and SCHAUBERG tells us that at Basle Cathedral, by the "Meister Tafel," is a sculptured representation of the "Quatuor Coronati," with an inscription alluding to the symbolical meaning of compass, square, rule and level.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS TRADUCERS.

By BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

I have only just been able to obtain the whole of the correspondence in the *Building News* relative to the article in the *Saturday Review* on Freemasonry, which has already been handled in the editorial columns of the *Freemason*. My only regret is that the *Review's* Jesuitical essay was not reprinted at length by the Masonic Press, in order to show the brethren the follies to which men commit themselves who perpetrate the foolish error of writing on subjects concerning which they have only very imperfect information. I use the word "Jesuitical" advisedly, because it is perfectly evident that the expounder in the pages of the *Review* has been influenced by a strong anti-Masonic animus, which he endeavours to conceal behind a very thin veil of mock conscientiousness. His opening sentence betrays him when he tells his readers that Freemasons regard any effort to throw light upon the real origin of their Society, as "almost criminal," when he must have known perfectly well, from the "immense list of books" which he claims to have

seen, that one of the greatest anxieties amongst intelligent Masons of the present day is to elucidate their history, and, from the dim traces of their footprints in the past, to produce a really reliable and faithful record of the origin and descent of what even outside critics have been compelled to admit to be one of the most remarkable of social organisations.

Masons are accused by this critic of "sedulously cultivating" certain pretensions to antiquity, which he is pleased to consider utterly baseless, and of promulgating as facts certain legends, or as this person chooses to call them, "cock and bull stories," about Solomon's Temple. It appears to me that the description of Freemasonry, as taught in its initiatory instruction, that it is "a system of morality, founded in allegory and illustrated by symbols," is of itself a sufficient reply to such slanders as these. It is a very easy matter to refer to a Masonic allegory as a "clumsy fable," and those whose duties or misfortunes have enforced upon them a perusal of the writings of Mr. Bradlaugh and such like persons, will recognise in such terms as this the style of argument commonly used by those who, for want of real knowledge, find in abuse the readiest method of disposing of a difficult question. From the titles of the "authorities" quoted by our friend it is perfectly evident that the sources of his information are of an extremely feeble kind; and when he declares that any one of the "fifty different treatises" on the Order "will enable a reader to make his way into a lodge quite as well as though he had submitted to the inane ceremonies of probation and initiation," he makes it very patent that he himself, at any rate, has never made practical trial of what he impudently and ignorantly declares to be so easy, but that he is simply repeating or reproducing the falsehoods of previous writers.

He gives a brief sketch of the history of the Mediæval Guilds of Builders, which he says were abolished in 1707, and tells us that the date of the origin of Freemasonry was "about the beginning of the eighteenth century," but he is satisfied to say nothing at all about Plot's account of the Order a century previous, or to the entries in the diary of Ashmole; neither does he in any way refer to the ancient parchment constitutions in the possession of the brethren, or to the ancient Scotch minutes, if, indeed, he ever heard of them.

The writer's utter ignorance of the Craft, its objects and its organisation, prevents any feeling of astonishment at his accusations against the Christian Orders amongst Freemasons of "blasphemy and profanity." It is impossible to discuss the ceremonials of any secret society, even in a Masonic paper; but most men will be slow to believe that societies in Freemasonry, which have for their patroness our beloved Queen, and for their ruler the heir to the throne of England, and which number amongst their prominent members many of the highest, noblest, and most devoted both of churchmen and laymen, can with either truth or justice deserve so foul an aspersion.

One of the most egregious blunders of all is to be found in the tail of the reviewer's article, and, no doubt, is intended to convey the sting of the attack. We are informed that "Freemasonry is an excellent friendly society," and that we are "exactly on a par" with Foresters and other benefit societies. This is just the mistake into which a complete outsider would be likely to fall, but it is one which cannot be too widely or emphatically denied. Whatever antiquity may fairly be claimed for our Order, it was never intended, in its present form, to take the place of a friendly or benefit society, and one of the greatest dangers threatening the Craft at the present moment is the entrance of men within our portals who have imbibed this erroneous idea promulgated by this writer. It should be clearly understood that the Charities and the munificent grants from our Lodge of Benevolence are an accident of the society, and are by no means the objects for which our present organisation was worked out. They have been an aftergrowth, and their magnitude is the result of the immense extension of our society in our own day. The impression existing in many minds outside Freemasonry that substantial advantages are to be gained from membership cannot be too widely combated, since it has a most powerful effect in inducing men to become Masons in the hope of receiving material benefits; and the influx of such persons is one of the reasons why the demands upon our Charities have of late been so heavy.

That our Order is by no means "on a par" with the friendly or benefit societies of the country is sufficiently proved by the existence of the act which specially excepts it from interference as a secret society, and from the fact that the Friendly Societies Acts take no cognizance of it.

A writer in the *Building News*, in defending our Craft from the insolent attacks in the *Saturday Review*, seems to hint that the writer has received his inspiration from Papal sources; and this may be so, although to me it seems to be merely one of those bilious and rancorous productions for which the *Review* has long been specially famous. Our champion of the *Building News*, who writes under the non de plume of "Knight Templar," happily instances the history of the church of England as analogous to that of Freemasonry. Both have passed through many changes, and must yet see more if the world last sufficiently long. But a change of ritual or of laws would simply mark an epoch in either, and a revival or a new departure need not necessarily occasion a break in its history, leading principles, or teachings. "Veritas," taking up the pen in reply to "Knight Templar," runs off the scent altogether, and lugs in the question of the date of the commencement of the Three Degrees System, which is another problem entirely, and has no connection with the antiquity of the Order. If every alteration in ritual or working is to be regarded as the commencement of a new Order, we shall be told next that the year 1813, when the present working was settled, was the date of our origin.

As for the question of the origin of "Templar" Masonry, that is a matter entirely apart and distinct, and to be discussed on its own merits. I will not attempt it here. Those who have done any historical reading worth talking about know full well the difficulties of the critic. These are days when close investigations of ancient sculptures, inscriptions, papyri, &c., are continually throwing light upon moot points in history, disproving statements long regarded as reliable, and proving to be facts assertions previously suspected to be baseless, upsetting long cherished theories, and adding long-missing links to the great chain of the world's history. It is significant that some of our best Masonic writers have already relinquished the fashion of dogmatically writing down all Freemasonry as of modern origin; and I do not by any means despair of seeing the day when irrefragable evidence will show our clear chain of descent from the mediæval Guilds.

As for writers prating with smug priggishness about their "duty," and, at the same time, stigmatising as a "sham" and an "imposition" a system and a Society of the most genial, benevolent, and beneficial character, the sooner they learn their proper place in literature the better for their own credit and that of their employers, as well as for the satisfaction of those readers who are made the victims of their egregious and vicious nonsense.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland was held in the St. George's Hall, Hinckley, under the banner of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, of that town, on Thursday last, the 8th inst., when W. Bro. George Toller, jun., D.P.G.M. of the province, presided, and there was a strong muster of the brethren to support him, especially when it is borne in mind that the province is far from being a strong one numerically, there being only ten lodges on the roll, while the aggregate membership, after allowing for those brethren who belong to more than one lodge, is set down as only 379. Yet from the reports of the proceedings for the years 1878, 1879, and 1880, and the particulars furnished in respect to the current year, it is evident that what the province lacks in strength is amply made up by the zeal of the brethren. This is not to be wondered at, seeing how deservedly popular is the chief who guides its destinies, Earl Ferrers, and how indefatigable a right-hand man he possesses in R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, his immediate predecessor in the Prov. Grand Mastership. It is certainly the case that there is a diminution in the number of subscribing brethren, as compared with the year 1880; but an occasional decrease is inevitable. If the fluctuations realised the Irishman's idea of reciprocity, and always showed an increase in numbers, we should be inclined to value such less lightly. Moreover, in spite of this diminution, the accounts show a state of things which is eminently satisfactory. However, we shall further demonstrate this if we give a few details.

From the report presented at the annual meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on 30th October, 1878, it appears there were 373, or allowing for those brethren who were members of more than one lodge, 343 subscribing members on the roll. The General Fund showed a balance in hand of the Treasurer amounting to £59 6s. 4d., and the Charity Fund one of £27 9s. 8d. At the meeting on 22nd October, 1879, at the same place, the report showed a balance of General Fund of £66 18s. 4d., and of Charity Fund one amounting to £31 13s. 2d., while the number of subscribing members was 402. Last year when the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Victoria Room, Town Hall, Loughborough, the report was still more satisfactory. The balances were in respect of General Fund £83 12s. 8d., for Charity Fund £29 0s. 11d., and the subscribing members were 417. In the current year the number of subscribing members, as already stated, shows a diminution from 417 to 379, or, if we include those who belong to more than one lodge, from 457 to 423. Yet the balance in the general accounts is £99 10s. 3d., as against £83 12s. 8d., and that of the Charity fund is £35 8s. 9d. as against £29 0s. 11d. Our Leicestershire and Rutland brethren must be proud of the reports that were laid before them when Prov. Grand Lodge assembled on Thursday, and having offered them our felicitations on the subject we beg to lay before our readers a brief sketch of the day's proceedings. Particulars at greater length will appear next week.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, a letter was read from the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Earl Ferrers, expressing his regret at being unable to attend the meeting, as also was one from Bro. Major-General Burnaby, jun., and other brethren. The roll of lodges of the province was called over, and it was found that each was represented.

The minutes were confirmed, and the reports of the Committees of General Purposes and of Charity were read and adopted. The former directed the attention of the lodge to the question of provincial dues, on which point, after some discussion, a proposition was passed; and also referred to the want of accommodation in the Leicester Masonic Hall, the discussion of which subject it was decided to postpone for the present.

The Treasurer's account and Registrar's report were both adopted, and then Bro. Robt. Waite was re-elected to the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, the other officers being appointed as follows:

Bro. Dr. Thomas Macaulay	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Thos. Harrold	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. S. W. Wegg	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. John Bird	...	
" Robert Waite	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Thomas Wright	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Samuel S. Partridge	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. S. Allen	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Lardall	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Samuel Weaver	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Young	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Wm. Crow	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" Capt. W. Wade Warmaby	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" A. Chamberlain	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. L. Giltson	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" M. J. Walker	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" J. O. Raw	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" S. A. Maitis, A. Lewin, J. Read,	}	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. McIvor, Tindall Butler,		
" and Horace Clough Taylor		
" T. Dunn	...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" J. Tansey	...	

Various representations of Grand Lodge having been approved, several items of business were brought forward. Among these was that of the "Hervey Memorial Fund" to which the sum of ten guineas was voted.

Lodge was then closed. Previous to this meeting the annual gathering of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, was held, at which Bro. Robert Bradshaw Smith was installed.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Prevision.—As autumn treads on winter, slender, delicate, and pale-faced youths become listless, languid, and debilitated, unless an alternative, combined with some tonic, be administered to quicken their enfeebled organs. This precise requirement is supplied in these noted Pills, which can and will accomplish all that is wanted, provided the printed instructions surrounding them meet with scrupulous attention. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted to supply the medical wants of youth, because his medicine acts gently, though surely, as a purifier, regulator, alterative, tonic, and mild aperient. A very few doses of these Pills will convince any discouraged invalid that his cure lies in his own hands, and a little perseverance only is demanded for its completion.—[Advrt.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place on Tuesday, November 29th, at the Masonic Hall, Derby, and amongst the large number of brethren present were Bros. H. C. Okeover, V.W.D.P.G.M. acting M.W.P.G.M.; Thos. Cox, P.G. Treas., acting V.W.D.P.G.M.; Fitz Herbert Arkwright, P.G.S.W.; W. C. White, P.G.J.W.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.G. Chap.; Arthur Stubbs, P.G. Regis.; Jas. W. Coulson, acting Prov. G. Sec.; William Lennox, P.G.J.D.; Peter Bramold, P.G. Sup. of Works; William Coope, P.G.D. of C.; Fred J. Robinson, P.G. Assist. D. of C.; H. H. Tutt, Prov. G. Org.; W. C. Moore, Prov. G. Purst.; C. J. Wood, Prov. G. Assist. Purs.; A. J. Waller, H. L. Lewis, A. Tyler, R. Broughall, and G. Johnson, P.G. Stewards; Thos. Horsley, P.P.G.S.W.; Frank Campion, P.P.G.S.W.; Thos. Hall, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Wynne Jeridwine, P.P.G.S.W.; A. P. Arkwright, P.P.G.S.W.; T. A. Jackson, P.P.G.S.D.; John Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.G.S.W.; John Boden, P.P.G.J.W.; Jno. Howell, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org.; G. T. Wright, P.P.G.J.W.; A. B. Plant, P.P.G. Org.; M. H. Humphries, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Carrick Crofts, P.P.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland; W. H. Burton, 731. P.P.G. Purst.; W. J. Allen, 1739; Walter Loverock, P.P.G.S.B.; Henry Hillain, P.P.S.G.W.; W. W. Littaker, W.M. 731; Percy Wallis, W.M. 850; T. G. Boden, 353, 119; J. R. Cain, J.W. 352; R. Roberts, 353, 1086; W. J. Booth, P.M. 353; R. Hulme, 1238; Alfred L. Etrams, W.M. 1688; Thos. Horsley, S.W. 253; R. H. Robinson, P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Halliday, P.M. 1739; Arthur Milner, S.W. 681; W. T. Palmer, P.M. 787; J. Stanhope, 787; Geo. Day, W.M. 1324; W. C. Briggs, S.W. 1324; J. Allen, P.M. 1324; W. Morton, 1324; W. Alleyne, I.G. 1324; D. Ipton, S.W. 1324; W. L. Ball, S.W. 802; Edwin Bellfield, 1086; Jno. W. Haslam, 1028; J. Bland, J.W. 731; Jas. Copstick, J.D. 1731; W. Prince, P.M. 850; John Watson, D.P.G.M. Notts.; F. Sanderson Cooper, 1085; J. H. Harrison, 1083; I. Turner, P.M. 806; W. Popplewell, 1085, 731; G. Spreckley, 731; Jas. S. West, 787; D. A. Davis, P.M. 625, D.C. 1708; John Storer, 1324; J. W. Wyatt, W.M. 654; W. Walters, W.M. 353, S.W. 624; J. E. Russell, W.M. 1085; J. H. Richardson, 1085; D. Smith, 1179; C. Webster, 731; J. Ascroft; T. Day, Sec. 731; Mat Hill, W.M. 1495; H. Goodall, 731; John R. Hewett, 1085; W. Knight, 731; S. Robinson, 625; Samuel Collier, Sec. 625; R. Partington, 625; Septimus Stone, P.M. Beaureper, P.P.G. Reg.; R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason); and others.

A Craft lodge, formed by the W.M. and officers of the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, was opened in the Three Degrees at 1.30 o'clock, the acting M.W.P.G.M., Bro. H. C. Okeover, entered, attended by his officers, present and past, and was duly saluted.

The roll of lodges meeting in the province was called over by the acting Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Jas. W. Coulson, and was answered by the Carnarvon, Buxton, Arkwright, Okeover, Rutland, Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, Hartington, Royal Alfred, Derwent, St. Oswald, Repose, Beaureper, Arboretum, Scarsdale, Peveril of the Peak, Devonshire, Mundy Grove, Royal Sussex, and Tyrian Lodges, a most satisfactory result thus being achieved, there not being a single lodge in the province unrepresented.

The names of the present Prov. Grand Officers were next called over by the Prov. G. Sec., and respectively answered by each.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting were read and confirmed.

The written reports of the proceedings that had taken place in each lodge during the past twelve months were severally read by each W.M., and afterwards presented to the R.W.P.G.M. In the lists presented the names of the Arboretum, Royal Sussex, and Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann stood prominently forward as contributors to the Charities. In the first case, the Arboretum had contributed 110 guineas, the Royal Sussex £68 5s., and the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann £60 during the past year, a member of the latter lodge having made himself a Life Governor of the Institutions.

From the report of the Masonic Hall Committee, it appeared there was a considerable sum still standing, which had to be wiped off, and it was announced that a cheque towards the desired object had been received that afternoon for £50 from Bro. Fitz Herbert Wright, P.P.S.G.W.

The announcement was received with applause. Reports from the Charity and Audit Committees were next taken and adopted.

The election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer was then proceeded with, and Bro. Thomas Cox, the indefatigable and highly-esteemed present P.G. Treasurer, was unanimously re-elected.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Bro. W. B. Hextall	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" S. Stone	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Thomas Cox	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" William Naylor	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. J. Booth	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. Frazer	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Josiah A. Okeover	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" D. A. Davis	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Jas. Whitehead	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. Halliday	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. P. Wood	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" E. J. Sykes	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Thos. Parker	...	Prov. G. St. B.
" Ed. Hall	...	Prov. G. Org.
Bros. J. R. Cain, F. G. Boden, H. S. Goddard, W. Helps, J. H. Richardson, and R. Broughall		Prov. G. Stwds.

When the investiture was completed, the R.W.P.G.M. rose, and, addressing the brethren, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was, in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to present Bro. G. T. Wright, P.P.G.S.W., with a testimonial, in the form of a gilt clock, to mark the esteem and respect in which he was held by them all, and the appreciation of one who had done more for the cause of charity than anyone in the province. The R.W.P.G.M. said that most of the brethren must be aware of the great interest Bro. Wright took in the Masonic Charities, how he watched over them, and how he

had informed them from time to time how they were progressing, and he sincerely hoped the G.A.O.T.U. might long spare him amongst them.

The presentation and remarks which fell from the R.W.P.G.M. met with the heartiest approval of all present, and when the applause which greeted the concluding words of the R.W.P.G.M. had subsided, Bro. G. T. Wright, P.P.S.G.W., rose and said he did not think he deserved half the good things that had been spoken of him by the R.W.P.G.M., as he considered he had only done his duty, and whatever success had crowned his efforts it was to a great extent due to the assistance he had received from Prov. Grand Lodge. He thanked them for their handsome present, which he should value most highly, and when he looked at its hands it would remind him that his own sand-glass was falling very rapidly, as he had now been working for nearly thirty years amongst the Craft. Bro. Wright further remarked that it had always been a great pleasure to him to further the interests of these Masonic Charities, and informed the brethren that the work attached to the Charity Committee was much greater now than it was some years ago, when they only possessed twenty votes, having now 400. He concluded by expressing his satisfaction that his efforts had met with their approval.

Bro. FREDK. BINCKES rose and said, that hoping he should not be considered out of order, he tendered his warmest thanks, on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions, to the Province of Derbyshire for their support.

Before closing the Prov. Grand Lodge, the R.W.P.G.M. said he could not allow the present opportunity to slip without mentioning the name of a brother who, since their last meeting had passed away from them, viz. Bro. Jas. Crossley, P.P.S.G.D., and who had done a deal of good for the cause of Masonry, and who would be much missed. The R.W.P.G.M. spoke in terms of high praise of the deceased brother's excellent qualities. [We afterwards learned that Bro. Crossley had been the founder of the Okeover Lodge at Ripley.]

The R.W.P.G.M. also remarked that it had been a source of great regret to him that day to miss from their midst the face of Bro. Wm. Naylor, Prov. G. Sec., who was a most valued man, and one who had worked hard for the cause of Masonry, and he trusted Bro. Naylor would speedily be restored to health.

Prov. Grand Lodge was immediately afterwards closed, and, on the retirement of the R.W.P.G.M. and his officers, the Arboretum Lodge was also closed, the proceedings terminating at 3.50. Most of the brethren stayed to the banquet, which was an excellent one, deserving of great praise to the caterers. At its conclusion the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

Bro. FREDK. BINCKES made a very forcible speech on behalf of the Charities, and alluded to the energetic efforts that had been made by several Derby Masons on behalf of the three Institutions; and mentioning in terms of praise the name of Bro. G. T. Wright, P.P.G.S.W., and Chairman of the Charity Committee. Bro. Binckes feelingly alluded to the encumbrance which the Derby Masons at the present moment had to contend against in the shape of the amount required to be raised before the Masonic Hall could be called their own, but which he fervently hoped would ere long be collected.

Shortly after Bro. Binckes had taken his seat, Bro. JOHN SMITH, P.P.G.J.W., rose and offered, providing the brethren subscribed the remainder within twelve months, to give £200 towards clearing the debt off.

This announcement was received with loud applause; and after several other toasts (the intervals between each being enlivened with songs and recitations) the brethren separated about nine o'clock.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

At the Stated Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Freemason's Hall, Dublin, on the 1st inst., the R.W. Bro. Robert Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master, on the throne, the following were unanimously elected as the Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

M.W. Bro. His Grace the Most Noble Duke of Abercorn, K.G....	Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Headfort....	S.G.W.
" " Lord Arthur Hill, M.P....	J.G.W.
" " Robert Warren, D.L....	G. Treas.
" " Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bandon	G. Sec.
" " Rev. John J. Macsorely	G. Chaplains.
" " Right Hon. and Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath	
W. Bro. Theophilus E. St. George	S. G. Deacon.
" " George Moyers, LL.D., J.P.	J. G. Deacon.
" " George A. Stephens, J.P.	G.S. of W.
" " Harry Hodges	G.D. of C.
" " John Thomas Banks, M.D.	G. Steward.
" " James Creed Meredith, LL.D.	G. Swd. Br.
" " Charles Frederick Phillips	G. Organist.
" " W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D.	G. Inner Guard.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARK LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 59.

The W.M., Bro. William Barkley, and a number of the brethren of the Lechmere Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 59, Worcester, considering it desirable that an Ark Mariners' Lodge should exist in the Midland Counties, obtained a warrant from Royal Ark Council to attach an Ark Mariners' Lodge, to be called the Ark Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 59, to the Lechmere Lodge, and on the 29th of November a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened by Bro. Barkley, Grand Steward of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, assisted by Bro. Don. M. Dewar, Asst. G. Secretary G.L.M.M.M., and Bro. Poore, Past I.G. G.L.M.M.M., when nineteen brethren were elevated by Bro. Barkley into the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner.

Bro. Dewar then assumed the gavel, and, assisted by Bros. Barkley and Poore, consecrated the lodge with his accustomed ability, and afterwards enthroned Bro. Barkley as W.C.N., and Bros. Rowe, Pidcock, and Smith as Past Noahs, in consideration of these brethren having passed the chair of the Lechmere Lodge. The W.C.N. then appointed his officers, and the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

THE BRIGHTON HEALTH CONGRESS.

President—B. W. RICHARDSON, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.

Tuesday, December 13th, 1881.

OPENING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT.

Sections A, Wednesday; B, Thursday; C, Friday;
Presidents—Edwin Chadwick, C.B.; J. R. Hollond, M.A., M.P.; Alfred Carpenter, M.D.

Evening Addresses by R. P. B. Taaffe, M.D., and Brudenel Carter, F.R.C.S., in the Dome, Royal Pavilion.

Wednesday Evening—Soirée by the Mayor and Mayoress.

Many places of interest are arranged for to be viewed by Associates on presenting their tickets, as well as

The Domestic and Scientific Exhibition in the Royal Pavilion and Grounds, with Electric Lighting, to be opened by the President of the Exhibition, the EARL OF CHESTER.

Associates' Tickets, 10s. 6d., are being issued by the Congress Secretary, Brighton. Seats can be also secured.

Chairman of Executive } W. H. HALLETT, F.L.S.,
Committee, } Mayor.

General Hon. Secretary, WM. HAMILTON,
Ship Street, Brighton.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX

Will meet under SIR. W. W. BURRELL, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., in the ROYAL PAVILION,

On Monday, December 12th, at Seven p.m.,

to welcome all Brethren (Master Masons) attending the Health Congress. Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Brighton (Prov. G.S.), will issue tickets, which include Admission to the Opening of the Domestic and Scientific Exhibition.

MASONIC HALL, CROYDON.

HAREWOOD HOUSE, 105, HIGH STREET.

This Hall has every requirement for Masonic purposes. It contains a large Organ, blown by hydraulic power, and has an excellent cellar for Lodges to keep their own wines. The following Lodges are held there, viz.—Frederick, 452; Addiscombe, 1556; Mozart, 1929; Croydon Mark, 198; Frederick Chapter. For terms, &c., address—

JOHN RHODES, P.M.,
P.P.G.O. Surrey; P.P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey.

THE LATE Bro. FRANCIS ROBINSON HOOD, of Deptford, Ironfounder.

The late Bro. F. R. HOOD, when he died, left his widow and his three children homeless and penniless, and they are at present enduring great poverty and distress. It is their desire to open a little business in the Fancy Wool trade, and to enable them to do this, and to defray certain expenses which their late illness from scarlet fever compelled them to incur, they appeal to the numerous friends of the late Bro. F. R. Hood for a little assistance; and Messrs. ENTHOVEN & SONS, 17, Gracechurch-street, City, have kindly consented to receive subscriptions on their behalf.

To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Tenant Right in Tipperary," "Der Long Islaender," "The Cornishman," "The New York Dispatch," "The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The European Mail," "Boletín Oficial del Grand Orient de España," "The Exporter," "Keystone," "Boletín Masonico" (Mexico), "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Bedfordian System of Astronomy," "Illustrated Book of Progress," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Liberia," "El Taller," "The Hull Packet."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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.]

ANTIQUITY OF DEGREES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of the 26th ult., you stated in one of your leading paragraphs that it was the opinion of Bro. W. J. Hughan and also Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that there was no Freemasonic system of Three Degrees until 1717, nor any Grand Master until the same year. I beg to send you a few extracts from the old book in my possession on this important subject, and give you times and circumstances when Grand Masters were duly elected and exercised their functions as such, and also meetings of Lodges where the Three Degrees were represented by Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices.

The extracts are as follows:

1. "After the expiration of the Roman vassalage in Britain, the Saxons cultivated Masonry, and Kenred King of Mercia, sent to Charles Martel, the Right Worshipful Grand Master of France, and he sent from thence some expert Masons to teach the Saxons those laws and usages of the Craft that had been preserved from the havoc of the Goths."

2. "In the time of King Stephen, Gilbert de Clare, Marquise of Pembroke, was Grand Master, when St. Stephen's Chapel at Westminster was built, and when the laws and regulations of Masonry were revised."

3. "In the reign of Henry IV., Thomas Fitz Allen, Earl of Surrey, was Grand Master."

4. "In Queen Elizabeth's reign she discouraged Freemasonry for the reason that Freemasons had secrets which they could not or would not reveal to her. She became jealous of their assemblies, and sent an armed force to break up their annual communication at York, on St. John's day, 27th December, 1561, but Sir Thomas Sackville, then Grand Master, took care to send some of the Great Officers of the Queen that were Masons, who then joining their assembly made honorable report to the Queen, who ever after esteemed them as the cultivators of peace, friendship, brotherly love, arts and sciences."

5. "In the reign of James I. of England, Inigo Jones was Grand Master, and held the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masters and Wardens, and the Annual General Assembly and Feast of St. John's Day, when he was annually re-chosen till 1618, when William, Earl of Pembroke, was chosen Grand Master, and being approved by the King, he appointed Inigo Jones his Deputy Grand Master."

These are instances (of which I could give you more) conclusive to my mind that Grand Masters were duly chosen, and acted as such, prior to 1717.

I would also refer you to my letter, which appeared in your issue of the 19th ult., giving an account of a lodge held at Canterbury, in 1434, under the Grand Master Chickeley, where the Masters, Wardens, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices are there named. I do not publish these notes with a view to start a controversy on the subject with my two esteemed brethren, but merely to test the authenticity of the statements given in this old book. I should also like to know if any brother has seen this book, which was published in Glasgow in 1771.

By inserting this in your valuable journal you will oblige,
Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M. OF 158.

CHESHIRE AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am obliged to your correspondents, "A Cheshire P.M." and "One who knows," for the courtesy of their replies to my letter in your issue of the 19th ult., and I think the former has suggested in his eight and ninth paragraphs a mode whereby the "Charitable duty of our Order" could be brought more immediately before the members of our lodges than it is at present, and so much more might be done than is now.

But I do not think either of your correspondents has quite hit my point yet. I fully endorse all they say of what has been done, but all that is of the past, and we are now reaping the benefit of it, inasmuch, to quote from the speech of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master referred to, "all their candidates had been carried."

My enquiries more referred to what is being done now by the individual lodges. If, as "A Cheshire P.M." suggests, there were in each lodge a "Charity Officer," I feel sure he could easily gather say sixpence a month, which, in a lodge of say fifty members, would amount to the handsome sum of £15 for him to work on, and a Steward could be sent at least to one of the Charities once in each year. But there are in Cheshire many lodges which could easily put together much more than that, as their numbers are much greater than fifty.

Now, when I adopted a *nom de plume* to write over, I did not do so for any other purpose than that of not wishing to parade my name before your readers, or because I wanted to write only, and not work. On the contrary, if you will kindly send my name and address to "A Cheshire P.M." I will be glad to either correspond or meet him, and as many more as will communicate with me, and see if we cannot hit on a scheme which, without interfering with any of our present institutions, will enable us of the present day to go on imitating the noble works of our predecessors. I would give my name and address here, only I am afraid my position in life would not help the cause.

Thanking you for your kindness in inserting these letters,

I remain, yours fraternally,

CHESHIRE.

CURIOUS BYE-LAWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a certain lodge in the North of England the following bye-laws were approved of, and afterwards confirmed by the P.G.M.:

No. I. The lodge shall meet on the Wednesday before every full moon, &c.

No. IX. The Master and Treasurer shall be annually elected at the last meeting in January, and at the next regular meeting, after the minutes are confirmed, the Master elect shall be regularly installed, &c.

Now, according to Bye-law I. our next meeting should be held on the 28th December, and the following one on the 1st February, and none should take place in January. How, then, is a new W.M. to be elected?

Perhaps you, or one of your readers, will inform me what ought to be done under such circumstances?

Yours fraternally,

VERA PRO GRATIIS.

OF REMOVAL OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be greatly obliged if you will let me know definitely the correct interpretation of Clause No. 1, p. 92, in the Book of Constitutions, 1867 edition, "Of Removal of Lodges."

It reads, "No lodge shall be removed without the Master's knowledge, nor shall any motion for removal be made in his absence; but if the motion be regularly made and seconded, the Master, &c., &c."

What I want to know is—can the W.M., by continued absence, so obstruct the working of the lodge as to prevent any steps being taken during his year of office? or, may the word absence be interpreted as absence from the country, so that the Master could not have a voice in the matter. If the former is the case it seems high time for alteration.

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally.

VERA PRO GRATIIS.

THE RITUAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, Bro. Palmer, seems to fancy that he has settled the above question by giving a quotation from the Book of Constitutions. It is very evident to me that this brother has not much studied the section he quotes, otherwise I cannot think he would wilfully try to mislead his brethren.

The quotation given declares "a priori" that the Senior or Junior Warden shall act as Master in *summoning* the lodge, and in the second clause of same section the same brethren may *rule* the lodge. Now do either of the words here used, *summoning* and *ruled*, imply by any stretch of imagination the performance of the ceremonies of the Order. The Senior or Junior Warden, it will I think be granted, cannot sit in the W.M.'s chair, never having been installed therein, but may in *ruled* the lodge sit in front of the W.M.'s chair (in accordance with Grand Lodge usage), as a sign of his incompetency to perform the highest rites of our Order, the chair being for Installed Masters only, and I again contend that no initiations can legally be performed from any other place in the lodge.

If, as Bro. Palmer states, that "nothing can possibly be clearer" than his assumption of the dicta of Grand Lodge, I must acknowledge myself as ignorant of the English language, as nowhere in the Book of Constitutions can I find language that will bear such an interpretation.

Brethren, in considering calmly this subject, must not forget the statement made in my first letter to you, that in both the cases quoted I.P.M. and P.M.'s were present fully capable of doing the work. Until some higher authority than Bro. Palmer's decide the question, I certainly should not remain in a lodge where such innovations were permitted.

I feel quite persuaded that there are many brethren to whom this ruling of the Grand Registrar's will be a means of seeking to pass through the chair of a lodge, who, from diffidence never could, and from inability to perform the ceremonies of the Craft, never would aspire to the chair; but finding they may sit therein, and call upon any brother to perform the ceremonies, doubtless will now do so; but that the rulers of the Order ever contemplated such are innovations I very much doubt.

Hoping some of the "Doctors in Israel" will throw their "wisdom and light" upon this difficult problem,

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,

JOHN CHADWICK,

Prov. G. Sec. E. Lanc.

Reviews.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK. Spencer's Masonic Depot, 23a, Great Queen-street, W.C.

This useful and essential *vade mecum* for English Craft Masonry, and for the Craft Masonry of the world, has appeared in due course, and we heartily welcome it. It appears to us to be a very great improvement in many respects on the "Calendar" of some years back, and contains a great deal of information useful to the Craftsman, and, indeed, absolutely needful for him, wherever his lot be cast. The "Calendar Committee" has evidently taken great pains with it, and we think that its appearance reflects every credit on the Committee and the publisher. To-day, wherever the faithful member of the English G. Lodge wends his way or directs his steps, at home or abroad, in America or Canada, the Cape of Good Hope or the Antipodes, he finds "indicie" of Masonic lodges, which point out where he can light upon faithful friends or a sheltering "oasis" in the wilderness of life, kindly "brethren of the mystic tie" each ready to hail him gladly as a welcome visitor, to set him forward on his journey, to help him efficiently in time of need. Thus the "Calendar" may be called the "Masonic Passport" of the English Craft Mason, as it shows that he "hails," his other proper papers being in order, from the mother of all Grand Lodges, the true parent of all Speculative Masonry among mankind. Among the items of information it contains, for the most part normal and utilitarian, we find a statement of the grants of Grand Lodge to the Charities, of great value statistically. It seems that from 1788 to the present time Grand Lodge, in conjunction with Grand Chapter, in addition to £150 per annum, has granted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls £7730, and to the Boys' School, since 1798, in addition to the £150 per annum, £8180 have been given by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. While to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Males, since its foundation in 1842, there have been paid by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter to the Male Fund, £3350; to the Widows' Fund, £2035, in all £6150, if we

understand the items aright, though some of the grants as to the asylum affect both branches of the Institution. In 1842 granted £400 per annum to the Male Fund, Grand Chapter granted £100 per annum in 1847, and Grand Lodge granted another £100 in 1858, in all £600, while £100 per annum was granted to the Widows' Fund in 1855, and another £100 in 1853, in all £200, making the annual payments £800 per annum.

WORDS, FACTS, AND PHRASES: A Dictionary of Curious and Quaint Matters. By ELIEZER EDWARDS. Chatto and Windus.

This book is pretty accurately described by the title; so far, at least, as a brief title can indicate the nature of a book. And this is a point of merit; for the title, in some instances, has proved most misleading. We have felt ourselves entrapped, or perhaps the title has been poor and barren. Here, however, we have what we consider an honest name, so that anyone can tell, without reading the book, the kind of reading he is likely to have. At the same time the work before us is more than a "Dictionary," or, at all events, more than what the majority of people would understand by that word. It is something of an encyclopædia also, though necessarily much less full. There is interesting reading here, as well as definitions and explanations, and a good deal of sound and useful information on many subjects. If you are in search of quaint and curious matters, here they are for you, and you may turn here for much that is practically valuable in other directions. Matters legal, theological, scientific, visionary—in short, there is something in these pages about everything, and the book may be read with real profit as well as with pleasure. Thus, to give a few instances, the book will give us not only the meaning of certain words in the way that a dictionary does, but will give us a little history of the words, the said history being often amusing; the same with phrases in current use, and the like. We question if it would be possible to get information on certain subjects anywhere else than in this book, except by going in search of it, as the author has done—a tedious and difficult work, in some instances, we feel sure. We could give illustrative extracts had we the space at our command, which would show our readers the use and value of the book. Say that we wanted to know, in a few words, what the "act of uniformity" was? here we are told, simply and truthfully. The height of mountains, the depth of mines, how they came to be named, what they are called, with the meaning of the names in question. Here we have ready explanation. We have tested the book in every way we could think of, and in hardly any instance has it failed us. Of course it is not perfect. But it is a book well worth reading, and as a work of reference it cannot fail to be always handy. All we need say further is that it is neatly bound, that the paper and type are all that we need look for, and that the publishers are Messrs. Chatto and Windus, of Piccadilly, which is an additional proof that the work is of use and merit.

BOOK CATALOGUES.

Robson and Kerslake, 42, Cranbourne-street, Leicester-square, have issued a catalogue of a collection of rare and curious books, No. 12, very properly so called. We recommend "Book Collectors" to note the fact, obtain the catalogue and study it for themselves.

Mr. J. M. Stark, of No. 10, King William-street, Strand, has issued his 130th catalogue, which he names "Curiosa." We have run over it with singular pleasure. It contains some very curious, rare, and interesting works, whether as early printed books, or those illustrative of English, Scottish, and French history, and writers, monastic orders, and illustrated publications. Let our readers obtain it.

THE MAGAZINES.

"Temple Bar" is clearly on an "incline" just now of "gentle dulness," from which we hope it will soon recover. "The Brigadier" is well told. "The Freres" are becoming heavy and sensational by instalments. Though there is great merit in the conception and the portrayal of character, sometimes the interest flags.

"The Century," formerly "Scribner's," is a very remarkable number—remarkable in its literature and in its illustrations. We specially commend the articles on Bro. President Garfield, "A Cruise in a Pilot Boat," "The American Student at the Beaux Arts." The accounts of Mr. Holland, the late editor, are very interesting.

"The Antiquary" is full of information and interest for those whose taste lie in that direction.

"The Bibliographer." No. 1. Is a journal of book lore, issued by Messrs. Elliot Stock. It is a great acquisition to those who care about books. It has come forth in much strength, and seems to promise great utility and long life.

"All the Year Round" is a collection of interesting matter of various kinds. We never have professed to care for "Jack Doyle's Daughter, or to like 'The Question of Cain.'" "Mohammedan Religious Orders," "That Parrot," "Tom Sheridan," "The Holy City of Kairouan," "Something about Signatures," and "Ignorant Talk," are all well worth reading. We think "A Breach of Promise" a well told story, though in the new style and craze of sensationalism. Why cannot we have reasonable tales without the constant dreadful ingredients of murder, robbery villany, madness, &c., &c.?

ROUTLEDGE'S CHRISTMAS NUMBER is in all respects equal to its predecessors. The eight full-page plates, all coloured, are from designs by such well-known artists as R. Caldecott, C. Delort, Adrien Marie, and Gustave Doré. In addition are numerous smaller illustrations by Ernest Guest, Lieut.-Col. Seacombe, R.A., and others. The stories, which are highly appropriate to the season, include one by Miss F. Locker, entitled "Greystoke Hall," "The Little Gentleman," by Bro. Lord Brabourne, better known to the world as Right Hon. G. F. Knatchbull-Hugessen. "Nil Desperandum," by R. Mountney Jephson, and "The Doll's Journey from Minnesota to Maine," by L. M. Alcott. Nor must the contribution "An Anabaptist Wedding in Alsace," by Madame de Wilt, nee Guizot, be passed over without a line to the effect that it is neatly written and very interesting. In fine, the number is in all respects to be commended.

SNOW TIME AND GLOW TIME.—Being the "Little Folks Annual" for 1882. (Cassell, Petter, Galpin, and Co.) We congratulate the little folks generally, for whom this

annual is specially published, on the excellent combination of stories and illustrations, together with calendar, puzzle book, &c., which the enterprising caterers for their amusement and edification, Messrs. Cassell, Galpin, Petter, & Co., have this year provided. Among the stories which have attracted our notice are "A Christmas in the Arctic Sea," "Raffey, the Pony," "A Journey to Lazyland," and the "Wonderful Voyage of Master Van Dump." There are also "Some Fireside Games," and "Father Christmas's Welcome," words and music by Charles Bassett. The illustrations, which are numerous, are worthy of all praise.

THE STEADFAST AIM: Christmas Number of the "Quiver" for 1881 (Cassell, Petter, Galpin, and Co., London, Paris, and New York).—The eight stories comprised under the general head of "The Steadfast Aim" are by authors whose contributions to the literature of the day, whether periodical or otherwise, are, for the most part, pretty generally known, and as generally and deservedly appreciated. Among them must be enumerated "The Root and the Offspring of David," a paper for Christmas, by the Right Rev. Ashton Oxenden, D.D., late Lord Bishop of Montreal; "Tom Yorke's Legacy," by Edward Garrett, with five illustrations by Robert Barnes; "No Room," a Christmas story for children, by the author of "Brave Little Hearts," with illustrations by M. L. Gow; "A Christmas Carol," words by George Weatherley, music by G. J. Elvey, Mus. D., Organist of St. George's Chapel Royal, Windsor; "A White Christmas Flower," by F. M. F. Skene, with three illustrations by Arthur Hopkins, one of which makes a very pretty frontispiece; and the "Old Mill Wheel," told in her well-known style, by Mrs. G. Linneus Banks, with illustrations by G. G. Kilbasne. Our young friends, the readers of the "Quiver," will be delighted with the contents and illustrations, whether taken separately or as a whole.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ARBROATH.

"Entered Apprentice Student" might have guessed, I think, from his own complaint that "Fallou" was a printer's error. The words I wrote were "Fellowes's Mysteries, &c.," but the printer thinking, perhaps, he knew better than the writer what he meant, and seeing "Fallou" lower down, jumped to the conclusion that "Fallou" was intended. I do not know whether Bro. Gould took his illustration from "Cordiner" or from the quotation in "Fellowes," but I remember looking into the question years ago, and gave it up, because I found somewhere that the seal really represented the "martyrdom of Thomas A. Beckett." Having seen a good deal of caputular and abbey seals, "prima facie," no such a word is likely to occur on a seal as "Initiation." If such a word could be supposed, then it would be "Initiatio," which answers to the Greek "Muesis," or admission to the mysteries. But I am not aware of any such monastic or mediæval use of the word. Probably the seal can be obtained. If such a seal be extant it would support Findel's theory of "Monastic or Benedictine Ritual," which, though Schauberg utterly abandons, Findel still adheres to, as in his recent "Grundsätze der Freimaurerei."

MASONIC STUDENT.

GRUNDSATZE DER FREIMAUEREREI. This work, by Bro. Findel, is unfortunately printed "Gundsätze," by one of those "perversities of type" which are so annoying both to reader and to writer.

M. S.

THE RABBI LEON JEHUDAH.

In a copy of the "Temple of Solomon," London, 1725, with which is bound up "A Description of the Tabernacle," London, printed in the year 1724, I find this note inserted in MS. on a piece of paper, on which is, if I mistake not, either some lines or a cypher and also curious Rabbinical writing. The proprietor of this model is Mr. Gumprecht, Conseiller du Duc de Mecklenburg. The model is the "Model of the Temple of Solomon." On the reverse side of the paper are these words, "Leon Jac Jehuda, Tratada del Tabernaculo de Moseh. 4to Amsterdam, 1653. Netrato del Tabernaculo de Moseh. 4to, Amsterdam, 1654. Afbildunger Van den Taberneckel. 4to, Amsterdam, 1047. Of the Tabernacle of Moses. Amsterdam, &c., 1575. S. Hart. It seems from the preface to the Temple that the model of the Temple, "20 foot square 12 foot high," was put together under the direction of a certain "Counsellor Schott, and the famous architect Erasmus," and took fifteen years to perfect, and was shown in Hamburg and London. But though this may be the model Dermott says he saw in 1759 and 1760, yet it does not correspond to it. We have probably, in the "Description of the Tabernacle," the Rabbi Leon's original work translated from the Dutch, as all the plates, effective as they are, are Dutch, with English names and words pasted over the Dutch names and words. I, for one, do not believe that Dermott invented what he states, and, therefore, I hope that the Rabbi Leon's book and model may yet turn up.

ANTIQUARIUS.

MODEL OF THE TEMPLE.

Is there not a model of the Temple in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, or Ashmolean Museum? Can anyone tell us anything about it?

PICART'S CEREMONIES.

I rejoice to see these notes. The most valuable edition is that of 1723 apparently, though I should like to see some of the four volumes of 1720. Has anyone seen the edition of 1807 or 1810, by Prudhomme, I think, in it there is an additional paper, as is alleged, on "Les Haute Grades," and some "Rose Croix," in costume?

BOOKWORM.

SIR RICHARD STEELE.

What is the real authority for saying that Sir Richard Steels was an Antient Mason? Does it rest on this print in "Picart," or on some early passages in the "Tatler?"

M. S.

MASONIC RECORDS.

In reply to "Enquirer," the work, &c., which Bro. Mathew Cooke first "uncarthed" is, I apprehend, "Long

Livers." As regards those "Masonic Pilgrim Fathers," some of our American friends, like Clifford P. McCalla, may perhaps tell us something. The letters of King Charles I. and the Charter of Arras, &c., are held, I believe, to be apocryphal. The French edition of the Constitutions of 1720, said to be published at Brussels, 1722, has never yet been seen or verified, as far as I know. Kloss knows nothing of it.

MASONIC STUDENT.

INITIATION OF ASHMOLE, &c., 1646.

The article in the "Masonic Magazine," for December, respecting the notable initiation of 1646, by Bro. W. Harry Rylands, F.S.A., is really so interesting and valuable that I hope to see it transferred to the *Freemason* ere long. Bro. Rylands certainly furnishes several cogent reasons for believing that the majority at least of the brethren present at the initiation of Elias Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring were not Operative Masons, and he has spared no pains to thoroughly examine the subject.

W. J. HUGHAN.

AN OLD RECORD OF MASONS.

Can "W. H. R." verify the quotation given by Anderson at page 82, Constitutions 1723? Is it in Stow, or Gwiliam, or Strype—and if in Stow, in which edition of Stow? "The Company of Masons, being otherwise termed Freemasons, of ancient standing and good reckoning, by means of affable and kindly meeting diverse tymes, and in a loving brotherhood should use to do, did frequent this mutual assembly, in the tyme of King Henry V., the 12th year of his most gracious reign. And the said record describeth a coat of arms, much the same with that of the London Company of Freemasons." Anderson then seems to express his own views. "It is generally believed that the said Company is descended of the Ancient Fraternity, and that in former times no man was made free of that Company until he was installed in some lodge of Free and Accepted Masons as a necessary qualification." But that laudable practice seems to have been long in desuetude.

ENQUIRER.

MASTER LAMBERT.

Can Bro. Gould verify the passage in Master Lambert's "Charge of Justices of Peace," mentioned in the Constitution 1723, p. 57, which deals with the 3rd Henry VI., cap. i.?

LEX.

THE PRECEDENCE OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The following has been issued from the Grand Secretary's office:—

"United Grand Lodge of England.

"Freemasons' Hall,

"Great Queen-street, London, W.C.,

"9th November, 1881.

"R.W. Sir and Brother,—

"It having been recently brought under the notice of the M.W. the Grand Master that a question has been raised in one of the provinces as to the relative precedence of Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers within the respective provinces of the latter;

"His Royal Highness deems it desirable to call your attention to the matter, and to inform you that Grand Officers have a clear right of precedence, as such, over all Provincial Grand Officers, whether in their own province or not.

"This precedence has been invariably acknowledged and acted on, and has been the established usage and custom of the Craft for over 150 years without protest or question, and in every case recorded of great Masonic ceremonials in the provinces, the official records show that the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past, have always taken precedence of the local Masonic authorities, of whatever grades (other than that of Provincial Grand Master) they may have been.

"The M.W. the Grand Master, as the fountain of Masonic honour under the English Constitution, has, therefore declared that such is to be considered as being, and as having been from time immemorial, the status and precedence of the Grand Officers of England in relation to those of the respective provinces, and I am now commanded by His Royal Highness to notify the same for your information and future guidance.

"I have the honour to be, R.W. Sir, your faithful servant and brother,

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

"To the R. Worshipful—

"Provincial Grand Master for—."

QUEBEC AND THE ENGLISH LODGES IN MONTREAL.

Had I known that my endorsement of the "leaderette" in the *Freemason* of 29th Oct. would have resulted in my receiving so much correspondence on the subject, I should have done well to "think twice" before embarking on such an enterprise. As it is, I must ask the favour of replying to the several letters from the province of Quebec and elsewhere in this general manner. The kind remarks of the editor have, I understand, been duly appreciated, though several correspondents wish he had gone a little farther, and advised the lodges to at once join the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I cannot take that view myself. The brethren in Montreal must be left to please themselves. We, in this country, can only hope what they decide on in 1881-2 will be for the best. I think that the sooner they decide to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the better terms they will make, for it is quite evident to me that to preserve the three lodges from ultimate extinction, and in order to continue to hold their prominent position in the city of Montreal, they should not any longer preserve their independence. Having said this much, however, simply as a matter of opinion, based upon the evidence accumulated, and especially noting the fact that the contributions or fees from these lodges are nothing like so large as they used to be, I must again reiterate my support of the editor of the *Freemason* in declaring our hearty support to such lodges so long as they elect to remain under England, "even to the last man!" How far it is wise to hold aloof any longer from the Grand Lodge of their own province, must be left wholly and solely for the members directly interested to determine.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421). — The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on Thursday evening the 24th ult., Bro. G. F. Dix, W.M., presiding, when Bro. Biggs, S.W. was chosen W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers present were Bros. R. W. Biggs, S.W.; J. Hunt, J.W.; G. W. Verry, Sec.; A. Myers, S.D.; Bullwinkle, J.D.; C. Mansfield, I.G.; W. Buckle, D.C.; T. Loane, W.S., P.M.; H. N. Taylor, I.P.M.; C. Lacey, T. S. Taylor, B. Cudick, J. G. Stephens, and C. Hopson, Org. The other brethren present were Bros. Bardoleau, Hirst, A. Walker, Furness, and Judd, and amongst the visitors were Bros. J. B. Reid, 792; Wayland, 1227; Keeble, 174; Ayres, 95; Jones, 1685; Coningham, 1625; Wood, 1470, P.M.; Sintzenich, 792; and H. Tapley, 1076, P.M. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Dr. R. G. Ford, was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. R. J. Grover to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Mr. Samuel Darley, was balloted for and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M. with impressive effect. After the usual business had been concluded, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. G. F. Dix, for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the year, and that a Past Master's jewel be presented to him.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined, after which the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were honoured in customary form. Bro. Taylor, P.M. proposed "The health of the W.M., Bro. G. F. Dix." He said he had the greatest pleasure in proposing it, for most likely it would be the last time he would do so. The last time he proposed it, was on the occasion of Bro. Dix's installation, when he wished him God speed. He now offered Bro. Dix his hearty congratulations for the excellent way in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his term of office. It had afforded him much pleasure to sit by his side during his term of office, and he hoped that those brethren who followed in his steps would make as good a Master as he (Bro. Dix) had done. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. The W.M., after expressing his thanks for the hearty manner with which the mention of his name had been received, said it would be the last time he should thank them as W.M. of the lodge. He thanked most heartily, the Past Masters and the members of the lodge for the services they had rendered during his term of office. When he entered upon his duties he said he would do what he could for the advancement of the lodge, and he had fulfilled that promise to the best of his ability. From what had passed from Bro. Taylor, P.M., he was led to infer his efforts had been appreciated. He assured the brethren that he had always taken the greatest interest in the lodge, and would continue to do so as long as he sat on the left of the W.M. He again thanked them for the cordial manner with which they had received the toast of his health. The W.M. then proposed "The health of the Past Masters of the lodge," coupled with the names of Bros. H. M. Taylor, Lacey, Cundick, and T. Taylor. Bro. H. M. Taylor responded. The W.M. next proposed "The health of the newly initiate Bro. Darley," observing that it gave him much pleasure in welcoming so well-known an East End tradesman amongst them. There were always a number of gentlemen seeking entrance into the lodge, but the lodge did not want quantity but quality. He had no doubt but that Bro. Darley would prove a welcome addition to Freemasonry. Bro. Darley briefly responded in suitable terms. The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Masonic Institutions," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the lodge," and "The Tyler's" toast. In response to that of the visitors, Bro. Wayland remarked that he very seldom had seen better working. The evening being short, but little harmony was indulged in, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Newby-place, Poplar, on Friday, the 2nd inst., Bro. W. C. Young, W.M., in the chair, Bros. Potts, I.P.M., acting as S.W.; H. J. Day, acting J.W.; T. L. Kennett, S.D.; H. J. Hancock, J.D.; W. Mills, D.C.; J. Groat, Org.; W. J. Rundell, I.G.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., Treas.; John Dennis, P.M.; J. Kemp Coleman, P.M., and a large number of brethren and visitors were present.

Bro. E. C. Knowles was passed to the Third Degree, and Bros. D. Brown and W. Pearson, jun., were passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. William La Riviere, William Jones, and Robert Allen Nichols were then balloted for, approved, and duly initiated, the ceremonies in each Degree being impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. Young, W.M., then adverted to the great loss the lodge had sustained by the death of its S.W., Bro. Thos. Bates, and on the motion of Bro. W. H. Farnfield, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Dennis, a vote of condolence and sympathy with the relatives was unanimously passed. Bro. Jno. Dennis, P.M., then moved that a vote of sympathy be passed to Bro. J. House, J.W., who had recently sustained very severe bereavement, which, on being seconded by Bro. Potts, I.P.M., was carried unanimously. Bro. J. Kemp Coleman, P.M., drew attention to the gallant services rendered by the crew of the "Albert Edward" lifeboat, stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, whereby many lives had been saved on a recent occasion during very severe weather and under most perilous circumstances, and asked the brethren to mark their sense of the bravery the crew displayed by contributing to the fund now being raised on their behalf. On the motion of Bro. Farnfield, P.M., seconded by Bro. A. H. Bond, it was decided to send £2 2s. to the fund. The W.M. having announced that he had accepted the office of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the lodge was closed in due form.

CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station, and attended by numerous influential brethren. Amongst those present were:—Bros. Louis Hirsch, W.M.; W. C. Hale, S.W.; G. T. Gooding, J.W.; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Lewis Evans, S.D.; Howard Smith, J.D.; H. Phillips, I.G.; H. Thorn, D.C.; H. A. Smith; S. Edmestone; W. Wilson, A. Turner. Visitors: Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; W. Clarke, P.G.D.C. Suffolk; John Dixon, P.M. 73; C. E. Mitchell, P.M. 944; P.G.W.D. Grand Lodge Bombay; J. Brearey, P.M. 586; C. H. Collard, P.M. 19; W.M. Elect 1704; A. Walton, 1704; D. H. Harrison, S.W. 1681; W. J. Sperring, 780; J. W. Lambert, P.M. 1415; W. Russell, P.M. 1564; I. M. Klenk, P.M. 1339; and A. K. Cranch, J.W. 1669.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. A. Turner was passed to the Degree of a F.C. Bro. W. Worrell, P.M., then presented Bro. W. C. Hale to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and it is perhaps needless to say that Bro. Louis Hirsch performed the ceremony in a most praiseworthy manner. A very grateful compliment was paid to the W.M. before he vacated the chair, by presenting him with an exquisite liqueur stand, with the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Louis Hirsch, P.M. by the members of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, on the occasion of his retiring from office, as a token of fraternal regard and esteem, and in recognition of his ability and courtesy as the first W.M. of the lodge from June 24th, 1879, to November 23rd, 1881," and also with an illuminated address numerous signed, and of which we give a copy: "Clapham Lodge, No. 1818. Grosvenor Hotel, Belgrave, November, 1881.—Address to Bro. Louis Hirsch, P.M.—Dear Sir and Brother,—We, the members of the Clapham Lodge, who have had the honour of either being initiated by you into the mysteries of our noble Order, or of becoming joining members during your term of office, de-

sire to record our high appreciation of your estimable and impartial qualities as our W.M. during a period of more than two years, and your uniform kindness on all occasions to every member of the lodge. We further beg you will accept from us a small testimonial upon your retiring from the honourable and arduous position of Master of the Clapham Lodge. We take leave to assure you of our sincere regret in losing in you a Master to whom we have always been able to look with confidence and esteem. With a firm but judicious manner of carrying out the duties of your office, you have ever acted towards those under your charge with the most brotherly consideration. We can only add our hope that as a Past Master you will continue to help and guide us in the future as in the past, so that we may always be able to point to you—the father of our lodge—as an honour to the Masonic Fraternity. Wishing you long life, happiness, and prosperity, and that you may be spared for many years to spread the light of Freemasonry, we beg to remain, yours fraternally—[here follow the signatures]. The presentation was made by Bro. G. T. Gooding, J.W., on behalf of the members of the lodge, in most eloquent terms, and Bro. Hirsch acknowledged the high and unexpected compliment in a few happily chosen sentences, with evident gratification. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. Louis Hirsch, I.P.M., Treas.; G. T. Gooding, S.W.; Dr. Lewis Evans, J.W.; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; Howard Smith, S.D.; H. Phillips, J.D.; H. Thorn, I.G.; S. Edmestone, D.C.; and H. A. Smith, W.S. After the delivery of the address, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master, the visitors expressed their "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

A sumptuous banquet awaited the brethren, which reflected great credit on Bro. Zeder, the manager of the hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and interspersed with some excellent music and singing, in which Bros. Gooding, H. A. Smith, Cranch, Wolton, and Phillips took part. A very happy evening, and one of the most successful that had been experienced during the existence of this lodge, was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 1st inst., at 7.30 p.m. Bro. C. Radway, W.M., was supported by Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, I.P.M.; P. Braham, P.M.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.M.; Col. M. Ramsay, District G. Master of the Punjab; R. B. Cater, S.W.; E. J. B. Mercer, J.W.; J. W. Murlis, Sec.; T. Wilton, P.M., D. of C.; Holmes, S.D.; Ames, J.D.; W. Baldwin, Org.; W. Peach, I.G.; T. G. Brown and Gregory, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler, and many members. Bros. E. L. Hill, W.M. 906, and W. H. Young, I.G. 906, were present as visitors.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the minutes of the last regular meeting and those of the lodge of instruction were read and confirmed. Several letters of apology for absence were read, among them one from the highly esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Ashley, P.M., on account of deep domestic affliction by the death of his wife. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., both of whom spoke in feeling and affectionate terms of the brother, whose absence is a very rare event, the Secretary was desired to write a letter of sincere condolence to Bro. Ashley. The following Entered Apprentices were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M.: Bros. J. L. Paget, J. T. Acland, F. W. Forth, and W. Bailey, the working tools being explained by the J.D., the charge given by the I.P.M., and the I.G. gave the lecture on the tracing board in capital style. The W.M. announced that the installation of the new W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge would take place on Monday, December 5th, and that of the W.M. of the Lodge of Honour on Monday, December 12th. Intending himself to be present on both those occasions, he expressed a hope that he should be accompanied by a large number of members of 41. Bro. Col. Ramsay, D.G.M. of the Punjab, thanked the lodge for having at the last meeting admitted him as a subscribing member, trusting that he would be able to be useful by rendering help in carrying out the proceedings. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at 9.30.

IPSWICH.—British Unity Lodge (No. 114).—The installation meeting of this old and prosperous lodge took place on Thursday, the 1st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, and was very numerous attended by the P.M.'s, officers, and members, together with a large number of visitors. There were also present the following distinguished brethren: Bros. Lord Henniker, Past G.S.W.; Rev. C. J. Martin, Past G. Chap., D.P.G.M. for the Province of Suffolk; Roxberry, Past G. Reg., the recently-appointed County Court Judge for Suffolk; W. Lucia, Past G. Sword Br., and Prov. G. Sec. for Suffolk; W. Clarke, Grand Pursuivant, Prov. G. D. of C. for Suffolk.

The W.M., Bro. Butler, having taken the chair, said it was very gratifying to him that all the officers were present to occupy their various positions. Bro. Butler then announced that Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, had kindly consented to install the W.M. elect, Bro. T. C. Cobbold, S.W., M.P. This distinguished brother having taken the chair, Bro. Clarke, D.C., presented Bro. Cobbold for the benefit of installation, which ceremony, it is almost needless to say, was performed in the most impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. was then requested to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, which he did, as follows: Bros. Grimsey, S.W.; Ladell, J.W.; Rev. Sanderson, Chap.; Bobby, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Spalding, Sec.; Alexander, S.D.; R. K. Cassley, J.D.; Clark, D.C.; Colchester, I.G.; Hollis, Stwd.; and Gould, Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the charges, and there being no further business on the agenda paper, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren, to the number of about forty, then adjourned to the banquet hall, which presented a most brilliant appearance, the tables being decorated with choice flowers, fruit &c. The chair being taken by the W.M., Bro. Cobbold, he was ably supported on his right by the Grand Officers and visitors, and on his left by the Past Masters and brethren. The customary toasts then followed, Bro. Roxburgh, P.G.R. having responded on his behalf. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of our V.V. Prov. Grand Master Lord Waveney" in very appropriate terms, which received a hearty response from all present. Then followed the toast of "The D.P.G.M. and Installing Master," coupled with it the Present and Past Prov. Grand Lodge Officers. On Bro. Martyn's rising to respond,

he was received by a perfect ovation from the brethren; he expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present to install so worthy a brother into the chair, feeling sure that the brethren had put the right man in the right place. He then concluded by proposing his "Health" to which Bro. Cobbold replied, assuring the brethren that he would do his best during his year of office to promote the prosperity of the British Union Lodge. He then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," passing a very high compliment upon the efficient manner in which Bro. Butler had performed the duties incumbent upon him as W.M. Upon his, Bro. Butler responding, he acknowledged that his success during the past year was mainly depending upon the cordial support received from his officers, which, he felt sure, would be continued to his successor. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," expressing the pleasure it always afforded the brethren of the British Union Lodge, not only to see amongst them the members of the three other lodges in the town, but from other lodges throughout the province. Bro. Bobby having been entrusted by the W.M. with the gavel, then rose and proposed "The Charities," and, after referring to the position the province held as regards the three Institutions, in appropriate and earnest remarks, urged upon all the brethren doing something for the Charities; for, whilst he valued the great support of the lodge and noble benefactors, he wanted to enlist the sympathies of the great majority of the brethren throughout the entire province. He concluded by coupling the name of Bro. W. Clarke, G. Purst, with this toast, whom, he announced, intending representing the Province of Suffolk at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. Bro. Clarke, in responding for the three noble Charities of the Order, informed the brethren that he had undertaken the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, because, after enquiry at the office, no brother had yet sent in his name, and rather than the province, which received so much from this Institution, should not be represented at the next festival, February 22nd, 1882, he (Bro. Clarke) willingly accepted the office. In the course of his remarks he informed the brethren that if ever there was a time when the support of the brethren was required for this particular Institution it was at the present. With an annual outlay of £11,600 for the payment of annuities only, he hoped he should not plead in vain, but should be able to carry up such a list as was worthy of the province which he had the honour to represent. The Tyler's toast was then given, which brought a most pleasant evening to a close, and one long to be remembered in the annals of the British Union Lodge. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some specially good singing by Bros. Hitchcock, Alexander, and other brethren.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The usual monthly meeting of this successful lodge took place on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when the following members were present: Bros. Alfred Heald, W.M.; J. M. Sinclair, S.W.; Joseph Senior, J.W.; J. Wildgoose, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Livesey, Sec.; Wm. Siddoley, S.D.; Benj. Williams, J.D.; W. D. Waddell, I.G.; Geo. F. East, P.M.; Henry Valley, P.M.; W. R. Robinson, P.M.; Andrew Bleackley, P.M.; Wm. Rome, P.M.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P. G.D. of C.; W. W. Warburton, P.M.; John Studd, W. Shee, J. P. Bedson, J. B. Sumner, J. H. Beckett, Marc Isaac, A. S. Lewis, G. J. Moyle, R. McMillan, J. Hilton, D. D. Macpherson, R. Ingham, J. Clemmey, P. Casper, E. E. Wood, G. B. Kershaw, T. Nowell, Jas. Hilton, J. Armstrong, A. H. Scott, W. Cowell, Jas. Lowndes, Jno. Quance, and J. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. Palmer, J.W. 941; R. Welsh, P.M. 1077; J. Jackson, P.M.; J. G. Browning, W.M. 1375; W. D. Phillips, 1375; Samuel Barratt, W.M. 44; Alfred G. Marley, 1374; Henry Lord, 325; Samuel Studd, P.M. 475; H. Bracewell, 1638; Wm. Bostock, P.M. 1633; A. T. Forrest, Sec. 1633; T. H. Glendinning, P.M. 1055; W. H. Leigh, P.M. 1633, 1213; C. W. Hands, 473; J. Crowther, jun., 645; W. Nicholl, W.M. 317; G. C. Williams, W.M. 317; J. Oswald, P.M. 1140; and A. H. Jeffries, J.D. 1161.

The lodge was opened at five o'clock, and after confirmation of minutes, the W.M. passed Bro. J. H. Beckett and Bro. Max Isaacs to the F.C. Degree. The brethren adjourned to tea, and on reassembling in the lodge room, Bro. J. W. Mottershead was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. Bro. A. S. Lewis was also elevated to this Degree by Bro. Geo. F. East, P.M., as was also Bro. E. G. Wood by Bro. Andrew Bleackley, P.M. This ceremony terminating a very arduous evening's work "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in the customary manner at 8.45.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. Nicholl, W.M.; H. Walmsley, S.W.; R. Tomlins, J.W.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Cunliffe, Sec.; John Bladon, P.M., P.G.D.C., acting S.D.; P. Holmes, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; L. Oppenheimer, R. R. Lisenden (Freemason), J. W. Edwards, and R. B. Harper, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; Mark Vickers, I.P.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; J. L. Hine, I.M., P.P.G.S.W.; George Bates, John Church, Charles Hart, Edward Smith, J. G. Elderton, Walter Wood, Charles Gooden, A. Wild, and J. Garside. Visitors: Bros. Robt. Dottie, W.M. 1161; R. B. Andrew, W.M. 1588; J. E. Steward, P.M. 336; J. M. Sinclair, S.W. 163; G. C. Williams, W.M. 152; J. E. Boden, S.W. 1588; J. A. Birch, S.W. Unanimity; E. Galea, 515 (Malta); G. V. Blackie, J.W. 152; A. W. Palmer, J.W. De Tabley; H. Parkinson, P.M. 44; and Matthew Owen, 163.

The lodge was opened at a few minutes after six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries the W.M. raised Bro. Walter Wood to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bro. J. Bladon, P.M., P.G.D.C., delivered the traditional history and presented the working tools to the candidate. This being the night of election of W.M., the usual formalities were gone through, and the S.W., Bro. Hy. Walmsley, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; and this fact being made known to the brethren by the W.M., they testified their approval by loud applause, which having subsided, Bro. H. Walmsley acknowledged the toast in a few well-chosen sentences. The next business was the election of Treasurer, and we are much pleased to

record that our well beloved and highly esteemed Bro. John Smethurst, P.M., was once more elected to the office, as was Bro. J. Sly to that of Tyler. Bros. Robt. Tomlins, J.W., and E. Smith were appointed Auditors of the lodge accounts. The business being concluded, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.15. We had almost omitted mentioning that our much valued W.M., Bro. W. Nicholl, was, by general desire, appointed representative of the Charity Committee; and Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., in proposing the resolution, spoke in terms of highest praise as to Bro. Nicholl's qualification for the office, and past successful efforts in the cause of charity.

The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, at the conclusion, of which the usual toasts were honoured, including that of "The Elevated Candidate, Bro. Walter Wood," who replied in suitable terms. "The Health of the W.M. Elect, Bro. H. Walmsley," was proposed by the W.M. in flattering terms, and duly acknowledged. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren, who separated at eleven o'clock.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge (it being also election night) was held on Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present Bros. T. C. Robinson, W.M.; H. Peacock, S.W.; R. W. Robinson, J.W.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; P. P. G. S. D.; W. Shilton, P.M.; P. P. G. S. B.; R. Robinson, P.M.; P. P. G. S. D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Treas., P. P. G. Org.; J. Black, P.M.; T. Mason, Sec.; W. Paisley, S.D.; J. Borrowdale, J.D.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; J. Smith, Steward; J. Hewson, Tyler; I. Evening, J. Blackburn, J. Armstrong, J. Fidler, W. Isted, and L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.J.D.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. R. S. Marsh, which being favourable, he was admitted and initiated into Masonry. The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and for W.M., the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. L. F. B. Dykes; whilst Bro. Lewthwaite, P.M., and Bro. Hewson were respectively re-elected Treasurer and Tyler. It was arranged to hold the installation festival on Tuesday, January 3rd., after which the lodge was closed. Bro. Dykes, J.P., of Dovenby Hall, and representative of one of the oldest county families, who is Worshipful Master elect, it may be interesting to note, is the son of an old and distinguished Mason, viz., the late Bro. F. L. B. Dykes, who first saw light in Paris in the year 1823. Subsequently, he joined the Lodge of Harmony, at Carlisle, and was a P.M., as well as a P.Z. of the Mount Horeb Chapter attached thereto. From 1833 to 1846 he was D.P.G.M. of Cumberland to Sir James Graham, and when that great statesman died, in 1861, the Earl of Zetland appointed to preside over the united Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, which office he held till his death, in 1866, when he was succeeded by the Earl of Bective, the present R.W. P.G.M. Bro. Dykes, the W.M. elect of Skiddaw Lodge, is a Past Master of the lodge. At the recent Provincial meeting Lord Bective appointed him P.G.J.D. He was initiated in Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, and was a contemporary of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.

YORK TOWN.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1714).—The installation meeting of this young but flourishing Surrey lodge was held at the Duke of York Hotel, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. Westall, W.M. and W.M. elect; Hacker, P.M., S.W., *pro tem.*; Tozer, J.W.; Ivort, Treas.; Lindars, Secretary; Latham, S.D.; E. Nichols, J.D.; Pulley, P.M.; D.C.; Lendrim, P.M.; Olds, P.M.; R. Nichols, Gregson, Ford, C. J. Nichols, Kelsey, Higerty, Leming, Bunce, Bunting, Price, Mills, Marrs, Payne, S. Nichols, Clement, and George. Visitors: Bros. Moody, P.M. 1046; Hickley, P.M. and W.M. 723; Pomeroy, P.M. 723; Askham, P.M. 1564; Cole, P.M. 1424; Payne, W.M. 1564; Dormor, S.W. 340; Davis, 414; Margrett, 414; Creed, 1101; Collins, 1101; James, 1101; Payne, 681; Harrison, 569; and others.

Lodge having been opened in due form and order, the minutes of the last regular lodge and lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The W.M. then handed his gavel to Bro. Lendrim, I.P.M., and the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Pulley, P.M., for the benefit of installation, and was duly installed in the chair for his second year of office. The addresses to the chair were delivered in a most impressive manner by the Installing Master, who then presented, in well-chosen language, a valuable Past Master's jewel to the W.M. in recognition of the great services rendered to the lodge during the past year by Bro. Westall. This was suitably acknowledged by the W.M., who then presented the lodge with a very handsome chair for the W.M., which was much admired, and a cordial vote of thanks recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his valuable gift. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers, as follows, viz.: Bros. W. J. Lendrim, I.P.M.; R. Tozer, S.W.; J. F. Latham, J.W.; W. H. Ivort, Treas.; J. W. Lindars, Sec.; E. Nichols, S.D.; J. Clement George, J.D.; J. Street, D.C.; G. Miller, Org.; R. Nichols, I.G.; T. K. Busting and W. Kelsey, Stewards; and Isaac Payne, Tyler. Bro. J. Clement George, J.D., then requested the lodge to accept at his hands a very chaste and appropriate banner, upon which was inscribed the name of the province, name and number of the lodge, dates of warrant and consecration, and the names of each W.M., with their year of office. This suitable present was received by the lodge with acclamation, and Bro. Clement George heartily thanked for his kindness. Other business having been transacted, and Bro. Pulley, P.M., having announced his intention to represent the lodge at the approaching festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren, to the number of nearly fifty, adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a capital banquet awaited them, and to which ample justice was accorded.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was passed. During the post-prandial proceedings the broken column was passed round, and the contents submitted to the competition of the brethren, and ultimately passed into the hands of Bro. Clement George, for the sum of five guineas, and it was decided that this amount be placed on Bro. Pulley's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in the name of Bro. Clement George, as a Life Subscriber

Altogether the proceedings were of a most pleasant and successful nature.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Albert Edward Lodge (1780).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Tuesday evening last, the 6th inst., the W.M., Bro. J. S. Pearce, presiding, supported by his immediate P.M., Bro. Irvine Harle, P. Prov. Grand Pursuivant Hampshire and Isle of Wight, his Wardens, and the other officers. The usual lodge business having been proceeded with, the brethren were called upon to elect a brother as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, when their choice unanimously fell upon the present senior Warden, Bro. Wm. Berry. The Treasurer expressed his inability, through increasing business, and especially as being W.M. of the New Forest Lodge, No. 319, to continue the duties of Treasurer, he begged to tender his resignation, whereupon Bro. J. Stevens was unanimously elected Treasurer in his stead, Messrs. Harrington and Vear being appointed as Tylers. The pleasure of the evening was very considerably enhanced by the attendance of the officers of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130; Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359; The Southampton Lodge, No. 394; and the Shirley Lodge, No. 1112. Amongst the visiting Brethren were W. Bro. Myers, No. 130, P.M.; J. P. Payne, No. 130 and 359; Rev. Bro. Scott and the Rev. Bro. Dupont; Bro. J. Parkinson, I.P.M., 1112; Bro. Martin, P.M., No. 359; Bros. S.W. Jones, Patstone, Bewester, Webb, and Robertson, and other brethren. After the labours of the evening were ended, the whole of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. W. Gibbs, at whose catering great satisfaction was expressed. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and duly responded to, the visitors expressing great gratification at the hospitality extended to them, and a very pleasant evening being spent, the brethren separated.

CROYDON.—Mozart Lodge (No. 1929).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on the 3rd inst., at the Harewood House, High-street, presided over by the W.M., Bro. E. M. Lott, P.P.G.J.W. Jersey, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M. 245 and 1765, who was supported by his officers, Bros. E. Moss, S.W.; J. J. Phillips, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, Treasurer; J. Treamey, Secretary; J. King, S.D.; Ainsley, J.D.; and Thomas I.G.

The lodge having been duly opened, the Secretary read the W.M.'s commands convening the lodge. Bros. Jones, Doughty, and Portman were admitted to the Second Degree; and Bro. Leopold received the Third Degree. Bro. Lardner, W.M. 1745, worked the ceremony at the request of the W.M., who played a beautiful dirge on the Grand Organ, which, together with the superior working of Bro. Lardner, had a most imposing effect. Bro. Lardner afterwards delivered the traditional history in a faultless and impressive manner. Mr. Edwin Ellis was successfully balloted for, but owing to illness was unable to be present. The W.M. then informed the brethren that a very pleasing duty was about to be performed by him, namely, to offer their best thanks to Bro. Phillips, who had at their consecration meeting presented a beautiful volume of the sacred laws, he would also propose that a record of the same be entered on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Lardner offered some appropriate remarks in support of the W.M. and seconded the same. Bro. Phillips, in response, thanked the brethren for receiving the little gift so cordially, and remarked that as they thought it worthy to notice these small things, he could not let slip the present moment without some reference to their Bro. Secretary, who had not only discharged his duties faithfully and efficiently to their entire satisfaction, but that their property might be kept safe and sound had presented the lodge with a strong metal case for that purpose. He therefore proposed a vote of thanks to their esteemed brother for his gift, the same also to be entered on the minutes; the S.W. seconded the proposition and it was duly carried by the lodge. Bro. Treamey returned thanks, and expressed his satisfaction that his humble efforts to please had been appreciated by them; he could assure them he had the lodge at heart, and trusted to be many years an active member, and thanked the brethren. Bro. Lardner observed, as they had accepted a jewel case from one brother and the sacred volume from another, yet they were not complete, and if the lodge would permit him, he would at their next meeting present the lodge with a cushion, so that the sacred writings might be properly supported. The lodge unanimously accepted the same.

The lodge was then closed, and the members and visitors returned to London, where an excellent supper was provided at the Ship, Hart-street, Mark-lane, E.C. After the loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly given and responded to, the W.M. proposed that of "The Visitors." He said they had that evening among them their esteemed Bro. Le Quesne, of Lodge 879, P.P.G.D.C. of Jersey, also Bros. Capt. Nichols, P.M. 1394; G. D. Edmunds, S.W. 1695; and others. In proposing their healths he would couple the names of Bros. Le Quesne and Capt. Nichols, and he, therefore, asked the brethren to give them a welcome fire. Bros. Le Quesne and Nichols, in returning thanks, commended the lodge for its able working, and congratulated the W.M. on having such an excellent staff of officers. Bro. Edmunds having briefly returned thanks, the toasts of "The Officers" and "The Lay Brethren" were proposed and responded to. The Tyler's toast then followed, and thus ended a most agreeable evening.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A well attended meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last at the Excise Tavern, Broad-street, City. There were present Bros. Ball, W.M.; Morris, S.W.; Johnson, J.W.; H. G. Gush, Preceptor; C. J. Fox, Hon. Sec.; Kelsey, S.D.; Pelikan, J.D.; W. Vizzard, I.G.; Wing, Nell, Nevill, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and Bro. Morris, S.W., worked the 1st Section of the Lecture; Bro. Johnson, J.W., the 2nd; and Bro. Fox, Sec., the 3rd; the brethren assisting. The ceremony of initiation was next worked, Bro. Stephens acting as candidate. At its conclusion the Preceptor worked the 4th and the Secretary the 5th Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. G. H. Stephens was unanimously elected a member of the lodge; and announcement was made that the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction would pay the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, 1382, a visit on

Tuesday, the 20th inst., and work the Fifteen Sections in that lodge, held at the George Tavern, Glengall-road, Cubitt Town, E. Bro. C. J. Tox, S.D. 201, will preside on the occasion, and be supported by Bros. R. P. Tate, I.P.M. 862, as S.W., and W. H. Marston, P.M. 55 and 1599, as J.W., and by other influential workers.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. W. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E. Bro. G. A. Payne, S.W. 933, was W.M., and was supported by Bros. Haslip, S.W.; A. Wood, J.W.; D. Moss, S.D.; Shingfield, J.D.; Musto, jun., I.G.; Taylor, acting Preceptor; M. Isaacs, Geiske, Hughes, W. Yetton, P.M., Treas.; and others. After due formalities the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. M. Isaacs being candidate. Bro. Moss worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. L. C. Haslip, S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and lodge was closed.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—A highly successful meeting of the above prosperous lodge was held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Edwards, W.M.; Wardell, W.M. 95, S.W.; Boyce, J.W.; Allen, S.D.; H. Forre, J.D.; Glass, I.G.; W. H. Wallington, P.M., Preceptor; Christian, Sec.; Smyth, Treas.; Brasted, P.M.; Jones, Robinson, Floyd, Purvis, R. B. Greenwood, C. H. Webb, P.M.; Cushing, A. Clark, F. Carr, Gosling, C. Lorkin, G. H. Stephens, and others.

After due formalities the lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Cushing being the candidate. Bro. Gosling was next interrogated and entrusted, and the lodge being advanced, Bro. Gosling was candidate while the second ceremony was worked. Under the experienced Preceptorship of Bro. Wallington, P.M., the ceremonies of opening up the lodge and closing down was rendered in a very efficient manner. Bro. Purvis, 504, was elected a member, and Bro. G. H. Stephens an honorary member of the lodge unanimously. The Auditors' report was next submitted. This was deemed satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £3 2s. 4d., after defraying the charitable bequests and other expenditure of the lodge. Bro. P. Carr was unanimously and with acclamation elected Honorary Secretary of the lodge, and the honour of being re-elected to the position of Treasurer was conferred upon Bro. Smyth, the genial host. Each of these brethren expressed their thanks for the confidence displayed by their election to those important positions. Bro. Wardell was next unanimously elected to occupy the position of W.M. on the ensuing Tuesday evening, Bro. Preceptor bespeaking a good attendance of brethren to support that brother on the occasion, when he was certain a profitable evening would be spent. Lodge was duly closed, a most enjoyable and instructive evening having been spent.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—At the regular meeting held on the 2nd inst., at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, there were present Bros. W. Richardson, W.M.; Lloyd, S.W.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; J.W.; I. P. Cohen, P.M., S.D.; Job, J.D.; J. West, I.G.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; T. Loane, Smith, Hopkins, R. Mills, and others. After due formalities the lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Mills being the candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked from the chair, with the assistance of the brethren. Bro. Lloyd was duly elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 9th inst., and lodge was duly closed.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).—At a meeting of this prosperous lodge, on the 3rd inst., at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, Bro. R. B. Greenwood was W.M., Bros. H. Forss, S.W.; F. Carr, J.W.; Pope, S.D.; Grey, J.D.; Mitford, I.G.; the following brethren also being present: Bros. Dalton, Croke, Wright, Fieldwick, P.M., Preceptor; E. Wright, P.M., Hon. Sec.; G. H. S. Stephens, and others.

The lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of installation very creditably worked, Bro. Croke being the candidate. Bro. Carr worked the First and Bro. Forss, S.W., worked the Second and Third Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. G. H. Stephens, a visitor to the lodge, was duly proposed and seconded as a joining member. A well-merited compliment was paid to Bro. Greenwood, a vote of thanks being unanimously accorded for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A well-attended meeting of the above lodge was held at the George Tavern, Glengall-road, Cubitt-town, E., on Tuesday last. Bro. Limn, P.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Smith, S.W.; W. S. Bonner, J. W.; Millington, I.P.M.; Delves, P.M., Preceptor; Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; C. Scarell, P.M., Sec.; C. B. Bennett, P.M.; Shays, P.M.; Bonner, S.D.; Turton, J.D.; G. Clark, I.G.; Morrison, Dyer, Parkinson, and others. Lodge was opened in due form and the ceremony of initiation was ably worked. The ceremonies of opening and closing in the Second and Third Degrees were very carefully practised, and Bro. Smith was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. Bro. Limn, P.M., announced the fact that the Fifteen Sections would be worked in the Corinthian Lodge, on Tuesday, 20th inst., by members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instructions, No. 45, particulars of which are furnished in another column of this paper. Lodge was closed in harmony and adjourned until the 13th inst.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—At last meeting of the above lodge, at the Swan, Stratford, Bro. A. Meyers was W.M., and was assisted by Bros. Atkinson, S.W.; Boulton, J.W.; Herbert, S.D.; Latrielle, P.M., Sec., and Preceptor; R. W. Biggs, I.G.; and Bros. G. F. Dix, T. S. Taylor, P.M., A. Robbins, P.M., and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was ably worked, Bro. Biggs acting as candidate. An instructive evening having been passed, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. A. Meyers, for his able discharge of the duties of the chair, and the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street. The offices were taken as follows: Bros. Money, W.M.; Hal-

lowes, S.W.; S. T. H. Saunders, J.W.; C. E. Barnett, S.D.; Johnson, J.D.; Marshall, I.G.; R. Clay Sudlow, Preceptor; and J. D. Langton, Sec. The following brethren were also present: Bros. Duret, Morris, Shaw, Stoddart, Tanqueray, Pocock, Steingraber, Bué, Rosenthal, Bésant, Smith, and Weld. Visitor: Bro. Tebbis.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed by the brethren. The lodge was then opened up to the Third and resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. Bésant, acting as candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, after which the lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and Bro. Bésant was raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and after a call off, Bro. Sudlow worked the Second Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Richard G. Barton, P.G.S., S.W. 60, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Hallows was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A very large number of the brethren assembled at this lodge, at the old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, the 24th ult., on which occasion Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.W. Herts, &c., &c., rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation. Bro. Gay had placed the banquet hall at the disposal of the lodge, to add due effect to Bro. Terry's working, which it is almost superfluous to say was most impressive and beautiful, the old hall appearing to add dignity to the ceremony, if that were possible. Bro. Hunter, P.M., was installed in the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. The W.M. having appointed his officers, resumed the lodge in the First Degree, when it was proposed by Bro. Cummings, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. F. S. Rothschild, W.M. of the mother lodge, and carried unanimously, that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Terry for his kindness in working the ceremonies. Bro. Terry, in responding, spoke of the mother lodge being one of his foundlings, it being one of 119 lodges he had been deputed by H.R.H. the Grand Master, and the Pro Past Grand Masters to consecrate, it was always a pleasure for him to come to St. John's Gate. In these lodge rooms he was made a Mason something like twenty years ago; the place, therefore, always had a charm for him. It was then proposed by Bro. G. Maples, P.M., seconded by Bro. F. S. Rothschild, W.M., and carried unanimously, that the thanks of the lodge be given to Bros. Henry Tinney and Chas. E. Tinney for their kindness in assisting in the musical department, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Bros. Tuck, Inman, and Chas. E. Tinney, were elected joining members, and this ending the business of the evening, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Arch.

SINCERITY CHAPTER (No. 174).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 1st inst., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on which occasion there were present Comps. E. C. Mather, Z.; Edgar Bowyer, H.; J. Appleby, J.; Charles James Perceval, Robert H. Halford, J. Newton, P.Z., Treasurer; W. C. Barlowe, G. F. Cooke, L. A. Leins, H. Cox, John Bellerby, P.Z.; James Terry P.Z., S.E.; John Bulmer, Charles Lacey, John Wright, Huggett, S. H. Webb, John L. Mather, and the following visitors: Comps. Charles F. Hogard, Z. 142; W. Blackburn, Austin, Fraser, Andrews, Donald M. Dewar, P.Z. 1194; C. G. Sparrow, H. T. Isaac, H. 188; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the opening of the chapter, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Comp. Edgar Bowyer, H., was elected as M.E.Z., and Comp. H. Cox, as H. Comp. Halford was elected as S.E.; Comp. J. Knight, as S.N.; and Comp. T. Hallett, as P.S. The installation of the several Principals then took place. Comp. Halford was invested as S.E.; Comp. Knight, as S.N.; and Comp. Hallett, as P.S. Comp. C. J. Perceval was appointed as 1st A.S.; and Comp. S. H. Webb, as 2nd A.S. On the motion of Comp. Newton, seconded by Comp. Cox, H., the sum of one guinea was voted towards the New Year's entertainment of the old people at the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, an entertainment which has been conducted with great success for some years past, and to the expenses of which "this 'ere chapter," as the Sincerity is familiarly designated by the companions, has regularly contributed every year.

The chapter was then formally closed, and the companions adjourned to a very nice banquet, at which both members and guests were most liberally provided for, and the guests hospitably entertained by their hosts. The usual toasts which followed were very briefly given. The loyal toasts were introduced by Comp. Bowyer with commendable succinctness, but were nevertheless most heartily accepted. Comp. E. C. Mather, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and said that all Royal Arch companions ought in their turn to rise to the acme of happiness which accompanied the acquisition of the post. In "this 'ere chapter" the companions had known Comp. Bowyer many years; they knew him to be a good Mason, a genial companion, and one who had always made himself happy with all the companions. They would consequently wish him that prosperity during his year of office in the chapter he so richly deserved. He had most honestly earned the sympathies of all the companions, and the way in which the companions greeted him in his position at this moment was that of cordial companionship, and such as was usually given to the officers of this chapter. The toast, of course, with such a popular companion as Comp. Edgar Bowyer, was most heartily accepted, and a proper Sincerity fire given to it. Comp. Bowyer responded very shortly, thanking the brethren most heartily for the compliment they had paid him by the warm reception of a toast flatteringly, but kindly, proposed by Comp. E. C. Mather. He could not forget that Comp. Mather was the first to put the Master's collar round his neck in the Craft Lodge eleven years since, that very night, on which occasion he need not say he felt very proud. He was also exceedingly proud to be invested this evening as Z. of the Sincerity Chapter, although it was not the first time he had been M.E.Z. of a Royal Arch Chapter. For having elected him to that high office he had to thank the companions most sincerely, and he trusted he should always secure their approbation. Comp. Bowyer next proposed "The Visitors," of whom

the chapter was very pleased to have nine present, and to whom they gave a hearty welcome. Comps. Andrews, Dewar, Massey, Hogard, Isaac, Fraser, Austin, Sparrow, and Blackburn responded. The next toast was that of "H. and J.," both of whom the M.E.Z. said, would perform their work admirably, as they were known to be well up to their duties. Comp. Cox responded, and said he should endeavour, as he had in the past, to carry out the duties that might appertain to his office to the best of his ability, and he hoped and trusted that he should give the companions satisfaction. Comp. E. C. Mather responded on behalf of J., who had been obliged to leave to catch the last train for Brighton. Comp. Bowyer next gave "The Health of the P.Z.'s," Comps. Barlowe, Terry, Bellerby, Newton, Bulmer, Lacey, Rawley, J. L. Mather, Huggett and E. C. Mather. All those Past Principals had done good suit and service to this chapter, and deserved to have their health proposed in a bumper. Comp. E. C. Mather replying said the gravity of the situation weighed him down. He would only attempt to thank the companions very simply and earnestly for the honour they had done the body of Past Principals, and himself as a unit among the body, who were so much more capable than himself to reply, that he would not attempt to answer for other than his poor self. He would therefore ask them to accept his most hearty thanks for the honour done to himself. Comp. Hallett replied to the toast of "The Officers," and said he had come so suddenly into office that he was afraid he was hardly able to carry out his duties. If however he was not, it would not be for the want of trying. Comp. Newton, Treasurer, replying, said the chapter was composed of a band of brethren, and there was also a band of sisters connected with them, who were always ready to assist the good cause they all had somewhat at heart. They were rather a peculiar lot. They came there with the firm determination of throwing away whatever cares they had, and for two or three hours enjoy themselves in a way that no one would even take offence at or have the slightest objection to. They enjoyed themselves so much that frequently the visitors came to him and asked him if he could not propose them as joining members. He could not do it, as all the members of the chapter must attain to a certain position, one of the qualifications being that they were not prematurely bald, there must be some sign that some day or other they would be bald. They were a happy lot no doubt. Of all peculiar positions in the chapter, perhaps that of Treasurer was the most extraordinary. He could do just as he liked (with the permission of the M.E.Z.), and he hoped and trusted the visitors would find that the chapter had done the very best it could according to the position he held that evening. He also hoped that for the few hours they met in "this 'ere chapter" the visitors would always go away pleased with their evenings entertainment, and if they wished to become members they must moulder as soon as possible. Comp. Halford also replied, and a very pleasant evening's entertainment was brought to a close with the Janitor's toast.

BOLTON.—Chapter of Concord (No. 37).—A meeting of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Swan Hotel. There were present Comps. Jas. Brown, Z.; Thos. Entwistle, P.Z., P. Prov. G. Scribe N.; James Newton, P.Z., P. Prov. G. Scribe N.; G. P. Brockbank, P.Z., P. Prov. G. Treas.; E. M. Garstang, 1st A.S.; John Book, Org.; J. W. Roiley, Janitor; also the following visitors: Comps. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. G.H.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Scribe E.; and Walter Pennington, P.Z. 350.

The chapter being opened, and the minutes read and approved, the ballot was taken for Bros. Rooke Pennington, W.M. 37, and John Harcastle, Steward 37, as candidates for exaltation, who were duly elected, and subsequently admitted and exalted to the Degree. It was resolved that the future meetings of the chapter be held at the Swan Hotel, on the second Thursday in April and October. The following companions were duly elected officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Thos. Entwistle, Z.; Jas. Walker, H.; Saml. Crowther, J.; Jas. Newton, E.; Johnson Mills, N.; E. M. Garstang, P.S.; and John Harcastle, Org. The business being concluded, the chapter was closed.

BOLTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Bull's Head Inn on Thursday, the 1st inst. Present: Comps. John Harwood, Z.; Jas. Dooley, H.; Jas. Horrocks, P.Z., as J.; Wm. Cooper, E.; John Alcock, P.S.; R. Duxbury, 1st A.S.; R. Harwood, P.Z., Prov. G. Scribe N.; Jas. Newton, P.Z., P. Prov. G. Scribe N.; Jas. Kennedy, John Kenyon; also Comp. G. P. Cartwright, P.S. 350, as a visitor.

The chapter was opened at 6.30 p.m., and the minutes having been read and approved, the ballot was taken for Bro. Jno. Fawcett Skelton, I.G. 146, who was duly elected as a candidate for exaltation, and was thereupon admitted and exalted to the Degree of Holy Royal Arch. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the refreshment board.

OXFORD.—Apollo University Chapter (No. 357).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., to elect a First Principal in room of Comp. Wakeman, M.E.Z., resigned, and a Second Principal in room of Comp. Fentham Hedges, whose lamented death is so deeply deplored by his Masonic brethren. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., having consented to honour the companions by presiding over them, was unanimously elected M.E.Z., and the Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.Z., was chosen to fill the chair of H. Bro. the Rev. W. F. Ramsden, of the Church-hill Lodge, was exalted, and the other business being finished, the companions of the chapter and their guests, among them being the Grand Superintendent for Somerset, Col. Adair, and the Deputy Grand Superintendent for Essex, the Rev. J. P. Wigram, adjourned for refreshment to the Golden Cross, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

The late Bishop of Durham, Dr. Charles Baring, was known in his Diocese as three C.B.'s—Charles Baring, Cold Beef, and Carpet Bag. He was of a homely disposition, and would write to a country vicar and say he wished to come and stay at the vicarage for Sunday. "Don't prepare anything extra for me, cold beef will do," and he always carried a carpet bag himself.

Red Cross of Constantine.

GENERAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

The annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist was held on Monday last at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. The Sir Knights present were Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Most Ill. Grand Sovereign and Grand Commander of St. John; James Lewis Thomas, Dr. Woodman, H. C. Levander, C. F. Hogard, Thos. Cubitt, H. A. Dubois, Dr. Mickley, Peek, Kingston, Don. M. Dewar, George Kenning, Shirley, Holden, Marsh, Massa, Walls, Lardner, Pridmore, Thiellay, Moss, Hammerton, Robinson (York), Dawes, and others.

The Grand Conclave was opened in due form.

The GRAND RECORDER read the annual report of the Executive Committee.

The Grand Senators were then appointed for the ensuing year. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for the very successful result of the past year's working.

The Grand Conclave voted £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, M. Em. Grand Viceroy, and Deputy Grand Commander of St. John, Ill. Sir Knight Macartney, M.P., and others.

The Sir Knights dined together.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE.

The December meeting of the above conclave was held on Monday last at the Freemasons' Tavern. The Sir Knights present were Dr. Woodman, H. C. Levander, H. A. Dubois, C. F. Hogard, Massa, Marsh, Holden, Shirley, Dr. Mickley, Thiellay, George Kenning, Donald M. Dewar, Kingston, Cubitt, Peek, J. T. Moss, Robinson (York), Dawes, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. Henry J. Lardner, W.M. Farringdon Lodge, 1745, and Campbell W. Pridmore, Harrow Lodge, 1310, were duly installed knights of the Order. A brother of Lodge 131 was proposed for installation at the next meeting.

Amusements.

ROYALTY THEATRE.—Madame Soldene has just concluded a most successful, though short engagement at this theatre. The play selected was "Geneviève de Brabant," originally produced in London at the Philharmonic Theatre, under the same talented manageress. Times are changed, but Madame Soldene appears to be evergreen; she does not change. Her voice was as fresh and musical as it was, alas! how many years ago? She was also well supported at the Royalty, the cast being unusually strong. Miss Minnie Marshall, who performed the same part at the Alexandra Palace this summer, was the *Duchess*. The duet between her and *Drogau* (Madame Soldene) was given with much taste and vigour in the balcony scene of the first act, which always reminds us so strongly of "Romeo and Juliet." Miss Marshall's voice is clear and musical; she is quite young, and looks her part to perfection—she has a great future before her. Miss Maud Branscombe, whose classical features are so well known in photography, took the part of the page, *Oswald*, which she played with much taste and wit. She is a good successor to Miss Clara Vesey, who, if we mistake not, was the original *Oswald* in the Philharmonic days. Mr. E. Marshall, the present stage manager, took his original part of the "bold gendarme," ably seconded by Mr. Bury. The duet produced as much merriment as in the old days, and has never been better given. Mr. Taylor, as the *Duke*, was particularly funny. Mr. Lewens as *Golo*, and Mr. Mansfield as the *Burgomaster*, showed a true appreciation of their parts. The choruses were unusually strong, the ladies' one in particular; this last, apparently led by Miss Maud Lester, whose clear voice, heard distinctly above the others, made us fancy she was intended for a more prominent part than that she is at present entrusted with. The dresses and appointments were appropriately chosen, the play being altogether well mounted. We understand that a new burlesque is in preparation for Christmas at this theatre. We cannot help, however, expressing a hope that Madame Soldene's company may be held together for some time to come, and that they may meet with the same success which has always attended them, both at home and abroad.

GLOBE THEATRE.—As we were going to press last week this piece "Les Cloches de Corneville," of which we gave a somewhat detailed account was withdrawn, but it was not for want of popularity, or on account of its financial success, which makes it all the more a pity the lovers of that kind of art should be deprived; we happen to know although, it has been played in London for about two years before, on its again being brought out at the Globe, it was bringing in a nightly and handsome income. So sudden was its withdrawal that no one engaged in the piece knew sooner than the public, which was a two days' notice. It seems to be a misunderstanding respecting the lease of the house and the proprietors of the opera, which we believe led to its being taken off. Probably had it gone on there would have been a Chancery suit, and damages claimed for every night of its performance. Miss Irena Verona, who played *Serpolette* with such éclat—we have seen several others take this character but none in any way came near her, either in voice or manner, and we may add beauty—has now gone to delight the minds of the Liverpool people. No doubt the Liverpool Lodge of St. Asaph will by some of its brethren make it their business to go and see her. We believe she is the youngest actress who has ever taken the prominent part in an opera. An artist is now engaged on a portrait of Miss Verona, which is to be exhibited in the Grosvenor Gallery after Christmas. We believe she is giving him sittings at his request in her character as the *Countess*, in "Les Cloches de Corneville," in which she knows, as most ladies know in what they look best, that she is the most fascinating. We hope that by the time the portrait is withdrawn from the Sir Lindsey Coutts' gallery, the original will be back in London. It is to

the great metropolis that all real talent gravitates, and this young lady seems possessed of more than the ordinary share. We understand that she is one of the stage professionals whom Lefroy communicated with to bring out his opera. We need scarcely say he received no better encouragement at Miss Verona's hands than the others. Mr. Carton having brought out "Imprudence" at the Folly, and then taken it to the Standard, where he had to move for the Haverleys, after a brief run at the Imperial afternoon performances, has put his comedy, by Bro. Pinero, at the Globe, by which he seems to have lost none of his followers. Imprudence it would be not to go and see it whilst one may. Bro. Righton, who plays Mr. Parminster Blake, is a very jealous husband, and cannot bear Mrs. Blake to be the centre of attraction. They are staying at Lazenby's boarding establishment, where are also several gentlemen of various ages, but all struck the same with her charms, and when they find he is a hen-pecked husband, do not hesitate to let him know it. In a fit of exasperation at not being allowed to speak to his "Marie," he confides in one of the boarders, who relates how a friend of his cured his wife of ignoring him by trumping up a case of a flaw in the marriage certificate. Mr. Blake resolves to copy this friend. In the drawing-room he receives a letter, calls aside one gentleman after another, and says, "I've just received this from my lawyer, who discovers there is a flaw in the licence; wrong wedding cake, wrong wedding ring; marriage dissolved—take her, she's yours; mind, keep it secret; don't tell anybody"—adding, aside, "he's sure to go and tell everyone, and Marie will soon know." A Mr. George Castleton, one of those to whom Mr. Blake has told his secret, an admirer of Mrs. Blake, seizes his opportunity and tells Mrs. Blake to wait for him after supper; he has something important to communicate to her. He has previously received a telegram announcing the death of an uncle, from whom he receives an estate, on conditions he marries within a month. He asks advice of Mr. Durant, another boarder, who undertakes to get him a wife. In the same house is staying a Mr. Dalrymple, a widower, who has a daughter grown up, and a source of distress to him, as she betrays his age. Durant sees he would be glad to be rid of her, and asks her to meet him after supper. A most laughable scene ensues in the second act. Castleton and Durant wait one for the other to go and leave the room first, not knowing of the other's engagement. On the pretence of going to bed, Castleton leaves the room, but soon returns, and still finds Durant there. Durant suggests he will go in the square and smoke, but soon comes back and sits down. During the temporary absence of Durant, Mrs. Blake has come in, to whom Castleton has told her husband's secret. On Durant knocking at the door to get in, having also Miss Dalrymple with him, and whom he has succeeded in promising to marry Castleton, Mrs. Blake is put behind the window curtain. Durant comes in and tells Castleton he has succeeded in getting a wife for him, and offers to introduce her at once. "Not now," says Castleton; "another time; I don't feel well." Durant is surprised, and to clear himself brings in Miss Dalrymple. Castleton refuses to marry her, and denounces Durant, of course under fear of Mrs. Blake behind the curtain, to whom he had made an offer should her marriage licence be proved faulty. Mr. Blake not having found his Marie, is seeking all over the house for her, and on entering the supper-room fancies there is something up, and conceals himself in a cupboard, where he hears all. Durant and Castleton come to high words, which bring in the visitors from all parts of the house. Mr. Blake emerges from the cupboard, and Mrs. Blake from the curtain, which ends the second act. In the last act Mrs. Blake explains she has been playing a part only to make her husband jealous; he, on the other hand, regrets his imprudence in trying to teach such a practical lesson. It would be spoilt to repeat any of the loving sayings which pass between them at their understanding. Our readers must hear and laugh over this for themselves—the second honeymoon. Durant, who at heart is not a bad man, explains satisfactorily to Miss Dalrymple his part in the affair, and informs her he is leaving the house. She asks where he is going. He replies, "As far as a sovereign will carry me." She says she has resolved upon leaving her undutiful father, and will become a governess, but she thinks she has not even so much as a pound. Durant asks her to count, and suggests they put his sovereign and her eleven shillings together, at the same time uniting themselves. Castleton comes into the room at the time to show Durant a letter, and asks if he is engaged; he turns to Miss Dalrymple and says, "Am I?" She replying, "I suppose so," is his answer in two senses of the word. The visitors all decide to go to their own homes. Mr. and Mrs. Blake are just upon the point of departure, when Mr. Blake informs Mrs. Lazenby (the middle-aged proprietress of the establishment) he has long wanted to ask her a question—"What's yer age?" This brings great laughter to the audience. There is nothing extravagant or impossible about the comedy, which makes it take well. Nothing now remains but to allude to the excellent acting of Miss Compton (Mrs. Carton), who plays Mrs. Blake, Mr. Carton (Mr. Durant), and Miss Wade (Miss Dalrymple). Mr. Carton has gathered round him a good caste, and we hope he may have success. We do not know what he intends doing when Bro. Edward Righton goes to the Court in a few weeks. The "Tale of a Tub," by Bro. Righton, is worth stopping for. It is said it is a portrait of his own professional life. We may add, Miss Compton has been presented with a costly gold bracelet, by the members of the company, together with a letter signed by the subscribers.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.—In an issue of the *Freemason* of a few weeks ago we described Bro. Sims' new piece, "The Half-way House," lately produced at this pretty little house. We shall not, therefore, recapitulate what we have said before, but content ourselves by saying that it is still having, and likely to have, large audiences, that is, so far as the size of the theatre will allow. Bro. Sims just now seems the hero of the day as a play writer, no less than eight of his productions being played on different stages throughout England just now, and probably some are being played in duplicate, e.g., "The Member for Slocum." We now call the attention of our readers to two new pieces lately put on the boards at the Vaudeville. "Marriage Bells," by Mr. H. Gough, deserves, as a pretty comedietta, all the praise it has had bestowed on it. It precedes the principal piece. Miss Alma Murray does not let it lose anything for want of efficient acting. At the

conclusion of "The Half-way House" a "variety" is presented, termed "The Girl He Left Behind Him," by Delacour Daubigny, whoever he may be, and whom it is suggested is also Bro. Sims. It is a musical and amusing farce. To prove this, we noticed that instead of rushing out of the theatre before the curtain drops on the last act of the principal piece, as is usual at most theatres, the people in all parts sat this "variety" out. Although there may be no particular wit in it, it is funny, and we believe there is scope in other theatres for something of this description. It is a pleasant wind up to a comedy or tragedy. The girl left behind is Polly (Miss Kate Phillips). Mr. Thorne is a miller, who weds the prettiest girl of the village, and finds out on his wedding day she has promised to marry Tom Tarpaulin, a sailor, (Mr. Crawford), and that he has just returned from a voyage. The bride agrees that the bridesmaid shall personate her, and *vice versa*. The sailor tells a story of a friend of his who left a girl behind him to marry on his return, but when he came back she had linked herself to some one else, and that he had then and there killed the vampire, and that he, Tom Tarpaulin, would do the same. The miller, on hearing this, trembles more than slightly. But Tom at last finds out the state of affairs, and after chasing the bridegroom, the miller, out of all sorts of places, gives up his fickle sweetheart, and takes unto himself the bridesmaid, Sarah Ann (Miss Ella Strathmore), who is quite willing. Mr. Thorne sings a very good song, which was duly encored, and Mr. Crawford a nautical one. The "variety" is altogether very good, both in dances, songs, and chorus. We felt it like dessert after a good dinner. There is no reason why it should not run side by side with this chief comedy, which has now passed its sixtieth night.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE.—Another Alhambra triumph: as great, if not greater, than the last. "The Black Crook," the Biche au Bois originally of the Port St. Martin Theatre, in Paris. Mr. Henry Paulton may well be proud of his libretto, but it wants the scissors. Nothing could have gone more smoothly or more brilliantly than did this gorgeous spectacle on its first night. But, we repeat, it wants the scissors. In proof of this it may be said shortly that the last and also the best ballet led by Madame Pertoldi, and composed by M. Jacobi, was omitted on Saturday night for want of time. This made us all go home to bed feeling much as if we had had our soup and fish but no joint. Possibly matters could not have been otherwise arranged, but all there confessed to a general feeling of disappointment, although it must be acknowledged that they got more at the Alhambra for their price of admission than they could have obtained at any other house. The music of the "Black Crook" is partly original, partly old, and also partly in imitation of various well known airs which have preceded it. The prettiest original air in the piece, to our thinking, is the serenade (act 2, scene 3), "Wake from thy rest, love." "Nobody knows as I know" is the most telling old song. And the best parts, which strongly resemble something we have heard before, are "Guard and sentry, cannoner" (act 2, scene 1), reminding us of the Marche aux Flambeaux. The song "I never expected a girl would bless, &c.," which had a pungent odour of the Cloches de Corneville about it; and Gabrielle's song "My heart with joy and gladness bounds" (act 4, scene 2), which tasted very much of the tap of "Geneviève de Brabant." The music, however, is sweetly pretty all through, and does infinite credit to Messrs. Clay and Jacobi, the eminent composers. Of the play we can say but little. It is much like that of "The Sleeping Beauty in the Wood," although we are not quite sure what becomes of the Princess until she is "out of the wood," after having been seventeen years in bottle. Miss Constance Loseby sang as well as ever in the part of the "Black Crook," the fairy godmother who was not invited to the christening. Miss Lizzie Coote, as Gabrielle, acquitted herself with astonishing success. She has all that is necessary for an accomplished actress. She is young, she sings well, dances well, acts to perfection, and has a knowledge of stage business which in one of her age is something extraordinary. Not that she is new to the stage, for, if we mistake not, this is the same young lady who sang "Did you ever see an oyster walk upstairs?" in the Brighton pantomime, when she could not have been more than ten years old. Miss Behrend, as Queen Orange, looked magnificent. Her get up was superb. Miss Petrelli was charming in the part of the Princess Mesirée, and the Misses Sullivan, Jamieson, and Beverly acted efficiently as the good-natured faries, who were included in the invitation. Mr. Harry Paulton, as usual, was received with rounds of applause. His topical song was excellent, and also his acting in the supper scene, although this last was somewhat too long. Mr. Walsham, as Prince Jonquil, sang his part with great taste. He has a fine tenor voice. Messrs. Longrois, Hargreaves, Kellcher, Power and Redmund was all very good in their respective roles, and Mr. Jarvis was especially funny as the Little Brother. The ballets which, after all, are the attractions at the Alhambra, were unusually well mounted. Some green fern dresses, and some brilliant figures in complete armour struck us as being the most novel costumes. Of the dancing and arrangement of the movements nothing need be said. Mr. Bertrand's name is sufficient guarantee that all this part of the performance was not only up to the usual Alhambra mark, but that it, if possible, exceeded in precision and rapidity anything that has yet been produced at this house. The band master, Mr. Jackson, showed careful rehearsal, and an array of talent unequalled in London. All success to those whose efforts to please were so highly appreciated on Saturday. May the piece have a long run, and may we see it next time in all its completeness. We should not omit to mention that this theatre has been, by calling in the architect, the builder, Bro. Deputy Brass, and the upholsterers, Messrs. Tyler and Son, still further enriched, and made a strong claim to rank as one of the first-rate London stages. We expected it would not be long before some other theatre followed in Mr. D'Oyle Carte's example, and lit the house with the electric light. To have done all that has been done—and it is not completed yet—in three weeks, there must have been an army of men employed. The dome is now lighted by four of Siemens' lights, driven by steam; these are enclosed in a stained-glass Chinese lantern, and produce a nice soft effect, and certainly prevents the theatre getting over-heated. The proscenium has been widened, a long noticed necessity where such large spectacular representations are given as we now see there nightly.

Obituary.

BRO. T. B. MYERS.

A very large section of Freemasons in and around Liverpool will hear with profound regret of the death of Bro. Thomas Benn Myers, who died at the comparatively early age of 39, at his residence in Liverpool, on Sunday, the 27th ult. The deceased was a highly esteemed Past Master of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and was also Director of Ceremonies of the lodge, and he had long taken an active interest in its welfare as well as in Masonic Charities generally. Bro. Myers secured universal esteem and popularity by the kindness of his disposition, and his death will cause a blank which will not very easily be filled up. His mortal remains were interred at Flaybrick Hill Cemetery, Bedston, Cheshire, on Wednesday afternoon, the 30th ult., when the universal regard for his sterling worth and benevolent disposition was testified by the large and influential gathering at the grave side to pay the last sad office of respect to departed merit, there being not fewer than 250 persons present, among whom were the immediate relatives of the deceased, the W.M., Past Masters, officers, and the bulk of the brethren of Lodge 1182, representatives from numerous lodges, including two from the Millom Lodge, Cumberland (his native county, and to which lodge the deceased brother was a subscribing member), and several leading members of the Craft and private friends. A pleasing feature of the burial service was the singing of a choir of children from St. Michael's Church, Liverpool, of which church the late brother was for some years a Warden.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

BINCKES.—On the 6th inst., at Hillside, Overhill-road, Dulwich, S.E., the wife of Mr. Litchfield Binckes, of a daughter.
GREEN.—On the 6th inst., at 16, Vicarage-park, Plumstead, the wife of Mr. G. F. Green, of a son.
RICHARDSON.—On the 3rd inst., at 25, Park-road-villas, Forest-hill, S.E., the wife of Mr. Robert Richardson, of a son.
WILKS.—On the 5th inst., at 11, Avington-grove, Penge, the wife of Mr. John H. Wilks, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

DAVIS—VAISEY.—On the 1st inst., at Lechlade, by the Rev. A. Clementson, W. Howard Davis, of Lechlade, to Mary Elisa, daughter of Mr. C. E. Vaisey, of Clayhill House.

DEATHS.

CARTER.—On the 14th ult., at Impens, North Petherton, Mr. James Carter, aged 69.
MYERS.—On the 27th ult., at his residence, Liverpool, Bro. Thomas Benn Myers, aged 39.
PITTMAN.—On the 5th inst., at Ivy House, Warminster, Mr. John Pittman, late of London, aged 87.

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THE "FREEMASON" OFFICE, 16, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.

Masonic and General Tidings.

At a recent dinner of the Bakers' Company, the Toast of "The Corporation" was responded to by Mr. Bedford, C.C. Alluding to the Royal Commission now sitting on the City companies, Mr. Bedford thought not much more would be done than was when the last Commission sat. He related that when Lord Brabourne—then Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen—was chairman of the Commission, he said, "You see, Mr. Bedford, I have just paid 9d. for my lunch, and we pay for all we have; you in the City don't!" "True," he replied, "but, remember, we get no remuneration whatever for our services to the Corporation. In the House of Commons there are many Members in the receipt of large salaries; there are many in the receipt of pensions; and there are still more in the hope of receiving large salaries; therefore, no wonder they pay for what they have." Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen did not cross-examine this gentleman any further.

Lady Monckton, wife of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.B.G.P., Mrs. Langtry, and Sir Charles Young, played last week at Windsor for the benefit of a hospital. It is said theirs is the finest acting ever seen by amateurs.

Bro. Byron's "She Stoops to Conquer" will be played at an afternoon performance on Wednesday next, under the patronage of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in aid of the Royal General Theatrical Fund. Bro. Bancroft has kindly lent the Haymarket theatre for the occasion. Mrs. Langtry will appear then as Miss Hardcastle.

Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson had the honour of knighthood conferred on him by the Queen at Windsor on Wednesday.

CLACTON-ON-SEA LIFEBOAT CREW'S FUND.—Lady Johnson, of St. Osyth's Priory, has most kindly consented to give away the rewards to the crew on the 26th instant, and has also presented £5 5s. to the fund. Bro. Sir John J. Johnson has intimated his intention of also giving a handsome sum for future contingencies. The brethren of the Trinity lodge, of Coventry have sent £1 to the fund, and we should like to hear of other lodges sending some small recognition of the brave services rendered by the crew of this Freemasons' boat.

A most useful innovation of the period is the stylograph. We are acquainted with the Mackinnon and Scott pens, of which Messrs. Mappin Bros. are the agents, and invaluable we find them both. We should recommend brethren, especially Secretaries of Lodges, who have a good deal of writing to do at odd times, to equip themselves with one of these. We know many public men who have them. The Bishop of Winchester always carries one, and writes letters on his journey in the railway carriage. We have seen his brother of St. Albans, whilst waiting at a station, take out his writing materials and indite a letter. In the assault for which Mr. Bradlaugh prosecuted the police, we believe it was his stylo, more than himself, which was damaged. They require no ink bottle; when filled will last for days; the writing dries directly, without blotting paper, and no blots can be made, nor can the fingers get stained. With a stylograph and a little writing paper in our pockets one can always use a spare minute. Messrs. Mappin have them in different sizes and points, even to the broad J. pen. They give no trouble, and soon repay the first outlay.

The installation meeting of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, will be held at the Town Hall, Shore-ditch, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when Bro. Elias Benjamin will be installed into the chair of K.S.

Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., and Mr. John Roberts, M.P., addressed their constituents at Overton, Flintshire, on Monday last.

CLOSE OF THE LIVERPOOL AUTUMN EXHIBITION.—The Corporation Art Exhibition in the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, came to a close last Saturday evening. Appended is a return compiled by the curator (Mr. Charles Dyall) of the admissions to and sales at the exhibition for the eighty days during which it has been open: 28,695 admissions at 1s. (morning), £1434 15s.; 11,569 admissions at 6d. (evening), £289 4s. 6d.; 30,298 admissions at 3d. (evening), £376 4s. 6d.; 2557 season tickets, £475 14s.; 21,640 catalogues, £468 19s. 3d.; and 253 pictures have been sold, realising £8752 19s.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., the commanding officer, presided, in the absence of the Lord Mayor, who was unavoidably prevented from being present, at the annual distribution of prizes to the members of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery (Customs House) Volunteers on Saturday last, at the Guildhall. Lady Hill presented the prizes.

Bro. Alderman Ellis (Lord Mayor) dined with the Haberdashers' Corporation, on Thursday, the 1st inst., and made a strong appeal for the retention of the Corporation of the City of London and the Guilds, both of whom he holds are doing, and will do, a great work throughout the country.

Bro. Henry Irving, it is said, during the great frost last winter, when the Prince of Wales was driving a sledge on the Thames Embankment, on hearing the bells on the horses' collars, shrugged up his shoulders, unceremoniously put his hand to his head, and took the same strides he does when playing the murderer in "The Bells."

At the meeting of the Prince Edward of Saxewimar Lodge, at Portsmouth, on Wednesday night, Bros. Townsend and Emanuel were presented respectively with a silver loving cup, and a silver goblet, and silver collar for their services in connection with the formation of this lodge. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

Bro. J. M. Martin was installed Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire on the 28th ult. A full report of the proceedings stands over for want of space.

Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., J.P., has presented to the Royal Naval School, New Cross, of which he was a former pupil, several interesting engravings, including "The Death of Nelson" and "The Loss of the Revenge."

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Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey has been appointed, with Sir R. Cross, Mr. T. Hughes, Mr. Go-chen, and others, on the Committee for raising a memorial at Rugby to the late Dean Stanley.

Bro. Edward Terry concluded his provincial tour on Saturday at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, and during this month reappears at the Gaiety Theatre.

Bros. the Hon. T. C. Agar-Robartes, M.P., and Borlase, M.P., were present at an agricultural dinner at Bodmin on Monday.

We met at a dinner in the city of London last week a man who had made a nice fortune at the Australian gold mines in their palmy days. He was telling us of the extravagance of the emigrants, and on one occasion he saw a man put a £100 note between two slices of bread and butter and eat it. That is the value some persons put upon money quickly earned.

We have received the following from a correspondent: Bro. Sir Christopher Wren's life has just been written by Miss Lucy Phillimore, daughter of the Right Hon. Sir Robert Phillimore, Judge of the High Court of Justice Admiralty Division, and on whom the Queen last week conferred the dignity of a baronet. The book is published by Regon, Paul, and Co. With respect to Sir Christopher Wren's Masonic career we are aware there is doubt in some people's mind, and we do not wish to set our judgment against theirs, though we hold, as we have always done, that Sir Christopher Wren was a brother, and we think the few relics and statistics handed down all go to prove our surmise as the truth. There seems nothing to prove the contrary. With respect to this portion of the book, Miss Phillimore has received assistance from Bro. B. Gibus Baum, F.S.A., Past Master of the Armour and Brazier's Company, and Secretary of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and in which it is said Sir Christopher Wren was Master, and from Bro. Henry Wright, 1827, Hon. Sec. City Church and Churchyard Protection Society, who has been presented with an author's copy. In the preface, Miss Phillimore says, "Little is known of Wren in his Masonic capacity. He is said to have been a member and a Master of the 'Old Lodge of St. Paul,' now known as the 'Lodge of Antiquity.' All the records of the lodge of that time have, unfortunately, been lost, so that they cannot be consulted with reference to this matter. The question has been raised whether Wren was a Freemason or not. On this point the 'parentalia' makes no implicit statement, though it appears to imply Wren's connection with the Order. The Duke of Sussex caused a plate to be engraved in 1827, and affixed to the mallet which Sir Christopher Wren is said to have presented to the lodge, with this inscription, 'A.L. 5831, A.D. 1827. To commemorate that this being the same mallet with which His Majesty King Charles II. levelled the foundation-stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. A.L. 5677, A.D. 1673. Was presented to the old Lodge of St. Paul, now the Lodge of Antiquity, acting by Immemorial Constitution, by Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, R.W.D.G.M., Worshipful Master of this lodge and architect of the edifice.'"

At the laying of the corner-stone of the monument at Yorktown with Masonic honours, the chair occupied by the Grand Master was occupied by George Washington when Master of the Virginia Masons; the sash and apron worn by the Grand Master were worked by Mrs. Lafayette and presented to Washington in 1784; the gavel was made from a portion of the quarter-deck of the United States frigate Lawrence, Commodore Perry's flagship at the Battle of Lake Erie, Sept. 10th, 1813.

Bro. Emanuel (Messrs. E. and E. Emanuel), silversmith and jeweller, of Portsea, has obtained an order for a perpetual injunction restraining Messrs. Mellhuish and Parkin from using the name of their firm.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1382, held at the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Cubitt Town, Poplar, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., commencing at 6.30 p.m. Bros. C. J. Fox, S.D. 201, W.M.; R. P. Tate, I.P.M. 862, S.W.; and W. H. Marston, P.M. 55 and 1599, J.W.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Morris, 193.
2nd "	...	Collinson, J.D. 862.
3rd "	...	Gates, J.W. 1599.
4th "	...	Abell, P.M. 1599.
5th "	...	Pelikan, I.G. 1602.
6th "	...	Larchin, W.M. 1541.
7th "	...	Tate, I.P.M. 862.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Vizzard, 1472.
2nd "	...	Marston, P.M. 55 and 1599.
3rd "	...	Johnson, 1541.
4th "	...	Brown, W.M. 862.
5th "	...	Pate, S.D. 1599.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Pardon, 1541.
2nd "	...	Wing, P.M. 45.
3rd "	...	Hyde, 1341.

Bro. H. G. Gush, J.W. 1541, is the Preceptor, and Bro. C. J. Fox, S.D. 201, the Hon. Sec.

The annual tripe supper of the Stability Lodge of Instruction took place on the evening of the 9th inst.

The Duke of Edinburgh has presented a parcel of books to the Bethnal Green Free Library (which is supported entirely by voluntary contributions) "as a token of His Royal Highness's sympathy with the committee's efforts to raise the number of books to 10,000 volumes." This is the fifth present that the Institution has received from members of the Royal Family. Increased reading accommodation having been provided for male and female readers, the new rooms will be opened on the 22nd inst. by a public meeting, to be presided over by Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.

Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, M.P., presented the annual prizes at the Grammar School, Ruabon, on Tuesday. The examiner this year was the Rev. Edward Rawson, of St. John's College, Cambridge, whose report spoke highly of the condition of the school. Bro. Sir Watkin spoke in reference to the commissioners appointed to inquire into the state of the intermediate education in Wales, and regretted that they had been unable to visit the Ruabon Grammar School.

Bro. Paul Storr, clerk of Billingsgate Market, has resigned through ill health.

Bro. his Grace the Duke of Manchester will preside at the evening meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, to be held on Tuesday next, the 13th inst., when a paper will be read on "Sierra Leone; its Past, Present, and Future," by the Hon. T. Risley Griffith, Colonial Secretary of Sierra Leone.

A report of the interesting proceedings at the meeting of the Creton Lodge, No. 1791, which was held on Thursday last, will appear in our next.

A Sportsman Exhibition will be held at the Agricultural Hall, London, on February 9th to 18th, 1882, comprising every requisite in connection with coaching, driving, hunting, shooting, racing, coursing, yachting, fishing, fencing, cricket, bicycling, billiards, &c. Among the numerous patrons appear the names of the following brethren: the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. Derbyshire; the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham; the Earl of Roseberry; the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. Yorks, N. & E. Riding; Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; the Earl of Lonsborough; Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart, M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire; Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P.; The Earl of Jersey, P.G.M. Mark M. Berks. and Oxon; the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. of Scotland; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; Lord Carrington; Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk; the Earl of Huntingdon, P.G.M. Midland Counties (Ireland); and the Earl of Haddington, P.G.M. Berwick and Roxburghshire.

The Royal Arch Freemasons of Oxfordshire have not hitherto been erected into a province, although Oxfordshire is a province in the Craft Degree. The county is now to be a province of the Royal Arch, and Comp. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, who is the Grand Master of the Craft province, has accepted the office of Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch province, and will appoint an early day for his installation at Oxford.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by the Countess of Macclesfield and the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt-Wilson, were present at the marriage of Miss Mirabel Knollys, daughter of Bro. Sir William Knollys, with Capt. Grey, R.A., at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Tuesday.

The will of Bro. Charles Woollaton, J.P., D.L., ex-sheriff of London and Middlesex, late of Elstree, Nutfield, Surrey, who died on September 7th last, was proved on the 21st ult. by Mrs. Clarissa Woollaton, the widow, Mr. E. B. P'Anson, and Mr. J. W. Burton, the executors, the personal estate, exceeding in value £98,000. The testator leaves all his freehold property at Nutfield to his wife for life or widowhood, and on her death or second marriage he settles it on his nephew, Arthur Wells Gardner, but conditionally on his taking the name of Woollaton after his present name Gardner; £200 to the British Orphan Asylum, Slough, of which he was Chairman; and legacies to friends. The residue of his real and personal estate he gives to his wife absolutely.

Bro. George Buckland, assisted by Miss Blanche Paige, gave a musical entertainment at the Commercial Travellers' Schools, Pinner, entitled "My Musical Budget," on Tuesday last.

Bro. De Keyser and Mrs. De Keyser had a narrow escape a few days ago whilst travelling on the Northern Railway of France, for near Chauny Station the train dashed violently into three luggage trucks which were standing on the line. The trucks were smashed, the engine of the passenger train ran off the lines and turned over, and many of the carriages were much damaged. Fortunately, no lives were lost, and no serious injuries were sustained by the passengers.—City Press.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., was installed as Past Grand Master of the Mark Degree in Freemasonry at the half-yearly communication of Grand Mark Lodge, which was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday. Bro. Lord Henniker, Grand Master of the Order, presided.

Bro. Sir George Elliot, M.P., states the *Manchester Guardian*, has made an arrangement with the Government by which the monopoly of the revenue from salt in the island of Cyprus passes into his hands.

Bro. the Earl of Breadalbane has announced that he will grant a reduction of 10 per cent. on the current half-year's rent to his tenants both in Perthshire and Argyllshire.

The marriage of Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold will, it is understood, take place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, in March next.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., will preside at the festival of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation for 1882.

Mr. T. F. Blackwell of (the firm of Messrs. Crosse and Blackwell) will take the chair at the Commercial Travellers' Schools Festival, to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 22nd inst., supported by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson and Bro. Sheriff Ogg, on the occasion of the annual festival.

The following anecdote was overheard by a friend of ours in passing a church in the east of London, between two sons of toil:—"What's up here to-night, all these people coming out of Church?" "Why, they've got a service on, and the Bishop of Suffrejan is preaching." "Suffrejan, where's that, Bill?" "Don't know, except it's some foreign part." The preacher was the Bishop of Bedford, Suffragan Bishop of East London.

At a meeting of Old Blues, which was held at Christ's Hospital, on Monday, 28th November (Mr. G. R. L. Marriott, late Captain C.U.R.V., in the chair), to discuss the question of forming a body of O.B. Volunteers, the proposal met with such support that the following were appointed a Provisional Committee to take further steps in the matter: Messrs. G. R. L. Marriott, Fountain Court, Temple, E.C.; H. Winder, 5, Lombard Street, E.C.; W. H. Cross, 32, Torrington Square, W.C.; C. P. G. Hill, Bank of England, and G. J. Beer (Hon. Sec.)

Bro. E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M., will be presented with a testimonial at the meeting of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, of which Bro. S. P. Catterson is the efficient W.M., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Tuesday next.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, December 17, 1881.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12.

- Lodge 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
 " 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 " 1610, Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Rose Croix Chap. 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1803, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
 " 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
 West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
 Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
 St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
 Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

- Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1668, Samson, M.H., 68, Regent-st.
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
 " 185, Jerusalem, F.M. Tav.
 Rose Croix Chap. 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- Gen. Com. R.M. Benevolent Institution, at 3.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
 " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 87, Vitruvian, South London, M.H., Lambeth.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
 " 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
 " 1395, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Hot., St. John's-wd.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
 " 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
 " 1586, Upper Norwood, White Swan Hot., U. Norwd.
 " 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
 " 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
 " 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot.

ROSE CROIX CHAP. 1, Gr Metropolitain, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
 Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Burdett Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
 United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
 Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
 Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15.

- Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Pub. Hall, S. Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav.
 " 1681, Londesborough, M.H., 68, Regent-st.
 " 1872, St. Margaret, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 Mark Bon Accord, 8a, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsobry-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-rt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
 St. Michaels, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 8.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 291, Jordan, F.M.H.
 Mark 176, Era, 8a, Red Lion-sq.
 K.T. Precept 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Rose Croix Chap. 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Metropolitan (British), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Unite 1 Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.

Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
 Doric, 79, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-rd., at 7.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
 Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
 " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 12.

- Lodge 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
 " 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
 " 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
 " 1021, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.
 " 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 322, Peace, Warren Bulkley Arms, Stockport.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 323, Concord, Florist Hall, Stockport.
 " 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
 " 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.R., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.

Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 793, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 Mark Lodge 178, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 Wm. de la More Encamp., Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.

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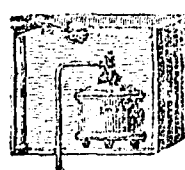
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