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CHRISTMAS will soon be here again, with all its wonted joys of social gatherings and peaceful family reunions. Before we again greet our many kindly readers another Christmas Day will have been added to the departed anniversaries of close on to 1900 years, and all that constitutes the "outcome" of abnormal family assemblies and domestic rejoicings will be once again but a memory and association of the past. "Happy, happy Christmas," says one of the most popular and effective of modern English writers, and so say we, which can invest so much that is common-place and purely earthly with all that is gentlest in tone, and most graceful in sentiment, and can supply for a few, short passing hours as much of personal happiness and loyal fellowship as is good for us all to claim and lean upon as our own here. Yes, Christmas throws over our customary and even baser life to-day all that is poetic in sympathy, all that is beautiful in emotion, all that is true and goodly and beneficent in practice. To very many Christmas is the far off goal of ardent hopes, the "Ultima Thule" of genial associations, a meeting of harmony to compensate for the rough discords of life, a reward for toil, a sweetening, return for duty, a help and a consolation, and a happy alleviation for a little space, of many hard lots, stalwart struggles, and bitter disappointments in the world. And therefore to-day we hail "King Christmas" once again; may it bring with it all of health and happiness for many true patrons, and unwavering friends of ours, much radiant happiness for the young, much heartfelt contentment for the old. Laden with gifts of affection, and fragrant with sympathies of love, may it indeed be "A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FOR WHOM WE WRITE OR CARE FOR;" TO ALL FREEMASONS WHITHERSOEVER DISPERSED OVER THE FACE OF EARTH OR WATER. TO THEM, ONE AND ALL, OLD AND YOUNG, PUBLISHER AND EDITOR TENDER MANY, MANY SINCERE AND HEARTY GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO THEM AND THEIRS.

CHRISTMAS has two sides to its appearance, year by year amongst us all, as the calendar of time closes in and the great stream of time rolls on turbidly and muddily to the greater sea of Eternity. It has its joyous fellowship; it has also its sadder aspect. For the present inevitably recalls the past. It is impossible for us to-day to associate with the gay gatherings of Christmas, to stand, perhaps, a "weary sojourner," amid the songs and shouts of the young, the charming, the brilliant, and the blooming, the unwithered hearts and untainted sympathies of many a happy family circle, without remembering those who are missing from the assembly and the festival, from the innocent festivities of a benign and benevolent sociality. Some, alas, "are not," whom we sadly miss to-day from our sides or from our very midst. The pleasant presence, and the warm heart; the silvery voice, and the sunny smile, the gifts and graces of early and of later years, are no longer with us to help and comfort, to cheer and to delight. Still they are not forgotten by that true and tender memory which is never ashamed to linger on amid that dear departed company even now; still those who are wanting to us seem, as it were, to shed over the scene of many a goodly festivity the soothing influence of "auld lang syne," the tender recollections of a true but cherished "long ago." Are we striking too serious a chord for some if we conclude these few faltering lines (may be) of ours, with the beautiful words of the REV. GREGORY SMITH'S, which as set to music by Mr. HERBERT OAKLEY, were used in a hymn termed "Past and Future," before the QUEEN and nearly the whole of the assembled Royal Family on the anniversary of the death of the much-lamented PRINCE CONSORT, a few days ago?

"Adown the river year by year the fragile bark flies past;
And still a fond reverted gaze is fixed upon the past.
Yet soon a golden ray shall dart across the eastern sky,
To bid the weary world rejoice: at last her Lord draws nigh.
And though the voices dearly loved have breathed their last farewell,
Their precious tones within the heart still unforgotten dwell.
O time, fly fast! O ages, end! that He, whom we adore,
May gather round Himself His own, for ever, evermore!
Amen."

THERE is a "point which deserves note and comment" even in these quiet and friendly pages of the *Freemason*. It is this, that Christmas is meant to be enjoyed and not abused. We are aware that some foolish persons

dislike and some weak minds object, to all words of friendly warning, or reasonable reminder, and term them "puritanical" or even "hypocritical." For our part we venture to think that the *Freemason* is never so well occupied as when, without pharisaic ostentation or pretentious sentimentality, it seeks, amid the din of conflicting follies and unreasoning "isms," to allow a few words of friendly counsel and salutary wisdom to lighten up the otherwise dull routine of mere customary platitudes. Christmas is not merely a wordly jubilee; it is not a pagan festival; it is not, and cannot be, only intended for unlicensed indulgence. The message it brings is one of "moderation in all things,"—alike in the good things of life, the gay fellowship of society, the songs and pleasures of a happy "merry meeting." All these things are good and proper in their measure and in their place, their use and their enjoyment; and he is the wisest and most religious person who, neither seeking to be singular nor "idiosyncratic," accepts gratefully all the "good gifts" to man of T.G.A.O.T.U., and avails himself of them one and all in self-restraint and self-control. The "Golden Mean" is still as ever the search and the aim of the true Masonic philosopher; that "Golden Mean," I say, which avoids equally avarice and profusion, excess and childish asceticism. So there is, as we said before, a "point" to be noticed by all our readers, and which we beg to commend to their fraternal and serious consideration.

WE need hardly remind our friends that Christmas is a good time to remember those who have none of the blessings and good things we so freely enjoy. Just now there are so many pressing claims on our personal means, so many excellent, and valuable, and truest charities asking, nay, "imploing" for succour, that it becomes almost invidious to particularize and difficult to select. There is also, though we sometimes forget it, an enormous amount of unknown suffering and penury which it may do some of us good to try to enquire into and search out. Some of our Christmas festivities may be made truer festivals of the heart, happier memories for us all, if we can recall to our mind the reality that we have sought to make some poor boy or girl, some one suffering and poverty-stricken home, some haunt of misery and disease, brighter, happier, more endurable, alike by friendly words of sympathy, and kindlier gifts of charity.

H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY was installed First Principal of the Apollo Chapter in the Friends in Council Chapter by M.E. Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., on Saturday last, at 33, Golden-square. We need hardly add that the ceremony was performed by our excellent and esteemed Companion with all that clearness and effect for which he is so admired. There was a brilliant assemblage of Installed First Principals, some of the very "élite" of our Order, and many more were unavoidably prevented from being present. Those who were not present missed a great treat, and were deprived of a great pleasure. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS was most warmly received by the as ever loyal companions who filled the hall.

WE rejoice to note that the LORD MAYOR'S Fund for Distressed Ladies in Ireland has in reality reached to over £3000, after eleven days' appeal, to the beginning of this week, and we trust that when Christmas Day has dawned upon us, the fund may not fall short of £10,000 or £12,000. Every aid, however small, is urgently needed and will be gratefully received. The personal accounts from Ireland are most distressing.

ALL our readers will appreciate and admire poor Lady BALCARRES' beautiful letter which appears in our daily contemporaries. It will be the hope of us all that some discovery may be made ere long which will restore the body of the late Earl of BALCARRES to the mausoleum at Dunecht, and frustrate both the aims of cupidity and the cruel cunning of profanity.

THE LORD MAYOR has received from the BURGOMASTER of Vienna the following reply to his friendly message: "The sympathy of London with the mourning City of Vienna is a great consolation in these days of public accidents. In the name of the Municipality I beg to tender my best thanks for the expression of such sympathy."

WE all in England are deeply shocked with the progress and incidents of the "GUILTEAU Trial." They seem to shame utterly our sense of decency and decorum, of order and propriety, in similar trials. So painful, so humiliating are some of the details, that for once we wish actually that this trial took place "in camera," to prevent the flood of folly, of blasphemy, and of profligate impiety thus poured down upon us in the too eager columns of newspapers. The Abbe DOMENECH, in a missionary work on Texas, tells us a good story of an United States judge, who, when Texas was first settled and he first appeared on the scene, gave as the sentiment of the evening to an assembly of the Bar and legal profession generally, gravely and sonorously, "Justice modified by circumstances." Can such an axiom still prevail in any

district or court of the United States? We fancy some denizens in that great new country will often envy the dignity and calm "outcome" of well-ordered law as administered in a great "old country," of which they have sometimes heard, under that "unsullied sanctity of the Ermine," which constitutes the best assurance of national safety, and the truest "ægis" of national liberty.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President of the Lodge, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain, acted as Junior Vice-President. There were also present:

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; Rev. Chas. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; A. J. Duff-Filer, P.G.S.B.; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; John Constable, P.M. 185; H. P. Speedy, W.M. 1181; Arthur E. Gladwell, W.M. 172; Frederic Davison, W.M. 10; Geo. H. Haydon, P.M. 46; G. Adamson, P.M. 1728; W. Russell, P.M. 1464; M. S. Ayling, P.M. 1096; William Cox, P.M. 887; William Cook, I.P.M. 1815; Alex. Malord, W.M. 1288; Samuel George Myers, P.M. 715; William Drake, W.M. 1566; John J. Kern, W.M. 1139; W. Pierpoint, W.M. 813; F. A. Manning, W.M. 452; W. Groves, W.M. 749; J. Mason, P.M. 1928; W. F. Smart, W.M. 766; George Newman, P.M. 192; S. P. Catterson, W.M. 548; W. H. Boswell, W.M. 1686; Wm. Topp, W.M. 879; John Skirving, W.M. 87; L. F. Littell, P.M. 860; Joseph Tanner, P.M. 1457; H. Turner, P.M. 1589; Adolphus Clarke, W.M. 1227; G. Michu, I.P.M. 1089; D. Trinsler, P.M. 720; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 1351; D. H. Harrison, W.M. 1681; Fredk. Binckes, P.M. G.S.L.; Chas. Russ, W.M. 382; G. R. Shervill, P.M. 25; Edw. F. Horne, P.M. 227; John Docker, P.M. 1687; H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the amount of £775, and then proceeded with the new list. After long and carefully considering the case sent back to them by Grand Lodge of the previous Wednesday, and examining witnesses, the brethren rescinded £140 of the £150 recommended. There were twenty-nine other cases on the paper. Two of them were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £890, which was composed as follows: one of £100 (£100); three £75 (£225); one £60 (£60); one £50 (£50); two £40 (£80); three £30 (£90); five £25 (£125); five £20 (£100); three £15 (£45); and three £5 (£15).

The lodge was then closed.

INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF ALBANY AS M.E.Z. OF THE APOLLO CHAPTER, OXFORD.

On Saturday evening, the 17th inst., a special meeting of the Friends in Council Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 1383, was held at the Hall of the Supreme Council, 33, Golden-square, for the purpose of installing His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., as First Principal of the Apollo (University) Chapter of Oxford, to which office he had been unanimously elected by the members of that chapter. His Royal Highness, who is Provincial Grand Master of Oxford in the Craft Degree, has lately been appointed by the Prince of Wales as Superintendent of that province in the Royal Arch Degree, and his installation in that important office will shortly be held, though the day is not yet fixed. The ceremony of Saturday may be considered as preliminary to that event, and the companions of the Order mustered in goodly numbers to witness it. The assemblage was, as might have been expected, a distinguished one, and as all those present had attained to very elevated positions in Freemasonry, the spectacle was most imposing, the ranks of the different companions entitling them to wear an abundance of elegant jewels. Among the Royal Arch Masons present, none of whom were below the rank of an Installed Third Principal, as the meeting was called only for Installed Principals, were:

Comps. Lord Tenterden, Proc. G. Supt. Essex; Sir Francis Birdett, Bart., Proc. G. Supt. Middx.; Sir John B. Moncton, Past G.P. Soj.; Sir Michael Costa, P.C.J.W.; Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.N.; Gen. J. B. Brownrigg, C.B., Proc. G. Supt. Surrey; Major-Gen. Henry Clerk; Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P.; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.S.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.Z., P.G.S.N.; John Mead, Org.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.Z., P.G.S. Bengal; R. W. Hoskins Giddy, P.Z.; Raphael Costa, G.D.C.; J. M. P. Montagu, G. Supt. Doiset; Rev. R. P. Bent, 771, P.G.P. Soj.; E. J. Barron, 214, P.G.S.B.; H. C. Levauder, P.Z. 142, G.S.B.; Rev. Amrose W. Hall, Asst. G. Soj.; A. B. Cool, G. Std. Br.; Wilhelm Ganz, C. Org.; Frank Richardson, P.Z., 8, P.A.G.S.; James L. Thomas, P.Z. 13, P.G. Swd. Br.; Robert Grey, P.A.G.S.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.S.B.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.P.S.; John H. Scott, 271, P.G.D. of C.; Magnus Ohren, 33, P.G.S.B.; Ernest E. Wendt, 63, P.G.S.N., G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.A.S., G.H. Surrey; Eneas J. McInyre, O.C., G. Reg.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.A.G.S.; Charles A. Murne, P.G.A.S.; H. G. Buss, P.G. Std. Br., Asst. G.S.F.; Hugh H. Riach, P.Z. 1118; H. R. Cooper-Smith, P.Z. 357 and 1118; George Lambert, P.Z. 1, 7, and 21; John A. Rucker, P.G.P.S.; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.Z. 340 and 357; Peter de Land, Leog, P.G.P.S.; R. F. Gould, P.G. Asst. Soj.; Reginold Bird, P.Z. 357; W. C. Beaumont, Z. 26; J. M. Cass, P.G.D.C.; Montague Guest, M.P., G.N.; A. J. Duff-Filer, P.G.S.B., Z. 28; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.A.S.; H. Sadler, G.J.; Geo. Austin, Junior; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

The Friends in Council Chapter was first opened: Comps. Lieut.-Gen. Randolph, as Z.; J. W. Waldon, as H.; Major-Gen. H. Clerk, as J.; Hugh D. Sandeman, as S.E.; Col. Burney, as B.N.; Ciddy, as P.S.; Ralph Costa, as 1st Asst.; W. C. Beaumont, as 2nd Asst.; and Frank Richardson, as D. of C.

Gen. RANDOLPH informed the companions that the Duke of Albany had been elected as First Principal of the Apollo Chapter at Oxford, but that as it would be inconvenient for him to attend at Oxford for installation, he had selected, as he was privileged to do by paragraph 59 of the Royal Arch Regulations, another chapter in which to take the Degree. He had therefore honoured the Friends in Council Chapter for the purpose, and had requested Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to perform the ceremonies.

Shortly after then the Duke of Albany arrived, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke took the First Principal's chair, Lieut.-Gen. Randolph taking the Second chair, and Comp. John Read presiding at the organ.

When His Royal Highness entered the chapter, he was presented for installation by Capt. N. G. Phillips. As he had not previously been installed in either of the Three Principals' chairs it was necessary that he should pass through the whole of the three ceremonies. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke therefore installed him first in the lowest of the three chairs, next in the Second chair, and lastly in the chair of the Most Excellent Z. of the chapter, the Rev.

C. W. Arnold acting as Chaplain. All the ceremonies were faultlessly performed, and appeared to make a profound impression on the Duke of Albany.

At the conclusion of the ceremony he announced that he appointed Comp. H. A. Wakeman to act for him as Pro M.E.Z. in the Apollo Chapter, and directed the Rev. H. A. Pickard, a Past M.E.Z. of the chapter, to notify the fact to the members.

General RANDOLPH, M.E.Z., then said: I have the privilege of saying a few words to the companions of this Friends in Council Chapter, of which I am the First Principal, and in the name of the chapter I beg to thank His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany for honouring us by selecting this chapter as the chapter in which to be installed in the Three Principals' chairs of the Apollo Chapter.

The Duke of ALBANY: Companions, before leaving this room I beg to thank the companions of the Friends in Council Chapter for their courtesy in allowing me to be installed in their chapter.

Capt. N. G. PHILIPS: Companions, I beg on behalf of the Friends in Council Chapter to propose that His Royal Highness become an honorary member of the Friends in Council Chapter.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE: I beg to second it. The motion was put to the companions and carried unanimously.

The Duke of ALBANY: Companions, I thank you very much for the distinction.

The Duke of Albany then left.

H. D. SANDEMANN, S.E., said the Prince of Wales had expressed his regret at not being able to attend the convocation, and that letters also expressing such regret had been received from Comps. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, John Havers, John M. Clabon, C. W. C. Hutton, C. Hutton Gregory; Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer; J. Bevan, District Superintendent Westland, New Zealand; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Supt. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, J. Ebenezer Saunders, and Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. Supt. Suffolk.

The chapter was then closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

A special meeting of this Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Friday, the 16th inst., for the purpose of installing Comp. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., as Grand Superintendent of that province, in the place of the lamented Comp. Lonsdale M. Cockcroft, lately deceased.

M.E. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Scribe E., having opened the Provincial Grand Chapter, and addressed the companions on the subject of the meeting, proceeded to install the Grand Superintendent.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested, and after the usual routine business the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

The companions mustered in large numbers on the occasion, there being nearly 100 present, among whom was the Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, the Prov. Grand Master of the province, and several distinguished visitors.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

A CURIOUS POINT.

It has often struck me, though I do not know if it has equally struck others, what a "Crux" it involved in the intense divergence between Anderson and the unknown author of "Multa Paucis," as regards the statement of the Festival by four lodges of the former and six lodges by the latter. It has always seemed to me inexplicable why the anonymous compiler of 1764, with the Constitutions of 1723, 1738, 1756 before him should have so deliberately contradicted Anderson, who *a priori* was most likely to know the fact, *qua a fact*, in 1723, than a writer in 1763, over a generation later.

I. Can any one throw any light upon the probable author of "Multa Paucis?" If we knew who he really was we could then test better than at present we are able the value of his witness and estimate his claim to accuracy, or *vice versa*. It must, I think, be clear to every reader of his work that he transcribed certain documents. What were they? Where were they? He could not have simply invented what he states so categorically and confidently; neither could he have drawn upon his memory. As we read his statements, and note carefully where he diverges from Anderson, we feel,—at least I did, I remember, when I first studied his little work and collated it,—with Anderson, that he must have, as we say, both "chapter and verse" for much he so clearly puts forward.

He evidently either copied the "Grand Lodge Record," or a *Replica* of the same, or had some independent authority to go to.

No doubt he cannot be entirely depended upon. Far from it. He is too credulous in some things, too much given to "sheepwalking" in others; and his allusions to the "G. Assembly" are both un-historical and unwarranted, and yet one feels that he may have some authority we know not of for asserting as he does that six lodges met in 1716, and not only four. For when he wrote his work he had the Constitution of 1723, 1738, 1756 before him, so that he deliberately asserted that no lodges were present in contrary distinction to Anderson, Anderson's account being approved by Grand Lodge. Why then was this divergence?—this marked difference of statement? It was inevitable but that Masonic historians should prefer Anderson's authority of 1723, so near the time of action, and with the concurrent confirmation of Grand Lodge, to an unknown writer in 1763.

And yet it seems to me that there is an explanation which may make both statements in one sense correct. We find constant reference, as Bro. Speth shows, to St. John Masons, members as the Great Mystery has it, of the "Holy Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem." Bro. Gould holds, and I hold with him, that such expressions refer to the Masons belonging to no chartered lodge. But yet, taking certain Grand Lodge resolutions into consideration, and the meeting in London in 1682, it seems to me that it is just possible that six lodges met in 1716, but that only four adhered to the Grand Lodge, and that three were certain unchartered lodges which called themselves "Lodges of St. John," to which Anderson would not allude as *irregular and unlicensed*, but which, nevertheless, existed, and late into the eighteenth century. It is also just possible that the ancient Masons were grafted upon the stock of some such old lodges of St. John. The "Crux" is, however, both patent and interesting for Masonic students.

THE GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

BRO. GRAHAM'S ADDRESS.

(Continued from page 568, Vol. XVI.)

"COLONIAL POLICY OF G. L. OF ENGLAND.

"Hence it follows, also, that the practice of the mother Grand Lodge of England toward the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and other like Grand Lodges similarly situated in different parts of the British Empire, has not been, and is not in accordance with the theory or principles of the ancient constitutions of the Craft, of her own constitution, or of that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or of other 'regular' Grand Lodges,—in putting forth, as she does, priority of private lodge existence, or 'Canada' treaty obligations, or any other reason, for the 'continuance at will,' or otherwise, of English Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or of any other regularly established and generally recognised Grand Lodge.

"STATUS OF 'COLONIAL' GRAND LODGES.

"Since the principle of the exclusive sovereign jurisdiction of each of the British Grand Lodges is acknowledged and prevails within their respective geographical limits, which are still the same as they were prior to the union of their formerly separate kingdoms into one 'United Kingdom,' although each of the Grand Lodges of England and of Scotland has been formed since the said political union, it therefore follows that the same constitutional law of exclusive sovereignty ought to prevail within the geographical limits of Quebec (*a fortiori*), for the stronger reason that since the federation of Quebec with other B. N. A. Provinces into one 'Dominion,' Quebec possesses a separate political autonomy, having a parliament of its own with ample legislative, judicial and executive powers, such as is not possessed by England, Scotland, or Ireland as parts of the United Kingdom; and hence it also follows, that the argument (?) of some 'British Brethren,' as to the 'merely colonial status' of Quebec (as 'a dependency of the British Crown'), are not of any weight as against the right of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to have and to exercise exclusive Masonic sovereignty, but rather, if pressed to their logical sequence, they might be thought by others to militate against the right to exclusive sovereignty of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland; and hence it may not be deemed amiss for 'mere colonists' kindly, sometimes, in return, to remind 'those of mature growth' of the dangers of thoughtlessly 'handling edged tools,' even in 'chopping logic' re 'Colonial' G.L. sovereignty.

"EXCLUSIVE' G.L. SOVEREIGNTY. U.S.A.

"Virginia.—In 1779, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in the due exercise of her constitutional prerogatives, 'ordered' all lodges within her territory, holding charters from England, Scotland, and Ireland, to become enrolled on her Registry.

"MASSACHUSETTS.

"Lodge St. Andrew.—In 1782, the doctrine of the British Constitutions was formerly announced by the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Scottish Constitution, having refused to become of obedience to the United Lodge at the union of the two theretofore Grand Lodges, in 1792; and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts having for four years tried 'invitation and persuasion' to induce St. Andrew's Lodge to become enrolled on her Registry, and such means proving of no avail, she adopted in 1796, the following resolution, or rather 'permanent regulation':—

"The Grand Lodge will not hold communication with, or admit as visitors, any Masons residing in this State, who hold authority under, and acknowledge, the supremacy of any foreign Grand Lodge; or who do not, by their representatives, communicate with, and pay their dues to this Grand Lodge."

"CONNECTICUT.

"In answer to an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to the other Grand Lodges of the United States, to endorse and uphold the action which she had thus taken, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut passed the following resolution:—

"Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge will not hold communication or correspondence with any Mason or Masons, citizens of the United States, lodge or lodges, who acknowledge the supremacy of any foreign Grand Lodges, or who do not, by their representatives, communicate and pay their dues to the Grand Lodge of the State where they are constituted or where they reside."

"PENNSYLVANIA.

"In the succeeding year the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania adopted the following:—

"Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge will not hold communication nor correspondence with, or admit as visitors, any Masons resident in this State who hold authority under, or acknowledge the supremacy of any other Grand Lodge within the same, and do not by their representatives communicate and pay their dues to this Grand Lodge."

"Other Grand Lodges took substantially the same action. St. Andrew's Lodge was thereby completely isolated, and shortly thereafter she took measures looking toward 'passing under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts,' and in the year 1809 she happily gave in her adhesion to the same, and has ever since been one of the most honored and prosperous lodges on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of that Commonwealth.

"OHIO.

"American Union Lodge.—In the year 1808 and for some time afterward, the Grand Lodge of Ohio sought by 'argument and persuasion' to induce Marietta Lodge, situated within its limits, but of 'exterior' constitution, to become of obedience to that Grand Lodge, but without avail. In 1815 she passed the following, among other resolutions:—

"Resolved,—That 'American Union Lodge, No. 1,' at Marietta, by refusing to surrender her charter, and denying the jurisdiction of this (Grand) Lodge, has forfeited her privileges to labour, and has become an unauthorized lodge."

"Resolved,—That no member of any lodge of the State of Ohio, who may enter that lodge after a knowledge of these resolutions, and labour in any of the duties appertaining to the Craft, or any member of that lodge, who shall

sit in or assist in any labour (while working under their present charter) shall ever again be received in any lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent American Union Lodge from once meeting for the sole purpose of considering these resolutions."

"Resolved,—That no person hereafter initiated in that lodge under its present charter shall be ever considered and acknowledged as a Mason in any lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, by virtue of such initiation."

"All which action, in my opinion, was in strict accordance with the principles and practice enunciated in the constitutions of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland in the old world, and with what had been affirmed and enforced by the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and other Grand Lodges on this continent.

"THE THREE ENGLISH LODGES IN QUEBEC.

"For twelve years, three lodges of English constitution, viz.: the St. Paul, the St. George, and the St. Lawrence, have been suffered to continue within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, contrary to the constitutions of the Fraternity, and in contravention of the rights, privileges and prerogatives of this Grand Lodge, and to the detriment of the Craft within her territorial jurisdiction, and many fraternal efforts have been put forth to induce the said lodges voluntarily to become of obedience to this Grand Lodge and to be enrolled on its Registry, but thus far seemingly without avail. The Grand Lodge and the Grand Master of England have repeatedly affirmed their willingness to acquiesce in the union of these three lodges with this Grand Lodge, should they so elect, England has hitherto failed (although frequently appealed to by the Grand Lodge) to do what this Grand Lodge holds to be her duty in the premises, namely, either to recall the warrants of the said lodges or to require them to become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

"RIGHTS AND DUTY OF GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

"It appears, therefore, that much longer forbearance on the part of this Grand Lodge can scarcely in reason be looked for, either by the Grand Lodge of England or by the said three lodges. It is therefore my opinion that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in strict conformity to the constitutions and landmarks of the Fraternity,—in the defence and maintenance of her sovereign rights and prerogatives as a lawfully constituted and duly recognized Grand body,—with a due regard to her solemn obligations to the Sister Grand Lodges of the world from whom she has received recognition, and with whom she is in fraternal correspondence,—and because of her imperative duty to uphold and promote the welfare, the unity, the rights and general interests of the Craft, both at home and abroad; that from all these and every other Masonic consideration and obligation, the Grand Lodge of Quebec would be fully justified in taking action for the immediate vindication of her sovereign authority which has been so long set at naught; and in now adopting measures toward the said three lodges of English institution here, similar to, and based on the constitutional enactments cited above from the British constitutions; and in employing the same means as have been adopted by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and by Grand Lodges on this Continent, in like circumstances as Quebec now is, in the defence and vindication of their rights and prerogatives when such have been set at naught and denied by lodges or individual Masons within their respective sovereign jurisdiction.

"Yet notwithstanding all these and other like important considerations, I beg earnestly to advise Grand Lodge not to take any decisive action thereon at this present communication; and, with a profound appreciation of the grave responsibility devolving upon me, I pray you, fraternally, to acquiesce therein.

"Some of my reasons for giving this advice to Grand Lodge are—that the important and, as I may call it, diplomatic correspondence thereanent between our respective Grand Lodges, and also between our respective Grand Chapters on the same subject (which it has so far devolved upon me to conduct), is as yet incomplete, and of which this annual address will necessarily become no unimportant factor; that any present action of this Grand Lodge should not be such as to preclude further correspondence and personal conference thereanent if mutually desired; that, in my opinion, neither the mother Grand Lodge of England nor her daughters here have hitherto given to the subject such full and mature consideration as its importance demands, nor, as they are now likely to give to it at no very distant day; that the postponement of action for what may be but a brief period cannot in any way be considered as a waiver of the rights of this Grand Lodge; that in so doing, this Grand Body will lose nothing, but may gain much; that the profound esteem entertained by me for our distinguished and illustrious Bro. His Royal Highness the M. W. the Grand Master of England will not as yet permit me to believe that His Royal Highness, or the venerable Grand Lodge of England over which he so auspiciously presides, will, in view of all the facts of the case, desire long to perpetuate that which is shown not to accord with Masonic right and justice, and which inevitably tends to disturb the local and international harmony of the Craft; that I have such confidence in the prudence, forethought, and ability of many of the brethren still in dissent here as to induce me to think that, on due deliberation, they cannot deem it to be well, or to accord with their duty as loyal Craftsmen, much longer to defer action having in view the enrolment of their lodges on the registry of this Grand Lodge; that for these and other obvious reasons, to which it does not seem advisable for me to allude at the present time, I have, after mature and most anxious deliberation, decided thus to advise Grand Lodge, with the hope and expectation that the grand consummation so devoutly desired, may, in the manner indicated, shortly be attained, and thus give to the world one of the grandest manifestations of the reality and efficacy of our principles and professions as Freemasons, such as has seldom been witnessed heretofore.

"And I trust that I may the more confidently appeal to this Grand Lodge to acquiesce in what I now advise, because of its general concurrence hitherto in my views of the course most advisable to be pursued on several occasions of like importance and of like circumstances, and which have been followed with the most beneficial results; and I give this advice with the more confidence, because I feel sure that you will be of the opinion that it is given with a tolerably intimate knowledge of the whole subject, and with somewhat ample opportunities to judge of what course seems best to be pursued, and that you will also give me credit for the sincerity of my convictions, and of my anxious desire at all times, in all my official acts, to uphold the pre-

rogatives, enhance the prestige, and promote the highest interests of this Grand Lodge, and of the Craft in general.

"Should these seemingly well-grounded expectations of an early, peaceful, and satisfactory adjustment of our relations to the mother Grand Lodge of England, and to her three daughter lodges here, be speedily realised, it will be a signal triumph of the great principles of our peace-loving Order, and all those participating therein will receive the richest fruition of the divinest of benedictions—'Blessed are the peace-makers; and it will afford a grand exemplification of 'how good and how joyful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'

"If these hopes are not fulfilled, which may God forbid, then the Grand Lodge of Quebec will not be found wanting in the performance of its duty."

THE PATTENMAKERS' COMPANY AND BRO. GEORGE LAMBERT, G. Swd. B.

On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the Master and Wardens of this company gave a special dinner to a few friends in honour of Bro. George Lambert, F.S.A., a member of the Court of Assistants, both of the Pattenmakers' and Goldsmiths' Companies, who has recently presented the company with a set of magnificent gilt dessert dishes and salt cellars. On each piece of plate the arms of the company are beautifully engraved, and on the back is the name of the donor and the date. The banquet was given in the Guildhall Tavern, the Master, Mr. James Chapman, presiding. He was supported by the following members of the Court: Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt, Bro. Barrow Emanuel, 1827, Past Master; Bro. Major Gant, Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, P.G.S.; Bro. C. W. Thompson, Past Master; Bro. H. Hopkins, Capt. Thornhill, Renter Warden; the Comptroller (Mr. J. Brand), Mr. J. P. Taylor, and the Clerk, Capt. Youle. The following visitors were invited to meet the distinguished guest: Bro. Henry Wright, 1827; Mr. L. Phillips, C.C.; Mr. Miller, C.C.; Bro. Charles Lambert, and Bro. Lambert Houghton. Bro. Pannell, Upper Warden, was prevented, through indisposition, attending.

After the usual loyal toasts from the chair, Bro. C. W. THOMPSON gave "Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Corporation," which was responded to by Mr. MILLER, C.C., in a very able manner.

The MASTER then proposed "The Health of Bro. George Lambert," referring, in eulogistic terms, to his geniality and to his generosity in connection with the affairs of the company, which had been again evinced by his recent gift of an elegant dessert service.

The Master then, on behalf of the Court, presented Bro. Lambert, who was enthusiastically applauded, with an emblazoned address of thanks, signed by the Master and Court.

Bro. LAMBERT, who was received with deafening applause, in his reply, said he presented the dessert service as a souvenir of his pleasant reminiscences connected with his association with the company, and if his colleagues found enjoyment in its use he should feel amply repaid.

Bro. ex-Sheriff BURT then proposed "The Health of the Master," which was heartily drunk, and elicited an appropriate reply.

Capt. THORNHILL, Renter Warden, proposed the toast of "The Visitors" in felicitous terms, with which was coupled the names of Mr. Burrell, Mr. Phillips, Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright, Bro. Dr. Lambert Houghton, and Bro. C. Lambert.

The toast of "The Clerk of the Company, Capt. Youle," was next drunk with honours, the CLERK making a most happy speech.

After which an extra toast was proposed by Bro. LAMBERT, "The Health of Mr. Taylor," who had printed the invitations and menu cards in old English, which each one carried away as a work of art.

A most beautiful selection of music was performed during the evening by the Bros. Browne, assisted by Miss Weaver, Miss Sprain, and Mr. Blomfield. We have dined with many of the hospitable City companies of London, but never, we venture to say, have we spent a more pleasant evening. This was, no doubt, owing in a great measure, to the large number of members of the Craft present, and also to the excellent way in which every detail of the dinner was carried out, reflecting the utmost credit on the Clerk, Mr. Youle. We cannot help feeling that though it did not come to the "fore," there was another moving spirit behind the scenes in the suggestion and carrying out of the evening's entertainment. We allude to Bro. Major T. Davies-Sewell, who is too modest to allow his name to appear as an instigator of the ceremony, but we feel sure had a great deal to do with the evening's proceedings. He is a brother who spends himself, and is spent in the service of the Corporation, and we trust that some day an opportunity will present itself to recognize his ever-willingness to oblige others. Perhaps there is no other officer in the Corporation more thoughtful and obliging than he. Many persons neglect details, Bro. Sewell studies them. We hope that Bro. Pannell, the incoming Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, will soon be convalescent, and we wish him every happiness in his year of office. From his experience we make no hesitation that he will sustain the dignity of his office, and probably surpass some of those who have preceded him. Bro. Pannell has been chosen as Chairman of the Fish Supply Committee, a committee which has done more work and sat oftener than any other this year.

The Committee of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, urge their claim to participate in the Christian benevolence of the season on the grounds that the diseases which this hospital is specially designed to treat, has, of late years, largely increased; that, as a consequence, the applications for admission as in-patients yearly become more numerous, that depending entirely on voluntary contributions, the amount of relief which the committee can bestow must be regulated by the means placed at their disposal, and the depression during the past year, not only in trade, but in the landed interests of the country, has seriously lessened their resources, whilst the demands on their assistance have increased. Donations and subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Earl of Glasgow, Treasurer, by Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, and Co., Sir Samuel Scott and Co., or by the Secretary at the hospital.

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Of this Institution will take place

On **TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1882,**

AT

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON,
Upon which occasion

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. A. LLOYD-PHILIPPS,
R.W. PROV. G.M. FOR SOUTH WALES (Western Division), has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
Secretary.

4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

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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, 1559; Mozart, 1929; Croydon Mark, 195; Frederick Chapter. For terms, &c., address—

JOHN RHODES, P.M.

P.P.G.O. Surrey; P.P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey.

To Correspondents.

LETTER TO HOUSE COMMITTEE, BOYS' SCHOOL.—With regard to a copy of a letter sent to all members of the House Committee of the Boys' School, we must decline to publish it unless the name of the writer is sent to us in confidence.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

NO PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN.—Our correspondent informs us in reply to the letter from "An Old Provincial Chaplain" that the Rev. Hadder was duly appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain for the Province of Derbyshire, and invested with the other officers, *vice* Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, retired, but that he had omitted to transcribe it from the notes he made at the meeting.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Jewish Chronicle," "The Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "The Broad Arrow," "The Independent," "The West London Advertiser," "La Chaine d'Union," "A Ride to Khiva," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The Freemasons' Monthly," "La Escuadra," "The Keystone," "El Taller."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1881.

TO OUR READERS.

As a rule, it is unnecessary for a journal which has been established so long as the *Freemason* to draw attention to, much less lay stress upon, the fact of its being about to enter on a new volume. An existence of over a round dozen of years is satisfactory evidence that a journal which has endured so long has striven earnestly to fulfil its duties, has missed no opportunities of introducing improvements where possible, and, in short, has succeeded in winning the appreciation of that body in the maintenance and promotion of whose interests it has laboured so assiduously.

But there are occasions when this wise reticence about one's past career and future prospects and intentions may be departed from. A journal is not likely to be appreciated the less because, while observing the ancient landmarks, it recognises there are other fields of labour in which it may profitably employ itself. The *Freemason*, as its name implies, is before all things an organ of Masonic opinion, and the longer it lives the more sensible does it become of the important interests it has charged itself with upholding.

But a Masonic journal need not be exclusively Masonic. Of course it must rigorously exclude from its columns whatever relates to religion and politics, in a sectarian or party sense, but it is not called upon to ignore the events that are passing from day to day. We are convinced the large and ever-increasing body of our constituents will enjoy their week's Masonic pabulum as much as ever, although it may be supplemented occasionally by a column or two of general or other intelligence of interest. On the contrary, the experiences of the last year or two prove to our satisfaction that with its page of "Masonic and General Tidings," the column it devotes to "Archæological Re-

search," its "Reviews," and its occasional references to non-Masonic subjects, the *Freemason* is more popular than when it almost exclusively treated of the doings of the Craft.

It is not many weeks since we offered some few remarks of a somewhat similar tendency, and as we are about entering on a New Year it has occurred to us to take our friends behind the scenes and show them, in outline at least, the programme we have drawn up for 1882.

As a matter of course the Craft claims, and will receive, the chief share of our attention. Whatever questions affecting its interest may arise will be dealt with in the same spirit of independence, but with the same fraternal consideration for the opinions of others as in the years that are passed. Brethren are invited, and will have every latitude given them, within reasonable limits, for expressing their views, whether they may happen to be in consonance with, or in opposition to, our own. Our reports will be as ample, as accurate, and as recent as possible. More space will be given to Masonic Memoranda and Queries. Another feature during 1882 will be the publication in the first week of every month of a Calendar of remarkable events that have occurred in the History of Freemasonry, so that the whole series of twelve months will be contained in our volume for 1882, which, when complete, will present a list for the whole year of all the most memorable events in the History of the Craft, arranged for the days of their actual or stated occurrence.

We need make no excuse for repeating our announcement of a few weeks since, to the effect that it is our intention to give greater prominence to literary notices in our columns. We are aware of no special reason against this; indeed, Masons are quite as much interested as other folk in learning what is going in the world of letters, and will be the better, or at all events as well pleased to obtain this information through the medium of our columns as from other sources. Thus, with our Masonic Chronology, with our Reviews and General Tidings, our further reports of Masonic doings, and the greater space that will be set apart to archæological studies, we shall spare no trouble to make the *Freemason* more attractive to the brethren as well as interesting to the general readers; and, when the year 1882 is numbered with the past, may we find that we have earned the approbation of all.

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.]

THE RITUAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me a short space in your valuable paper in reply to "Cestrian" and "Masonic Custom." To both I may say that the two cases originally the cause of this controversy were simply these: The W.M.'s were absent, and in each case a P.M. (whether I.P.M. or otherwise, I consider immaterial) presiding called upon a Warden to leave his chair, and stand at the W.M.'s pedestal, and perform certain ceremonies, either of initiation, passing, or raising. In the first case, some years ago, the then Grand Secretary, who had been written to, condemned the practice altogether. In the second, and more recent case, we are told that the Grand Registrar ruled in Grand Lodge, in 1877, that it was legal for a W.M. to call upon any brother to perform a ceremony or ceremonies. Now I respectfully submit that this ruling of the respected Grand Registrar does not bear upon either of the cases mentioned by me, inasmuch as he says a W.M. may do so-and-so, but he has never given the opinion, I believe, that a P.M. may do so. This, then, is my contention, that if a W.M., being supreme, can delegate a brother to perform certain ceremonies (as pronounced legal by the Grand Registrar) a P.M. being a delegate of the W.M. cannot again delegate the work to another.

In the two cases quoted by me, let it be clearly understood that a P.M. is, in the absence of the W.M. in the chair, and there were present other P.M.'s who were capable and willing to do the work. Certainly, my first contention was that the beautiful ceremonies of our Order could only legally be performed from the W.M.'s chair, but I trust I may always bow to the decisions of those in authority, and therefore this point I waive, feeling perfectly satisfied (and justified) in having elicited various opinions upon the point, so far disagreeing with your correspondent, "Masonic Custom," who says it is "much ado about nothing."

Hitherto in this province, I am glad to be able to say, that the instances have been exceedingly rare where a W.M. has called upon a Warden to perform ceremonies, as it is easily ascertained through our instruction lodges whether a Warden is capable or not in one of the most important duties devolving upon a W.M. in the chair.

Apologising for occupying so much of your space, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
JOHN CHADWICK,
Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not consider that the discussion has, as yet, touched upon the real principles involved in the question as to whether the S.W. of a lodge can, or cannot, initiate persons into Freemasonry.

As far as I can judge, the question hangs upon the authority of a lodge to make Masons, and the qualifications necessary in a candidate for the office of Master.

A private lodge can only make Masons by virtue of its warrant from the Grand Lodge, and this warrant reads thus: "Empowering them in the said lodge, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Freemasons, according to the ancient custom of the Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world."

Is it an ancient custom for the S.W. of a lodge to initiate persons into the Order?

Can it be said to be now a modern one? I have been a Mason many years, but until the ceremony in question was performed in a lodge in this town, I had never heard of such a thing, nor can I find any other experienced brother who has done so. And, unless it is ruled that it is an ancient custom, I do not see how the practice can be upheld. If the practice is not an ancient custom, it is contrary to the obligation taken by a W.M. elect before he is installed, and which obligation is in accordance with Clause 2 in the Book of Constitutions, under the head of "Masters and Wardens."

I observe that "Cestrian" says that it forms no part of written or unwritten law that a W.M. should be able to perform ceremonies! Is it not "necessary in every candidate for the office of Master that he be well skilled in the ancient charges, regulations, and landmarks of the Order, and able and willing to undertake the management of the work?" If it is not necessary that he should be able to perform the ceremonies, why should he undertake "not to administer, or cause to be administered, any rite or ceremony contrary to, or subversive of, our ancient Constitution?" Does not the training a brother receives whilst serving in the various subordinate offices of the lodge tend to qualify him to fill the chair by giving him a thorough knowledge of the duties of the respective offices?

Lastly, is not one of the lessons taught us by the P.M.'s jewel, that having served in the various subordinate offices of the lodge, a P.M. should be conversant with them, and at all times be ready to discharge any duty or perform any ceremony in the lodge, and thus exemplify in himself the character of a perfect Mason?

Yours fraternally,

OLDHAM.

MASONIC REPORTING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to express my gratification at what I hope to be a new departure in Masonic reporting, as exemplified in your report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland. Too often it appears to be considered that chief point of interest to the general reader must be the exact words used by Bro. A. in returning thanks for the toast of his own health, "so kindly proposed by Bro. B., and so heartily received by the brethren."

I have written on this point before, contending that we, as Masons, care much more for the actual work, history, and position of the province, or lodge, as regards the number of members, amount of support to the Charities, the work of its Committees, &c., &c.

Those of us who frequently attend Masonic banquets know only too well the dreary round of toasts and "mutual admiration" speeches to desire to see them reproduced weekly to the exclusion of more practically interesting matter. In writing thus let me not be supposed to reflect on the speechmakers, for, unfortunately, I am often obliged to be one, and know well the great difficulty of saying anything new or interesting in response to a call so frequently made.

Will our good brethren who take so much trouble in sending reports consider what I have said, and not be offended at my criticism? I feel convinced that the Masonic papers would be more interesting and secure more readers if my suggestions were acted upon.

Fraternally yours,

D. P. G. M.

CURIOUS BYE-LAWS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You were kind enough to publish two letters of mine in your issue of the 10th inst., under the usual head of correspondence. They were both signed "Vera Pro Gratiis," and I quite thought I should have seen some reply in the *Freemason* received this morning.

As I am still anxious to know what steps could be taken under the circumstances named, I should esteem it a favour if some correspondent could give me the desired information.

Apologizing for thus troubling you, I am, dear Sir and Brother, your truly and fraternally,

December 17th.

VERA PRO GRATIIS.

OFFICERS VISITING LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you inform me whether the officers of one lodge, when visiting another on the occasion of its installation festival, should wear their collars and jewels of office? And also whether Rose Croix, Templar, and Mark jewels are allowed to be worn in Royal Arch Chapters?

Yours fraternally, R. F. D. L.

[As regards the first question: In our opinion, yes; though there is a difference of view on the subject. As regards the second question: No jewels can be worn in R.A. chapters, except those which appertain to the Craft and the Royal Arch.—ED. E.M.]

THE AGONY COLUMN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You are doubtless aware of the daily exhibition of polite literature which is to be found in the "Agony Column" of *Times* and *Standard* and other papers. As the nuisance is increasing, though it has its amusing side, I venture to call attention to the subject in the *Freemason*, as I consider the pages of your cosmopolitan journal a fitting home for lucubrations "de omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis," especially when, as at this time of the Masonic year, reports are slack and copy is often wanting. In default of better matter pray insert my letter. The agony columns of the *Times* and *Standard* of last week abound in remarkable specimens of sensationalism and rubbish; so much so as to lead to remarks in the *Standard* of Saturday last on its own advertisements.

To me the greater part of this unnecessary, if peculiar verbiage, appears what is termed at Scotland-yard "thieves' gibberish, thieves' lingo," or else it represents the skilfully dressed up decoy ducks of supposed astute special agents!

"Ethelreda," for instance, regrets *his* or her "churlish behaviour." Churlish! The imagination roves away at once in fields of conjecture as to what *he* or she did. "Mine," with a mixture of German-English, is not apparently "his" after all, but leans probably to "ours." Whoever the writer be, has he forgotten the Carlsbad ditties? Wir sitzen so fröhlich beisammen, wir haben einander so lieb? Why does he or she advertize?

"Shrimp" istold that "all is settled," and that he is to go to "Box and Cox," evidently to find the "strawberry leaf" and his "long lost brother." But why the "Hotel des Bains"? Does he need washing? "Harry" is told to write to Jim. There is only "one Jim" that most of us know of is—See Sir W. Lawson "passim."

"Childe Harrie" speaks in quaint and startling "form" to her "own dearest papa." I am afraid that Childe Harrie is a great goose. "C. G." would like to write to "Sphinx," but "Sphinx" does not evidently wish to hear from "C. G." Perhaps it is a lawyer's letter for a "bill or a breach." "J. P." does not evidently mean to come back to his "loving wife," having found "more comfortable quarters." "Moselle" appears to me rather idiotic, and "Swift" slightly blasphemous.

But what can I or any one else say of the forty-two line advertisement in the *Standard*, "To a Father?" Is the writer sane? What can be the mystery of "Leah and Rachel." Is it the "old, old story?" or is it a "new departure?" It strikes one as inexpressibly painful and awfully profane! It may be a cypher, as there seems no coherency in the language, and it probably emanates either from a maniac or a cracksmán. Here I stop to-day.

Yours fraternally,

AN AGONIZED READER OF UNPROFITABLE LITERATURE.

OUR NEW W.M.'S.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

They tell me that there is just now a "great itching for collars." Is it so? At this time of the year, when so many elections for W.M. are taking place in our lodges daily, I venture to crave a few lines of space to urge upon your readers the inadvisability of putting up any brother prematurely, or carelessly, to fill the chair of the lodge. A somewhat long and varied experience of Masonic life and work convinces me indeed of these two assured facts: (1) that you cannot lay down any one law without an *exception*; and (2) that every lodge is the Best judge of its own true interests, and of its own real wants. But I sometimes hear it said in lodges that brethren are selected as W.M.'s not because they are bright Masons; not because they have done much for Masonry; not because they are proficient in Masonic work, or have rendered good suit and service for the Masonic Charities. No: but because from their social position their wealth especially, they can raise the tone and increase the respectability of the lodge. Now no one more recognizes the claim of social wealth than I do, the honest fruits of legitimate industry, and especially in the case of the hardworking, the honest and the self-made. Yet I must enter a protest against what is after all only a fallacy. For I have known money prevail where other proper qualifications were wanting. I have seen brethren placed in the chair of King Solomon who never yet did a day's work in lodge, or in that honourable chair, and never will do a day's work if they live to the age of Methuselah. Very bad, in my humble opinion, is the position of that

lodge where all the work is done by one ready and proficient P.M., where capacity for the chair is not considered, and in which the election degenerates into too often the selection of favouritism on the one hand, or a premium for incompetency on the other. A recent discussion about ritual in your columns has reminded me of those old fancies of mine; and though I do not think that our worthy Bro. Chadwick's, of East Lancashire, somewhat alarming prophecy of incompetent Masters is likely to be fulfilled, yet I have deemed it neither unseasonable in itself, nor unsuitable for your pages, thus to offer a little friendly and honest caveat against a rash choice and an injudicious selection of W.M., so important for the welfare, honour, and progress of every lodge,

By yours, patriarchally,

A VERY OLD P.M., 1847.

Reviews.

BIBLIOTHECA SUNDERLANDIANA. List of Prices and Purchasers' Names.

By this official list we learn that the whole amount of the ten days' sale was in reality £19,373 10s. 6d. The highest price paid was £1600; the lowest one shilling. It is curious to note that eleven lots were "passed," and that many were paid for at the time and taken away. The purchases by the "public" seem larger than we at first believed. We do not know who acted as buyer for the British Museum, but the largest professional buyers were Mr. Quaritch, of 15, Piccadilly book fame, Mr. Techener, of Paris, Messrs. Ellis and White, Mr. Pickering, Messrs. Sotheman and Co., Trübner and Co., Bull and Auvache, Hutt, Catalani, Nuttall and Bond, Toon, Harber, and S. Low and Co. Mr. Quaritch has been clearly the principal buyer, and though, no doubt, many of his purchases are on "commission," and not a few will go to America, a large portion of what he has so judiciously acquired will remain in this country. We confess, despite some able remarks we once heard from one of our leading "literati" that we do regret the breaking up of large libraries, and grudge (though it may be, as he ably contended, a selfish theory), their leaving this land of their birth, adoption, naturalization, for foreign realms, and far off shores. Still what is our "loss" is the "gain" of some enthusiastic book collector like our good friend Bro. Bower, at Iowa, U.S., and therefore let us seek to be Masonic and Cosmopolitan, large-hearted and liberal all at the same time, in respect of a pursuit and a possession which should not be merely the privilege of one, but the happiness and delight of many.

BOOK CATALOGUES.

J. Hitchman and A. Wilson, at Birmingham; and Roche, 1, Southampton-row, Holborn, have some expensive and rare works on sale at not extraordinary prices.

Scheible. Catalogue No. 134, Stuttgart. We said in a review of Nauck and Richter's Masonic catalogues last week that "Nauck" had a list of 400 and odd philosophical works. A catalogue Scheible sends us also of 304 works on Mysticism, Philosophy, Swedenborgianism, Quakerism, the Waldenses, the Memnonites, &c. Some of Swedenborg's works are rare and interesting for collectors of Swedenborgian literature. We clearly understand how and why the Martinists used Swedenborg's peculiar "reveries," though it is equally clear to us that he had nothing in common with Freemasonry, and never was a Freemason; at least there is not the slightest evidence of any such "fact" as the admission of Swedenborg into Freemasonry.

RIDE TO KHIVA.—By LIEUT.-COL. BURNABY Royal Horse Guards. People's Edition. Price Sixpence. Cassel, Petter, Galpin, and Co., London, Paris, and New York.

This is certainly one of the most interesting books it has been our good fortune to read, while the information it contains of a part of Asia of which, till lately, and even now, but little is known, is something more than interesting. It is of the utmost value to the statesman and the politician, and especially to those who think the security and well-being of our empire in India are worth caring about. However, politics come not within the province of a Masonic journal. We must content ourselves, therefore, with laying stress on the merits of the book, as being descriptive of a comparatively unknown country, the manners and customs of whose inhabitants are, consequently strange to the general reader, and especially to those sections of the community for whose particular benefit this excellent, yet marvelously cheap, edition is published. Messrs. Cassel and Co. have already issued one cheap edition—at three shillings and six-pence; but as that is not purchasable by the multitude, they are to be congratulated on the enterprise.—we may say on the wisdom they have shown in issuing the work in a form which is within reach of everyone. The more we have of "People's Editions" of this class of literature the better it will be for the country at large.

TOLD IN CONFIDENCE. New song, by Bro. F. Julian Croger (F. Amos, and Co.) As Bro. Croger himself puts it, his motives are "quite disinterested and unselfish(?)" in presenting us with a copy of this song, we then and composed by himself. To suggest that he would like us to say a lot of nice things might, perhaps, be presumptuous; but we guess that "such is his intentions."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

STOW AND GULLIM.

Thanks to Bro. Rylands, I think that we have now nearly got to the bottom of this "old contention." So far, the first use of the words, quoted by Anderson in 1723, is found in Munday's edition of "Stow," 1633. The only point remains, where does it come from? Is it from the "intra-nal consciousness" of Munday, or an earlier Gullim, or an earlier Stow? The first edition of "Stow" was published in 1588-89, the second in 1601, both in Stow's lifetime, he dying in 1609. Is the passage in either of these editions? There was a third edition of Stow by Anthony Munday in 1618. Is it in it? AN ENQUIRER.

ALNWICK MINUTES.

Would it be possible for Bro. Hughan to republish the Alnwick Minutes in full.

CUMBERLAND.

MULTA PAUCIS.

To whom does the writer of "Multa Paucis" refer when he says (p. 83) "and after our good old Master had invested him" (Anthony Sayer), &c. Is it Sir Christopher Wren, or the "oldest Master Mason" who presided at the first meeting, St. John's Day in 1716? according to "Multa Paucis," but on February, 1717, according to Preston. In Preston it is said that on St. John's Day, 1717, Anthony Sayer was invested by the "Oldest Master Mason." CRUX.

AN OLD RECORD OF MASONS.

In my note last week I mentioned the possibility of the existence of a document from which the statement with regard to the Masons given by Stow had been copied. In the 1723 Constitutions the sentence is introduced as follows: "To fill up this page (p. 92 of Reprint) it is thought not amiss to insert here a Paragraph from an old Record of Masons." This "old Record of Masons" might fairly be taken to be the 1633 edition of Stow, but in "Preston's Illustrations" (ed. 1829), p. 150, we find in a note, which also appears in the 1812 edition (p. 172), the following: "A record in the reign of Edward IV. runs thus: 'The Company of Masons, being otherwise termed Freemasons, of auncient staunding and good reckoning, by means of affable and kind meetyngs dyverse tymes, and as a lovinge brotherhode use to doe, did frequent this mutual assembly in the tyme of Henry VI., in the twelfth year of his most gracious reign, A.D. 1434.' The same record says farther: 'That the charges and laws of the Freemasons have been seen and perused by our late sovereign King Henry VI., and by the lords of his most honourable council, who have allowed them, and declared That they be right good, and reasonable to be holden, as they have been drawn out and collected from the records of auncient tymes,' &c. From this record it appears that before the troubles which happened in the reign of this unfortunate prince, Freemasons were held in high estimation." Stow, 1633, says the "assembly" was held "in the time of King Henry the Fourth in the twelfth yeere of his most gracious Reigne" (i.e., 1410-1411). Preston (as above) says Henry the Sixth, and gives the correct date for his twelfth regnal year 1434 [1433-4], and dates his record in the reign of Henry the Sixth's successor, Edward the Fourth, who reigned twenty-three years—from 1461 to 1483. What and where is this record? W. H. R.

JOHN LOCKE AND FREEMASONRY.

In Bro. Kenning's "Masonic Cyclopaedia," p. 430, we are told that "Dr. Oliver and Laurie have thought that from his [John Locke's] letter to W. Molyneux they could find ground for believing that Locke was made a Mason in 1696, even between May 6 and June 2, that year, while in London; but no evidence of such a fact is, as far as we are aware discoverable or producible, and we do not feel ourselves at all convinced as to the argument of Oliver and Laurie, &c., &c." In Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry," edited by Dr. Oliver, 1843, p.p. 21, 22, it is stated, referring to this subject: "but there are corroborating facts which appear conclusive, for this great philosopher was actually residing at Oates, the country seat of Sir Francis Masham, at the time when the paper is dated [the 'Locke MS.' and Letter, May 6th 1696], and shortly afterwards he went up to town, where he was initiated into Masonry. These facts are fully proved by Locke's letters to Mr. Molyneux, dated March 30, and July 2, 1696." Hutchinson here writes so positively about these two letters, not taking the trouble to use arguments, that I should be glad of a reference to where they have been published, or where they are to be seen. If not too lengthy they might find a place in your columns, and would, no doubt, interest many besides myself. We should then be in a position to judge of the matter for ourselves.

ENQUIRER.

RECORD OF OLD MASONS.

Having read "W. Harry Rylands" in your last, I turned to an old dictionary by N. Bailey, vol. 2, the fifth edition, by Mr. Buchanan, London, 1760, and copied the following (the author mixes the company with the Free and Accepted):—"Masons were incorporated about the year 1419, having been called the Free Masons, a Fraternity of great account, who have been honoured by several kings, and very many nobility and gentry being of their society. They are governed by a Master and two Wardens, twenty-five assistants, and there are sixty-five on the livery, the fine for which is £5, and that for Steward £10. Their armorial ensigns are, *Azure* on a chevron between three castles *argent*, a pair of compasses somewhat extended of the first. Crest a castle of the second. Their hall is in Basing-lane. Under the heading Free Masons—Accepted Masons, a very ancient society or body of men, so called either for some extraordinary knowledge of Masonry which they are supposed to be Masters of; or because the first founders of the society were persons of that profession. These are now in all or most nations in Europe; what the end of their societies is, yet remains in some measure a secret, unless that they tend to promote friendship, society, mutual assistance and good fellowship, or what Samuel Prichard has lately published in his pamphlet, entitled, Masonry Dissected." R. W. O.

THE GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

The *Montreal Herald* has the following: "The London, England, *Freemason* has published a lengthy synopsis of the recent annual address of the Grand Master of Quebec, together with the whole of the correspondence with H.R.H. the Grand Master of England, and a review of the address itself. The veteran and learned editor deals with the subject most courteously and fraternally, dissents from one or two points taken by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, counsels forbearance, deprecates coercion, desires to allow the correspondence to speak for itself, points to the leaning of the English authorities towards a not far distant settlement, deems that the address deserves attention and perusal, not

Only from the nature of its contents, but from the *status* and authority of the Grand Master of Quebec—considers one of the arguments hardly worthy of the Grand Master's great ability—but recommends his readers to study the pamphlet."

The *Canadian Craftsman*, referring to the same, says: "Our limited space prevents us publishing in full one of the most able documents on exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty that has ever been written, proving conclusively that the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland both upheld the theory."

Vermont Foreign Correspondence: "All hail to Quebec, was the language of the heart and the utterance of the lips, as the intelligence came to us of the final and happy settlement of the long pending question between her and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, again confirming the American doctrine of Grand Lodge jurisdiction. All honour to her advocate, the Grand Master of Quebec, for his earnest and persistent labours, his able and eloquent advocacy of the cause of Quebec, yea, the common cause of Freemasonry on this continent. He has made a record that shall be inscribed upon the pages of the history of Masonry in this land that shall last as long as the Institution has an existence on this continent."

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS. Craft Masonry.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE (No. 1).—The usual meeting of Grand Master's Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday last. Among those present were Bros. J. M. Case, W.M.; the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Alderman Ellis, S.W.; Richard Hervé Giraud, P.M., Treas.; Dr. R. Gooding, P.M., Sec.; Alfred Brookman, W.M. elect, Aldersgate Lodge, 1657; and visitors: Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; Major-Gen. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Sergeant Robinson, P.M.; W. Lake, P.M., and others.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren proceeded to the election of the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. With regard to the W.M., this lodge is fortunate in possessing members of high civic position, who have also found time to pursue their Masonic careers and attain high honour in the Craft. Two years ago our distinguished Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott was elected W.M., and now his popular successor, Alderman Ellis, takes the same position. The balloting, it will readily be understood, was only a necessary formality, and resulted in the unanimous election of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Ellis. The election of Treasurer was marked by a rare event, which, as the Worshipful Master remarked, was unique, he believed, in the history of Masonry, the election for the fiftieth successive year of Bro. Richard Hervé Giraud, P.M., Treasurer, and it was proposed that a committee of the lodge should take into consideration the question of making a presentation to their esteemed brother at the next meeting. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke then handed to the Worshipful Master a volume of the old minutes of the Grand Masters' Lodge from June, 1807, to October, 1809, which had been found in the muniment-room of the Grand Lodge, and which he had great pleasure in restoring to the rightful owners. Bro. Case, W.M., then referred in graceful terms to the uniform courtesy and Masonic support that had been accorded to him during his year of office, and, after a vote of thanks to the Grand Secretary for the trouble he had taken in obtaining for them the missing records, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., Bro. Case, who was supported by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, as Senior Warden, and the other officers.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to, that of "Grand Officers" by Col. Sir Francis Burdett, and "The Visitors" by Bro. Sergt. Robinson. The W.M. announced that he had received a communication from the Secretary of the Boys' School, Bro. Binches, to the effect that their W.M. elect, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor had consented to take the chair at their next festival, and also from Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the Girls' School, that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would preside at the anniversary of that institution. They had already a Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and no doubt their W.M. elect and the Duke of Connaught would be properly supported by the lodge.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present: Bros. Bedford Lemere, W.M.; J. E. Fells, S.W.; J. Smith, J.W.; Walter Wood, S.D.; W. Cubitt, J.D.; J. Saint, I.G.; J. Shackell, P.M.; G. F. S. Warne, P.M. Treas.; P.M.'s Biddle, H. T. Reed, Kershaw and numerous brethren. Bro. W. Kedge was raised by the W.M. in an impressive manner; after which Mr. J. G. Desave was balloted for, and being unanimously elected, was thereupon duly initiated. The W.M. announced that he would act as Steward at the festival of the Benevolent Association in February, and asked the brethren to assist his endeavours to present a good list. The bye laws having been read by the Secretary, the lodge proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler. The votes of the brethren were unanimous in favour of Bro. Fells, S.W., who will be installed on 9th January, 1882, by P.M. Bro. Sam. Webb. Bro. Warne received an additional proof of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren, in his re-election as Treasurer, a post he has now held for many years. The lodge was then adjourned in usual form.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—A well attended meeting of the above lodge was held at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., on the 14th inst. Bro. B. C. Rawe, W.M., opened the lodge in good time, the business on the agenda being very heavy, and was supported by Bros. R. F. Ould, S.W.; W. B. Daniels, P.M., as J.W.; John Wright, P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; E. T. Read, P.M., Sec.; J. Lax, S.D.; F. Robinson, J.D.; J. H. Pringle I.G.; C. Breden, P.M.; J. W. Reeves, P.M.; A. Scherboom, I.P.M.; H. J. Dickson, A. Clements, Bull, M. Absell, J. Harris, F. G. Varcoe, J. P. Kisney, T. Hudson, A. Robertson, H. Webb, G. Simmonds, B. Spurgin, E. Gregory, Richardson, Timson, J. W. Chapman, F. W.

Jeyes, and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. S. L. Turquand, P.M. 896; E. M. Money, 1707; A. Westcott, W.M. 1365; and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemas 12*).

Bro. Rawe being called away on urgent business, Bro. Scheerboom, I.P.M., undertook the duties of the chair, which he discharged most ably. Bro. A. Clements was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. F. G. Varcoe was raised to the Degree of F.C. Two gentlemen who were balloted for, Messrs. J. Mutch and Nunn, were not in attendance, owing to being away at sea. The remainder of the evening was devoted in the lodge to a somewhat protracted discussion upon matters of lodge interest. From the warm interest for its welfare evinced by the brethren generally, there can be no room to doubt but that the future of the Merchant Navy Lodge will fully maintain the prestige attained by the lodge in the past. Carrying on the good work this lodge has done for the Masonic Charities, Bro. F. Robinson, J.D., kindly offered his services as Steward for the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next. We trust Bro. Robinson will be well supported. In connection with this, Bro. Turquand, P.M., Treasurer of the Charitable Association held in connection with the lodge of instruction, stated he hoped by the time the money was required to be able to devote forty guineas from the Association, if the members would only remember and keep their payments up regularly.

The business of the lodge being concluded, lodge was closed, and the brethren responding to an invite of the W.M., spent an hour in social harmony and intercourse. Bros. F. Robinson, J. H. Pringle, J. Wright, Gregory, A. Scheerboom, E. Gregory, and Stephens contributed some enjoyable songs, and Bros. Stephens and Keeble some recitations, all of which in great measure served to render the evening a success.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. Orlando L. M. Latreille, W.M.; A. Rosenthal, S.W.; H. Evans, J.W.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Treas.; C. Atkins, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M., as S.D.; F. Beeton, J.D.; H. Dean, Org.; J. H. Southwood, P.M., D.C.; J. Heaton, I.G.; J. R. Cox, Steward; Czarnecki, Nisbet, Taylor, Frost, Baker, Ryan, Lowes, G. Martin, John M. Martin, Langley, A. A. Renson, Hooker, Hooper, Gibbs, Hart, Bedford, and Larberg. Visitors: Bros. H. F. Whitford, 1364; D. Miller, 174; G. D. Edmunds, 1695; Moore, 1260; L. G. Bailey, P.M. 257; J. Finch, P.M. 173; H. J. Bertrand, 1426; J. Hill, 1524; W. Youngblood, 409, New York.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of previous meeting were read, the following gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry: G. W. Pragnell, W. Harris, F. Dangerfield, jun., and Fredk. W. Chant Hobrow. The sum of £10 10s. was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Southwood, P.M., Steward, for the festival in February next. The brethren subsequently banqueted at Freemasons' Tavern.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).—The members of the above prosperous lodge assembled at the Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, on the 17th inst. Lodge was opened promptly at six o'clock by Bro. J. Edward Cockett, W.M., who was unanimously supported by Bros. Humphreys, S.W.; Fitzgerald, J.W.; Green, S.D.; Pope, J.D.; Hegarty, I.G.; H. T. Lowe, P.M., D. of C.; Cooper and Lowe, jun., Wine Stewards; Dr. Haskins, Org. Amongst the Past Masters were Bros. Bristo, Maples, E. Wright, R. A. Wright, Treas., E. J. Anning, Sec., and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. H. Forss, 554; Stephen Crane, J.W. 933; and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*.)

After the opening of the lodge in ancient form, the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th ult. were submitted by Bro. Past Master E. J. Anning, Secretary, and received confirmation. The ballot having previously been taken in favour of the admission of Mr. John Maughan, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the Order in an impressive manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Cockett added to the effect already created by giving the newly-made brother the benefit of the ancient charge, to the great gratification of the brethren assembled.

This concluded the whole of the business on the agenda paper, and lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining chamber, where it is customary to honour the usual loyal and Craft toasts, and spend a social hour in harmony after lodge. On that occasion Bro. Cockett, W.M., announced the sad news he had received of the death of their late esteemed Bro. Maddever, Prov. Grand Senior Deacon, Herts, and a member of the lodge. The sudden death of this highly respected brother cast a deep gloom over the brethren, and the only toast given was that to the memory of our late esteemed Bro. Maddever, which was drunk in solemn silence. It was also decided to send a letter in the name of the lodge to the family of the late brother, condoling with them on their loss. The brethren shortly afterwards separated at an early hour.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met on the 6th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, when there were in attendance Bro. Speedy, W.M.; Webb, S.W.; Marston, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, Secretary; W. Mann, P.M., Treasurer; Stokes, S.D.; Stranger, J.D.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgings, P.M.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Davis was raised; Bros. Lovesay, Cole, and Foale passed; and Mr. Frank Meredith initiated into Craft mysteries, by the W.M., the three arduous ceremonies being well performed. It having been reported that Bro. Drysdale, P.M., one of the founders of the lodge, had died suddenly, since the last meeting of the lodge, and shortly after his return from a lodge of instruction, a vote of condolence was unanimously passed and ordered to be sent to his widow. The deceased had passed three score years and ten, and was highly respected both in social and Masonic life. He was a Mason of many years' standing, and although not a Past Master of the Kennington Lodge, yet, as one of its founders he had always taken a most lively interest in its welfare, and his genial presence, kind voice, and courtly bearing of "the old English gentleman" type will be sadly missed by his confrères. Previously to the lodge being closed a resolu-

tion was passed that the members out of respect for departed merit should appear in mourning at the next meeting. There was no banquet.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—An emergency meeting of this Provincial Lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Albany Hotel, when there were present Bros. Ashley, I.P.M. in the chair; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; W. H. Saunders, Treasurer acting as J.W.; W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Works &c., Sec.; Powell, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; Briggs, P.M., I.G.; S. Saunders, Org.; Harrison, Tyler. Messrs. Gurney and Jenkyns being in attendance were duly balloted for and initiated into Craft mysteries by Bro. Ashley, the ceremony being well performed.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. The usual toasts followed. W. Bro. Wigginton responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Initiates" followed, and drew from Bro. Gurney and Jenkyns suitable replies. "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, who responded, terminated the proceedings.

CRICHTON LODGE (No. 1641).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at three o'clock p.m. Present: Bros. R. J. Voisey, W.M.; S. H. Goldschmidt, S.W.; Thos. E. Heller, J.W.; D. D. Mercer, Treas. and S.D.; Thos. Weeks, Sec.; W. H. Baker, J.D.; Perceval A. Mairne, P.M., D.C.; R. Greenwood, I.G.; H. A. Stunt and R. Stokoe, Stewards; G. Harrison, Tyler; T. Gardiner, P.M.; F. Griffiths, P.M.; A. Middlemass, P.M.; R. J. Vincent, C. Stone, W. H. Kirby, H. Hardman, F. Kerry, G. Girling, R. Sykes, W. Wellington Cooper, V. T. Murche, G. Hamilton, E. Janan, E. Ballantine, W. Briant, W. T. Pink, Alphonse Escholet, J. Dallison, H. R. Baker, H. Maunder, H. Maidment, F. Calmady Richardson, T. Nettleship, G. Nettleship, J. Cross, G. Gill, M. Neville, and Thos. Roe. Visitors: Bros. T. Bone, P.M.; J. Hawkins, P.M.; W. C. Thue, P.M.; J. Sugden, P.M.; A. Runacres, P.M.; A. C. Bradley, P.M.; B. Lyon, P.M.; Peter Parsons, P.M.; J. Garner, P.M.; J. R. Richards, W.M.; T. Edmondston, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the auditors' report was presented by Bro. Vincent, and adopted. Bro. George Nettleship was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Gardiner, P.M., then presented Bro. Goldschmidt, S.W., to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair or K.S., the ceremony being entirely performed by the W.M., Bro. Voisey, in an able and most affecting manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Heller, S.W.; D. D. Mercer, J.W. and Treas.; T. Weeks, Sec.; W. H. Baker, S.D.; R. Greenwood, J.D.; H. A. Stunt, I.G.; R. Stokoe and G. Hamilton, Stewards; H. Maunder, Org.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The ceremony of initiation then took place, and Mr. Charles Bird was admitted to the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the newly-installed Master proving that the lodge had been wise in its selection of himself by the highly finished style of his working. Before the lodge was closed a very interesting ceremony took place, when the W.M. presented the Secretary, Bro. Weeks, in the name of the lodge with a chaste and elegant jewel, to mark their appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge from the time it was founded.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner in the large hall, supplied by Bro. Venables. A most enjoyable evening was spent, in the course of which the W.M. took a suitable opportunity of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Voisey, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge during his successful year of office.

WOLSEY LODGE (No. 1656).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick. Among those present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., acting W.M., in the absence of Bro. Aston; Ockenden, P.G.S. Middx., Sec., acting S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; Nutall, Treas.; John Bond, P.P.G.P. Surrey, I.P.M.; Featherstone, S.D.; Bonell, acting I.G.; the Rev. C. De Crespiigny, P.P.G.C. Middx., Chap., P.M.; and Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. W. Ockenden delivered the interesting lecture on the Second Tracing Board in a manner that left but little to be desired. Several communications having been read, and a vote passed to Bro. Ockenden for his lecture, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given. Bro. Walls responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was generally proposed by Bro. Bond, I.P.M. Bro. Hammond having replied, then gave in well-chosen terms, the toast of "The Treasurer and the Secretary." Bros. Nutall and Ockenden having acknowledged the compliment, "The Health of the Officers," responded to by Bro. Featherstone, terminated the proceedings.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE (No. 1681).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. Robert Burleton, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, members, and the following visitors: Bros. J. C. Stateley, P.M. 1624; E. B. Edmiston, 1818; J. Slock, P.M. Ranelagh; T. Pim, 809; H. Lipson, 860; G. Foster, 190; J. Lawrence, 186; C. Dairy, P.M. 140; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158. M.E.Z. 619; J. McLeod, P.M. 1624; G. Draper, I.P.M. 130; W. G. Dickens, P.M. 860; J. B. Dodson, P.M. 860; W. Vincent, P.M. 1614; G. Biggs, P.M. 435; E. W. Davis, P.M. 172; W. H. Gray, P.M. 704; T. H. Cook, P.M. 222; and W. Clarke, 114, P.G.P. and P.D.C. Suffolk.

The ordinary business had been disposed of at a lodge of emergency, and nothing remained to be done that day but to install Bro. Duncan H. Harrison, the W.M. elect. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Harrison was presented to receive from his predecessor the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Burleton, W.M., most ably rendered the ceremony of installation, and for which he received the unanimous approval

not only of the Installed Masters, but of every brother present. Having been saluted in the customary manner, the newly-installed W. Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Honeyball, S.W.; Wetherhilt, J.W.; Barfield, P.M. Treasurer; Read, P.M., Secretary; Jackson, S.D.; Ball, J.D.; Oliver, Organist; Jones, I.G.; Bott, D.C.; and Holland and Booth, Stewards. The usual addresses to the Wardens and brethren having been given, the W. Master said that the first duty he had to perform was a most pleasing one, as it was to present to Bro. Burleton, their Immediate Past Master, with a jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the lodge. He was gratified in having the duty cast upon him of attaching this jewel to his breast, and he trusted that he might long live to wear it. Bro. Burleton sincerely thanked the brethren for that mark of their esteem, and assured them that when he looked upon that jewel it would always remind him of the many happy hours he had spent as W. Master of the Londesborough Lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form, and an adjournment took place to the large dining-hall for the banquet.

The banquet having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, that of "The Most Worshipful G. Master" being enthusiastically received. Bro. Clark, P.G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers," and said that they had no light duties to perform, for on the night of the Grand Lodge they had no less than about 700 members to look after, and to give offence to none, and he believed that increased accommodation would at some future day be required for the increased number of members who now attended the Grand Lodge. Bro. Burleton, I.P.M., said it was his privilege to give what might be considered as the toast of the evening, as it was "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Harrison." From the time the lodge was formed he had the pleasure of working with him, and as they had all seen his working in the different offices they knew what they had to expect of him during the year that he would occupy the chair as W.M. The toast was drunk with great cordiality. The W.M., in responding, said he begged to return thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and also for electing him as W.M. of the lodge, which had given him the greatest pleasure. He might say that he had been present at every lodge, and never missed a single meeting, having resolved always to get to the front. Now, however, he could get no further, but as W.M. he was resolved to do his duty, and he hoped that his officers would work with him. It was very pleasing to him to return thanks for this toast, but the ordeal he had just passed through had been somewhat serious, but he must go through the duties to the best of his ability. He must say that he was very much indebted to the brethren for the position he now held, for he was not initiated in this lodge, but in the St. Clement Danes, into which he was introduced by Bro. Barfield, their esteemed Treasurer. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for drinking his health, and he hoped to see them many times in the future. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," in which Bro. Davies, P.M. and Treasurer of the Eastern Star Lodge, and two other brethren returned thanks. The next toast was that of "Bro. Burleton, Immediate Past Master," who in responding thanked the brethren for the very handsome jewel they had given him that evening, and one that he should always wear with great pleasure. He did not precisely know how many initiates he had had during his year of office, but he hoped that his successor might have as many. He was going up as Steward for the lodge at the festival for the benefit of the old people, and three of the members had given him five guineas each. Indeed, he had not met with a single refusal. He begged to give them as a toast "The Masonic Charities" for which Bro. Dairy returned thanks, and said that if every brother would give one shilling every time the lodge met that would be all that would be required for their support. It was stated that Bro. Burleton on going round the room that evening had collected from the members the magnificent sum of £51. (Cheer-). Some other toasts were given and responded to, and the evening was spent in complete harmony and everything passed over without a single hitch in any of the proceedings. It should not be omitted to be stated that the jewel with which the I.P.M. was presented contains the Londesborough arms beautifully designed, and is, indeed, a choice work of art.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Bro. C. F. Barham, the W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. Elias Benjamin, S.W.; J. A. Jones, J.W.; H. G. Henderson, Chap.; C. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; Joseph Cox, Sec.; A. Clement, S.D.; J. Funston, J.D.; F. Matthews, D. of C.; G. C. Young, Org.; R. Drysdale and H. J. Thrower, Stewards. The following Past Masters were also present: Bros. G. T. Barr, I.P.M.; Louis Stean, James Terry, and W. Clarke, G.P. (Hon.)

There was a good attendance of other members and a large muster of visitors, among the latter being Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; G. Wade, 1310; T. Farnham, W. Musto, P.M. 7349; E. Thos. Lynn, 1310; Joseph Little, 1607; Geo. F. Stutchbury, 186; C. A. Beckett, 1365; Henry V. Clements, P.M. 754; H. B. Holliday, P.M. 1076; J. Dorton, P.M. 1075; H. B. Taylor, 1531; L. V. Walker, 22; G. J. Woodman, S.W. 1599; James Mitchell, S.W. 1076; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975; R. Jennings, P.M. 907; J. Oddy, 754; Smither, 193; John Roberts, T. W. Francis, 55; C. Rawson, 28; W. Balls, 77; J. Emmerson, 276; Alfred J. Martin, 111; Bolton, 1604; E. Claseton, 1604; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; J. W. More, 49; J. Smith, J.W. 103; F. Brien, P.M. 1276; C. Brien, 1076; W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; G. T. Turner, S.W. 183; James Smith, 1107; W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001, Prov. S.G.D. West Yorks; Joseph F. Mayfield, 1299; and others.

The lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, the minutes of the last regular lodge, and of a lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted and received; it showed the lodge to be in a flourishing condition. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Alfred Charles Critchfield and Henry Josephs, and proved unanimous in their favour, after which Bro. Elias Benjamin, the W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair by the retiring Master in a very impressive manner. There were nineteen Installed Masters present. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Jones, S.W.; Clement, J.W.; Stevens, Treas.; Cox, Sec.; Henderson, Chap.; Funston, S.D.; Walker,

J.D.; Matthews, I.G.; Drysdale, D.C.; Thrower and Tidball, Stewards; and Young, Org. The ceremony of installation was then completed, Bro. Clark, G.P., giving the address to the Wardens, and Bro. P.M. Stean that to the brethren. The W.M., in appropriate terms, presented to the retiring Master an elegant jewel, as a recognition by the lodge of the ability he had displayed during his year of office, and as a mark of the respect he is held in by the members of the lodge. He trusted he might live for many years to wear it, and that the brethren might long have the pleasure of his company. Bro. Barham, in appropriate terms, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the gift. The W.M. then announced that of the three candidates on the agenda one only was present, and that gentleman (Mr. Henry Josephs) was initiated by the new W.M., who performed the ceremony in a manner which showed that the brethren had made a wise selection in electing him to the chair. Letter of apology were read from Bros. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; E. J. McIntyre, G.R.; Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., and others. The W.M. informed the brethren that the Senior and Junior Wardens had undertaken the duty of Stewards for the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he hoped they would be well supported by the lodge members. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet.

After the removal of the cloth the Master proposed the usual toasts. With that of "The Grand Officers" he had the pleasure of coupling the names of Bros. Buss and Clark. Bro. Buss, in replying, expressed the pleasure it afforded him, and the Grand Officers generally, to visit lodges such as the St. Leonard, and witness the progress made in them. It must be a source of great pleasure to the brethren around the table to see the way in which the lodge of the old parish of St. Leonard was going on. Bro. Clark followed. He thought that any brother who was present at Grand Lodge on the occasion of its last communication would agree that to some at least of the Officers of Grand Lodge the duties were more than mere name. He and his assistants had that evening admitted upwards of 700 brethren, and to do the work thereby entailed as it should be done was no light task. He thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. Bro. Barham then assumed the gavel to propose "The Health of the W.M." He had known Bro. Benjamin for some few years, and could safely say that during his connection with the lodge, no brother had worked harder for the good of the Craft than he. He felt all must agree that in Bro. Benjamin the lodge had a brother who would fulfil the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren, and act for the advancement of the lodge. The W.M. tendered his most sincere thanks. He should do all that lay in his power to advance the interests of the St. Leonard Lodge and of its members. It would not be for want of purpose if he did not shew the lodge in a more prosperous state at the end of the year than it was then in, and generally improve the condition of it. If he did not succeed in his desires it would be rather from want of ability than from any lack of interest. He next gave "The Health of Bro. Barham the Installing Master." He felt that some of the brethren may have been disappointed at the work of his predecessor that night, but he did not think that any brother who knew how much he had to do would really be surprised at his performance that evening, but rather at the fact of his having attempted anything in addition to what he was really pledged to perform. He occupied the position of Most Excellent in his chapter, was churchwarden of the parish, W.M. of the lodge, and, besides all this, superintendent of the banquetting arrangements of the latter. The brethren, who knew him could testify to the able manner in which he fulfilled these duties, and all present having had an opportunity of themselves judging of what he can do in one branch, may imagine that in all others he can be equally efficient. He had a specially pleasing duty to perform. The brethren of the lodge bearing in mind the amount of work entailed on him in superintending the banquets, feel that he is deserving of some special recognition beyond the jewel already given him, and for that purpose have had an expression of their feeling engrossed on vellum and framed, for his acceptance. On behalf of the members, one and all, the Master felt he might wish Bro. Barham every enjoyment that this world afforded, and he hoped that the small testimonial he now presented him with would be looked upon by him and his family as a true expression of the sentiments of the lodge, and it might serve as an incentive to his children to emulate the example of their father, and lead them to deserve such a testimonial for themselves. The testimonial, which was one of the most handsome pieces of work we remember having seen, was in the following words: "Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1776; Town Hall, St. Leonard, Shoreditch.—The Worshipful Master, Past Master, officers and brethren of the above lodge take the opportunity of the retirement from the chair of the late Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Frederick Braham, P.M., to present him with this slight testimonial of their esteem of him as a brother, and their appreciation of the very admirable manner in which he has performed the duties attaching to the office of Worshipful Master and the ritual of the lodge; and also of their sense of their great obligation to him for the very valuable services and unremitting attention which he has displayed while governing the lodge for the promotion of the comfort and enjoyment of the members and visitors on every occasion, and congratulate him upon the high state of organisation and prosperous condition of the lodge at the close of his official year."—(Signed) "Elias Benjamin, W.M.; Louis Stean, P.M.; G. T. Barr, P.M.; J. A. Jones, S.W.; A. A. Clements, J.W.; C. Stevens, Treasurer; A. H. G. Henderson, Chaplain; J. Funston, S. Deacon; E. Walker, J. Deacon; Frank Matthews, I.G.; R. Drysdale, D.C.; H. J. Thrower, Steward; G. C. Young, Tyler; and Joseph Cox, Sec. December, 1881." Bro. Braham expressed his thanks in feeling terms. He had received that evening testimonials he had hardly expected, and they made him feel satisfied with what he had done. The gifts of the brethren, he felt sure, would be highly prized by the members of his family, and he felt he might hand them down with credit to those who would follow after him. In reference to his share of the work of catering, at the commencement of the lodge's existence that had been entrusted to a firm who certainly did not give satisfaction, but the climax came at the end of the first year, when the affair almost collapsed. Discussion followed, and it may have been on the spur of the moment only he had said he would do it better himself if no one else could be found.

The brethren had taken him at his word, and they were now in a position to judge for themselves how far they were justified in so doing. As I.P.M. he felt he could safely retire from the chair on his laurels, and was convinced that the present Master would carry out the duties of the chair in as able a manner as they had ever been done in the past. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, to which each responded. Bro. Stean, in the course of his remarks, said he really felt somewhat sorry that he was a Past Master of the lodge, he should have liked to have been in the chair that night, so that he could have had the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Barham the testimonials he so richly deserved. He hoped the lodge would continue in the future to be as great a success as it had been in the past. Bro. Barr was pleased to feel that during his term of office he had gained the esteem of the brethren, although he had not been able to entertain them as well as had the other Masters. Still, he felt that he did as much as the condition of the lodge justified, and was proud to say that he left to his successor a larger balance than that with which he started his year of office. He fully approved of the way the lodge had been conducted since he left the chair, and was only too pleased that Bro. Barham had been enabled to do what he had for the brethren. He felt that so long as the lodge was conducted as it had been in the past it would be able to meet any demands made on its funds, and support future Masters in any thing they might find necessary for the comfort of the brethren. The Master then gave the toast of "The Initiate," regretting the absence of the other two brethren whose names appeared on the summons. He was sorry to say that in both cases sickness was the cause. After a reply from Bro. Josephs, the Master gave "The Charities," to which Bro. Terry forcibly replied. He referred to the support given by the lodge to the Institutions during the three years it had been in existence, viz., £40, £140, and £105 respectively, and was glad to hear that 100 guineas had been promised for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next year. It really did him good, as it must anyone similarly circumstanced, to reply for the Charities in such a lodge as the Saint Leonard, and he hoped that the members would support their Wardens in such a manner as to add to the reputation of the lodge in this particular. Speaking of the Benevolent Institution, he might say that that day the Committee had had before them no less than twenty-four applications for admission to the benefits of the fund; and it must be remembered that in all cases an applicant must be sixty years of age, or, as was the case with one of those before the Committee that day, afflicted in some way or other. The one he referred to was a young man, thirty-five years of age, suffering from blindness, and he felt that no one would say he was not worthy of any help his brother Masons could give. Another was an old lady, who a few years since had an income of £3000 a year—now she had not so many farthings. It was on behalf of her and others similarly circumstanced that he appealed for all the aid the brethren could possibly afford. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and being acknowledged, "The Officers" were toasted, and the meeting brought to a conclusion. We must congratulate Bro. Young, the Organist of the lodge, on the musical fare he provided. He, Bro. Werge, and Bro. Cohen, by their ability, added no small share to the general success which attended the meeting, which we should also mention was held under the influence of the electric light. Two Pilsen lamps were used, the mechanism and current being provided gratuitously by Messrs. Wells and Co., electrical engineers, from their works in Shoreditch. We were very pleased to observe several members of the firm present, and think the general approval of those assembled was the best expression of opinion they could have of the working of the light, of which they possess the English and French patents.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—On Tuesday, the 13th inst., the general meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall. Bro. R. Kinmond, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Turnbull, P.M. 80, P.P.G.P.; J. H. Leach, W.M. 97; J. Lowe, P.M. 80; G. Porteous, W.M. 949; J. R. Smart, W.M. 94; J. Mitchinson, P.M. 80; M. Douglas, P.M. 80; T. Elwin, P.M. 80, P.P.G.P.; W. Hawden, P.M. 81; and W. H. Crookes, P.M. 80, P.G.S. Bro. W. H. Crookes referred to the deep loss the lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. H. J. Yeld, W.M. elect, whose installation had been fixed for that evening. They had all held him in very high esteem, and they deeply regretted his decease. The W.M., Bro. Kinmond, would continue in office another twelve months with the approval of the lodge. Bro. Kinmond then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Hawden, I.P.M.; R. de Clare Yeld, S.W.; J. E. Nelson, J.W.; T. Godfordson, Treasurer; T. G. Curry, Secretary; M. Douglass, D. of C.; the Rev. R. Yeld, Chaplain; H. S. Halvorsen, S.D.; J. Deans, J.D.; T. Lemon, I.G.; S. Curle, Organist; J. Thompson, P.G.T., Tyler; S. Rackley, S.S.; and Wilson, J.S. On the motion of Bro. W. H. Crookes, P.M., seconded by the W.M., the usual amounts were passed to the Charities of the town.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—On Wednesday night, the 7th inst., the installation of Bro. J. R. Smart as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street. The Installing Master was Bro. W. Whinham, P.M. Among the brethren present were Bros. J. J. Stiles, J. Riseborough, G. Wanless, R. L. Lutert, T. Surtees, J. D. Todd, M. Frampton, A. T. Munro, J. B. Spiers, T. Tillman, R. Kinmond, G. Porteous, J. Lowe, T. Sharp, J. H. Leach, W. Brandt, W. Stevens, C. Sinclair, G. C. Watson, C. McNamara, and others. The installation having taken place, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. E. Sutherst, I.P.M.; J. Hudson, S.W.; J. Dixon, J.W.; J. Riseborough, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; J. Rainbow, S.D.; A. Hornsby, J.D.; W. Key, I.G.; J. Brown, Tyler; W. Whinham, P.M., Org.; W. C. Toddhunter and J. Rutter, Stewards.

The annual festival of the above lodge was held on the 14th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, the W.M., Bro. J. R. Smart, presiding. He was supported by Bros. W. H. Crookes, P.M. 80, P.G.S.; Ald. Potts, P.M.; J. J. Stiles, P.M.; J. Riseborough, P.M.; G. Wanless, P.M.; M. Frampton, P.M.; C. Henderson, P.M.; J. D. Dodd, P.M. 94; R. Kinmond, W.M. 80; J. H. Leach, W.M. 97; J. J. Clay, P.M., P.G.S.W.; T. Sharpe, P.M. 97; Geo. Porteous, W.M. 949; W. Lid-

dell, P.M. 947; and C. Sinclair, P.M. 212. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. J. Hudson, S.W., and J. A. Rainbow, S.D. Other principal officers present were Bros. J. Dixon, J.W. 94; J. E. Nelson, J.W. 80; C. McNamara, S.W.; B. Swan, J.W. 949; P. Maddison, 1387; and J. C. Moor, J.W. (*Freemason*).

"The Health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Ald. Potts, and Bro. Smart responded. Bro. Punshon proposed "The Present and Past Officers," to which Bro. Hudson, S.W., responded. The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. Kinmond, Leech, Porteous, Sinclair, and T. Maddison ably responded. Bro. J. J. Stiles gave "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. Crookes responded. The repast was provided in an excellent manner by Bro. W. Key, of the Northumberland House, High-street.

STOCKPORT.—St. John's Lodge, (No. 104).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was celebrated on the 12th inst., at the lodge rooms, Ashton House, Greek-street, in the presence of a numerous and distinguished assembly of the craft. In the morning some twenty officers and members attended, in response to the summons of the W.M. (Bro. Councillor Burrows) for the purpose of advancing candidates who, in view of the more important several degrees to which they were entitled. Bro. W. Harrison, P.P.S.G.D. initiated a candidate into the order, and Bro. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D. advanced one to the second degree, whilst three candidates for the third degree were severally taken in hand by the Past Masters Finch, P.G.B.C., Pearson, Secretary, and Beresford, P.P.S.G.D. after which the lodge was adjourned until the afternoon at two o'clock.

About seventy members and visiting brethren assembled in the afternoon to assist in the ceremony of installing Bro. Wm. Booth, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Herbert Finch, P.M., P.G.D.C., Cheshire, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and having named Bro. Beresford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., as Director of the Ceremonies for the occasion, and requested the outgoing officers to hand over the insignia of their respective offices to that Brother, the Installing Master invited Bro. J. Chapman, P.P.J.G.D., Devonshire, to take the chair of S.W., Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., Cheshire, and Chairman of the Committee of Benevolence of P.G. Lodge, that of J.W., and Bro. W. Hickton, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire, the situation of I.G. Bro. H. Collier, P.M., 104, and P.G. Organist, Cheshire, presided at the organ, and the ceremony was rendered chorally by a choir consisting of Bros. C. Pearson, P.M., G. Gaskill, E. J. Edmondson, T. Wilkinson, P.M., H. Pickford, and G. Balfe.

In addition to the brethren already named, the following signed the Attendance Book, viz., J. Kirk, P.M., W. Schofield, P.M., S. P. Bidder, P.M., G. F. Bowden, P.M., W. W. Shelmerdine, J.W.; Major Preston, Treas.; H. W. Mather, J.D.; G. Naylor, Joseph Fox, Edmund Johnson, Henry Seel, Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Cheshire; W. Harrison, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Cheshire; J. Astington, R. H. Riley, Jas. Stafford, John Kearton, W. Pitt, E. Eldridge, A. Brown, Rev. T. Newron, M.A., J. Eaton, J. L. Newton, C. Clarkson, W. Bradley, Joseph Meadows, Tyler; J. A. Pearson, T. Torkington, Joseph Wood, W. Geavey, T. Haslam, T. Davies, W. N. Wilson. Visitors: Bros. J. Marshall, W.M., elect, 323; John Neil, P.M., 287; J. H. O. Goulden, 323; J. Leigh, P.M., 287; T. Reed, 322; L. Bradbury, I.P.M., 322; G. Bennett, W.M., 322; G. Atkinson, P.M., 323; R. C. Blakehurst, W.M., 287; G. L. Vaughan, W.M., 1930; J. A. Barnett, 935; J. H. Burton, P.M., 439; and others.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. Bro. Beresford invested the officers, and was assisted in that duty by the Installing Master, who invested the Chaplain, and by Bro. Pearson, Secretary, who invested the Director of Ceremonies and Organist.

During the proceedings the retiring W.M., Bro. Burrows, was presented with a very handsome gold Past Master's Jewel, which the brethren had subscribed for in recognition, as the inscription states, "of his faithful ruling of the lodge, during the past year."

The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—T. Burrows, I.P.M.; W. W. Shelmerdine, S.W.; Major F. Preston, C.E., J.W.; Rev. Thos. Newton, M.A., Chap.; George Balfe, Treas.; Charles Pearson, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Mather, S.D.; E. Johnson, J.D.; James Cookson, D. of C.; H. Collier, P.G.O.; Organist; Joseph Fox, I.G.; Henry Seel, S.S.; John Kearton, J.S.; Joseph Meadows, Tyler, 322.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, together with that of the officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Harrison, P.M. P.P.S.G.D., proposed "The R.W.P. Grand Master of Cheshire, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley." He said they were all aware that Lord De Tabley was not in the best of health, yet he always attended to his Masonic duties. He was present at the provincial meeting in Macclesfield, and he attended to receive his portrait at Knutsford the other week more to please the brethren than himself. The history of Freemasonry in Cheshire during the last sixteen years had been a history of progress, and this was due in no small degree to the very able manner in which Lord De Tabley had supported the great principals of the order.

Bro. Schofield, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." Although he was a member of St. John's Lodge, and might therefore give an interested opinion, he did not think there was any lodge in the province of Cheshire which was more loyal to those in authority over it than the lodge of St. John's. There were several members of Provincial Grand Lodge present whom he was always very happy to meet, and he begged to couple the toast with the health of Bro. Platt, of whom this lodge had a high appreciation for his services in the cause of the charities, and Bro. Col. Wilkinson, as P.P.G.D. of the province of Cheshire.

Bro. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., Cheshire, said that in calling upon him to respond to this toast, Bro. Schofield must have forgotten that they had in St. John's Lodge a very efficient present officer of Provincial Grand Lodge in the person of Bro. Herbert Finch, their Grand Director of Ceremonies, whose name was held in the highest respect. But as every good Mason ought to do, he rose as a Past Provincial Officer in obedience to the call which had been made upon him. Their Deputy Pro. Grand Master, the Hon. Wilbrahama

Egerton, was not perhaps so well known in the province generally as in his own district; but he was a rising man, and very fast coming to the fore, and there was no more staunch supporter of Masonry than he. As to the present and past officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, he could only say, as one of the lads, that it was always to him a great pleasure and pride to belong to Provincial Grand Lodge. So much harmony and discipline prevailed amongst the lodges of Cheshire, that the duties of officers of Provincial Grand Lodge had been of an ornamental rather than a useful character. Those who were at Knutsford at the presentation of the portrait to the P.G.M. would have heard, and those who were not present might have read, the remarks of the P.G.M. as to what had been done for the Charities by the province during the sixteen years he had presided over it. As chairman of the Charity Committee, he (Bro. Platt) had great opportunities of knowing, and did know, what St. John's lodge had done for the Charities. When he told them that in the province of Cheshire they had 38 lodges, with a total of 800 votes for the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, and 500 votes for the old people, and that the lodge of St. John's had one-eighth of the whole of these votes, they would see at once that the province was largely indebted to the lodge of St. John's. He asked them to do more still for the Charities, both here and in London, which were almost getting beyond their means. When they saw that every year the festivals had to realise some £50,000, they would see how great was the strain, and he did not see how the strain was to be kept up unless by the increased efforts of the lodges. Coming, as he did, from Birkenhead, he had to thank the lodge of St. John's on his own behalf for the support they had given to the Cheshire Educational Institution, which was doing a great deal of silent work. Bro. Hickton, P.P.J.G.D., and Bro. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.D., also responded, and the latter also proposed "The Provincial Officers of Other Provinces," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Chapman, P.P.J.G.V., Devonshire, in responding, spoke in the highest praise of the working of the lodge which he had witnessed during the day, and of the services of Bro. Finch, as installing officer, and also of the contributions of St. John's to the various Charities. Bro. Burrows, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M. of St. John's Lodge, 104," which was received with great enthusiasm.

The W.M., in responding, said: It was something like eight years since he became an officer in the lodge. He joined it in dark days; and he worked as an officer during that dark and gloomy period when it was like a ship in a storm, in danger at any moment of being lost. By patience, perseverance, and honesty of purpose on the part of the brethren, the Masters, Past Masters, and the friends who came to the rescue, the St. John's lodge had survived, and he felt proud of the position he held as the W.M. of this glorious lodge. In all that he had done he had been more anxious for the good of the lodge than to gratify his own ambition, and he believed they had a glorious future before them. He thanked all the officers for the able assistance they had rendered him that day, and especially Bro. Col. Wilkinson for the heariness of his support. Bro. Bidder, P.M., in an eloquent and witty speech proposed "The Newly Invested Officers," which was replied to by Bro. W. W. Shelmerdine, S.W., and Bro. Major Francis Preston, J.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas Newton, M.A., the Chaplain, also thanked them for having complimented him upon being one of the newly-invested officers. A clergyman ought not to shut himself up in a cell, as a celibate, but to come out amongst men, and he thought perhaps, in becoming a Mason he should learn something which would be of use to him in the pulpit. A Chaplain ought not to be all precept; there should be a little example. It had been said that "words are the daughters of earth, deeds the sons of heaven." Perhaps, as clergymen, they did not always act up to that doctrine. In mixing amongst them in life they might be doing a great service to the cause which they all had at heart. He meant to try to do all he could for the good of the lodge, and if they all worked on the same lines, probably before long the lodge would occupy one of the best positions in the country. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. J. Nield, P.M., Unanimity, 287; Bro. Atkinson, P.M., Concord, 323; and Bro. Burton, P.M., 430. The Senior Warden proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bros. Kirk, Bowden, and Finch, the latter in response to a loud call. Bro. Col. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.D., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," in which, in an excellent speech he urged the brethren to be frugal and careful in their expenditure, and to do all in their power for charity, which was the essence of Freemasonry. The other toasts were "The Newly-admitted, Passed, and Raised Brethren," and "The Sister Lodges of Stockport," which were proposed by Bro. Blakehouse, W.M., of Unanimity, 287; Bro. Bennett, W.M., Peace, 322; and G. L. Vaughan, Egerton, 1030. The toast of "The Press," proposed by Bro. W. Harrison, P.P.S.G.D., was responded to by Bro. T. Reed, Lodge 322, of the *County News and Chronicle*.

Bro. Beresford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., very efficiently performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies, and the toasts were all honoured with the usual Masonic honours. The Director of Music was Bro. H. Collier, P.M., P.G.O., and the vocalists were those who assisted in the installation service, the toasts being interspersed with appropriate songs, glees, and choruses.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—The brethren of this time-honoured and well-known lodge held their monthly meeting on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, for the last time in the current year. The W.M., Bro. J. Hilton, was unfortunately absent through domestic bereavement, but Bro. Dr. Thos. W. Sergeant, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., M.C., presided in a very able manner. The members present included: Bros. Thomas Hatton, S.W.; Wm. Gick, P.M. 1756, J.W.; Charles Birch, I.P.M.; John T. Alston, P.M.; H. James, P.M.; James Winsor, P.M.; Charles Bromley, P.M., Treas.; B. W. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Edward Cattrell, Sec.; John N. Hounsell, S.D.; E. Donnelly, J.D.; Jas. Galloway, I.G.; W. H. Martin, and T. Johnson, Stewards; J. P. Bryan, Org.; P. Ball, (P.G. Tyler) Tyler, and others. The visitors were Bros. Edward Graham, 1609; W. E. Southgate, 86 (Toronto); P. B. Denahar, W.M. 786; J. M. Smythe, J.W. 93 (Belfast); Sergeant-Major Dickenson, 730 (Dublin); S. Hollis, 93 (Belfast); A. Child, 1756; John Godbey, P.M. 95 (Cork).

The acting W.M. very impressively initiated Mr. W. M.

Holtum, after which the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and Bro. Hatton was duly elected. Bro. C. Bromley, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; the Auditors' report for the last year was received and the accounts passed. The Trustees of the lodge funds were re-elected, viz.: Bros. Bromley, Rowson, and James. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. Bro. Serjeant proposed "The W.M. Elect," and he said he must pay a highly-deserved compliment to their absent W.M., who should have given the toast. No one had ever been more highly esteemed than he in No. 203. They all sympathised with him in his trouble. As regards their newly-elected W.M., Bro. T. Hatton, he (Bro. Serjeant) had every confidence that he would fill his new office with the same satisfaction to all that he had given in the past, both in lodge and chapter. The toast was very enthusiastically received. Bro. Hatton, in responding, thanked the brethren for the kindly expressed sentiments which had been uttered by the W.M. It had long been his ambition to occupy the chair of the lodge, and he assured them that he would do his best to justify the choice they had made. He hoped, with the assistance of his officers, to be able to give up his office at the end of the year with a clear conscience. "The Newly-Initiated" was given by Bro. Bromley, who also referred, in feeling terms, to the affectionate and amiable qualities of their absent W.M., with whom they must all sympathise. Bro. Holtum responded. "The Visitors" was heartily received, and all present responded. The harmony of the evening was perfect, and considerably enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. James, P.M.; Hatton, S.W.; A. Child, Godbey, R. Wilson, Donnelly, Dickenson, and J. P. Bryan.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday last, at four p.m. The brethren assembled under the gavel of Bro. M. Rooke, W.M., who proceeded to open his lodge in the First and Second Degrees, after which the chair was assumed by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., who appointed Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Senior, and Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., Junior, Wardens. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. S. Rymer, was then presented for installation by Bro. W. M. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.R., and in due course the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened in full form. The W.M. having been installed, then invested his I.P.M. Bro. Rooke, and was duly greeted, and the Board closed. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the W.M. was saluted and greeted in the Three Degrees, and duly proclaimed. The working tools in the Three Degrees were given successively by Bros. M. Rooke, P.M.; W. H. Gainforth, P.M.; and A. Buckle, P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. Geo. Kirby, S.W.; G. W. Garbutt, J.W.; Very Rev. the Dean of York, G. Chaplain, Chaplain; J. Todd, P.M., Treasurer; A. Buckle, P.M., Secretary; S. Border, Asst. Secretary; W. Draper, S.D.; Wm. Powell, J.D.; W. Smith, M.C.; T. Tulke, Org.; T. G. Hodgson, I.G.; W. G. Calvert, Tyler; and W. Biscomb and J. B. Sampson, Stewards. The addresses to the officers were given by the W.M., and those to the W.M. and brethren by the Installing Master. The lodge was then closed, amid "Hearty Good wishes." Amongst the brethren present, in addition to those already named, we noticed Bros. Rev. W. Valentine, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. A. Barstow, P.M.; F. Rawling, P.M.; Captain Cavenagh, Major Thornton, W. H. Godley, A. White, J. Redfare, C. A. Burdekin, W. T. Gowland, W. G. Thomas, E. Houlden, W. McKay, C. Anderson, T. S. Cairidge, G. C. Lee, T. J. Russell, and J. Young.

Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. Simpson, W.M. 1611; Col. Nason, 44; J. W. Marshall, W.M. 660; J. Marshall, P.M. 660; W. Constable, 660; W. Wood, P.M. 495; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.V.; J. Kay, 1611; M. Millington, 1611; A. T. B. Twiner, 1611; J. R. Jackson, 1611; J. Menell, 1611, and others.

After the close of the lodge about fifty of the brethren and the visitors sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Tocs, and at which a number of toasts were honoured. The W.M. gave the usual preliminary toasts, and then "The Health of the Prov. G.M. and Officers," which was responded to by Bro. W. H. Gainforth, Prov. G.D.C. Bro. W. Lawton, P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M.," who, he was sure, would worthily fill the chair in which he had been placed. He was a Mason of some fourteen years' standing, and they were all aware of his great abilities and the high estimation in which he was held. The W.M., in responding, said he felt it a great honour to be placed in the chair of a lodge whose age was over a century, and it would be his earnest endeavour to emulate the good example of those who had preceded him in the high office. Bro. Alderman Brown proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. M. Rooke, and the Past Masters," and Bro. Rooke, in responding, took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the generous support they had given him during his year of office. It had been a year of unmixed pleasure to him, and he hoped to be spared to give his utmost support to Masonry in general, and the York Lodge in particular. The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. J. Todd, P.M.," and alluded in terms of high praise to Bro. Todd's services to the lodge. He had been to many of them a trusted guide and monitor. He occupied the responsible position of lodge Treasurer, and he was happy in the knowledge that Bro. Todd's aid and advice would always be at his disposal. Bro. Todd, in responding, alluded to the progress the lodge had made, and said that he was happy to announce that it was the W.M.'s intention to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Boys' School, and he hoped the brethren would enable him to carry up a good list. Bro. Buckle, Past Master, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and referred to the practical education which was given to the girls in the Schools, cookery and other useful arts being there cultivated. He mentioned the high opinion which he had heard expressed by Mr. Buckmaster of the management of those Schools. Bro. J. S. Cumberland responded, as Prov. Charity Steward, and pointed out at some length to the brethren the importance of supporting most loyally their own Provincial Charity Association, without which they could never hope to succeed in carrying their candidates. He also showed that, although the province had done well of late years, it should go on improving and increasing its contributions if it was to keep pace with the rest of the Masonic provinces.

Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and briefly showed that York, from the very earliest times, must necessarily have been the goal to which visiting Masons would gather. Referring to the late British Association gathering, he said every visitor then present must have taken away with him the most gratifying recollections of the hospitality of York Masons. Bro. Wood, P.M. (Wakefield) responded in a neat speech. The W.M. proposed "The Sister Lodges," and Bro. J. T. Seller, I.P.M. Eboracum Lodge, 1611, responded, and the proceedings soon afterwards terminated. The evening was enlivened by a series of excellent songs and glees by Bros. J. Todd, J. S. Cumberland, G. Kirby, J. B. Sampson, T. G. Hodgson, G. C. Lee, and others, Bro. T. Tuke presiding at the pianoforte.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 240).—On Monday night, the 12th inst., the brethren of the above lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Fowler-street, for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. S. Shotton, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. T. Wilson, W.M., occupied the chair, and there was a numerous attendance of brethren belonging to various other lodges, amongst those present being Bro. W. M. Bell, P.M. 1557, P.G.A.D., of C. Northumberland; J. Harcuss, P.M. 431, P.P.G.D. Northumberland; J. Hundie, P.P.S.G.D.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Place, W.M. 431; M. H. Dodd, I.P.M. 1119; T. G. Mabane, P.P.S.G.D.; J. H. Morton, I.P.M.; G. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Roddam, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Potter, P.M.; J. J. Athey, P.M.; and T. Coulson, P.M.

After the transaction of the usual business, the W.M. requested Bro. Roddam to undertake the duty of installing his successor. The chair having been taken by Bro. Roddam, the retiring W.M., presented the W.M. elect to Bro. Roddam to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Shotton having been duly installed in the chair of K.S. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. T. Wilson, I.P.M.; J. H. Thompson, S.W.; Thomas Binks, J.W.; John Hinde, P.M. Treas.; J. S. Wilson, P.M. Sec.; George Davison, J.D.; George Robson, J.D.; A. E. Cowling, I.G.; G. Wilson, Org.; W. Harwood and John Hunter, Stewards; J. Brown, Tyler. Bro. J. Roddam, P.M., was subsequently installed as D. of C. The charges to the Wardens and brethren were given in a very impressive manner by the installing officer. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form by the W.M.

STOWMARKET.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 516).—On Friday evening, the 16th inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Fox Hotel. Bro. Frederick Long, 30°, P.P.G.D.C., Suffolk, was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, the ceremony being performed by Bro. N. Tracy, P.P.J.W., Suffolk. After taking the chair the new Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Robert Woodman, S.W.; Christopher Hayward, J.W.; J. Simmons, S.D.; Chas. Hector Woods, J.D.; John Mills, I.G.; Mackney, P.M., D.C.; and Saml. Henry Wright, Secretary. Bro. Spencer Freeman was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. After concluding business the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

CHESTER.—Lodge of Independence (No. 721).—The last meeting of this lodge for this year took place on Monday, the 12th inst. There was a larger muster of the brethren than at any time since the installation. There were the Three Degrees to work, which were done in the usual workmanlike manner which has characterised this lodge during the whole of this very busy year. After which the W.M. proposed in a neat speech Bro. T. E. Nabb as W.M. for the ensuing year, which being properly seconded, was carried unanimously; and the W.M. elect, in thanking the lodge for the honour they had done him, declared his intention to do his best for the welfare of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren. The W.M. then, after expressing his regret that the loss of their late Treasurer had rendered necessary a new selection for that office, proposed Bro. W. M. Finchett as Treasurer, expressing his conviction that Bro. Finchett would be a worthy successor to the late Bro. T. J. Mason. The Audit Committee was then appointed, and after the usual friendly greetings from the visitors, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet-room, where they found the result of the caterer's work in a very clean, neat, and well-cooked dinner. After the cloth was drawn and "Non Nobis Domini" had been sung, and the usual Masonic and loyal toasts had been honoured, the W.M. said the toast of the evening had now come, that was "The Health and Prosperity of their well-beloved Organist, Bro. John Humphreys," to whom he (the Worshipful Master) now took the opportunity of presenting a joint present from the members of the lodge, consisting of a most magnificent marble clock, with a suitable inscription, on a pair of beautiful bronze mounted figures, also a handsome ebony work box and tea caddy, inlaid with mother-of-pearl, for Mrs. Humphreys, to whom the W.M. in the name of the lodge sent a kind message. Bro. Humphreys in responding, said how pleased he was at such a splendid mark of the good feeling of the brethren, and assured them he should always be glad to do anything for the enjoyment or comfort of the members of good old 721. Past Master Johnson then proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. H. J. Lloyd, referring to all Bro. Lloyd had done in improving both the lodge room and the banqueting room, hoped the coming officers would leave as good an impression behind them as Bro. Lloyd would. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. Lightfoot, W.M. 425; Sellers, 425; Salmon, 425; Carris, Hall, Hayward and Mitchell. Bro. Lightfoot, in responding to "The Visitors" referred to the style in which Bro. Lloyd had performed his work, and had to express his thanks for the great courtesy shown to him by Bro. Lloyd throughout all their dealings during the year. "The W.M. elect, the Past Masters and Officers" toast were then given, and a most enjoyable evening brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. The room was very nicely decorated with plants &c., lent by the Almoner and Bro. Rush, and the music was arranged by the organist, who, with some of the cathedral singers and Bro. Knowles, S.D., sang some very fine quartets, &c.; indeed, the musical portion of the evening was one of the special treats.

ST. HELEN'S.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 897).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Hall-street, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when Bro. Charles C. Wilson, the W.M. elect, was duly placed in the chair of honour. The retiring W.M., Bro. T. Morris, presided, and efficiently installed his successor. After the usual Masonic honours, the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Morris, I.P.M.; J. S. White, P.M., M.C.; E. Beilby, S.W.; R. B. Woodward, J.W.; Joseph Robinson, Treasurer (by proxy); D. M. F. Gaskill, Secretary; I. Smith, S.D.; W. Brooker, J.D.; J. L. Wolfenden, Organist; F. J. Brown, I.G.; J. J. Tickle, S.S.; James Dec, J.S.; and John Taylor, Tyler (re-elected).

The banquet which followed was held at the Fleece Hotel, and was very numerously attended by members of the lodge and many distinguished visiting brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and during the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge by the W.M. The musical brethren contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening by their efficient rendering of a choice selection of glees, &c.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Drill Hall, on Thursday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened shortly after seven p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Sargent, assisted by the following officers: Bros. H. G. F. Wells, Hon. Treas. P.M., acting S.W.; A. D. Womersley, J.W.; C. R. Chandler, Sec., P.P.G. Stwd.; J. Fielding, Org.; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D.P.M. acting S.D.; J. Foor, acting J.D.; Henry Kimm, acting I.G. (*Freemason*); J. J. Tyler. The following members and visitors were present: Bros. W. C. Till, Charles Martin, George Farley, John Bray, 40; Richard Wilson, 40; and others.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. B. Foster, proposed at the last regular meeting, and he was declared duly elected. The lodge was then closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the hotel for refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see the brethren amongst them. Bro. Bray returned thanks for the visitors and himself; he sincerely thanked them for the very hospitable reception they had received, and spoke of the great pleasure they always derived in visiting the Battle Lodge. Several other toasts were given and responded to, the proceedings closing at a seasonable hour, the brethren having spent a most enjoyable evening.

INSTRUCTION.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Johnson, W.M.; Pator, S.W.; Gartley, J.W.; H. Phillips, Deacon; Anderson, I.G.; C. H. Webb, P.M. Preceptor; L. Norden, P.M. Hon. Sec.; Huntley, Stephens, and others. After due formalities Bro. Webb was entrusted, and lodge was advanced, and Bro. Webb raised. Lodge was resumed and Bro. L. Norden worked the Second Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Stephens worked the Fourth Section, assisted by Bro. P.M. Webb. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Johnson in recognition of his services as Worshipful Master for the first time in the lodge. The W.M. responded and promised a regular attendance to profit by the teaching of Bro. Webb. An Audit Committee was elected, consisting of Bros. Phillips, Da Silva and Gartley. Bro. Phillips, W.M. 205, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday evening, and lodge was duly closed. As Bro. Phillips intends to work the Three Ceremonies we trust he will have a good attendance of brethren.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Excise Tavern, Old Broad-street, E.C. Bro. Pardon was W.M. Bros. Pelikan, assisted as S.W.; Morris, J.W.; Fox, Hon. Sec., S.D.; Gush, Preceptor; Vizzard, I.G.; Collinson, Tate, Wing, Stephens and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was capitally worked by Bro. Gush acting as candidate. Bro. Fox worked the First Second and Third Sections of the Lecture with the assistance of the brethren. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and Bro. Pelikan was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Monday in the new year, as there will not be a meeting on the 26th inst. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—At the last meeting of this lodge, held at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, the chair was occupied by Bro. T. W. Jones, P.M., who was assisted by Bros. Hughes, S.W.; D. Moss, J. W.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; J. P. Cohen, P.M., I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec.; J. T. K. Job, Nathan, Yelton, and others. After due formalities lodge was advanced, and Bro. Nathan, having rehearsed the questions he would have to answer at the next meeting of the mother lodge, the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Nathan was interrogated and entrusted. On lodge being resumed the ceremony of passing was ably worked by Bro. Jones. Bro. Cohen, P.M., worked the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then duly adjourned until after the Christmas festivities, and Bro. Hughes was elected W.M. for the first meeting night in the new year. "Hearty and seasonable good wishes" were exchanged, and lodge was solemnly closed.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—A successful gathering of the brethren of this lodge met at the Duke's Head, 70, Whitechapel-road, E., on the 16th inst. Bro. Tate occupied the chair, and the following brethren filled the various offices: Bros. D. Moss, S.W.; J. West, J.W.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; Jas. Taylor, J.D.; W. Richardson, I.G.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Secretary; E. Nathan, L. Nathan, Benjamin, H.

Forss, Macdonald, J. P. Cohen, P.M.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; Job, and others.

After due performance of all preliminaries lodge was opened up, and the necessary questions having been answered, lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. H. Forss candidate. Lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cohen, P.M., worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Moss was unanimously elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and lodge was closed in due form. The conveniences of this comfortable lodge seem to be well appreciated by the brethren, a large attendance being always secured. A better opportunity of gaining Masonic knowledge can scarcely offer to brethren seeking instruction. The lodge meets every Friday evening, at eight o'clock.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A highly successful gathering of brethren took place at this lodge on the 20th inst. The occasion was the working of the Fifteen Sections by the brethren of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, who came from the city to perform that agreeable duty. Lodge was opened promptly at 6.30 by Bro. C. J. Fox, S.D. 201, W.M.; R. P. Tate, I.P.M. 862, S.W.; W. H. Marston, P.M. 55, 1549, J.W.; H. G. Gush, J.W. 1541, I.P.M.; Linn, P.M.; Smith, Stapleton, Dooring, Clark, Morrison, Secretary; Marten, Smith, Hammond, P. M. Breden, Britton, J. T. K. Job, Dorton, Stewart, C. Scarell, P.M.; J. Carnaby, P.M.; Viners, Huntley, R. Brown, and others.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. Morris, 193.
2nd "	H. G. Gush, J.W. 1541.
3rd "	Gates, J.W. 1599.
4th "	Abell, P.M. 1599.
5th "	Pelikan, I.C. 1602.
6th "	Larchin, W.M. 1541.
7th "	R. P. Tate, P.M. 862.
SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. W. Vizzard, 1472.
2nd "	Marston, P.M. 55.
3rd "	Johnson, 1541.
4th "	H. G. Gush, J.W. 1541.
5th "	Pate, P.M. 1599.
THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. Pardon, 1541.
2nd "	G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623.
3rd "	Hyde, 1341.

The whole of the working was listened to with great attention, and evidently afforded the highest gratification to the brethren. Several brethren were elected members, but having to hurry to catch the last train to town, the speeches of the joining members and those proposing votes of thanks were necessarily cut very short.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street. Present: Bros. Besant, W.M.; A. C. Tanqueray, S.W.; Johnston, J.W.; Sudlow, Preceptor; Hollowes, acting Secretary; Marshall, S.D.; Pocock, J.D.; Shaw, I.G.; Allhausen, and J. Tanqueray, and others. Bro. Terderberg was a visitor. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge then opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. Tanqueray, acting as candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions. The lodge then resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. Tanqueray being passed to the Degree of F.C. After a "call off," and the W.M. resuming the lodge in the First Degree, Bro. Sudlow, assisted by the brethren, worked the first Three Sections of the First Lecture, and the W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Tanqueray was unanimously elected W.M. for the following Thursday, when the W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old and exceedingly prosperous chapter held a convocation on the 13th inst., when there were present Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; Moss, H.; Davis, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z. Treas.; P. Robinson, P.Z., acting S.N.; Ellborn, P.S.; Mander, I.P.Z.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Parkinson, Janitor. Comp. Rogers, 1624, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. The M.E.Z. having given a notice as to voting a sum from the funds of the chapter towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet which was excellently well ordered.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual routine of toasts were duly proposed and honoured. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was given by Comp. Holbrook, and duly responded to. The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" followed, and was acknowledged by Comps. Moss and Davis. "The Health of the Visitor" came next in order, and this pledge having been warmly received, Comp. Rogers in his reply passed some very complimentary remarks upon the ceremony of exaltation which had been rehearsed that evening. "The Treasurer and S.E." was next proposed, and in response Comps. Harfeld and Davage modestly expressed their acknowledgments, "The Past Principals" and "The Officers" toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—The members of this old established chapter held their annual installation meeting in the Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, on Tuesday evening last, at six o'clock, when the following companions were present: Comps. W. Williamson, M.E.Z.; Lawson Howes, H.; J. Stuckey, J.; C. Radway, Scribe N., acting E.; Hearn, P.Z., acting Scribe N.; T. B. Moutrie, P.Z. Treas.; E. Mercer, P.S.; T. Glover, A.S.; N. Peach, J.A.S.; J. Bigwood, Janitor. Comps. T. Graham, F. Goldney, E. L. Hill, P.Z.; C. Peckett, P.Z.; J. Banks, and others. The chapter having been opened in due form, and the Treasurer's account for the year having been passed, a

report was heard at the door of the chapter, which on enquiry, proved to the great satisfaction of the companions generally, to be the arrival of their worthy and respected Ex. Comp. Dr. H. Hopkins, who despite a confinement to his room for nearly a month, had, with his usual determination, ventured out to keep a long standing promise made to the M.E.Z. to install the principals on this occasion, as he has done for some years. He at once proceeded with the ceremonies, so far as the First and Second Principals were concerned, but unfortunately, the Third Principal elect, Co. op. Frank Wilkinson, was unable to be present through illness, and that portion of the ceremony had necessarily to be postponed. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Comp. C. Radway, Scribe E.; E. Mercer, Scribe N.; F. Glover, P. Sojourner; W. Peach, A. Sojourner; James Knight, J.A. Sojourner; Bigwood, Janitor. The ballot having been taken for two brethren of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, and they declared duly elected, a discussion took place, on the motion of Comp. Mercer, as to the forming of a committee to consider the desirability of celebrating the centenary of this chapter, and the advisability of enquiring whether or no the companions of this chapter were entitled to wear a centenary jewel. On the motion of the I.P.Z., Comp. W. Williamson, the M.E.Z. directed that a vote of thanks be recorded and entered upon the minutes to Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The chapter was then closed in perfect harmony.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1).—A very strong gathering of this popular and distinguished chapter was held at the Criterion Hotel on the 14th inst. Among those present we noticed Bros. Griffiths, M.W.S.; Rev. A. Hall, P.M.W.S.; R. Thrupp, 32°, P.M.W.S.; Treas.; Frank Richardson, 32°, G.M.; Rev. T. Ravenshawe, P.M.W.S.; Roy, Anderson, and others. Bros. Macartney and Walls were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Mortimer was duly perfected, the ceremony being most impressively performed. The ceremonial was greatly enhanced by the musical arrangements, and the very handsome and appropriate accessories belonging to this chapter lent additional solemnity to the proceedings. This influential chapter numbers among its members some of the most influential and distinguished members of the Mystic Brotherhood, and the manner in which the Ancient and Accepted Rite is performed therein is always a great privilege and pleasure to witness.

Upon the termination of the work, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was most lavishly and elegantly served in the large hall. The after proceedings, which merely consisted of the usual long routine of toasts, terminated at an early hour.

Royal Ark Mariners.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Solent Lodge (No. 63).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual festival on St. Andrew's Day, at the Masonic Hall. The ceremony of installation of officers was efficiently performed by W. Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland, the following being invested: W. Bros. G. Tilling, C.N.; R. Loveland Loveland, I. C.N.; Bros. G. Cross, J.; W. Horton, S.; D. O. Hobbs, S.D.; J. C. Stroud, J.D.; P. Warren, Treas.; C. W. Bemister, Sec.; J. R. Weston, D.C.; W. O'Neil, G.; and J. Biggs and W. Vare, W.

Amusements.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—Bro. Henry Irving, it is stated, when he heard of the dissolution of partnership between Messrs. James and Thorne, came up on Saturday night, from Birmingham, and offered Mr. James the part of "Our Mr. Jenkins," in the "Two Roses," which he will produce on the 26th inst. His appearance on this stage will be the night for a grand reception. It is said Mr. Thorne had to pay £4500 on the dissolution. Bro. Irving will also at the same time bring out Planchette's comedietta, "The Captain of the Watch." Miss Fanny Josephs has joined the Lyceum Company.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—On Thursday next, the 29th inst., Mr. Pinero's new play, "The Squire," will be produced at this theatre. When we say the leading characters will be Bros. Hare and Kendal, Mrs. Kendal and Miss Ada Murray, we have said enough to prove, if there is any good in the drama, it could not be placed in better hands. It will be recollected that "Imprudence," which we noticed two weeks ago, and which has had such a successful run at four different theatres, is by the same author.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.—"The Colonel" is still playing here, and is now well into a two years' successful career. The whole of the comedy is a skit on the æsthetic movement, on which our contemporary, "Punch," has the last few years been very severe. When the curtain rises on the first act, "Interior of Forrester's Home," before a word is spoken, the audience are convulsed with the attitudes of Professor Stryde, Lady Tompkins, and her daughter, Mrs. Forrester, who have all gone mad about æstheticism. They dress in the most severe style, talk most intensely, and are altogether "too utterly utter." Sunflowers and lilies are placed in every corner of the room, to the banishment of other of nature's more beautiful flowers. But the plot of the piece is to show that when carried to great excess the whole thing is a fraud. There is no doubt that it has developed from that taste which has sprung up of late years for high art, but it has left the beauties and form of art and made itself ridiculous. Professor Stryde has found a dupe in Lady Tompkins, widow of a City alderman, with plenty of money. She has a daughter, Olive, who is also taken up with the craze, and dresses in a brick-red dress. These three, together with the Professor's nephew, talk of nothing, read of nothing, and, we suppose, dream of nothing, but high art. They eschew, like hermits, all conversation on ordinary topics. Instead of enjoying a meal they give out

that "a slight sustenance" is sufficient for them; they do not live, they say, "they exist." Olive has married a Mr. Forrester, who has no sympathy with the craze. His life is made very unhappy by his mother-in-law taking up her abode in his house, and bringing the impostor of a Professor and his nephew also. But at last an old friend turns up in the person of the Colonel, who at once sees that things are not very pleasant for Forrester, and plans with him a way to bring about a different state of affairs. Forrester, on the plea of going for a few days' fishing, remains in London, and visits a lady with whom he passes much of his time. Unknown to him she happens to be an old schoolfellow of his wife's. Mrs. Forrester calls on her, but is greatly laughed at by her friend, Mrs. Blyth, for her foolish craze. When afternoon tea is brought in, Mrs. Blyth supposes she will not care to have a cup because her cups have handles. Mrs. Forrester's whole conversation is an eulogy on the teapot, its form, its colour, its beauty, about which she works herself up into a state of enthusiasm distracting to the practical, every-day Mrs. Blyth. Whilst Mr. Forrester is paying one of his visits to Mrs. Blyth, his mother-in-law, with the Professor and her daughter, who have been calling on the flat above, are announced, and a scene ensues which, of course, closes an act. But it brings Olive to her senses when she sees what she has driven her husband to. The Colonel makes a discovery in finding the Professor's lecture "On the Severity of the Intense," which he has forgotten, and inside of which is a bill from the neighbouring hotel for £67 for six months' supplies, wines, &c., supplied to the Professor, he having gone to the hotel on the sly in the evening. At an agreed moment he shows the Professor and his schemes up before the whole household. Lady Tompkins's eyes are opened, and she sees she has been living in a world of deception, Olive acknowledges her foolishness, and that she has been unhappy in her intensity, and only claims her husband's forgiveness, which he readily grants. We feel we have not done justice to the piece. Without going into lengthy details, and enumerating a number of characters we have not alluded to, it is impossible to give a very satisfactory account. But the "Colonel" has now been playing so long before the world that we believe most persons know its purport. Miss Amy Roselle, as Mrs. Blyth, is excellent; Mr. Coghlan, as the Colonel, deserves all the praise he gets; Mr. Lambert, as Professor Stryde, Miss Myra Holme, as Olive, Miss Leigh Murray as Lady Tompkins, Miss Sothorn, Mr. Brackstone and Mr. Herbert as Mr. Forrester, each in their respective parts must be highly commended. It will be recollected that it was the "Colonel," which Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Abergeldie Castle, in October last, had played before the Queen and the Royal Family, when Mr. Edgar Bruce and the whole company were introduced afterwards at her Majesty's desire to the Queen and the Princess of Wales. The Prince of Wales has since then presented Mr. Bruce, the manager, with a beautiful scarf pin, and last week gave him a portrait of himself and the Princess of Wales.

AVENUE THEATRE.—In spite of what has been said as to this theatre being pulled down without having been opened, we have reason to believe the railway company have no intention of taking it. M. Marius will open it in the spring, with Miss Florence St. John, for light opera. He has engaged the following strong company: Bro. Bracy, Messrs. C. Ashford, T. G. Warren, and Bro. J. G. Taylor. Bro. Charles Morton will be the acting manager. It augurs well.

On Monday next a number of theatres re-open or change their programme for the Christmas season. Drury Lane and Covent Garden with the pantomimes of "Robinson Crusoe" and "Little Bo Peep" respectively; at the Standard Bro. Douglass brings out "Sinbad the Sailor;" and at the Royalty Bro. Byrro's "Pluto; or, Little Orpheus and his Lute" will be produced. The Olympic will re-open on the 26th also, after having been closed for a few weeks, with Bro. Sim's "Member for Slocum," in which Miss Lizzie Zibbian, a niece of the late George Honey will play. Playgoers will therefore have plenty of wholesome amusement provided for them. Bro. Harris intends, after the Christmas pantomime at Drury Lane, bringing out "Youth" again with more costly effects even than before.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

ATTENBOROUGH.—On the 17th inst., at Mapledurham, Tyson-road, Honour Oak, the wife of Mr. George Attenborough, of a son.

STRICKLAND.—On the 19th inst., at Woodchurch-road, West Hampstead, the wife of Mr. Robert Strickland, of a son.

THORNHILL.—On the 18th inst., at Maples Hotel, Dublin the wife of Mr. Frank Thornhill, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

FOSTER-CHARD.—On the 16th inst., at St. Luke's, Shepherd's-bush, by the Rev. H. Rowsell, the Rev. Charles Foster, of 114, Godolphin-road, Uxbridge-road, W., late Vicar of St. John's Dudley-hill, Bradford, to Mary Mellish, widow of the late Mr. Samuel Chard, of the Stock Exchange.

KIDD-BENN.—On the 17th inst., at all Saints', Blackheath, Walter Kidd, M.D. Lond., son of Mr. Joseph Kidd, M.D., to Alice, daughter of the Rev. J. W. Benn, M.A., Rector of Carrigaline and Douglas, county Cork.

DEATHS.

BALL.—On the 18th inst., at 7, Stanley-place, Chester, Mr. Thomas Gerrard Ball, a General of Her Majesty's Army, and Colonel of the 5th, or King's Regiment, aged 90.

MADDEVER.—Dec. 10, suddenly at the residence of his brother, Dr. Maddever, 19, Battery-place, Rotherham, Bute, N.B., William Coombe Maddever, of Nos. 124 and 126, Commercial-street, E.

PHILLIPS.—On the 15th inst., Mr. Edward Phillips, Derby, aged 65.

WILFORD.—On the 15th inst., at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Major-General Edmund Neal Wilford, late Royal Artillery.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was, on Saturday last, installed First Principal of the Apollo (University) Chapter of Oxford, at a special meeting of the Friends in Council Chapter, 1383, at the hall of the Supreme Council, 33rd, Golden-square.

At a meeting of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, on Monday evening last, W. Bro. Alderman Ellis, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, S.W., and Past President of the Board of Grand Stewards, was unanimously elected W.M. of this ancient and distinguished lodge for the ensuing year. The installation will take place on Monday, January 16th, at Freemasons' Tavern at five p.m.

Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild has remitted 15 per cent. of the rents of his tenants on the Winchendon and Waddesdon estates.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has consented to be put in nomination as President of St. Thomas's Hospital. Bro. Alderman Stone is the Treasurer.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., returned on Monday from his visit to South Africa by the Grantully Castle. Before leaving Natal he was the guest of Bishop Colenso.

At the request of the Prince of Wales, the date of the concert to be given in the Albert Hall in aid of the sufferers by the Vienna catastrophe has been changed from Thursday, the 5th, to Saturday, January 7th, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, No. 65, meets every Friday evening at six o'clock at Comp. Maidwell's Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Companions are cordially invited.

Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., was among the guests at the Charter House on Founder's Day.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey presided at a conference held at Bicester on Monday, under the auspices of the Church of England Temperance Society.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention to lay the foundation stone of one of the new buildings to be erected at Redhill for the Royal Asylum Staines Schools.

Bro. Henry Wright has been placed by the Dean of Westminster on the committee of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the head, for raising a memorial to Dean Stanley in the Abbey Chapter House.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting held in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, on Tuesday, in connection with the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund. The report, which proved of a very encouraging character, stated that a sum of £31,856 had been collected during the past year, the largest amount realised since the institution of the Fund. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., was amongst the speakers.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., has been elected a Vice-President of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society. Bro. Marshall has been a liberal supporter of this charity for many years.

Bro. José Vergara, Minister of the Interior, has been elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Chili.

The State apartments of Windsor Castle were opened on Thursday for the first time since the departure of the Court, and will be open for public inspection every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday during the absence of the Queen until further notice. The hours of admission will be from 11 till 3. The Albert Memorial Chapel will be open from 12 to 3 on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Bro. the Duke of Albany laid the foundation stone of the new college, named after Princess Helena, at Ealing, on Saturday afternoon, the 17th inst., the Prince and Princess Christian being present at the ceremony.

Bro. R. E. Erville B. Bishop, Past Grand Commander of Indiana, for many years the agent of the Bee Line, at Muncie, has recently been promoted by the appointment as general agent of several railroads, with headquarters at Dayton, Ohio.

Bro. Alderman Knight occupied the chair at the half-yearly general meeting of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company at the company's offices, Summer-street, Southwark. The report for the half-year ending September 30th, 1881, showed that the amount of revenue received from water rates during the half-year was £87,917 15s. 11d., as against £85,224 14s. 4d. in the previous half year.—*City Press*.

The third full dress Masonic Ball in aid of the charity fund of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1611, will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Friday, February 17th, 1882. The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., has granted a dispensation allowing Masonic Jewels and Masonic Craft clothing to be worn in the ball room. Weippert's quadrille band is engaged.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has consented to preside at the annual meeting of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, which, by his lordship's permission, will be held at the Mansion House.

Bro. Rob Morris is writing a series of reminiscences of Masonic men and measures for the *New York Dispatch*, which will undoubtedly prove very interesting, as Bro. Rob is always rich, rare and racy in this style of matter.

The *Metropolitan*, in accordance with its annual custom, gives a portrait of the Chief Commoner for the year (Mr. Sydney T. Day), from a photograph by Bro. Albert E. Fradelle.

A ball under the auspices of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the Camalodum Lodge, No. 660, will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Malton, on Tuesday, January the 10th, 1882. Brethren to appear in full Masonic costume. Wives, daughters, and sisters, of Freemasons may wear a pale blue ribbon four inches wide, as a scarf from the left shoulder. Dancing to commence at nine o'clock.

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Bro. Major-General his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., was duly elected a Chevalier of the Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in accordance with his Royal Highness's gracious consent, at a meeting of this chapter, held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on the 13th inst., General Sir John St. George, K.C.B., Chancellor, presiding.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft was present at the meeting of the Court of Assistants of the Sons of the Clergy, at their house in Bloomsbury-place, on Saturday, for the distribution of the benefactions to poor curates and other necessitous clergy, annually given away at this season of the year.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., (vicar of St. Helen, Bishopsgate), preached in the church on Sunday morning last, and on Tuesday delivered the Lumley Lecture.

Bro. Edward Spooner, of 2, Spencer-road, New Wandsworth, S.W., President of the New Wandsworth Philanthropic Society, will thankfully receive contributions in aid of the poor children's dinner fund, to enable them to give 500 poor children a dinner of roast beef and plum pudding, &c.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Bayley, J.P., of Lancaster-street, Hyde Park, and of Rookwood, county Roscommon, has, upon the motion of Lord George Hamilton, M.P., seconded by Mr. Sawell, been unanimously elected a member of the executive committee of the Middlesex Conservative Association.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson delivered the last of a second series of discourses on "Domestic Sanitation," on Saturday last, at Exeter Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Sanitary Association.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson delivered the concluding Advent lecture at the church of Allhallows, Lombard-street, on Friday evening.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., will preside at the annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund next year.

The meetings of the Crusader Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, will be adjourned until the 2nd Thursday in January, 1882, at nine p.m., when there will be a ballot for the Governorship in the Masonic Charities.

Bro. R. W. Cobb was elected Grand Master of Masons for the ensuing Masonic year at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, held at Montgomery, on the 7th inst.

Bro. Sir John Bennett gave a lecture on "The Watch" at Littlehampton on Tuesday, and on Wednesday he lectured at St. Mary Cray on "Our Next Reform Bill."

Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter Principal King of Arms, went to Windsor Castle on Saturday, and placed the banner and regalia of Bro. the King of Sweden, one of the created Knights of the Garter, in St. George's Chapel. The standard of his Majesty, with red and blue field, emblazoned with lion, hatchet, and castle, and the helmet, sash, and sword were arranged above his seat, between the banners and insignia of King Humbert of Italy and the Duke of Brunswick, on the Sovereign side of the choir.

Bro. Dr. James M. Austin, for very many years the highly esteemed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, we are pained to learn, died in New York city on Saturday last, December 3rd, and his remains were interred with Masonic honours on Wednesday, the 7th inst, the Grand Master of New York, Bro. Horace S. Taylor, officiating. We shall give an account of his Masonic career in our next.

One of the features of the new building (Leadenhall Market) is the Half Moon Tavern, which stands at the Gracechurch-street end of the grand avenue. It is one of the oldest established houses in the City, dating back for 200 years or more, and had a Masonic lodge attached to it at least a century ago. The proprietors, Messrs. Townley Porter and Co., have had it rebuilt in the revised Queen Anne style, the decorations and fittings being excellent. It is probable that a new Masonic lodge will be established there.—*City Press*.

Comp. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., was installed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Northumberland, on Friday, December 16th, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., in the place of the late Comp. Lonsdale M. Cockcroft. Bro. the Earl of Percy, M.P., Prov. G.M. Northumberland, was among the present.

The Brighton Sanitary and Scientific Exhibition, in connection with the Health Congress held last week, closed on Wednesday evening with a distribution of the awards of the jurors, the presentation being made by the Mayor, Bro. Alderman W. H. Hallett in the Dome.

Bro. G. M. Taylor presided at a meeting of the Aldersgate Club on Wednesday last, and Mr. G. Tacchi occupied the vice-chair. The business included the nomination of the officers for the ensuing year.

Bro. Justice Cave and Mr. Justice Kay will be the Christmas vacation judges.

Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, C.C., presided on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., at the Vestry Hall, Camberwell, when Dr. Berneys delivered the first of a series of lectures on "Breads and Flours."

Bro. Arthur Cohen, Q.C., M.P. for the Borough of Southwark, presented a testimonial to Bro. Pierpoint, Station-master at London Bridge Terminus, on Thursday last, at the Terminus Hotel, London Bridge.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., of the Shipwrights' Company, speaking at Leamington, referred to various signs of reviving commercial prosperity.

The circulation of *Punch* (which has just completed its fortieth year) has, it is said, increased considerably of late months. It is not generally known that Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, C.C., assisted at the issue of the first number of *Punch*.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1882 (London, George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street).—This excellent little work makes its appearance for the twelfth time, and is an excellent guide in all things "Masonic," giving information almost up to the moment of publication.—*Pictorial World*.

Bro. Alfred Brookman, W.M. elect; Bro. A. J. Altman, I.P.M.; and Bro. George Sims, I.G., of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, have been returned to represent the Ward of Aldersgate in the Court of Common Council.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Maddever, P.M. of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504; P.P.G. S.D. Herts, and J. elect of Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22. Our deceased brother was greatly esteemed, and his kind-heartedness and many good qualities will long be remembered by his brethren. He was interred at Lifton, North Devon, on Saturday, the 17th inst.

In consequence of the Christmas holidays there will not be a meeting of the Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1364, this (Saturday) evening.

The *Theatre Christmas* number contains a page of vignettes of the following London managers, who are also at the same time well known members of the Craft: Bros. S. B. Bancroft, Haymarket; John Hollingshead, Gaiety; Edgar Bruce, Prince of Wales's; Wilson Barrett, Princess's; Henry Irving, Lyceum; Augustus Harris, Drury Lane; Thomas Thorne, Vaudeville; J. L. Toole, Folly; and W. H. Kendal, St. James's.

Bro. Elias Benjamin was installed W.M. of the Saint Leonard Lodge on the 14th inst. at the Town Hall, Shoreditch.

Bro. Charles C. Wilson was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 897, at the Masonic Rooms, Hall-street, St. Helen's, on the 13th inst.

Bro. Duncan H. Harrison was installed W.M. of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on Thursday, the 15th inst.

Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., installed Bro. J. S. Rymer into the chair of K.S. at the meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, held at York on Monday last.

Bro. J. R. Smart was installed W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94, at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland, on the 7th inst.

Her Majesty's alms have been this week distributed at the Royal Almonry at Whitehall. The total number of persons relieved was 1168.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has consented to take the chair at the next annual meeting of the Governors of the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital, and has granted the use of the long parlour at the Mansion House for the occasion.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebery has remitted 15 per cent. of the rents due at Michaelmas from all tenants on his Bucks estate.

Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury has postponed rent audit on his Cheshire estate for a month, from December to January, in consequence of the lateness of the harvest, and the difficulties of the past season.

Bro. the Earl of Mar and the Countess of Mar have arrived at Winterbourne, Bonchurch, Isle of Wight.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold visited Salisbury on Wednesday, and after inspecting the cathedral received an address from the Mayor and Corporation.

Bro. Albert Brassey has subscribed £500, Alderman Sir Benjamin Phillips £100, and Alderman Sir Francis Truscott £100, to the property in Ireland defence fund.

The Court of Common Council has made a grant of £50 in aid of the classes in the City and Port of London district of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Bro. Richard Hervé Giraud was on Monday, the 12th inst., re-appointed Treasurer of the Grand Master's Lodge for the fiftieth time.

The additional premises recently acquired by the proprietor of the Junior Gresham Club (in consequence of the continued increase in the number of members) having been handsomely fitted up, were thrown open for use on Tuesday last. They consist of an extension of the dining-room, which will now seat forty more members; an increase in the size of the entrance hall (where is fixed a telephone), with lavatories beyond; a non-smoking, reading, and writing room, in which is fixed an instrument of the Automatic Telegraph Company; a card-room; private dining-room, and a large room, well suited either for a private dining-room or a Masonic lodge-room, to which latter purpose it is the intention of the proprietor, at the suggestion of several of the members, to endeavour to adapt it, and he will shortly apply to Grand Lodge for a warrant to form a lodge in connection with the club. Altogether, what with excellent management and liberal arrangements, the Junior Gresham Club is in a very flourishing condition, and there is every probability that the 200 members required to bring the club up to its maximum strength will soon be added to the roll.

Bro. R.R.H. the Prince of Wales's remarkable collection of presents, brought to this country from India, have been removed from York to Nottingham Castle Museum, and were on Wednesday opened to public inspection. These valuables and rarities occupy the whole space on the ground floor, and are commanding much attention. By the way of giving public recognition to the kindness of His Royal Highness, the mayor (Alderman Goldschmidt) issued 700 invitations to the principal inhabitants to assemble at a *soirée* for a special inspection. In spite of the high price of admission a large number of people have visited the museum.

More than 70,000 dollars have been subscribed for the erection of a monument to the late President Garfield, four-fifths of the amount being raised in his native state of Ohio.

The annual ball of the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges, Nos. 1572 and 1671, will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Friday, the 27th January, 1882. The services of Bro. Dan Godfrey and his celebrated Quadrille Band have been engaged for the occasion. Bro. Nelson Reed is the Honorary Secretary.

A ball in connection with the lately constituted press lodge (Gallery, No. 1928), will be held at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, on Friday, the 13th January next.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, December 31, 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 24.

No Meetings.

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 26.

Lodge 1632, Stewart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark Grand Masters, 87, Red Lion-sq.

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 27.

Lodge 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hot.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.

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 Bldgs., 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, 8.
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 28.

Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., 8, Air-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

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

Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
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-cr., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
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 30.

Grand Masters' Council (No. 1), Royal and Select Masters, 8a, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st., W., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portland Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, 79, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-rd., at 7.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Royal Star, 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.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31.

No Meetings.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, December 31, 1881.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H. Southport,
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30.

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