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WE understand that up to the close of last week Bro. TERRY had received the names of 221 Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival, which total is somewhat in defect of the number of Stewards at this time last year. But there is yet some time before the Festival, and as many brethren postpone the announcement of their names until the last moment, during the next few weeks many more announcements of Stewards will come in. We beg earnestly to impress on our brethren and readers that they double, so to say, the help they offer to this excellent Institution, by sending their names in *at once* to the Secretary.

No better evidence could exist of the estimation in which Freemasonry is held in the City than the fact that its Chief Magistrate again occupies the position of Master of a Lodge. Two years ago Bro. Sir FRANCIS TRUSCOTT was installed as W.M. of the Grand Masters' Lodge, and the brilliant gathering at the Mansion House during his year of office will long be remembered. On Wednesday last Bro. Alderman ELLIS occupied the same position, and all who are acquainted with the zeal and ability with which our worthy brother carries out his many and varied duties will be assured that the interests of Masonry in general, and of the Grand Masters' Lodge in particular, will not, whatever may be the pressure of other engagements, suffer during his reign.

At the recent Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, the minutes of the previous Quarterly Court were confirmed with this reservation, that the amount to be expended on the swimming bath was reduced to a maximum of £1500. We are informed that this amount will, in all probability, be still further reduced, and that, without impairing the provisions for the comfort of the children, or affecting the elegance and effectiveness of the plan. As some remarks have been made on the facility with which large sums have been voted by the brethren in the metropolis, subscribers to the Charities, we think it right to observe that the London brethren are most disinclined to anything like extravagance in the administration of the Charities, most watchful over the current expenditure; and that while they are most anxious, and rightly anxious, to keep up their really noble Charities in thorough efficiency, they are second to none in their desire and efforts to administer the funds, provided by the large-hearted liberality of their brethren, with every safeguard for proper economy and needful carefulness. The original motion for the swimming bath was made when the largest number of our provincial brethren habitually attend, and we feel quite sure that the recent decision of the Quarterly Court will be approved by them, as it is unanimously by all the metropolitan brethren.

WE wish to impress this one fact on our readers just now, and of which we trust that they will take a careful note, that A LARGE PROPORTION OF LODGES AND CHAPTERS, AND A STILL MORE SERIOUS NUMBER OF OUR BRETHREN, HAVE NEVER DONE ANYTHING AT ALL FOR OUR GREAT, OUR USEFUL, OUR ADMIRABLY MANAGED CHARITIES. The magnificent returns made year by year, are offered with but a small additional amount of new subscribing lodges, chapters and brethren, by the same lodges, chapters and brethren over and over again; but as in everything earthly there are ever the ebb and flow, the inevitable losses of subscription lists, and passing away of good old friends, the Charities have a right to expect additional help from fresh subscribers, new services of help as year passes away on year. We trust that 1882 will witness no diminution of the intense reality of the Masonic Charity, but that, on the contrary, we shall be able to announce twelve months hence, that the Charities have found, as they deserve, much additional aid from new friends and fresh subscribers.

THE last attack on Freemasonry by ALBAN STOLZ,—we do not quite gather whether such is a pseudonym or no, is published at Vienna by CHARLES SARTORI. If the *Monde Maconnique* gives us correct extracts from its pages, which we doubt not, it is a very silly and, in fact, contemptible pro-

duction. So much so, that it is certainly not worth a reply; indeed, hardly deserving of notice. It is termed, as translated, "The Natural History of Freemasons." Whether it is written in German or French does not quite clearly appear; but if the *Alpina* has printed its title exactly from which paper the *Monde Maconnique* derives its précis, it is actually termed, "Histoire Naturelle des Francemacons." Perhaps some German reader can set us right on this point, if we are wrong. Mr. ALBAN STOLZ proceeds, it is asserted, to divide Freemasons into four classes, (see *Monde Maconnique* for November, page 317): 1. The Weak Freemasons; 2. The Speculating Freemasons; 3. Apostate Christians; 4. The Helpers of Satan. Is it to be believed that in 1882 any man could be so foolish or fanatic, or perversely crazed as to put forth such nonsense? still less, that he could find a reasonable or sane publisher to join in his venture? The editor of the *Monde Maconnique* seems to intimate that ALBAN STOLZ, whoever he may be, is a Jesuit. Be it so. We deeply regret that anyone could be found in this epoch to give up his mind to such absolutely wicked and criminal libels. The main point of complaint seems to be that Freemasons are unbelievers and Red Republicans, and that they constitute a standing league against order, morality, religion, and law. We know how thoroughly absurd, and worse than absurd,—nay, how deliberately and malignantly slanderous such a charge appears to us Anglo-Saxon Masons. But we must be fair, even while we reprove, and just while we condemn. We fear that it cannot be denied, that abroad, here and there, foolish speeches are made, childish proclamations are issued, words and acts are frequent which alarm the respectable and frighten the timid members of society. There is in some sections of Freemasonry a good deal, we apprehend, of a so-called sympathy with Unbelief and Communism, which to some extent justify even injurious suspicions and indignant reclamations. But then our antagonists almost always argue from a particular to an universal, and forgetting that Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry probably represents seven-tenths of all existing Freemasonry, judge from the habits and tendencies of a minority, the unfailing practices and unchanging tenets of a great majority of Freemasons. For them, however, God be thanked, the old fashioned words, charity, loyalty, duty, order, submission to lawful authority, the civilizing influences of social restraint, and the gentler sympathies of the moralized humanities are still full of meaning and reality, and, therefore, we can afford to consign in the limbo of hopeless inanities, and to hand over to the judgment of the honest and the true, such attacks as these, which only display the ignorance, and perversity, and crankiness, and craze of the writer.

WE publish elsewhere an extract, which we found accidentally in the *Belfast News Letter*, relative to Irish Masonry. We are always glad to publish Irish reports, and only regret that we are positively often indebted to Ultramontane and antagonistic journals, or chance paragraphs from non-Masonic papers, for the accounts of Irish Freemasonry which appear in our friendly and Masonic columns.

WE call attention to a letter of Bro. EMMA HOLMES, and a circular of Bro. Lieut.-Col. MACLEOD MOORE, which appear elsewhere. They will suggest many serious reflections to many of our readers, and all will approve of the words and action of our distinguished brother, the Grand Prior of Canada.

OUR contemporary, the *Standard*, says: "The public are—not, it appears, without good cause—warned against a man who is going about the country obtaining money and clothing from people by passing himself off as a friend or relative just come back from sea. We are told that he has been very successful in swindling several people in this way. It is said that his victims are to be found chiefly among persons in the humbler walks of life, and this is no more than one might expect. It is among them, for the most part, that relatives are lost sight of, and they are apt too, unless prematurely sharp, to be very guileless. It is they who succumb with such readiness to the confidence trick, and who lend money on the security of painted sparrows, and—be this put in their favour—if a man can claim any sort of knowledge of them, and can persuade them that he has come back from sea hard up for a few shilling or a suit of clothes, he is more likely to find liberality among those 'in the humbler walks of life,' than a few steps higher up the social ladder." We hope that our readers will make a note of this fact, as just now impostures are many, and impostors are rank amongst us.

It is no doubt true, as one of our contemporaries has put it, and the fact is a very sad one in itself, that last year was one of the most disastrous known to the shipping interest, from the twofold cause of trade depression and casualties at sea. An authority has computed that shipping to the amount

of 1,250,000 tons was lost in 1881, the average weekly list of disasters including eight steamers and forty-three sailing vessels.

THE "Personal Statistics" to which we call attention elsewhere, are very interesting, though some may deem them rather trifling in themselves. We, however, venture to consider all such little facts interesting and valuable, and not unworthy either the labours of compilation, or the thought of perusal.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brett, and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. The other brethren present were:

Bros. J. M. Case, G. P. Britten, John Constable, Richard Hervé Giraud, J. H. Matthews, W. Mann, Charles Dairy, J. Lewis Thomas, Thos. Cull, Charles Atkins, J. D. Collier, F. Binckes, John Denton, F. R. Spaul, W. Gibson Bott, N. Gluckstein, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frederic Davison, W. Groves, George Everett, W. Pitt, Henry P. Speedy, E. J. Moore, J. H. Sillitoe, L. F. Littell, W. H. Perryman, John Skirving, Chas. Hudson, G. D. Hughes, F. Thurston, Charles McDowall, F. W. Koch, R. Forster, W. H. Dean, George Powell, E. Squinell, R. J. Cook, Joseph Thorp, A. Runacres, Charles E. Power, Griffiths Smith, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec.; H. C. Buss, A.G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, H. Sadler, G.T., also attended.

The brethren first confirmed the recommendations of the former meeting to the amount of £295. There were twenty new cases on the list. The total amount granted was £682 which was made up of one £200 (£200), one £100 (£100), three £40 (£120), four £30 (£120), one £25 (£25), four £20 (£80), three £10 (£30), one £5 (£5), and one £2 (£2).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The January Quarter's Court of Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. A. Dubois, William Dodd, Henry Lovegrove, A. J. Duff Filer, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Frank Richardson, James Terry, Frederick Binckes, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the October Court having been read before they were put for confirmation.

Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER, P.G.S.B., said that with regard to the proposed swimming bath, he did not wish to say one word in opposition to the wishes of the Committee in any form, but it had occurred to him, and several other brethren, that £2000, which had been proposed as the limit which the bath was not to exceed, was a very large sum, and they would be glad if the Court could modify the amount. For his own part, he thought that £1500 was large enough, and would meet the wishes of the subscribers to the Institution more nearly. All the brethren knew how desirable it was that girls, as well as boys, should be taught to swim, and save life from drowning, and he hoped that the Boys' School would some day have a bath of its own. He threw it out as a suggestion to the meeting to modify the amount, but at the same time he would move that the minutes be confirmed with the exception of allowing the sum of £2000 to stand, which he proposed should be altered by inserting the figures £1500 as the amount not to be exceeded for the building of a swimming bath.

Bro. H. A. DUBOIS, P.G.W. Middlesex, said he felt the same as Bro. Duff Filer, that £1500 was an ample sum. Indeed, he might go so far as to say that an eminent surveyor (Bro. Lovegrove), who was present, had made a drawing for the baths, which, though not a very elaborate building, would be such a one as, while by no means a disgrace to the grounds of the Institution or the different buildings, would be of immense advantage to the children. He seconded the motion.

Bro. COL. CREATON told the brethren he was always loth to say anything with regard to these propositions for spending the money of the Institution, but he could not allow it to pass without a word or two. He quite agreed with the remarks made by Bros. Filer and Dubois. He was in favour of having a swimming bath at the School, but he was not in favour of the expenditure on its construction of such a sum as £2000. He was perfectly convinced that for £1000 or £1500 they might build an excellent bath. He might also say he was not in favour of placing the bath where it had been proposed to be put—in a part of the kitchen garden. There was a very nice place near the laundry, 80 feet long and 30 feet wide, which was ample for the purpose.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said that if the site of the bath was a part of the motion before the Court, he should have to move an amendment. When a bath was agreed upon it would be decided by some competent authority where it should be. If it was put on a part of the kitchen garden it would spoil the place, and it would be a great pity to have to pull it down again.

Col. CREATON replied that the site of the proposed bath was no part of the motion or amendment.

The minutes, as altered by inserting £1500 instead of £2000 for the swimming bath, were then put and carried.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for tradesmen's bills. The number of candidates for the April election was declared to be twenty-eight, and the number of vacancies twenty-one.

A vote of thanks to Col. Creaton closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Monday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. J. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Don. M. Dewar, James Terry, Samuel H. Parkhouse, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff Filer, C. H. Webb, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The number of candidates for the April election was declared as sixty-seven, and the number of vacancies fifteen. There had been another candidate, but he was withdrawn, the Province of Devon presenting him

under the John Huyshe presentation. A letter from Bro. Charles Godtschalk to that effect was read by Bro. Binckes.

This was the only business, with the exception of the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the brethren then adjourned.

PRESENTATION TO A LEWIS.

An interesting feature of the monthly meeting of the Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, held at its new quarters at the New Inn Hotel, in this city, on Wednesday evening last, and which was attended by the Deputy-Provincial Grand Master of the province, Bro. Alderman, J. Brook-Smith, M.A., of Cheltenham, was the presentation of a silver cup to the infant son of a member of this lodge. The child had been brought to the lodge by his nurse, and when the ceremonies were over and the business closed, nurse and infant were admitted and the gift was made, the brethren much enjoying the novel proceeding. The silver cup bears the following inscription:—"Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, Gloucester. To Norman D'Arcy Champney, a Lewis in Freemasonry, born on the day of the regular monthly meeting of the Lodge, Wednesday, Nov. the 9th, 1881. Thos. Delafield, W.M.; Henry Jeffs, I.P.M.; Henry Luker and Henry Frith Wardens; W. J. Lifton, Secretary.

The Word "Lewis" is applied in English Operative Masonry to an iron cramp inserted in a large stone in a prepared cavity for the purpose of attaching it to a pulley so that the stone may be raised to its proper elevation. The word Lewis is also applied to the eldest son of a Freemason, who by custom takes precedence of other candidates at initiations. The word seems first to have had modern use in the Constitutions of the Craft in 1738, in respect of His Majesty King George III., eldest son of Brother His Royal Highness Frederick Prince of Wales. A toast was drunk to the royal child with the refrain:—

"Now a Lewis is born, whom the world shall admire,
Serene as his mother, august as his sire."

In the French rite the eldest son of a Freemason is called a "lowton." In the lodges in France it was formerly the custom to adopt a lowton, and Clavel, in his "Histoire Pittoresque de la Franc-Maconnerie," describes at length the proceedings on such an occasion, which were of a specially festive character. The lodge-room was decorated with leaves and flowers and pots of incense. The child and his nurse were brought to the Masonic Hall before the opening of the lodge and placed in an ante-room. The lodge was then opened in Masonic form, and the Wardens appointed as godfathers to the child repaired to the ante-room accompanied by a deputation of the brethren. Then the child was taken from the nurse and conveyed into the lodge to the Master's chair, and after some ceremony the following colloquy took place: "What bring you here, brethren?" asked the Worshipful Master. "The son of a brother," replied the Senior Warden, "whom the lodge is desirous of adopting." "What are his names and what Masonic name do you propose to give him?" The sponsor replied. He added to the family and baptismal name of the child another characteristic one, such as Truth, Devotion, or Benevolence, or some other of a similar kind, which was called the Masonic name. Then followed the burning of incense, and addresses were delivered by the Master and the sponsors, and finally the infant was re-conducted to the ante-room and restored to the anxious and, as may be supposed, often bewildered nurse. "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof." There is a condition attached to future applications for silver cups in the Zetland Lodge; the child, as in the present instance, must be born on the day of a regular monthly meeting of the lodge.—*Gloucester Chronicle*, Jan. 14th, 1882.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

A very imposing Masonic ceremony took place on Thursday, Dec. 1st, at the Freemasons' Hall, Moray-place, when a new lodge under the Irish constitution was consecrated and constituted by the R.W. Bro. Julius Hyman, P.P.G.S.W. Irish Constitution, in the presence of the R.W.D.G.M. of New Zealand South, Bro. G. W. Harvey, and the acting D.D.G.M., E.C., Bro. E. Nathan, a large number of Masters and Past Masters, and about 130 other brethren. The ceremony, a very imposing one, was ably performed by Bro. Hyman, and the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master was performed by Bro. Harvey; the Wardens were invested by the R.W. Bro. E. Nathan, and the rest of the officers by R.W. Bro. W. Caldwell, G.S. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The ceremonies were carried out under the supervision of the W. Bro. C. de Longueville Graham, assisted by Bro. W. L. Buchanan.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—In no country in the world has Freemasonry made such rapid strides as in the United States, which in 1877 contains about fifty Grand Lodges, thousands of lodges, and over half a million subscribing members. All these have resulted from a small beginning, made in 1730 by His Grace the Duke of Norfolk, appointing Bro. Daniel Cox, Prov. G. Master for New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Apparently several lodges were established by his authority in Philadelphia (Penn'a) during the year that the Commission was issued (or Deputation as it was then called). At all events, it is quite clear that lodges were working in that city 1731-3, and that the revered Benjamin Franklin and others were active and most zealous members. The pages of the *Key Stone*, and especially the "Proceedings" of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as well as the Grand "Memorial Volume" of the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia (under the able editorship of Bro. Charles Eugene Meyer), all most emphatically prove the right of Pennsylvania to claim priority in Masonry for all America. Some prefer to credit the city of Boston with the honour; but certainly without justification—for the Deputation to Bro. Cox preceded that of Bro. Henry Price's by about three years, and though just now we are at a loss to exactly trace any of the several lodges which were referred to by Bro. Benjamin Franklin, except probably one held at the "Hoop" Inn, Philadelphia, as No. 79 (which is, to say the least, very nearly established on unequivocal testimony), yet it should be remembered that there is abundance of evidence to be found in the pages of Franklin's newspapers that the Craft was in a flourishing state in the "City of Brotherly Love" many months before Henry Price was installed as Prov. Grand Master of New England, and we have but to wait for confirmatory intelligence to place it beyond contradiction that Philadelphia is the premier Masonic city of America.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia*.

THE GREAT PRIOR OF CANADA ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF GREAT PRIORY.

Reprinted from "Canadian Craftsman" December, 1881.

R.E. and Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to your editorial in the last issue of "Canadian Craftsman," relative to the National Great Priory of Canada, containing statements at variance with the facts, calculated to convey erroneous impressions. Supposing them to be based upon the printed proceedings and newspaper reports relative thereto (incorrect in many instances), and which have been forwarded with the proceedings to the members of the Order in Canada and elsewhere, quite unknown to, and unauthorized by, me, it becomes necessary to place things in a proper light. I may premise that the proofs of the printed proceedings were not, as usual sent to me to look over. I was consequently quite unprepared to learn that we had entirely severed our connection with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Supreme Grand Master of the Templar Order. So far as I can understand, the only ground for this incorrect statement was the entirely needless ceremony of electing a "Great Prior" at the last annual assembly of Great Priory in July.

It is well known to all who were present, that when the Grand Chancellor, Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, on announcing the election of officers, introduced my name, as he said, "just to show how much I was appreciated by the Frateres in Canada, as their Great Prior," &c., &c., and then himself proclaimed the election—(but no installation took place, as stated in the proceeding). I immediately declared to Great Priory that although agreeable to me as a mark of good-will, it was a most unnecessary proceeding, as I held my office of "Great Prior" by patent, direct from the Prince of Wales, the Supreme Grand Master of the Order. At this time I attached no importance to the above circumstances, having been assured by the Grand Chancellor that it was merely for the purpose of paying me a compliment and proving the good feeling of the Body.

But upon learning from the pages of the printed proceedings that my remarks had been omitted, I applied to him for an explanation. He replied, "that it was not the custom to report speeches in proceedings (at the same time he had published his own) and that there was no use in now discussing these matters, as when 'Convent General' died out, my patent became worthless, of no use, power or effect whatever;" and otherwise expressed himself in such language as to prove to me that I had inadvertently fallen into what only can be called a pre-concerted scheme to entrap me into apparently giving my assent to his views, and thus violating my vows of allegiance to the Grand Master.

It must be recollected that at the annual assembly of 1879, "Convent General" having become a dead letter, the independence of the Canadian Branch of the Order was declared and jurisdiction claimed over the whole dominion, at the same time the supremacy of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master fully acknowledged.

In justice to myself, holding the position of Great Prior by virtue of my patent so creating me, and not by virtue of any pretended election by the body in Canada over which I preside, and, in fact, having called the Great Priory into existence by and through the powers conferred upon me by my patent, it is ridiculous to suppose that that body, organized by me, can now turn around and repudiate the authority that gave them birth, and assert that they live by virtue of their own inherent powers. I have thought it necessary to make this plain statement of facts, and cannot too strongly repudiate the idea of seeming to consent in any way to a movement intended to set aside the supremacy of our Royal Grand Master.

It is evident to all of us that since "Convent General" failed to attain the object for which it was created, each Great Priory has become (with the assent of all the Supreme Grand Master) an independent and supreme body, for the reason that there is not now in existence any body that can claim authority over the National Great Priorities of England, Ireland, and Canada. These Great Priorities are independent of each other, and must be self-ruling, inasmuch as they have no ruling body to whom to look for direction.

But it is different in regard to the Grand Master. The Prince of Wales having been elected Supreme Grand Master of the Order by the representatives of all the Great Priorities (although "Convent General" as a separate body ceased to exist *de facto* but not *de jure*, and can be called together by His Royal Highness at any time), retains the position. Never having resigned it, and still claiming and asserting his right to it, therefore he cannot be regarded in any other light than as Grand Master of Templars in England, Ireland, and Canada, and the "Great Priors" of these three nationalities are his lieutenants, holding office by his appointment. In this case there is no possibility of arguing by analogy; as there is no precedent for our guidance, we cannot therefore be governed by the accustomed usages of Masonry. In a few words, the Great Priory of Canada is a supreme and independent body, ruled and presided over by the Prince of Wales, who is for life Grand Master of the Templars of Canada, as well as of England and Ireland, and whose representative, lieutenant and *locum tenens* in Canada I am, representing his authority when he is not personally present. This is our legal position, and I cannot conceive that the great majority of Canadian Templars would in the least desire to change it nor to exchange our Royal Grand Master for some provincial celebrity. I feel satisfied that all loyal Templars in Canada must see they have no hardship to complain of in the Constitution; on the contrary, they, to all intents and purposes, are self-governing, manage their own affairs, dispose of their money, and nominate their Great Officers, which latter privilege I voluntarily surrendered into their own hands.

It is difficult, then, to know what the malcontent of the Order really want. We have a supreme and independent organization for Canada, and the first man in the empire for Grand Master, and if this will not content every loyal Canadian, then I say the same objection might be raised to the Queen's supremacy in political matters, as to her right to appoint her own Governor General for Canada. If any of us are so jealous of British connection, and so self-seeking and selfishly ambitious as to object to the heir to the throne being our Grand Master (instead of thereby feeling ourselves highly honoured), those so feeling are unworthy to be classed as British Templars.

To prove I have long entertained the same sentiments as regards our connection with the parent stock, I refer all

our fratres to my annual address delivered before Great Priory in 1875, wherein I advised the members under all circumstances to continue firm in allegiance to the supreme head of the Order, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, not only as being our most natural chief, but where could we find so honourable a banner to serve under as that of the heir to the throne, who rules us with the sanction and approval of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patron of our Order.

I shall therefore, unhesitatingly and unflinchingly, continue to assert my rights and privileges as Great Prior of the national Great Priory of Canada, by virtue of the patent I hold and am honoured with, ignoring all attempts to change its present supreme and independent position; feeling satisfied that all true fratres of the Order in Canada will assist me in upholding the dignity of the Great Priory and the supremacy of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as our governing head whom "God preserve."

WILLIAM J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G.C.T.
Great Prior Dominion of Canada.
Laprairie, Province of Quebec, 27th November, 1881.

NOTE.—Since the foregoing letter was written, it appears necessary to explain, that when the consolidation of the Order of the Temple in the British Dominion was first contemplated, the ruling bodies at the time asked H.R.H. the Prince of Wales if he would honour them by accepting the position of Supreme Grand Master of the Order, to rule the entire body; and on his assent being obtained, a Convent General was formed of the Nationalities of England and Ireland, at which H.R.H. was formally elected and installed.

The Convention being found to work unsatisfactorily, has not been called together for some years, for the reasons stated in the "Proceedings of the Great Priory of Canada in 1879"—H.R.H. continuing to hold the position of Supreme Grand Master in England, Ireland, and Canada—which has nothing to do with the vitality of a "Convent General" that grew out of the acceptance of his office; no objection has been raised thereto, until the hurried action taken (without previous discussion) in the Great Priory of Canada at the meeting of last July.

If complete independence or severance from the authority of H.R.H. can now be proved as necessary for the future welfare of the Order of Canada, recognition must be asked for, and obtained in a constitutional manner, for it is evident that the mere declaration of independence does not absolve the members from their vows of fealty voluntarily taken on joining the Order—and the Great Prior cannot resign his office to Great Priory; resignation can only be addressed to the Grand Master who issued the authority.

THE ANNUAL MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The thirty-third grand annual Masonic Ball in Liverpool, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, took place at the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., but unfortunately the attendance was not so large as the best friends of the Charity could have desired. The general enjoyment, however, showed that the "Masonic" still holds its place as one of the most pleasant re-unions of the year. As usual, the brethren appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, wearing the jewels and insignia of their offices, and the scene was accordingly of the most animated and brilliant description. The object of the ball, we need hardly say, was such as to commend itself to all true Ma-ons. The "West Lancashire," which is the pride and best of the Fraternity in the district, bears ample testimony to the benevolence of the Craft. The institution is doing a noble work in promoting the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased and distressed Freemasons. During the past year the sum of £1000 was paid from the funds on behalf of 150 children. From the last printed report—that for 1880—it appeared that the progress of the Charity continued. Although the subscriptions were less than in the preceding year, the benefits which had been derived from the fund by the fatherless children and orphans of deceased brethren had been greater than in any former year. During the year ninety-three children had been assisted, the sum paid being £671 17s. 10d. The prosperous state of the institution had allowed the Committee to take the children at an earlier age than hitherto, namely at six years, and to keep them at school a year longer—until 15 years of age. It had also enabled them to permit a payment towards clothing the children, so as to send them to more respectable schools than had been in some cases possible previously. There was much cause for gratitude in the financial position of the Charity, the invested fund amounting to nearly £10,000. The institution was represented at the ball by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., the Hon. Treas., and the patrons by Bro. C. N. R. Beswick Roysds, Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire, and W.P. Prov. G.S.W. East Lancashire. The ball was under the patronage of the Mayor of Liverpool, Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, Lord De Tabley, Colonel the Hon. F. A. Stanley, Earl Bective, the Earl of Dalhousie, Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart.; Sir Gilbert Greenall, and other prominent Freemasons. The patrons included also the Earl of Derby, Viscount Sandon, M.P.; Mr. W. Rathbone, M.P.; Lord J. J. Hamilton, M.P.; Colonel J. Ireland Blackburne, M.P.; Mr. Edward Whitley, M.P.; and Sir A. B. Walker. An efficient committee had charge of the arrangements, the chairman being Bro. W. Ashley-Clayton, Prov. G.J.W.; the vice-chairman, Bro. T. Salter, Prov. G.J.D.; Secretary, Bro. W. T. Smith, J.V., 756; and Treasurer, Bro. H. A. Tobias, Prov. G. Supt. of Works. Bro. Henry M. Molyneux, P.M. 823 once more officiated as Master of the Ceremonies. An admirable staff of Stewards, under the direction of Bro. R. H. Foote, W.M. 1505, secured the comfort of the guests. The following brethren assisted in this work:—Bros. H. A. Tobias, Joseph Wood, (Freemason), J. C. Robinson, J. Hill, P. Thomas, H. H. Smith, P. Chisholme, Dr. Baily, P.G. Std.; J. T. Callow, L. Peake, H. M. Molyneux, Alexander Levy, P.D.G. Treas., Griqualand; I. H. Careful, J. F. Ballard, F. Webster, D. Lloyd, H. Williams, Dr. Hendry, T. Wright, S. Mattison, P.G. Std.; G. E. Hammer, John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; Dr. R. A. Wood, W. Ladyman, R. Martin, jun., W. Parker, H. Firth, Mercer, W. P. Vines, and W. H. Gick. Bro. Martin's band provided the music, and the catering of Messrs. Galt and Capper, who had charge of the refreshments and supper, gave universal satisfaction.

Ireland.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. CHARLES EDWARD MCCLINTOCK, J.P.

On the 4th inst. an emergency meeting of the Star of Kilwarlin Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Hillsborough, for the purpose of presenting Bro. Charles Edward McClintock, of Glendaragh, Crumlin, with an address on the occasion of his marriage. There were present Bros. J. C. Neeson, W.M.; George Croker, M.D.; King; Major H. S. McClintock, J.P.; Charles Edward McClintock, J.P.; John McLeish, W. J. McGifford, Wm. Graham, A. Love, J. A. Vaughan, Edward Smyth, P.M.; Dr. Hawthorn, J.P.; W. Johnston, P.K. 178, Lisburn; Rev. R. D. Knox, W.M. elect; W. Tennent-Henry, C.E., P.K.; and H. J. Hill, Grand Lodge Instructor.

Letters of apology were received from members who were unavoidably absent: Bros. Lord A. Hill, M.P.; the Earl of Kilmorey, R. M. Tilley, T. S. Howe, J. A. Knox, Wellington Young, M. Rice, Thomas D. Card, William McCorinac, George Waugh, B.L.; and Dr. Boyd.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Neeson, W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks introduced the principal business of the evening—the presentation of the address.

Bro. CHARLES EDWARD MCCLINTOCK, after reading his formal reply, took occasion to remark that he felt exceedingly gratified by the honour that had been conferred upon him, which was the best evidence of kindly feeling and approbation of his Masonic brethren. He could assure them that both he and Mrs. McClintock would regard this address as a souvenir of very rare value indeed.

The address, which is a rare work of art, was illuminated by Messrs. Redman and Co., Donegall-place, Belfast, and reflects great credit on that establishment.

The brethren present were then entertained to a sumptuous dinner, purveyed in the best style by Mrs. Hall, of the Corporation Arms Hotel, Hillsborough. After the cloth was removed the Chairman (Dr. Croker) gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically received and responded to, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

BANBRIDGE.—Royal Blue Lodge (No. 119).—This lodge met and held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., in the lodge-room, Newry-street. There was a large attendance of members, and a good many visitors from the neighbouring lodges. The accounts for the year were read and submitted, and showed the lodge to be in a healthy condition, having a large balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The business of the evening was then commenced, viz., the installation of officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Howe, W.M.; Mills, S.W.; Morton, J.W.; Miller, Treas. and Sec.; McClure, S.D.; Mathers, J.D.; and Smith, I.G. The lodge having been called down, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with peace, love, and harmony.

PERSONAL STATISTICS.

The late lamented Prince Consort once observed, in a very memorable speech of his, that all statistics were valuable, though some persons might deem them almost beneath consideration, or others might absurdly object to them on high moral grounds, as Prince Albert so admirably pointed out. We, therefore, think it well to call attention to them, not only because they have appeared in the Daily Press, but because they may interest some of our many readers, at home and abroad, who perchance have not seen them:

The oldest member of Her Majesty's Privy Council is the Right Hon. Joseph Warner Henley, aged 88; the youngest Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, aged 28. The oldest Duke is the Duke of Cleveland, aged 78; the youngest the Duke of Newcastle (a minor), aged 17. The oldest Marquis is the Marquis of Donegall, aged 84; the youngest the Marquis of Camden (a minor), aged 9. The oldest Earl is the Earl of Mountcashell (who is the oldest Peer in the realm), aged 89; the youngest is the Earl of Cottenham (a minor), aged 7. The oldest Viscount is Lord Eversley, aged 87; the youngest, Viscount Southwell (a minor), aged 8. The oldest Baron is Lord Mostyn, aged 87; the youngest, Lord Southampton (a minor), aged 14. The oldest Member of the House of Commons is Mr. Hughes, M.P. for Carnarvon, aged 84; the youngest, Mr. Dickson, M.P. for Dunnamon, aged 23. The oldest Judge in England is Vice-Chancellor Sir James Bacon, also Chief Judge in Bankruptcy, aged 83; the youngest, Sir Charles S. C. Bowen, of the Queen's Bench Division, aged 45. The oldest Judge in Ireland is the Hon. Francis A. Fitzgerald, of the Court of Exchequer, aged 74; the youngest, the Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon, Lord Justice of Appeal, aged 47. The oldest of the Scotch Lords of Session is Sir George Deas (Lord Deas), aged 78; the youngest is the Hon. John McLaren (Lord McLaren), aged 50; The oldest Prelate of the Church of England is the Bishop of Landaff, aged 83; the youngest, the Bishop of Sodor and Man, aged 45. The oldest Prelate of the Irish Episcopal Church is the Bishop of Kilmore, aged 81; the youngest, the Bishop of Cork, aged 47. The oldest Prelate of the Scotch Episcopal Church is the Bishop of Moray and Ross (Primus of Scotland), aged 77; the youngest, the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, aged 58. The oldest Baronet is Sir Moses Montefiore, aged 97; the youngest, Sir Thomas Lewis Hugh Neave (a minor), aged 7. The oldest Knight is General Sir Edward Saine, K.C.B., F.R.S., aged 91; the youngest, Sir Ludlow Cotter, aged 28.—Who in 1882.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold visited Newgate Jail on Tuesday, accompanied by Bro. Howard Vincent, Director of the Criminal Investigation Department. He was received by Mr. Sydney Smith, the governor. H.R.H. was conducted over the prison and shown the condemned cell, the yard in which the remains of those who are hung are buried—which is in quick lime, the initials being cut in the wall near the place—also the casts which are taken of the faces of those who suffer the extreme penalty of the law. H.R.H. appeared considerably interested.

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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.

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The Grand Chapter of this Province will meet by command of the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent,

On **FRIDAY, the 3rd day of February, 1882.**

AT THE MASONIC HALL, ALBION PLACE, SOUTHAMPTON.

The Provincial Grand Chapter will assemble at half-past one o'clock, and be closed filed at two o'clock, *precise time*, when the Provincial business will be transacted.

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By command of the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent,

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To Correspondents.

The following reports stand over till next week:—

United Mariners Lodge, No. 39.
Social Lodge, No. 93.
Inhabitants' Lodge, No. 153.
Bedford Lodge, No. 157.
United Service Lodge (I.C.), No. 215.
St. James's Lodge, No. 448.
Loyal Wellington Lodge, No. 548.
Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732.
Dalhousie Lodge, No. 850.
Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.
Paxton Lodge, No. 1686.
Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805.
Burdett Chapter, No. 1293.
Royal Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 75.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Synopsis of the Chess Openings," "The Hull Packet," "The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Montreal Gazette," "The West London Advertiser," "The New Zealand Freemason," "Le Monde Maconique," "The Walsall Free Press," "Cosburn's Directory," "Masonic Advocate," "The Freemason (Sydney)," "New York Dispatch," "Reading Mercury," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Keystone."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1882.

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.]

MASONIC EMBLEMS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I regret that no one has ventured to take up my enquiry (December 17th, 1881) as to the desirability of clergymen who are Freemasons wearing at Divine service some emblem to identify themselves with the Order. I know a few clergymen who do so; but my object in writing was to ventilate the subject, and, if possible, make the *exception the rule*; and so still further, if I may venture to say, *consecrate Freemasonry*. The Craft, I feel and am persuaded, is worthy of a still wider extension; and I am aware of nothing that could or would more judiciously and effectually extend it. But I think we must agree upon a *common badge*, and, therefore, the question should eventually be discussed in Grand Lodge, and brought before the notice of our great and good M.W.G.M.

The possible objection that we do not seek publicity can only be urged by puerile and unreflecting minds; for your valuable journal is, in itself, a most attractive and a *public advertisement*.

Literary labours and the cares of a parish prevent me from prosecuting as I should like this *new point of departure*. But I confidently leave the subject in your able hands.

To myself, individually, the matter is of no consequence whatever.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

WHY ASHAMED?

A NATIONAL EXHIBITION OF MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some few weeks since, in one of your short leaders, you suggested the desirability of an exhibition of Masonic antiques. I have been waiting the opportunity of doing the same for two or three years past, thinking that an international exhibition would perhaps be held in London in the present year. I considered then would be the time to hold a national exhibition of Masonic relics. However, there is no chance of the former; it is therefore time, if ever the latter is to be brought about, to call attention to the subject.

It is to London, as the centre, that all Masons under the English Constitution look for grand achievements, and, indeed, it may be said that the metropolis is the Masonic centre of the world; it is, therefore, to the brethren in London that I appeal to, with the hope that a few of them, interested like yourself, Bro. Editor, in Masonic archaeology, to bring about what I feel quite sure is greatly desired by many of us in the provinces. The success of the exhibition at York in September last gives every hope that one on a more extended scale would be a grand success, for there are jewels and medals innumerable to be huffed up, as well as specimens of old regalia, china, glass, tracing boards, working tools, prints, documents, certificates, &c., which I feel sure would be loaned by their possessors for such a purpose.

I therefore hope that I shall soon see by the *Freemason* that active steps are being taken to bring about what would be a source of joy to many of us. Probably many will consider that it would not be a financial success; but surely a room could be spared in Freemasons' Hall for a few weeks, say early in the summer, when several of the lodges that meet there are in vacation. Of course it would be necessary to make a charge for entry, and the receipts would, in all probability, be sufficient to cover the expenses of postage, printing, insurance, care-taking, &c.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally; T. F. 56.

THE CANADIAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND CONVENT GENERAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to forward a manifesto from Col. McLeod Moore, Great Prior of Canada, which I have just received, and which I think will be read with interest by your numerous readers, especially those who are Templars.

The document speaks for itself, and I have nothing to add to it except to say I feel sure all English Knights Templar will applaud the sentiments of loyalty expressed by my valued friend and correspondent the gallant old Colonel, who is probably the most learned and enthusiastic member of the Order now living, and but for whom probably Canadian Templary would hardly have existed.

I join issue with the Great Prior, however, when he says Convent General no longer exists; but I exceedingly regret that it has not met for so many years, and that H.R.H. the Grand Master has been unable of late to attend the meetings of the Order. Any one, however, who chooses to refer to the "*Cosmopolitan Calendar*" for this year will see therein a list of the officers of Convent General.

The principal are as follows:

Primate	...	The Right Hon. and Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath.
Arch Chancellor	...	The Hon. Judge Townshend, G.C.T.
Great Constable	...	Viscount Powerscourt, G.C.T.
Great Marshal	...	The Earl of Charlemont, G.C.T.
Arch Registrar	...	Sir Patrick Colquhoun.
Grand Masters' Banner Bearer	...	Viscount Newry (now Earl of Kilmorey).

Amongst the Knights Grand Cross, who are all members of Convent General, are the Emperor and Crown Prince of Germany, the King of Sweden, the Crown Prince of Denmark, Prince John of Glucksburg, the Earl of Limerick (to whom the Order is greatly indebted), Prince Leopold, the Duke of Connaught, Great Prior of Ireland; and the Earl of Lathom, Great Prior of England.

Convent General may be called together at any time the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, thinks fit; and it is for serious consideration whether His Royal Highness may not think it desirable and advantageous to the Order, which is proud to have him at its head, that it should be summoned to meet in London or Dublin at an early date, or, at least, not later than the usual meeting of Great Priory in May.

I cannot believe that it is the desire of the Canadian Templars generally to be absolved of their allegiance to the Prince as Grand Master, but rather that the ambitious aims of some one or two unscrupulous adventurers are endeavoured to be foisted upon the Order to secure an absolute independence calculated to serve their own selfish ends and personal aggrandisement.

Yours fraternally, EMIRA HOLMES, K.C.T.,
Representative of Canada in Great Priory of England.

[The Grand Prior's Manifesto will be found on page 33.]

THE TOAST SONG OF THE YORK LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whether yourself or the contributor has designated the lines published in yours of the 7th inst., as "The Toast of the York Lodge," I, as a member of that lodge, must protest against such a title. The York Lodge has no "Toast Song." The lines in question were certainly sung on a recent festive occasion; but such an event in connection with this wonderful production of "the ancient perieranium" hardly entitles it to the dignity of the designation assumed. Whatever "pretty little fiction" there may be about the authorship, such a title is more than a little fiction, and is strongly objected to by many "brethren of York," and by

Yours fraternally, A YORK SQUARE.
15th January.

Reviews.

THE LARGER HOPE; OR SALVATION FOR ALL.
By THOMAS POWELL, F. & S., 1881. Kerby and Endean, 440, Oxford-street.

Like all the works published by Messrs. Kerby and Endean, this recent one is admirably printed. Unfortunately for our readers, the *Freemason* is debarred by its foundation principles to use a Germanism, from discussing any such works, however able, which belong to the domain of pure theology, or impinge on the debatable ground of controversial dogmata. Some persons, indeed, affect to be able to write a neutral review, to discuss the chapters of a work, dealing with the most important truths in deductions, by which nothing is deduced, and through conclusions by which nothing is concluded. We dissent, however, both to the reality or honesty of any such a course of reviewing, thinking that it verges both on the Jesuitical and the non-natural. We like to call a spade a spade; to speak out honestly, openly, distinctly, with no uncertain sound, not as one that beareth the air; and therefore feel strongly the utter hopelessness of attempting such an "inutilis labor," and the utter impossibility, nay, absolute impropriety, of reviewing works in which special doctrines are alluded to or controversial points are dealt with, on Masonic principles. We can therefore only venture to acknowledge the receipt of the work and mention it for those who like to give their attention to such subjects. We may mention "en passant" in justification of our remarks, that the work deals with the serious question of the eternity of punishment among other points.

ARUCH COMPLETUM. By Dr. ALEXANDER KOHNT. Tomus Tertius III. Vienna, 1881.

This third part of a lexicon relating to words found in the Targums Talmud and the Midrashim, is a very valuable aid to Hebrew students, and is most admirably printed and edited by the Chief Rabbi of Funfkirchen, Dr. Alex. Kohnt. We have previously mentioned it in our pages, and we are glad again to notice it for those of our readers who study the Hebrew language, or who take part in the interesting researches relative to the Talmud, &c.

THE MONTHLY PACKET FOR 1881. Two Volumes. Walter Smith, 34, King-street, Covent Garden.

This admirable magazine for the elder-young, if we may coin an expression, edited by the well-known authoress, Miss Yonge, comes before us, in two neat volumes, full of interesting matter and effective stories. The authoress, bringing back to our minds pleasant memories of the "Black and White Ribeaumont," one of her most charming novels, reproduces a very interesting and graceful "Chapter of Pearls," though, perhaps as "laudatores temporis acti," we rather prefer the older work, than which no more striking, realistic, or touching has been given us by any modern writers, or even by the ever-moving pen of that ready writer, the authoress. We commend "The Monthly Packet" to several young friends of ours.

BIBLIOTHECA RABBINICA. By AUG. WENSCH. Fourteenth Part. Leipzig: Otto Schulze. 1881.

The fourteenth part of this most interesting and valuable Hebrew commentary on "Lamentations" is now before us, and most worthy of note and study it is. We mention it for the information of all who read German, and are anxious to master the old Rabbinical Commentaries on the Sacred Text.

HOLY BIBLE, WITH COMMENTARY. NEW TESTAMENT. John Murray, Albermarle-street.

This is the third volume of the New Testament portion of what is commonly called the "Speakers' Commentary," edited by Canon F. C. Cook. Many of our readers are well acquainted with this valuable aid to exposition, both in respect of the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and of the New Testament, though from various reasons, which skilled Masons will easily understand, we cannot do more, legitimately or with propriety, than mention the appearance of this well edited and valuable work. It would be impossible for us to go further, than a mere scholastic or technical discussion of the subject matter of the commentary, and even that effort would be attended with difficulty, in that scripture exegesis is so much mixed up with scripture teaching, that we might find ourselves involved in a learned controversy, about which tones have been written, before we realized where we were or whither we were going. Reverencing the Scriptures as we do in our lodges, as the Great Light of Freemasonry, we can, however, never be in the wrong in calling friendly attention to laborious and skilful endeavours to elucidate their meaning or remove apparent difficulties towards their understanding and realization.

OUR TRIP TO NORWAY: A SIX WEEKS' FISHING TOUR WITH LADIES. By SYDNEY PEEL. London: Printed by Roworth and Co., 17 and 19, Newton-street, High Holborn, 1881.

We are not, as a rule, greatly impressed with the narratives that are often published of short holiday trips. For the most part the information they contain is very meagre. What likelihood is there of its being otherwise? How can even the most observant writer hope to learn what is worth reproducing in book form in the space of half-a-dozen, or even a dozen weeks, especially when a considerable part of the time is spent in the mere journeying from place to place? One day's experiences are pretty much those of another; nor is it possible to make a readable story out of such dry details as hiring horses and carriages, catching trains, finding quarters and luncheon, dining, and supping, even where, as in this instance, a little tame, uneventful fishing is super-added. Mr. Peel has recognized this. In his preface he remarks that the "chronicle of so ordinary an event" as this six weeks' tour in Norway "demands, perhaps an explanation, if not an apology." Fortunately, in this instance, the explanation or apology is forthcoming. The part of Norway that was to be visited was out of the beaten track; the party was a mixed one, consisting of two ladies and three gentlemen; and it was not easy to obtain information as to the country to be travelled. Consequently Mr. Peel's little book, if neither exciting nor even particularly interesting, is not without its value; and intending visitors to this part of Norway, whether fishermen or simple travellers, will obtain many useful hints about expenditure, equipment, the inns or "stations," as they are called, that should be sought out and made much of, and those, like the one at Diseth, which should be patronised only in the direst necessity. These are the redeeming features in a book that is otherwise dull and tedious reading.

THE BEDFORDIAN SYSTEM OF ASTRONOMY.

Being New Theories of the Universe, explaining how Sun, Moon, Stars, Comets, &c., are formed, &c. By JAMES BEDFORD, Ph. D. Third Edition; with Appendix. Price, One Shilling. London: H. Vickers, 317, Strand, W.C. 1881.

In these pages there is, as may be imagined, much controversial matter, which it is, therefore, outside the scope of our duty to deal with. It comes not within our province or inclination to discuss the merits of different astronomical theories. The road by which even a moderate knowledge of this beautiful science may be acquired is a sufficiently hard one to travel without allowing the study of conflicting systems to make it still more intricate. It is consequently, from no want of respect for Bro. Dr. Bedford and his theories, that we abstain from passing any opinion on them. That they have exercised an appreciable influence in the world of science must be manifest. They were first propounded in 1854, and such has been the demand for the treatise that the present is the third edition. Moreover, among the notable authorities "who have helped to support this system of astronomy" are set down the names of Sir Geo. Airy, lately Astronomer Royal; Professor Adams, Professor Hall, of the Washington Observatory, U.S.A.; Mr. R. A. Proctor, Professor Reynolds, Professor Schaparelli, &c. As to the nature of the Bedfordian theories, we must content ourselves with briefly describing them. In one of them he lays it down that there is a re-

lation or connection between comets and meteorites, and that both move in orbits. According to others, comets revolve round comets, there are cometic systems, the earth was once a comet, and our solar system in its infancy a cometic system, while our sun is still a comet to observers in other worlds, its tail being what is commonly known as the "milky way." It may be imagined that such theories as these found no favour for a long time; but twelve years after they were propounded, Schaparelli, an Italian astronomer, would seem to have verified Bro. Bedford's discoveries as to the revolution of comets round comets, and the existence of cometic systems. Since then Mr. Norman Lockyer, writing in his work on astronomy as to the connection between comets and meteorites, has placed on record his belief that the hint of such a connection is one of the "greatest discoveries of late years in the science of astronomy." Another hint or prediction made by Dr. Bedford, in 1854, namely, that Mars, and even Venus and Mercury, will be found to have moons, has been also verified by Professor Hall, of Washington, U.S.A., at least, as regards the first-named planet. From this brief sketch it will be clear that the Bedfordian system has not been thoughtlessly conceived, and that several of his most important theories have met with the approval of many recognised experts. The treatise is well worth reading, though the subject is necessarily a complex one. Still Bro. Bedford has done his best to make his meaning clear, and, in our judgment, he has fairly well succeeded.

Masonic Notes and Queries.**FRATRES PONTIFICES.**

It may interest Bro. Gould to know that in Henriot's "Histoire des Ordres Religieux," Brussels, 1838, a purely Roman Catholic work, the Freres Pontifices, or Freres Pontifes, are said to have been a quasi-monastic religious order, which lasted for a short time, but did a vast amount of pious work in repairing and restoring bridges. I may add that a careful perusal of Mr. Henriot's work does not, however, convince me that he is either trustworthy in his history, or correct in his statements. He is far too much of a partizan to be a reliable historian.

MASONIC STUDENT.**MACIUNS.**

I note that in the glossary to the life of Edward the Confessor, published under the authority of the Master of the Rolls, edited by Mr. Luard, the date of the MS. being 1245, or thereabouts, the words Maciuns or Macuns are used for Masons. The word Franc is used for a Freeman, Mestre for Master, and the word Gardain seems to be in use, no doubt also used as Gardiani. Maistrie and Mestrie seem employed to mean mastery, skill, authority, as pur Maistrie of right, or by authority. It appears to me that Franc-Macon may therefore, a ter all, be good Norman French, and mean a Freeman Macon, and hence Free-Mason. So far, however, no early use of Franc-Macon has been discovered.

MASONIC STUDENT.**ST. ROOK'S HILL LODGE.**

With respect to the two lodges mentioned in the article "Masonic History and Historians," the senior one, constituted in 1724, meeting at the Dolphin, Chichester, according to Secretary Grey-Clarke ceased working in or about 1757. The one at St. Rook's Hill, near Chichester, was ceased in 1754. There was, doubtless, a tradition still lingering with the Freemasons of Chichester at that period, when the latter was constituted in 1730, of some annual ceremony which took place in Easter week; I am now investigating the subject. I am of opinion that the hill was in Saxon times, and perhaps for a long time afterwards, used as a meet-hill, and I believe the citizens at a remote period used to march in procession to St. Rook's Hill to meet the Bishop on his return from Parliament.

T. F.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.**Craft Masonry.**

GRAND STEWARDS' LODGE.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., P.M., presided in the unavoidable absence through illness of the W.M. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors, the list comprising the names of Bros. William Bristow, S.W.; John A. Rucker, Treasurer; Fredk. Hockley, Sec.; T. H. Edmonds, S.D.; John Noyes, J.D.; W. A. Richards, D.C.; Francis C. Church, I.G. Past Masters John W. Stedwell, Edward Baxter, C. H. Waters, J. F. Walsh, Fredk. Binckes, F. S. Knyvet, W. Smithett, John P. Probert, R. L. Spice, Charles Martin, John Thomas Wimperis, T. P. Breasey, F. Farnan, Griffiths, Smith, H. Mackintosh, Dr. Alfred Meadows, W. Surr, and W. J. Crump. Visitors: Bros. Colwin, Henry Pink, Alex. Lordwick Irvine, 171, 200, 1216; W. C. Pulleyn, 435; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; T. W. Carmalt, 259; R. Warwick Jordan, G. Drysdale, W.M. 222; C. Mansfield, W.M. 21; A. W. Duret, W.M. 1768; W. G. Sogan, G.S., S.D. 91; E. Letchworth, G.S., 197; Aug. C. Wheeler, P.M. 14; John Bellerby, G.S.; Samuel Crew, 186; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.M., P.G.S., 255; Hugh M. Gordon, W.M. 1293; Eneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.; Flaxman, Spurrell, 55, P.P.G.W. Kent, 615; Alfred Bristow, P.G.S., 14; Albert Scott, W.M. 1593; G. W. Armstrong, P.M. 1593; Edw. M. Roe, I.P.M. 1593; E. J. Beale, S.; C. E. Keyser, W.M. 404; George C. Pulsford, Sec. 1593; W. J. Smith, 1593; James B. Wing, P.M. 171; Robert Gresley Hall, W.M. 4; Thomas Dinwiddy, 1; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; Charles A. Merton, P.G.D.; A. S. Wildy, W.M. 23; Lewis H. Isaacs, P.M. 973; Brooke Lambert, P.M. 1593; C. D. Loveless, W.M. 1593; George Carrington, 1593; J. G. Miller, P.M. 1593; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (Freemason).

The minutes having been confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted, Bro. Edward Baxter, P.M., presented to Bro. Richardson Bro. William Bristow, S.W. and W.M. elect, for installation. Bro. Richardson then installed Bro. Bristow as Master of the lodge in a Board of some fifty Past Masters. The following brethren were

appointed to office: Bros. Jordan, S.W. (Bro. Charles Waters was invested in his absence); T. H. Edmonds, J.W.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., Treas.; Hockley, Sec.; Noyes, S.D.; Merton, J.D.; A. A. Richards, I.G.; Griffiths Smith, M.C.; Francis Farnan, Steward; and Rawles, Tyler.

After the delivery of the address by Bro. Frank Richardson, Bros. W. J. Crump and O. A. Colvin were elected joining members of the lodge, Bro. Gresley Hall, 4, was proposed as a joining member, and Bro. Dr. Macintosh offered himself as Steward for the Girls' School Festival in May.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet in the Crown Room. The usual toasts followed. In giving "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, &c.," the W.M. said that several of the Grand Officers were present, and the Grand Officers were the lights in Masonry. Among them he might mention Bro. McIntyre, Bro. Rucker, Bro. Merton, and Bro. Long. It was a great boon to this lodge to have such brethren present. He had been reminded both on his right and left that time was rapidly going on, and that many words would not be acceptable, and, therefore, he would not prolong what he had to say of their merits and the work they had done. Sufficient for him to say that they were so well known to all the brethren of the Craft, and the work they had done was world-known, and he had only to mention their names to receive from the brethren the utmost cordial reception. Bro. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., in responding, said, the Grand Stewards' Lodge he had known as long as he had been a member of the Craft, and as soon as he was able to attend one of their public meetings where they gave instruction to the Craft of England, he was present, and he learned a very great deal from them. When he determined if he could to make himself a master of the ritual of Masonry, he was told, and he found it to be perfectly true, that the ritual of the Craft was carried out in the purest manner in the Grand Stewards' Lodge; and it was no wonder it was so, as none but distinguished Masons came there as the Grand Stewards of England. He was delighted that evening to see a Past Grand Steward and a Past Grand Officer perform the ceremony of installation. It showed that he was well grounded in his work, and certainly that his sojourn in the Grand Stewards' Lodge had not allowed his Masonry to get rusty, or that he should deviate from the old tracks so well marked out. He congratulated the lodge on having so many distinguished Masons wearing the red collar, but he felt confident that, while brethren looked forward to the distinction that gave them, they would become good members of the Craft in the private lodges to which they belonged, and would do good work in Masonry. The W.M. had distinguished himself elsewhere, and as Master of this lodge would perform his duty in a manner quite equal to his predecessors; that the old working of the Grand Stewards' Lodge would not go down while he was Master. At the same time, perhaps he might say younger brethren come on determined to keep up the old working which had been seen that evening, and which was a very good token of the way in which the Grand Officers worked on all occasions. Bro. McIntyre then commended the lodge for the excellent repast set before the brethren. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S., and P.M., proposed "The W.M." He need scarcely say that the Master of the Grand Stewards' Lodge was rarely expected to be an untried or inexperienced brother, and certainly the occupant of the chair that evening was one who had had a very fair share of experience for many years past. Bro. Bristow was initiated seventeen or eighteen years ago in the Tuscan Lodge, by Bro. Frank Richardson, who had had the honour of installing him that evening, and in the year 1871 he occupied the chair in the Tuscan Lodge, and he (Bro. Binckes) well recollected the pleasure he had in being present and aiding on that occasion. They all welcomed Bro. Bristow in his advent to the supreme power of W.M. of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. It was a very large advance to make, a proud position for any one to occupy—in fact that of the first commoner in the Order. Bro. Bristow thoroughly and entirely realised the importance of the position, and would prove himself completely efficient in the discharge of the responsible duties which devolved upon him. To him (Bro. Binckes) it was a source of great gratification to see such a galaxy of brethren to do honour to Bro. Bristow. He did not wish to indulge in terms of empty compliment and idle eulogy; it was perfectly unnecessary, for the W.M.'s deeds spoke for themselves. There might be some brethren present to whom Bro. Bristow was more intimately known than to him (Bro. Binckes), but there was no one who more heartily wished him God speed, and every happiness and prosperity during his year of office. With reference to his excellence and his merits, he would say *si testimonium requiris circumspice*, because they knew to whom they were indebted for many of those visitors of distinction who now honoured their board. The W.M., in reply, said he did not know how to express himself, but when the brethren elected him to fill this distinguished position, which had been filled by many brethren of eminence before, he felt the importance of the trust committed to his hands. He did not know how sufficiently to thank the brethren of the lodge for the honour they had done him in so electing him. He need only say this, that during his year of office he would do his utmost to carry out the duties of his high and importance office. High and important it was. There were matters connected with this lodge that required very careful and quiet consideration. Time was when the lodge was not what it was now, and the time might come when it would be greater still; but that depended on the Grand Stewards themselves, eighteen of whose lodges were in the Craft. If they joined it it did not require him to say what the lodge would become. After again thanking the brethren, the W.M. read a letter from Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, apologising for his inability to attend. He was sure every one regretted Bro. Monckton's absence. The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," of whom there was a highly distinguished body present. He made special reference to the brethren of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, between which and its chapter and this lodge there was a close connection, he (the W.M.) having been selected for the first Principal's chair of the Royal Naval College Chapter. Among the members of that lodge and chapter were Bros. Fenn, Merton, Rucker, Loveless, Rowe, Isaacs, Dinwiddy, Spurrell, Bristow, Irvine, and Lyon. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., in responding, expressed the great gratification he and all the

other brethren had experienced in being present, and at meeting with such a hospitable reception. He entirely endorsed the observations of Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, with regard to the work. When this lodge had a public night for the exhibition of work, in order to instruct brethren in what ought to be done, at that time the late S. B. Wilson regretted the Grand Stewards' Lodge did not adopt the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The brethren of the Royal Naval College Lodge would all be pleased to see that that evening the working of the Emulation Lodge had been well represented by Bro. Frank Richardson. It was extremely gratifying to him (Bro. Fenn) and Bro. Murton. The W.M. of the Royal Naval College also responded, and regretted there was no naval man to respond. Naval men existed in that particular lodge but a very short time. They came to the college for nine months to study, and then went north, south, east, and west, and perhaps did not return for four or five years. Necessarily, therefore, civilians filled up the gaps, and it was his good fortune that night to fill up one of those gaps. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, and the W.M. paid those brethren a high compliment for their exertions on behalf of the lodge. They were always ready to take upon themselves any office which might be vacant, whether it was that of W.M. or I.G. Bro. Frank Richardson, in reply, said the Past Masters were very much pleased at the kind observations of the W.M., but with reference to his remark that they were always ready to undertake any duty in the lodge, he might say that they would be unworthy of the rank of P.M.'s of the Grand Stewards' Lodge if they were not ready to do any work of the lodge. In reply to the toast of the "Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., said that elected by the lodge to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Hockley being appointed Secretary, they felt the compliment very deeply, and they would do the utmost in their power to perform their duties. Bro. Murton replied for "The Officers." Although the resources of the Tavern had been unexpectedly taxed on account of the large number of visitors, the officers had done their best to give them a dinner which would be satisfactory. The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Rawles, and the brethren separated. A charming selection of music was given during the evening, under the direction of Bro. C. Warwick Jordan, Mus. Bac., Oxon, by Miss Otie St. Ives, Miss Kate Baxter, Bros. Hanson and Chap. Henry.

GRAND MASTERS' LODGE (No. 1).—The installation meeting of this celebrated old lodge was held on Monday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. The meeting was held in the Crown Room, which, notwithstanding its great capacity, was scarcely large enough for the entire convenience of the large number of brethren who attended. The occasion was the installation of the Lord Mayor of London (Bro. J. Whittaker Ellis), and the attendance of the brethren was even larger than when Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, the then Lord Mayor, was placed in the same distinguished position two years ago.

Bro. J. March Case, who was Master of the lodge twenty-two years ago, and was installed again as Master in January, 1881, presided, and the other brethren present were Bros. Bradshaw Brown, R. M. Bishop, G. Martin, Rev. J. Conder, G. Fuller, J. Holah, George Payne; Past Masters F. Bennoch, Sir F. W. Truscott, R. B. Lumley, Colls, Gover, Richard Hervé Giraud, Treas.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, Sec.; Taylor Smith, and E. Fenner; G. C. D. Alliac, R. Creed, A. L. Fernandez, E. Alloness, G. W. R. Steel, A. P. Youell, E. H. Britwell, T. Donwiddy, J. Crawford, C. D. Griffin, A. Brookman, H. C. Lumley, A. B. Froud, John H. Fitch, J. Langton, H. Gordon Brown, J. C. Dimsdale, W. Griffin, T. J. Hartridge, E. Stillwell, J. Staples, J. Bennett, E. H. Sharp, H. J. Waterlow, F. Sharp, E. W. Morris, and J. Baber.

Among the visitors present were Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Midx.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Sir John Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Major Gen. the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, G. Steward; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; A. Fawcett, P.P.G.O. Somerset; W. C. Beaumont, S.G.W. Surrey, P.G.S.; H. Hollenger, P.M. 185, P.G.J.D. Kent; J. Broadbent, J.W. 607; J. G. Sandeman, P.M. 758; B. C. Robinson, J. S. Gallant, P.M. 813; R. C. Halse, 131; W. Crawford, P.M. 127; T. H. Goldney, P.M. 606; Edward Swanborough, 1310; P. G. Prichard, 102; P. G. Griffiths, P.M.; W. H. Sanders, 889; G. J. Jones, 1328; R. A. Austin, 1591; Walter Lumley, 4, P.M.; J. E. Barton, 1305; W. Ganz, P.M.; Thompson, 1601; J. Brown, 50; C. A. Payne, 862; A. Lester, 1309; M. Smith, W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; J. Edmeston, J.W. 1635; Geo. Clarke, jun., 1777; H. Rawlings, 18; E. N. Jolliffe, 1657; T. W. McAnally, 1397; C. Hudson, P.M. 140; J. T. J. Leslie, 839; T. A. Forber, 1216; H. Woodvates, P.M. 416; N. Williams, 490; W. Dryland, 69; E. R. Royce, 69; J. C. Furnis, 1820; Alex. Pebbles, S. Crawford, 192; Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M. 1657; J. H. Partridge, 79; F. Fleet, 1414; J. L. A. Monckton (Apollo University), 197; A. G. Browning, W.M. 33; C. H. Shoppee, P.M. 162; J. P. Edkins, 1150; E. J. Honychurch, 90; G. P. Plant, 1673; A. S. Wildy, W.M. 23; F. F. Giraud, T. H. Devonshire, P.M. 4; J. S. Turner, 1716; A. Ellis, 781; N. Kingham, 1597; A. Moyer, P.M. 176; H. Birdseye, P.M. 715; W. E. Flower, S.W. 905; G. W. J. King, 905; J. Wood, P.M. 1470; V. W. Taylor, P.M. 407; J. Broadbent, J.W. 507; J. H. Dawson, 1828; H. C. Dimsdale, 859; H. Mackintosh, P.M. 4; A. Rosenthal, W.M. 1673; C. Allen, P.M.; H. C. Jepps, W.M. 19; W. Glynes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; R. Endford; A. S. Lewis, 487; W. Mingave, 1673; T. Benskin, 1657; E. Anderton, 1657; J. N. Mason, 14; T. Teel, 919; W. E. Bailey, P.M. 1008; T. Minstrell, 1928; E. Terry, P.M. 1319; S. J. Herapath, 20; J. K. Coleman, P.M. 1716; L. Potts, P.M. 1716; F. A. Hyndman, 357; F. McDougall, P.M. 3; W. Giles, P.M. 108; W. Jolliffe, 523; A. Euleon, S.W. 9; E. Beaumont, 26; E. J. Stoneham, S.D. 28; P. A. Nairne, P.M. 176; W. Harris, Pacific; J. Harris, 706; C. J. Hale, P.M. 5; and H. Massey, P.M. 679, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. March Case, W.M., who after the confirmation of the minutes and the adoption of the report of the Permanent Committee, resigned the chair to Bro. Edward Fenner, P.M., for the purpose of

the installation of the Lord Mayor as W.M. Dr. Gooding presented his lordship, and Bro. Fenner performed the ceremony of installation. The new W.M. thereupon delegated the investiture of his officers to Bro. Fenner, and the following brethren were duly invested: Bros. J. M. Case, I.P.M.; Bradshaw Brown, P.G.S., S.W.; R. W. Bishop, J.W.; Rev. John Conder, Chap.; Richard Hervé Giraud, P.M., Treas.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.M., Sec.; George Martin, S.D.; George Fuller, J.D.; J. Holah, I.G.; George Payne, P.M., P.G.S.D.C.; and Goddard and Church, Tylers. After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Fenner, who, by the way, did the whole of the ceremonies in admirable style, Bro. J. March Case, I.P.M., presented to the lodge, in commemoration of his year of office, a magnificent setting maul, made of ivory, with a silver plate affixed to it, having the following inscription: "Presented to the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, by Bro. John March Case, P.M., W.M. 1860 and 1881, 16th Jan., 1882." On the motion of Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, P.M., seconded by Bro. Sutton Gover, P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Case for the handsome gift.

The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed. In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said: Brethren, the toast is the Queen and the Craft. The Queen has confidence in the brethren who form the Freemasons of England, and I have heard and believe that there is no greater pleasure that Her Majesty enjoys than to know that her sons rule in the breasts of the Freemasons of England. (Cheers.) The toast was drunk with the usual Masonic honours, and was followed by the singing of the "National Anthem." The Lord Mayor: I now have to propose "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Cheers.) Happy the brethren who live in all quarters of the globe that they possess so great, so worthy, so noble, so estimable a Grand Master as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and happy the Grand Master, and most happy the Prince who can number so many loyal hearts, true by him and true to the interests of every country in which they move. I give you the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Cheers.) The W.M.: Brethren, I have now to propose to you "The Right Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The Earl of Carnarvon is one of the sons of England who commend themselves to our respect and regard, and there is no greater gratification the Freemasons have than to see the Pro Grand Master in the chair at their Quarterly Communication. The Earl of Lathom, as we all know, is one of those who have advanced the interests of agriculture more perhaps than any man in England. But we have present to-night most worthy Grand Officers, Bro. Sir Francis W. Truscott—(cheers)—who has discharged so many obligations in Masonry with honour, and who has the distinguished position of a Past Junior Grand Warden. We have also Bro. R. P. Bent, Past Grand Chaplain—(cheers)—Bro. Monckton—(cheers)—who, I need not tell you, is President of the Board of General Purposes, and a most efficient officer, without whom the great and intricate work of Masonry could not proceed. We have also Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, and, as we all know, he was selected by H.R.H. for that peculiar judgment and ability which he brings to the post, together with the most masterly ability and those qualities which render him respected and endeared by the whole Craft. (Cheers.) Then we have Bro. Rucker, Past Grand Deacon, and ubiquitous in every work where Freemasonry is conducted. Bro. Gould, Grand Deacon, and Bro. Frank Richardson are also on the roll; and I could continue this list of Grand Officers who have supported Freemasonry with so much ability, but I know you do not wish that all the individual names should be given; but I hope that this time next year we may have the opportunity of naming those who are here to-day. I would couple with this the name I first mentioned, that of Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, P.G.W. (Cheers.) Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott: Worshipful Master, I cannot conceive a position in which a Mason can find fault with the Master who presides over him, but, as a good Mason, as I hope I am, I may perhaps demur to your ruling that I should return thanks for this toast. I am a Past Grand Warden, but my work therefore is somewhat of the past, and I see present those who are constantly, year by year, performing very important duties more satisfactorily. These brethren, in my opinion, are the brethren who should have been called upon to respond. But having stated this much, I cannot do less than thank you for the kind and courteous manner in which you have alluded, not only to the Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers, Past and Present, but also to myself. As regards myself, I can assure you that, occupying as I have a similar position to that which you now occupy, I can only hope that at the end of your year of office you will have received from that position as much pleasure as I have derived. Together with the pleasure you derive the great satisfaction of knowing you retire with the respect and esteem of every brother in the lodge, you will not, I believe, think that you have occupied the office in vain. Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Present and Past Grand Officers, I return you our most sincere thanks. (Cheers.) Bro. John March Case, I.P.M., in introducing "The Health of the W.M.," said: The position of I.P.M., which the W.M. has conferred upon me, gives me the duty and the privilege of introducing a toast which I know well will be received with enthusiasm. It is "The Health of the W.M., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor." (Loud Cheers.) A memorable period in Freemasonry, six years ago, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales stated that Masonry was based upon loyalty and charity. (Cheers.) My address to you will be upon those sentiments. Our Bro. Ellis is a son of the lodge. He was initiated into it, and at the earliest period of his introduction he expressed his deep interest in the Charities of the Craft, and he has practically carried out that sentiment ever since. (Applause.) He had served as Steward of the Charities, and he had besides that intimated his intention of presiding over the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in June next—(Applause)—and I hope the brethren will support him in large numbers. The loyalty of the Worshipful Master had been evinced upon a recent occasion, and I need not dilate upon that, and you will all join me in

most cordially drinking his health. (Loud applause.) The toast was drunk most cordially with Masonic honours. The Worshipful Master: Bro. Case and Brethren, I am deeply indebted to you for this further mark of your approval. The delight of mankind is to be honoured amongst those among whom he lives; and if men did not feel a gratification in that sentiment this world would not progress, but must recede. (Applause.) Perhaps that may be the reason that in some parts of our realms there may not be that happiness which exists on this side of the channel. (Hear, hear.) Perhaps the spirit of Freemasonry has not penetrated into the depths of all portions of Her Majesty's dominions. If that peace and goodwill, that amity and affection, that friendship which one should have to another, that utter disregard of self, and respect for the community which might be patriotism—if it were more universal we should perhaps have less complaint, and should find that every part of the country was flourishing. (Applause.) I thank you heartily for the way in which you have received me. I am deeply indebted to you, my brethren of the lodge, for the position in which you have placed me, and my only trust is that at the termination of my year of office I may be found to have been not unworthy of the position. (Loud applause.) The Lord Mayor: I rise now to propose "The Health of the Visitors." This toast is perhaps the most important toast of the evening. We all know that without the guests the feast cannot take place; and I venture to think that, looking around and seeing the goodly clothing, we may all say that they have come properly dressed. (Cheers.) To-day you have placed me in the chair of King Solomon, and we all know that without the Queen of Sheba even Solomon would have been shorn of half his glory, and to-day No. 1 Lodge would have been shorn of two-thirds of its glory if it had not been for its visitors. I believe that we have the honour of entertaining over 100 visitors this evening; and if charity is one of the great principles of Freemasonry, hospitality, I think, must be of greater value. We greet the visitors this evening, and hope that we may never have a less number. (Cheers.) Bro. McDougall in reply, said I am fully aware of the great responsibility that your Worshipful Master has placed on my shoulders, in asking me to return thanks for so large a body of visitors, but I return thanks with some confidence, because I am sure that the other visitors will bear me out when I thank you most heartily for the handsome reception you have given us this evening. (Cheers.) We thank you for the grand working this evening in the lodge, and the grand working of Bro. Fenner. It has been a great treat to us to see the ceremony done in such a manner as it was by our Bro. Fenner. It is the first time I have had the privilege of visiting No. 1 Lodge. I have often heard the grand sight it was to see the installation in this lodge, and I am sure my brother visitors will join in saying it was a sight worthy of a lodge in the Craft. We in Freemasonry are all on an equality; whether we are Grand Officers, or hold no office at all, we are all on an equality, and are joined in one great brotherhood of Freemasonry which makes us all equal. But we cannot forget that in our W.M. this evening we have the chief magistrate of the City of London. I congratulate with my brethren the Grand Masters' Lodge on having such a Master as they have installed to-night. It must be a great honour to any lodge to have such a Master, and the visitors join with me in thanking you for your hearty reception. The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s." He said amongst the P.M.'s might be named some of the most illustrious in Freemasonry, and foremost among them is Bro. Giraud who has served the office of Master of this lodge, and who for the fiftieth time has to-day been invested as Treasurer of this Lodge. We all honour Bro. Giraud that he should have lived to see so great an age, and is still in the possession of his faculties and powers, and is able to come here and see the prosperity of our lodge, and take part in the prosperity of the institutions of which Freemasonry is so proud. We have also present Bro. Bennoch, a distinguished P.M., Bro. Case, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Bro. Lumley, Bro. Colls, Bro. Gover, Bro. Payne, Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, our Secretary, Bro. Taylor Smith, and Bro. Fenner, to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for the very magnificent manner in which he installed me to-day. To Bro. Case I may say I am indebted, and to all the others whose names I have mentioned. I cannot recount the services they have rendered to Freemasonry. I shall, therefore, propose "The Health of the Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Case. Bro. J. M. Case, I.P.M.: I feel I am greatly honoured by being the head of the Past Masters who have been named by the W.M. They have rendered important services to this lodge, and I believe they have all been actuated by one feeling—that of promoting, to the best of their ability, the good of the lodge. But I think I need not remind the brethren of the magnificent entertainment provided by one of the P.M.'s, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, twelve months ago—(cheers)—who gave an invitation to every member of the lodge to be present at the Mansion House, when the Prince of Wales attended. It was a magnificent entertainment. (Cheers.) As short speeches are the order of the day, I will only say that we trust in future years we may have a similar splendid gathering, and the same patronage bestowed by the visitors. (Cheers.) Bro. R. H. Giraud, Treasurer, who was loudly called for, said: I am placed in a very awkward position on account of my advanced age. I happen to be very deaf, and have not heard one single word of what has been said, but I take it for granted that there has been something said very brotherly and very kind on my behalf. I am quite sure of that, because I can speak for a period of fifty-seven years, in which I have experienced the greatest kindness and brotherly feeling. I am exceedingly proud of the position I now hold, and having been 53 years a Past Master of this lodge, I hope you will give me credit when I say I take a deep interest in the Grand Masters' Lodge. I hope that Providence will spare me to go along for some few years more. We must all have a hobby, and I have had one or two hobbies, and have ridden them hard. One of those hobbies has been the Grand Masters' Lodge, and I have ridden it hard. I thank you most sincerely for drinking this toast so heartily. (Loud cheers.) The Lord Mayor: I have now to propose to you "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge." This is a lodge which is peculiarly interesting to the Master, who feels that upon good officers depends very much the success of his year of office. I may perhaps speak with some degree of confidence of the officers of the past years, as I was one of them—(laughter)—and I may then add that if the officers of

the future only equal and endeavour to emulate the officers of the past, I am sure that at the end of my year of office I shall have to congratulate the lodge upon the very excellent manner in which it has been served. (Cheers.) Bro. Bradshaw Brown, in response, said: I think but one spirit actuates the officers of this lodge, and that when gentlemen in this lodge accept office we are bound to believe, upon evidence which cannot be mistaken, that they intend to perform their work in a manner which shall reflect credit upon themselves and the lodge to which they belong. We shall be guided by the same spirit which has animated you in the various offices which you have filled, and in that spirit which actuates you now in taking the high office you now hold. (Cheers.) The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Bro. James Hayho was toastmaster. A beautiful selection of music was performed during the evening under the direction of Bro. Lester, who was assisted by Bros. Sidney Tower, Montem Smith, Robert Hilton, John Cheshire (solo harp), and Bro. Montem Smith also presiding at the piano.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The anniversary gathering of this old lodge was celebrated with a *lat* on the 15th inst., at Bro. A. Walter's hostelry, the Green Dragon, Stepney, E. A lodge of emergency having disposed of all outstanding business, the whole of the lodge working was devoted to the installation of Bro. J. W. Tait, S.W., W.M. elect. Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by Bro. E. W. Walter, W.M., who was numerously supported by Bros. J. W. Tait, S.W.; W. Cross, J.W.; J. G. Stevens, P.M.; Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec.; J. Lincker, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; J. R. Shingfield, I.G.; C. T. Speight, P.M. 27; J. J. Berry, P.M.; T. S. Taylor, P.M.; J. Hood, P.M.; Hugh Cotter, P.M.; C. G. Fardell, F. Baylis, Alf. Wood, W. Hawes, P. Heitmann, H. Wilson, O. W. Peacock, W. Harper, H. Hodner, R. H. Donigan, W. J. Goddard, A. Gilbey, F. Poulter, E. W. Thorne, A. Walter, J. Walter, W. Sparks, W. Kent, E. Krog, J. L. Anderson, J. Harliss, W. Murrin, F. Jesse, A. Britton, G. Wood, C. Warman, H. Swaffer, G. J. Jennings, J. Dutton, H. Forges, and others.

Among the numerous visitors were Bros. G. Brooks, P.M. 902; G. A. Payne, S.W. 933; G. W. Holt, P.M. 235; J. Mills, 1765; T. S. Watts, P.M. 916; W. Bull, M.D., 73; G. F. Dix, W.M. 1421; J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076; H. J. Walter, S.W. 890; J. Billingham, C.C., 177; H. N. Taylor, P.M. 1421; John Siegenberg, 212; E. H. Page, 55; J. Allen, 1178; T. D. Birch, 1365; Gerrard J. King, 1259; M. Hart, 1816; H. R. Yates, 174; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*); and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, also the emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M., in his time honoured position as D.C. upon installation nights, presented Bro. John William Tait, S.W., W.M. elect, to Bro. Walter for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Barnes, P.M., officiating as S.W., and Bro. Berry, P.M., as J.W., and Bro. Tait was inducted into the chair of K.S. in ancient form. Bro. Tait next proceeded to invest his officers for the year, as follows: Bros. W. Cross, S.W.; J. Lincker, J.W.; J. G. Stevens, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); J. Taylor, S.D.; J. R. Shingfield, J.D.; G. J. Jennings, I.G. (by proxy); Frank Baylis, D.C.; A. Symes, W.S.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org. (re-appointed); and C. T. Speight, P.M. 27, Prov. G. Tyler Surrey, Tyler (re-appointed for the 24th year). Bro. Walter, the Installing Master, proceeded to give the charges, which, together with the preceding portions of his arduous duties, was rendered in a highly-finished and perfect manner. Great satisfaction was universally expressed at the conclusion of the ceremony. The W.M. said he had a most pleasing duty to perform, and he did it with great pleasure. He presented the I.P.M., Bro. E. W. Walter, with a Past Master's jewel, the unanimous gift of the lodge; and was sure no jewel was more worthily earned, or could be more honourably worn, by any brother than that jewel could be by their outgoing Master. (Cheers.) Bro. Walter briefly returned thanks, as he would have an opportunity later in the evening of replying more fully. The decease of Bro. the Rev. D. Shaboe, P.M., P.G. Chap. Surrey, was made known to the brethren, and after several matters of lodge interest had been disposed of, "Hearty good wishes" were exchanged, and lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren, to the number of seventy, partook of an admirably prepared banquet, capitally served, under the experienced direction of Bro. A. Walter, the genial host. After grace had been said, Bro. Tait introduced in brief, yet appropriate sentences the usual loyal and Craft toasts which were duly honoured. Bro. E. W. Walter, I.P.M., said he once more held the gavel in his hand for the purpose of proposing "The Health of their W.M." He had had the pleasure and privilege of knowing him a number of years. Bro. Tait had worked steadily through the various offices, and he felt certain that Bro. Tait would carry out his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. The W.M. in responding, said he need hardly say how much he appreciated the kind and gratifying manner in which the toasts had been proposed and received. He assured the brethren it had long been his ambition to reach the position he then held, and assured them that whilst he held it he would do his utmost to discharge his duties faithfully and maintain the position of the Yarrowborough Lodge. Remembering the old motto as to brevity, and that brethren had in many instances to get a railway distance before they reached home, he would be brief with his remarks. He could not, however, sit down without congratulating the I.P.M. upon the excellent manner in which he had installed him into the chair that evening. He thanked Bro. Walter very sincerely, and for himself would try and deserve the kind and flattering remarks that had been made during the evening. "The Past Masters" were next toasted in very appreciative terms. The I.P.M. said, first of all he thanked the brethren on his own behalf for drinking his health, coupled with the toast of the Past Masters; and secondly, he thanked them very kindly for the very beautiful jewel voted him by the lodge. He should always prize it as long as he lived. During his year of office he had endeavoured to carry out the duties properly, and to the best of his ability, and he esteemed this mark of their appreciation of his services. Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M., also responded at length for the other Past Masters, dwelling upon matters of lodge interest. "The Visitors" were next toasted. Bro. Tait deemed this a most important toast, and offered a hearty welcome to each visiting brother.

Bro. H. N. Taylor, P.M. 1421; Watts, P.M. 916; G. W. Holt, P.M. 235; G. T. Dix, 1421; Brooks Sugenberg, 212; G. A. Payne, S.W. 933, and others, responded fully to the toast. Bro. Tait introduced the important toast of the "Masonic Institutions," pointing out the foremost place the Yarrowborough Lodge had taken in the support and sustenance of the excellent Masonic Charities, and the duty which devolved upon its members of steadily supporting them. Bro. Stevens was usually the advocate for them in the lodge, but another brother, who had already done good service, was again going up as Steward for the "Old People," and the W.M. coupled with the toast the name of Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M., further informing the brethren that that brother would be happy to receive any subscriptions they could give him in support of his list. Bro. Berry made an earnest and eloquent appeal for assistance, and "The Officers" toast having been given and responded to by all the officers present, the Tyler's toast concluded as memorable and enjoyable an evening as could be desired.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 907).—The annual installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge, which is reported in Masonic circles as one of the best worked in the metropolis, was held on Monday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was an unusually large attendance of brethren and visitors. It seemed, indeed, as though the lodge had mustered in its aggregate numbers to bid God-speed to the retiring, and a hearty welcome to the incoming W.M.; and the hearty and fraternal enthusiasm which prevailed throughout the whole of the proceedings invested the gathering with more than ordinary zest and pleasure. Lodge was opened soon after half-past four o'clock, and even at this comparatively early hour there was a goodly muster, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Charles Beaumont, who was supported by Bros. Alfred Ginger, I.P.M.; Geo. A. Cundy, S.W., and W.M. elect; John Hughes, J.W. Henry Darcey, P.M., Treas.; George Darcey, P.M., Sec.; H. McClelland, J.D.; H. Harbord, D.C.; C. Harris, I.G.; Ernest T. C. Hand, Org.; J. Woodstock, Tyler; W. Leaves, P.M.; T. Lawrence, P.M.; A. Griffith, P.M.; Geo. Chivers, R. P. Stevens, A. J. Pritchard, Robert Church, A. H. Bisley, G. A. Cundy, Robert Torry, T. Vears, Henry Barnwell, P. G. Walker, Chas. Haig, J. P. Hoddinot, G. Grosse, P. C. Rogers, Frank Churchill, J. Morris, H. W. Taylor, Geo. Brittain, H. Smith, W. R. Haylock, G. R. Rubardt, W. Waller, W. C. Plater, Richd. Parker, F. J. Ford, E. Waters, G. W. Alder, G. McLachlan, T. Gibson, T. Hosking, W. Little, E. Venner, W. H. Facey, F. Eade, W. Venner, R. Diamond, F. C. Wharton, John Vale, W. Dance, Walter S. Cooper, C. Bate, R. Gillard, and many others. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. Chas. Daniel, P.M. 65; J. Blundell, P.M. 742; C. Veal, P.M. 1306; James Cooper, W.M. 55; T. W. C. Parker, P.M. 1026; J. Smith, P.M. 201; Charles Arkell, P.M. 192; W. C. King, P.M. 77, P.P.G.O. Kent; R. Whittaker, 1642; W. Johnson, 861; Albert Oton, 1287; Henry R. Fletcher, 1604; W. Beauchamp, 167; C. Stuart, 1491; E. G. Rolis, 754; B. J. Wolfe, 720; S. Pardoe, 1585; J. Denne, 1206; Alfred Short, 349; W. Fowles, 471; T. Orchard, 108; W. Cubitt, 193; H. Cuff, 1216; W. W. Codd, 1728; Richard Bruce, 957; J. H. Champness, 18; W. Burgess, 511; W. A. Burrows, 1624; C. H. Cox, 188; J. Wigglesworth, 15; E. J. Lewis, 754; G. Goddard, 754; Chas. Handley, 475; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1107; J. C. Whiddington, 1827; C. H. Rawlins, 754; W. Shepherd, 754; J. Chumley, 1536; E. Knox, 544; J. Barker Glenn, 3; J. Perkins, 933; J. E. Pinder, 1707; and others.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. G. A. Cundy was duly presented as the W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. Cundy was installed with all the honours into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and greeted with all the honours, and the remainder of the impressive ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., who acquitted himself in such manner as to afford a considerable amount of pleasure as well as edification to the whole of the numerous assemblage of brethren. The new W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Chas. Beaumont, I.P.M.; John Hughes, S.W.; David Hughes, J.W.; Henry Darcey, P.M., Treas.; G. Darcey, P.M., Sec.; H. McClelland, S.D.; E. Harris, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; H. Harbord, I.G.; Ernest T. C. Hand, Org.; J. R. Lawrence, P.M., W.S.; and J. Woodstock, Tyler. The ballot was then opened for Mr. James Richardson and Mr. James Hosking. In each case the voting was unanimous, and the candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who at the outset fully justified the choice of the brethren in electing him to the post of honour in the lodge by the careful precision with which he conducted the impressive ritual. Some routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in form.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. Dessert having been placed before the company, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he felt as proud that evening as though Bro. Cundy were verily his own brother. He could safely predict that during the next year they would have a W.M. of this lodge who had never been surpassed. Considering his years (he had only been initiated four years), he had acquitted himself wonderfully well, and nothing would give the brethren greater pleasure than to rally around him and give him every support during his year of office, which he ventured to hope and to prophecy would be a most happy and prosperous one. (Cheers.) The W.M., in responding, hoped that, as the I.P.M. had told them he was only four years old, they would overlook any imperfection they might see in his working in the lodge, and his conduct of the business of Freemasonry, either in or out of the lodge. He would do the best he could, as an old man of four years of age, to give them satisfaction, and to do his duty to the Craft. But they must not expect anything like the perfection as they had experienced from his I.P.M. He thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, and also the I.P.M. for the laudatory terms in which he had proposed it. In turn he gave "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master." The manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony had afforded pleasure to all who listened to him, and it had not been only a source of pleasure to himself, but it had created an impression on his heart that could not readily be effaced. He had now great pleasure in pinning to the breast of their excellent I.P.M. a handsome jewel, which had been subscribed for

by the whole lodge, and which Bro. Beaumont had thoroughly earned and well deserved—(cheers)—and he was sure that in wishing him long life and happiness to wear that mark of their esteem the sentiment would be echoed by the brethren of the City of London Lodge. (Renewed cheers.) The I.P.M. assured the brethren it was with feelings of gratitude that he rose to thank them for the cordial way in which they had been received on this occasion. If he had done his duty during his year of office he felt proud, and if he had gained the approbation of the brethren he was proud indeed, and this jewel which they had placed on his breast he should regard as a mark of the good feeling which had always subsisted between the members of this lodge and himself in the past year. He felt too much overcome by their kindness to say more, but would merely thank them from the bottom of his heart for the compliment they had paid him. (Cheers.) The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Initiates," the toast being cordially received and responded to in suitable terms by Bros. James Richardson and James Hosking. "The Healths of the Visitors" were most heartily received, and the W.M., in proposing the toast, alluded with gratification to the large number of brethren who had honoured them with their company that evening. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. W. G. King, P.M. 77, P.P.G.O. Kent, and W. A. Burrows, 1624. Bro. King, P.M., said this was not the first time he had been honoured with an invitation to this lodge, and he must say he always admired and appreciated the working he witnessed in this lodge. Bro. Burrows also expressed the pleasure it has afforded him to witness the working that night, and which to his idea had been simply perfection. (Applause.) The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," whom he hoped would render him all the assistance they could during his year of office. The officers severally responded, and promised their loyal adherence to the Master and the lodge during the year. The official list was then closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening there was some excellent singing, and the proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable and harmonious description.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Bros. Charles Taylor, W.M.; Kibble, S.W.; Kibble, J.W.; Headon, Treas.; Blackie, Sec.; and Past Masters Hamer, Freeman, Stanway, Seem, and Stevens; and the following visitors: Bros. Moore, P.M. 907; Crombie, 1567; Tiddeman, J.W. 813; Southcott, 733; Randall, 145; Storr, 22; Eastgate, 1563; Davis, 63; Bromwell, 1633; and others.

In consequence of pressing business engagements, Bro. Charles Taylor, W.M., was unable to be present at the commencement of business, and the lodge was opened by Bro. James Stevens, P.M. The minutes of the December meeting of the lodge having been read and confirmed, Bros. John William Benn and Paul Johannes Metz were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Soon after the conclusion of this ceremony the W.M. arrived, and took his proper position in the chair of K.S., amidst the congratulations of all the members. Mr. Robert Broolman was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. The next business was a proposition made by Bro. Blackie, P.M. and Sec., that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and placed on the W.M.'s list on his serving as Steward for this lodge. After some discussion, the motion was agreed to. Two charitable appeals were next brought before the lodge, and relief granted to each from the "Samaritan Fund." Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Headon, P.M. and Treas., drew the attention of the members to the very beautiful banner which was raised over the Master's chair, and said that it was the gift of Bro. Hartley, one of their members. It was very beautifully executed, and he was sure that the brethren would give a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Hartley for his valuable present. This was voted by acclamation, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall for refreshment, the W.M. presiding. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave, as the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and said that her virtues were so well known that he need say nothing upon them, but in no society were they better known than amongst Freemasons. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and said that since he had occupied the Masonic throne he had gained the esteem of every brother. This toast was most cordially received, as well as the following one of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Hamer, I.P.M., said the next toast had been naturally placed in his hands as it was "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Charles Taylor." They all knew their W.M. was a most indefatigable worker, but he might say that he had most arduous duties to perform out of doors, and so onerous were they that it rendered it exceedingly difficult for him to attend to his duties in the lodge. He hoped, therefore, that the lodge would extend their indulgence to him for his late attendance that evening. He asked them then to join with him in drinking the health of Bro. Charles Taylor, their Worshipful Master, a request which was readily complied with. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, said he could assure them that it gave him great pleasure to acknowledge the toast which had been so cordially received by the brethren, and he thanked their P.M. (Bro. Hamer) for the kindly words, in which he had spoken of him. It had happened, unfortunately, as on this occasion, that he had not been able to be present, but having been elected by them to fill the position of W.M. Master he had endeavoured to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability. Since he had been elected to the office of W.M. Master he had been placed in a position elsewhere, which engrossed the whole of his time, and therefore he had been unable to go through the duties of the lodge as effectively as he could wish, but they must take the will for the deed. He had also been afflicted with very dire trouble, and it was only a chance that he was there that night, as he had been forbidden to go out by his medical attendant, and he must therefore ask them to excuse any short comings on his part. He thanked them most heartily, and wished that every one might enjoy prosperity and happiness during the year, and that the

prosperity they enjoyed might enable them to advance the interests of the Great City Lodge. The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour of proposing was one that was always received with a great amount of pleasure in every lodge, as it was the health of their brother "Initiate." He had made the acquaintance of Bro. Brookman through a business engagement, and he had now great pleasure in seconding the proposition for his becoming a member of the lodge. Therefore he was pleased to welcome him amongst them, and so he might say for the whole of the brethren. They were always glad to receive initiates, but they must be of the right sort, and in Bro. Brookman he knew they had got a good one. Bro. Brookman, in reply, said it was impossible for him to make a speech, but he was obliged to them for drinking his health, and he hoped he should always prove worthy of their esteem. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," who had rendered good service, and he did not think that any one aspiring to the chair could do better than follow their example. He gave "The Health of Bros. Hamer, Sees, Stevens, Headon, Blackie, Stanway, and Freeman." Bro. Hamer returned thanks for the very cordial manner in which the health of the Past Masters had been received by the assembly, but it was always heartily given and received. He was sure that the Past Masters sought no greater honour than to be Past Masters of the Great City Lodge, and he trusted that the same feelings would always exist between them and the members of the lodge. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," and said they were always welcome. Bro. Storr said he knew not why he should be first called upon to respond to this toast, unless it was that he belonged to an old lodge, the Neptune, No. 22, but at the same time he belonged to the Henry Muggerside, No. 1079, which was one of the youngest. He was much pleased with the working of the lodge, and especially with that of the Third Degree, and he was sure that the candidates had been deeply impressed with the ceremony that they had passed through. The other visitors severally returned thanks, Bro. Tiddeman particularly alluding to his attendance at the lodge of instruction, which was held under the authority of this lodge, which had at the present time fifty-five paying members, who by small weekly subscriptions in four years became life-governors of all the Charities. Since the establishment of this fund a total of about £600 had been subscribed, and but for this fund all those life-governorships had never existed or been enjoyed. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony.

UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1536).

A regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Plumstead; Bro. W. Welding, W.M., in the chair. There was a large muster of the brethren, among whom were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent, P.M., 913; W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Br. Kent; H. Shaw, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.M. 913; T. Holeyman, S.W.; G. Kennedy, J.W.; J. G. Treas.; A. R. Fisher, Sec.; A. Saunders, S.D.; W. Moulds, J.D.; R. Bailey, I.G.; W. Sayle, Steward; W. B. Lloyd, P.M. 913; H. Pryce, S.D. 913; E. Sennett, 199; J. J. Gould, 1685; J. S. Scully, 766; B. D. Porterfield, 1789; G. Robbins, 1374; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

There was a heavy evening's work to get through, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been passed, the ballot was taken for Bros. A. Birmingham, 407, and J. B. Somerset, 295, as joining members, and proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Sergeant J. Foxon, Sergeant J. Whiteheart, and Riding Master W. Shipman, as candidates, which also proved unanimous, and the two latter gentlemen were initiated; the first named candidate did not appear in time. Bros. Froud, Cook, Cooper, Theaker, and Bowman were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Armstrong and Lee were raised to the Sublime Degree.

The lodge was then closed, and after a plain but pleasant supper had been partaken of, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, to which the brethren, as British soldiers, loyally responded. Bro. Coupland replied for "The Officers, Present and Past, of the Province of Kent," and spoke of the excellent position the Military Lodge held in the province. Bro. Weston then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and highly eulogised the manner in which Bro. Welding had carried out the heavy and onerous duties of the chair, both that evening and ever since he had taken the office, and prophesied that at the end of his year the verdict of the brethren would be that he had fully maintained the high character for good working and harmony, so long and worthily held by the United Military Lodge. Bro. Welding thanked the brethren, and promised to still further merit their confidence, and wished them all "A happy and prosperous new year." In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said he was pleased to see two present out of the only three he could expect, as two, Bros. Spinks and Deeves, were on service in Africa, and Bro. Lieut. Pownall was at Eastbourne. He was also gratified to see present Bros. Coupland, P.M., and Penfold, who belonged to the lodge as honorary members. A W.M. was like a ship at sea without a rudder if he had not at least one Past Master at his side to assist him, and he thanked them exceedingly for their countenance and support, and asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. Bro. Beston, in response, spoke of his late trips to Gibraltar, and the handsome manner in which he was received by the brethren of both the Inhabitants and Friendship Lodges there. Bros. Keys and Cotterell had worked most indefatigably to make him welcome and happy; and never had he known what it was to be a Freemason as well as he had during the time he was with those brethren in their hospitable homes. Bro. Shaw also responded. "The Initiates" were toasted, and briefly returned thanks. Bro. Lloyd returned thanks for "The Visitors," and spoke of the excellent working of the Masters of the Military Lodge. He referred feelingly to Bro. Spinks and Deeves, and trusted the good feeling existing between the Past Masters and the Military Lodges would long continue. Bro. Floyd, jun., Porterfield, Gould, and Sennett also returned thanks. "The Masonic Press" was warmly complimented, and Bro. Jolly responded. Some excellent singing enlivened the proceedings, and the whole affair was a great Masonic success.

SUB-URBAN LODGE (No. 1702).—This thriving lodge held its usual meeting at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, on the 13th inst., and was numer-

ously attended, the M.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, being amongst the visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. T. Buck, W.M., supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. F. Hepburn, S.W.; C. S. Buck, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; C. Hawksley, Sec.; G. H. Carter, S.D.; W. R. Shutt, J.D.; C. Winstanley, I.G.; E. C. Kilshy, Steward; A. F. Roberts, P.M.; G. Robinson, J. M. Draper, W. J. C. Rea, A. J. Hone Goldney, F. J. Tyler, A. Hynam, E. Stockdale, A. J. Oliver, and E. W. Gabriel. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Lemaire, 12; W. Porcheson, 12; J. Hill, 140; W. H. Brown, 174; J. Waddington, 304; R. W. Cheadle, 1196; A. H. St. Leger, 1777; and J. Vincent, 1861.

The business in the summons was unusually heavy, there being not less than three candidates for both the Second and Third Degrees. After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes read, the ballot was taken for Mr. C. C. Braithwaite, as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Tickle, P.M., at the request of the W.M., then occupied the chair, and raised Bros. Stockdale, Goldney, and Oliver in a most impressive manner. The W.M. having again assumed the chair, passed Bros. Hynam, Gabriel, and Tyler. The announcement having been received that the M.W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Master awaited admission, a deputation was thereupon sent out to escort him into the lodge, where he was most cordially received and saluted. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Mr. C. C. Braithwaite according to ancient custom, after which the lodge was closed in the customary manner.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a most excellent repast, provided by Bro. C. Veal "ye manciple." The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex," expressed the pleasure both himself and the members of the lodge felt at being honoured for the first time with the presence of so distinguished a guest, and trusted that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett would visit them again at an early date. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, in responding, expressed in very eulogistic terms the gratification which that opportunity of visiting the lodge had afforded him. He had not only been gratified in meeting the members, but likewise with the work in the lodge of both the W.M. and every one of his officers. It was always a great pleasure to find country lodges working in the manner the Sub-Urban was doing. In a good many instances great difficulty was experienced in getting the work well done, but what he had seen that evening was most satisfactory, and did credit to the province of Middlesex; and although it had been his pleasure to be connected with the province during the last ten years, he could safely say the Sub-Urban Lodge was not one of those that had been "lagging behind." It had only been formed some four or five years, but from what he had heard it was likely to become one of the leading lodges of the province. Bro. J. Tickle, P.M., P.P.G.R., in acknowledging the toast of the "Prov. Grand Officers," bore earnest testimony to the popularity of the M.W. Prov. Grand Master. Other toasts followed, after which the meeting broke up, having spent a most agreeable reunion. We understand that it is very probable Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Stanmore during the forthcoming season.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 12th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by Bro. Radway, W.M. and P.G. S.W., supported by Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, &c., I.P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S. of Wks., P.M., as S.W.; E. J. B. Mercer, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.P.G.J.W., &c., Treas.; J. Rubie, P.P.G.J.W., &c., as D.C.; Murlis, Sec.; Gregory, as S.D.; Ames, J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; W. Peach, I.G.; T. E. Wilton and J. G. Wilton, Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler. Of the Past Masters of the lodge, besides those already named, there were Bros. Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W., and P. Braham, P.P.G. Org. As visitors, Bros. B. H. Walls, P.M. and Treas. 53, and E. L. Hill, W.M. 906; and many members of 41.

The W.M. explained that he had called the meeting to initiate a gentleman residing near Bath, who is about to proceed to a distant country to settle there, adding that the I.P.M. had received a letter from his friend, the D.P.G.M. for Gloucestershire, recommending Mr. Waldy strongly as a fit and proper candidate for Masonry, and requesting him to take measures for his initiation in No. 41 if a dispensation could be procured for him, as he was a minor. A communication had been opened with the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. G.M., through the D.P.G.M., and the requisite document had been granted by him, which the W.M. read, and desired the Secretary to insert it in the minutes. The W.M. also read a written petition for the initiation at seven days' notice, signed by the I.P.M. and the S.W., in compliance with which he had issued the summons. Bro. Dr. Hopkins supported the proposition with further particulars of the circumstances. A favourable ballot was taken, and Mr. Geo. Alfred De Garmundesway Waldy was then introduced, and duly initiated by the W.M. The working tools were explained by the J.D., the charge was given by the I.P.M., and the lecture on the tracing board by the I.G., very carefully and accurately. The W.M. said that he had received apologies for absence from Bros. T. Wilton, D.C.; Cater, S.W., on account of illness; and Holmes, S.D. As no other business could be transacted at an emergency meeting, the lodge was closed at nine o'clock.

NORWICH.—Union Lodge (No. 52).

The installation meeting of this ancient and flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Norfolk Hotel, St. Giles-street. The lodge was opened at 6.30 in the evening, under the gavel of the retiring W.M., Bro. A. H. Santy, P.P.G.J.W., who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. Sir F. Boileau, Bart., P.P.G.S.W., I.P.M.; Courtenay Boyle (W.M. elect), S.W.; Chas. R. Gilman, J.W.; Gardiner C. Stevens, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas. and Sec.; Peter E. Hansell, S.D.; Chas. A. B. Bignold, J.D.; Harry Bullard, I.G.; and Wm. Murrell, Tyler.

Among the brethren present, in addition to those above mentioned, were Bros. Major Penrice, P.M., P.P.G.R., P.P.S.G.W., D.P.G.M.; Henry G. Barwell, P.M., P.P. S.C.D., P.G. Sec.; Col. Chas. E. Bignold, P.M., P.P. G. Reg.; G. B. Kennett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Chas. Cubitt, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Rev. W. Vincent, P.G. Chap.; J. W. Reynolds, Francis Sutton, A. D. Tuck, F. Howell Roberts, J. B. Pearce, and R. M. Brereton.

Among the visitors were Bros. W. P. Boileau, Victoria Lodge, No. 4 (Dublin); Rev. Wimble, Unanimity, No.

102; W. K. Cooke, Montgomerie, No. 1741; Joseph Stanley, jun., P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Perseverance, No. 213; and John Wm. Browne, P.G. Steward, Cabbell Lodge, No. 807 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing Bro. Courtenay Boyle then took place, which was admirably performed by Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, who rendered the charges in a masterly style. Upon being placed in the chair of K.S., the newly-installed Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. H. Santy, I.P.M.; C. E. Gilman, S.W.; P. E. Hansell, J.W.; Chas. A. B. Bignold, S.D.; H. Bullard, J.D.; Rev. W. Vincent, I.G.; G. C. Stevens (re-elected), Sec. and Treas.; and W. Murrell (re-elected), Tyler.

After the W.M. had been elected as the representative to the Charities Committee, and Bros. Chas. Cubitt and H. G. Barwell elected as Auditors, "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in due form with peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to a most *recherché* banquet, served in excellent style, at the conclusion of which the W.M. proceeded to give the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts, which were duly acknowledged. In proposing "The Health of the Queen," the W.M. congratulated the brethren generally on having such a lady on the throne, inasmuch as Her Majesty had on all occasions given her gracious favour to them, and, moreover, that three of her sons were among the leading Masons of England. In giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," the W.M. spoke of the great excellence of H.R.H. in all that was good and great. He spoke of him as open and willing on all occasions to render such services as were necessary, and conducive to the welfare of the subjects of his Royal Mother. Neglecting pleasure, he was ever ready to open the exhibition, lay the foundation stone of some other institution, or lend his presence and support for the benefit of any good public charitable society. Masons of this province should the more congratulate themselves on having the honour of H.R.H. as a resident amongst them. The toast of "The D.G.M. and other Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was duly acknowledged. "The Health of the P.G.M., Lord Suffolk," was then proposed and drank with great enthusiasm, the W.M. observing that he had hoped to have seen his lordship among them that evening, but in consequence of unforeseen circumstances, that had not been possible; however, he had his lordship's promise to be present at their next meeting, and he trusted that the brethren would give him a hearty welcome. "The Health of the D.P.G.M., Major Penrice," was then proposed by the W.M. and received with acclamation. In the course of his observations, the W.M. thanked the D.P.G. Master for his attendance that evening, and for his kind assistance which had on all occasions been given to that lodge. The D.P.G.M., in responding, said it would give him greater pleasure to be more frequently amongst the Masons of the province, but that his other duties prevented him. However, he congratulated the W.M. on his appointment, and spoke in excellent terms of the manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, and concluded his remarks by proposing "The Health of the Installing Master." Bro. Sir Francis responded in suitable terms. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," coupling with it the name of Bro. H. G. Barwell, the Prov. G. Sec., who, in responding, spoke of the great amount of work entailing upon him a great expenditure of time, which he feared would ultimately compel him to resign his appointment. This was met with murmurs of dissent. Bro. Barwell concluded by thanking the brethren for their kindness on all occasions, and for the hearty reception accorded him that evening. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," who, he observed, were always sure of a hearty welcome at Lodge Union, coupling with it the name of Bros. W. P. Boileau and J. W. Browne. Bros. Boileau and Browne duly acknowledged the toast. Bro. A. H. Santy, the I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he was sure, would reflect credit upon the choice of the lodge, inasmuch as he was convinced there were few Masters in the province who performed their duties better than their W.M. would do. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast of his health, and assured them that he would use the utmost of his endeavours in furthering the success of the lodge. Before sitting down he proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. A. H. Santy," whose working he characterised as second to none. Bro. Santy duly responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of his Officers," coupling with it the name of Bro. C. E. Gilman, the S.W., who duly acknowledged the same. Other toasts followed, and the meeting broke up at high twelve o'clock. We congratulate Bro. Boyle on his appointment, and wish to his having a successful year of office.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, St. Leonard's-gate, on the 11th inst. Bro. Pilkington, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., supported by the following officers: Bros. Atkinson, I.P.M.; Gregson, S.W.; Bayley, J.W.; Stanton, S.D.; J. Thistlethwaite, as J.D.; and Nicholson, I.G.

The minutes of previous (installation) meeting were then read and confirmed, and the sum of £10 10s. voted to the West Lancashire Masonic Charities. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due form.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).

The first regular meeting of this lodge under the new officers was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 9th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Loder, W.M., supported by Bros. Rev. H. E. Sanderson, I.P.M.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, &c.; H. Gore, P.M., S.W.; Ingle, J.W.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; Byne, Treas.; Johnston, P.M., as S.D.; Bernard, S.D., as J.D.; Davis, P.M., I.G.; and Bigwood, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Reeves, P.M. 906 (who kindly acted as Org.); Fuller, 53; E. E. Hunt, 221, 291, 1222; and Capt. J. P. Hillcoat, 199.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts as audited were passed. The following were balloted for as candidates for initiation: Messrs. F. Roberts, R. H. Seaton, and Henson Bancroft, and the votes being favourable, they were duly initiated, the W.M. performing the first part of the ceremony, the

chair being afterwards taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. Having been confined to the house by illness during some weeks, quitting it only with much precaution when required to perform his Masonic duties, the brother who had conducted the initiations now took his departure, but was not allowed to do so until a vote of thanks had been accorded to him, in reply to which, acknowledging the compliment, he stated that he should prefer brethren in office being privately instructed by him in the ceremonial work, rather than himself perform the duty in lodge.

Other business was postponed till next meeting, and the lodge was closed soon after nine o'clock, when the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel for supper.

BIRKENHEAD.—Mersey Lodge (No. 477).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Argyle-street. There was a considerable gathering of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. James Salmon, P.P.G.S.D. 425; T. Nabb, W.M. 721; Thomas Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. 1576; S. Chapman, S.W. 1013; A. E. Coveney, W.M. 605; and others. The W.M. elect (Bro. James T. Thompson), was installed by Bro. A. K. Gardner, the retiring W.M., to whom a valuable jewel was presented for his services during the past year. A banquet followed, presided over by the new W.M.

CHESTER.—Lodge of Independence (No. 721).—In pursuance of the commands of the W.M., Bro. H. J. Lloyd, the officers and brethren of this lodge met at their lodge on Monday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. F. E. Nabb, and the usual business appertaining to St. John's Day. There was a very large muster of visitors, some from long distances, to assist in the celebration. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form by the W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed, when Bros. Dennis, P.M., and Swindells, P.M., presented the W.M. elect for the benefits of installation, and the W.M. proceeded with that ceremony, a Board of no less than seventeen Installed Masters joining in that interesting ceremony. The Board was then closed, and the brethren having saluted the newly-installed Master, the Installing Master delivered an oration on the duties appertaining to the office of W.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Ellis, S.W.; J. Knowles, J.W.; W. H. Finchett, Treas.; J. Edwards, Sec.; W. Humphrey, Org.; A. Stevenson, S.D.; W. Hughes, J.D.; J. M. Jones, I.G.; and P. Thomas, Steward. Some charitable business was then attended to, and, after the visitors had offered their congratulations, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren then adjourned to the Town Hall for the banquet.

Great pains had been taken to decorate the Assembly Room with trees, evergreens, flowers, &c., and the tables were splendidly laid out with epergnes of silver and glass; flowers in stands, wreaths of camellias and ivy leaves bordering the tables. The caterer had done wonders with the menu, which included all the good things in season, sufficient to satisfy the desires of the most *recherché* epicure, especially when the list of wines was taken into account. The discussion of all these goodies took pretty well two hours, when the W.M. commenced the toast list with "The Queen," which was received in the usual loyal manner among Masons. "The Grand Master, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The Officers of Grand Lodge;" "The Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," followed, and were duly honoured by the brethren. The quartette party from the cathedral, conducted by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Humphreys, followed each toast with a song. The I.P.M. then assumed the implement of power and gave "The Health of the new W. Master," saying that from the zeal he, the W.M., had shown for Freemasonry in general Craft, Arch and Mark, they could feel assured he would fulfil the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren and the credit of the lodge. "The Visiting Brethren" was then given from the chair and responded to amongst others, by Bro. Dutton, who as a thirty years old Mason advised the members of 721 to make a greater effort than they had ever done in behalf of the London Charities. "The Installing Master" was given by Bro. J. J. Cunah, P.M., who referred in laudatory terms to the work done that evening, and also to the work of renovating the lodge and banquet-room, which had been done during his year of office. Other toasts followed, and amongst the rest "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by the I.P.M., who, replying to the remarks of Bro. Dutton, said that although 721 did not support the Imperial Charities as well as they might do, still they did subscribe to all of them; but they, the Lodge of Independence, came up to the very front for the Local Charities, inasmuch that one brother he saw there had collected 100 guineas in one year for the Cheshire Educational Institution, and every year they subscribed a large sum to that beneficent Institution, and he, the I.P.M., intended to be busy for that cause amongst the brethren during the ensuing month. Bro. Cunah responded, describing the benefits of that institution referred to by the proposer of the toast, and hoped the members would support him handsomely. As to what had been said by Bro. Dutton there must be some mistake, as he, the speaker, had himself been a Steward for all the London Charities, although he had thrown his efforts more in favour of the Local Charities, having as the previous speaker said had the honour of taking in three successive years over £40, over £60, and over £100. The Tyler, followed by "Auld lang syne," closed one more of the successes scored by old 721. The singing was most effective, and the comfort of the brethren ensured by the careful management of the Steward. Visitors present: Bros. A. Putts, P.M. 425, 1477; P.P.S.G.W.; C. Dutton, P.M. 425, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Salmon, P.M. 425, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Cuzner, P.M. 425, P.P.G. Org.; S. Spencer, S.D. 425; C. W. Duncan, J.W. 425; A. K. Gardner, W.M. 477; Donald Frazer, P.M. 477; J. J. Purvis, W.M. 755; P. M. Evans, J.W. 755; E. Smith, P.M.; J. C. Owen, P.M.; H. Davies, W.M.; J. A. Chadwick, S.W.; C. K. Benson, and Thos. Jackson, all of 1336; Dr. Roberts, W.M.; J. S. Swift, J.W.; and J. Ratcliffe, all of 1477; H. A. Steer, S.W. 1674.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic club, No. 23, S. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 29th ult., when in consequence of the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. G. Green, the I.P.M., Bro. S. N. Berry occupied

the chair. He was assisted by the following officers: Bros. A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.D. acting I.P.M.; Jas. J. Hunt, S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Sec.; Henry Rosling, S.D.; Jno. Wm. Browne, P.G. Std. (Freemason), J.D.; Thos. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.C.; Rob. Madge, Org.; Thomas Winter, I.G.; W. N. Cooper, Steward; Wm. Murrell, Tyler. Among the brethren present were Bros. A. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Holt, A. King, W. F. Stratford, Geo. Hammond, Chas. E. Rix, H. J. Wade, G. J. Berry, P.G. Steward; E. S. M. Scales, Chas. Holborn, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Geo. Kersey, W.M., P.G.P., 213; Jas. E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C., 213; W. H. Tench, 906; G. W. Robson, 1426; A. D. Stone, 1452; C. W. Bacon, P.G. Steward, 1500; Jno. Cox, 1500; and J. B. Atkinson, 1513.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M. in an excellent manner performed the ceremony of passing Bro. George Hammond, who seemed impressed with the ceremony. The brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, their choice falling upon Bro. J. J. Hunt, the S.W., who afterwards returned thanks for the honour conferred. This being the whole of the business, "Hearty good Wishes" were given by the Visiting brethren and the lodge was closed in ancient form.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, at the conclusion of which the remainder of the evening was spent in a pleasant manner, the usual loyal Masonic and complimentary toasts being given and duly acknowledged.

SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The annual installation meeting and festival of St. John was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 41, The Crescent. A rather heavy day's work caused the brethren to assemble shortly before eleven o'clock, amongst whom were the following: Bros. Josh. Heyworth, W.M.; Josh. Hardy, I.P.M.; James Corney, S.W.; G. P. Bingham, J.W.; T. E. Edge, Treas.; S. W. Ballantyne, Sec.; C. H. Wheeler, J.D.; Joseph Young, I.G.; Uriah Nichols, P.M., P.P.G. Purs.; George A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; S. Heathcote, P.M.; Wm. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; Thos. G. Alcock, P.M.; Thos. Batley, Robert Hall, Walter Briggs, W. Roberts, A. C. Pillow, W. Pollitt, Wm. Carter, John Shutt, Thos. Pike, Thos. Tuson, William Beatey, Will Greenlees, John W. Booth, R. W. Bowring, Henry W. Jex, Jno. Barnes, J. A. Woolley, S. B. Smith, W. Rowlinson, J. H. Day, J. Blackwell, James Smith, William Egan, Mark Baxter, T. Cooke, Robert Atkinson, Thomas Dearnaley, C. Plunkett, W. Westall, John Hamer, R. Hopkinson, Peter Hackin, and Jos. Ogden.

Visitors: Bros. J. W. Nichols, S.W. 1134; J. H. Chapman, W.M. 678; John Barker, P.M. 1134, 1345, P.P.G.T.; T. J. Hooper, P.M. 1633, P.P.G.T.; Beni. Taylor, 64, 935, 1354, P.P.G.T.; Samuel Slack, P.M. 910; R. L. Mestayer, P.M. 1009; C. T. Allott, I.G. 1009; T. Fletcher, S.D. 350; and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened at eleven o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken successfully for Mr. Edmund Barber Owens, who was afterwards initiated by the W.M. The lodge was called off at 1 o'clock, and resumed labour at 1.45.

Bros. J. W. Booth, T. H. Pollitt, and A. C. Pillow were severally raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C., as was Bro. W. J. Roberts by Bro. Uriah Nichols, P.M., P.P.G. Purs. Bro. Packwood explained the working tools and delivered the traditional history to the candidates. At four o'clock the ceremony of installation commenced, Bro. U. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.P., officiating as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. James Corney, having been presented in the usual manner, was afterwards installed W.M. for the ensuing year with due rite and ceremony; and on the re-admission of all M.M.'s, was proclaimed and saluted in the customary manner. The W.M. afterwards proceeded to appoint his officers, and they were invested by the Installing Master as follows: Bros. G. R. Bingham, S.W.; Naylor, J.W.; W. Carter, Chap.; T. E. Edge, Treas. (re-invested)—the investiture of this brother was the signal for loud applause; Thos. Batley, Sec. (by deputy); C. H. Wheeler, S.D.; Joseph Young, J.D.; S. W. Ballantyne, I.G.; J. Barnes, Steward; and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. B. Taylor, P.P.G.T.; to the Wardens by Bro. G. A. Packwood, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; and to the brethren by Bro. F. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; the latter address concluding the installation ceremony. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.45.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet, at the close of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the toast of the evening, viz., "The W.M.," Bro. Uriah Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.P., remarked that Bro. Corney had always done his duty in whatever office he had been called upon to fill, and it must be to him a great satisfaction to know he had been elected to fill that honourable position by the unanimous vote of the members. Bro. Nichols further stated that the W.M. had always been prompt in his attendance, for he had never known him absent but once at any of their meetings since he first joined the lodge, and, therefore, he felt sure Bro. Corney would make an efficient Master. The W.M., in reply, said the very kind and hearty manner in which Bro. Nichols had proposed his health, and the brethren had responded to it, would leave such an impression on his mind he should never forget. He felt convinced of the importance of the duties which now fell to his lot to perform, and which he was fully aware must not be done in a frivolous manner, but such as would redound to the credit of the Zetland Lodge. When he looked around him at the faces of Past Masters he felt happy in the thought they were well qualified to render him any assistance when occasion required it; neither did he think that there was a single member of the lodge who envied his preferment, and who would not do all in their power to uphold and strengthen his position. Bro. Corney then gave a *resumé* of his progress since he was first made a member of the lodge, and pointed out to the younger members, as an incentive, that by the same diligence, in whatever duty they might be called upon to perform, and the same prompt attendance at all the meetings, there would be every prospect of their attaining the same position which he now occupied. In referring to the efforts made by their lodge in the cause of charity, Bro. Corney said they

had not been as great or successful as he should have liked, but the brethren would readily understand the reason, which was the enormous expense they had been put to over furnishing and fitting up their present abode; but he trusted, however, in a little while to renew those efforts, and that the lodge would figure more prominently in contributing to the Charities than it had done of late. Bro. Corney went on to say that he intended representing the lodge every month at the meetings of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he trusted that in representing such a lodge, numbering over sixty members, he should be well backed up with their contributions, so that he might at these meetings be listened to with respect; and in feeling, as he was sure they all did, that their lodge was second to none in the province, he hoped they would be the means of causing their charity representative to think the same of himself. The W.M. next said, on account of several of the visiting brethren being compelled shortly to leave, he would therefore ask the members of the Zetland Lodge to rise and drink the health of "The Visitors," whom they were at all times pleased to see and entertain. The appeal was heartily complied with, and the whole of the visitors responded, notably Bro. Benyer Taylor, P.P.G. Treas., who reminded the W.M. of an important and noteworthy fact, viz., that the Zetland Lodge on that evening attained its majority, having been founded twenty-one years ago. This information was received with loud applause by the brethren, and when it had subsided the W.M. said he felt very grateful to Bro. Taylor for reminding him of the fact, and he should ask Bro. Uriah Nichols, P.P.G.D. of C. to relate a few particulars concerning the history of the lodge since its foundation, in the course of which that worthy brother stated that formerly they held their meetings at the Duke of Lancaster Hotel, afterwards at the Veteran, then at the Albert, and finally in their present Hall, from which he trusted they might never remove. The toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Heyworth," was proposed by the W.M. in glowing terms, and in concluding his remarks Bro. Corney said he felt great pleasure, in the name of the members, in presenting Bro. Heyworth with a P.M.'s gold jewel, and trusted he might long be spared to exhibit it amongst them. The jewel, which was of very elegant design, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Bridge-street. The I.P.M. acknowledged the gift in suitable terms. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, including "The Initiate," "The Newly-raised Brethren." The brethren separated about 11.30, having been over twelve hours together.

We have on a previous occasion given particulars of the perfect comfort and completeness in every detail that now reigns at this hall, and it is impossible to overrate the untiring and laborious efforts of those brethren who have brought about such a satisfactory result, more especially when the lodge, owing to several changes of abode, has been in anything but a settled state; but we are very pleased to testify that the desideratum has at length been attained, and there is every prospect of the brethren meeting together in their new abode for, we trust, many years to come, and we are confident that no visitor can leave this lodge without being impressively struck with the admirable arrangements provided for the brethren, both as regards food for mind and body.

SHAW.—Albert Lodge (No. 854).—On the 12th inst. the festival of St. John was observed by the above lodge, at the Duke of York Inn, when Bro. Jonathan Corbitt, S.W., was installed W.M., Bro. G. A. Coleman, P.M. 467, being the Installing Master, assisted by Bro. J. T. Holt, P.M. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. J. Hall, I.P.M.; J. Felton, S.W.; S. Smith, J.W.; R. Whitworth, Treas.; J. Bedford, Sec.; W. Corbitt, D.C.; W. Walker, S.D.; J. Greenhalgh, J.D.; C. Chalderton, I.G.; R. C. Parker, Tyler; L. Jackson, Stwd.; I. D. Bamford, Stwd.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of the above lodge, which is also the annual one for the election of W.M., was held on the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. Bro. J. Aldous, W.M., opened the lodge, after which Bro. Longman, P.P.G.S., took the chair, and installed Bro. J. E. Hannah, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, being assisted by Bros. Aldous and John Hatch, P.M. 281. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Aldous, I.P.M.; John Cutts, S.W.; A. Stanley, J.W.; N. Helme, Treas.; Longman, Sec.; Dr. H. C. Moore, S.D.; J. H. Irvin, J.D.; Captain Turner, I.G.; A. K. Allison, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the County Hotel, and sat down to the installation banquet. The W.M. presided and gave the toasts of "The Queen," and "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and the other Grand Officers," which were received with the usual honours. Bro. Helme gave "The D.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded by Bro. Simpson, P.P.G. Pur. The toast of "Army, Navy, and Volunteers," was proposed by Bro. W. Taylor, P.M., and acknowledged by Bros. Captains Turner and Sly, the former also replying for the Navy, to which service he once had the honour to belong. Bro. Aldous gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was most heartily received. Bro. Hannah in acknowledging the compliment said although he was now residing some distance from Lancaster, he would endeavour to attend the lodge as frequently as possible, but he would make this a point, that whenever there was any work to do he would come and do it. When there was no work, he would endeavour to find something which would prove of interest to the brethren, so that at the end of the year it might not be found that he had been wanting in his duties to the Craft. He thanked the Past Masters who had so kindly offered to take his place whenever he might be absent from the lodge, and in conclusion proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. Longman," referring in eulogistic terms to that brother's Masonic career. Bro. Longman having responded, Bro. Cutts proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., and P.M.'s," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Aldous, by whom the compliment was acknowledged. "The Health of the Visitors," was proposed by Bro. Irvin, and acknowledged by Bro. T. Atkinson, P.M. 281. The remaining toasts were "The Wardens," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Junior Officers," "The Sister Lodges," and "The Tyler's toast." The proceedings were enhanced by the capital harmony of some of the brethren.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 1086).—The brethren connected with this lodge, which holds a high position in the Province of West Lancashire, was held on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, when there was a good attendance of P.G. Officers and visiting P.M.'s and others. Bro. J. J. Savage, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. D. Reader, S.W.; Dr. D. L. Parry, J.W.; W. Wilkinson, Sec.; W. W. Thomas, S.D.; J. Roberts, J.D.; R. E. Roberts, I.G.; and others.

The W.M. elect (Bro. J. D. Reader), a very popular member of 1086, was presented by Bro. John Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., M.C., and Bro. G. J. Townsend, P.M., the installation ceremony being very effectively performed by the retiring W.M.. After the usual honours, the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. J. Savage, I.P.M.; Dr. D. L. Parry, S.W.; W. Wilkinson, J.W.; G. E. Hammer, P.M., Treas.; John Lunt, P.M., M.C. (re-appointed); W. W. Thomas, Sec.; J. Roberts, S.D.; W. Pearson, J.D.; H. Walker, I.G.; F. Mansley and P. Ewart, S. and J.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and among those present were Bros. Alderman J. F. Newell, P.P.S.G.W.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; Wm. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. of Cheshire; Dr. Hill, W.M. 1713; J. Grierson, W.M. 1756; Lewis Peake, J.W. 1035, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily honoured; and during the course of a very pleasant evening, the I.P.M. was presented with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel on behalf of the lodge.

TREDEGAR.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1098).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at two p.m., at the Temperance Hall, Tredegar. Present: Bros. Thos. Geo. Anthony, W.M.; Joseph North, S.W.; John Williams, J.W.; G. A. Brown, Treas.; Giles Golding, Sec.; James Green, S.D.; Walter Taylor, I.D.; C. L. Phillips, D.C.; Jno. Alex. Shepard, I.G.; Edgar Monks and J. Fowler, Stewards; I. Donlevy and E. Barnard, Tylers; J. Morgan, P.M.; William Davis, P.M.; Nicholl Bradley, P.M.; L. Groveron, P.M.; W. H. Richards, D. F. Pritchard, W. H. Williams, Thomas G. Powell, Charles Peaty, Benjamin Phillips, and Edward Morgan. Visitors: Bros. E. F. Davis, 683; Jno. J. Williams, 1401; Thomas Phillips, 364; and Jno. Williams, 110.

The principal business of the day was the installation of Bro. Jos. North, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was Bro. Jno. J. Morgan, P.M., assisted by Bro. Nicholl Bradley, P.M. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner. The W.M., Bro. J. North, then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bro. T. G. Anthony, I.P.M.; John Williams, S.W.; Giles Golding, J.W. and Org.; James Green, Secretary; Rev. Edward Jones, Chaplain; Charles Widdowson, Treasurer; Walter Taylor, S.D.; Jno. Alex. Shepard, I.D.; C. L. Phillips, I.G.; J. P. Fowler, Sup. Works; Edgar Monks, D.C.; E. Morgan and J. MacIntosh, Stewards; James Donley and E. Barnard, Tylers.

The remaining business being disposed of the lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren then repaired to the Castle Hotel, where Host Bro. W. Taylor had prepared a sumptuous banquet, admirably served. The W.M., Bro. J. North, presided, and in a neat and appropriate speech thanked the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him by placing him in such an exalted position. After the usual toast list had been gone through, the brethren spent a very happy evening, interspersed with songs, by Bro. W. H. Richards, Edgar Monks, Jno. Alex. Shepard, C. Widdowson, and J. S. Williams, 1461. Bro. Giles Golding presided at the piano.

SHIRLEY.—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).—At the last meeting of this lodge, Bro. Captain Brooks, the retiring S.W., was duly installed W.M. by Bro. T. P. Payne, and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Charles Crew, I.P.M.; W. F. Mayoss, S.W.; J. R. P. Sharp, J.W.; W. Rolfe, Treasurer; the Rev. A. J. Wilson, Chap.; G. Greenlade, Secretary; G. F. W. Mortimer, S.D.; J. H. Alden, J.D.; W. Pearce, D.C.; Beaumont, J.G.; Roud, Steward. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., who appropriately acknowledged the compliment. The visiting brethren included Bros. Chapman, W.M., Clausentum Lodge; J. S. Pearce, W.M., Allert Edward Lodge; P.M.'s Bowyer, Waters, Thomas, and R. Sharpe, and Bro. C. W. Bemister. Banquet was provided at the Lodge.

NEWTON ABBOT.—Devon Lodge (No. 1138).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devon-square, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Vicary, was duly installed by the retiring Master, Bro. H. Martin, with the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. T. Jones, P.M. 328, P.P.G.J.W.; John Stocker, P.M. 30, P.G. Treas.; W. Bennett May, P.M. 710; J. J. Evans, W.M. 303; F. C. Hallett, P.M. 303; J. U. Valentine, P.M. 303; W. Bradnee, P.M. 1402; B. Fullwood, P.M. 328; H. Steele, P.M. 557, P.P.G.D.C. Cornwall; H. G. Beachey, P.M. 1138, P.P.G. Treas.; P. D. Michelmore, P.M. 1138, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Oliver, P.M. 1138; W. Harris, P.M. 1138; C. Stevens, P.M. 1138; L. E. Bearne, P.M. 1138. The W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Martin, I.P.M.; Charles Pope, S.W.; C. G. Vicary, J.W.; C. A. Tyssen, B.A., Chap.; F. D. Bewes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Lewis Stevens, Sec.; E. Huxtable, S.D.; R. Grimby, J.D.; J. Oliver, P.M., D.C.; L. E. Bearne, P.M., Org.; J. Sowton, I.G.; W. L. Gerves, S.S.; C. Dobell, J.S.; and J. Haywood, Tyler. Bro. F. D. Bewes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was re-elected Almoner, and Bro. H. G. Beachey, P.M. P.P.G. Treas., was re-elected as the representative at the Committee of Petitions.

The annual banquet was served by Bro. Pople, at the Globe Hotel, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The lodge was opened at four p.m., by the W.M., Bro. R. Croisdale, P.G.S.B., and there were present about eighty members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Cook, 278; Hornblower, W.M. 1604; Hickley, W.M.

723; Steers, P.P.G.D.; Hall, P.M. 003, P.P.G.P.; Pomeroy, P.M. 723; Brown, 13; Youd, W.M. elect, 723; Churchward, 723; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and Bro. Taylor, P.M. 153, P.P.G.P., having been ballotted for and admitted as a joining member, the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Lewis, was presented for installation, and the ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by Bro. Croisdale, P.G.S.B., the outgoing Master, for which a vote of thanks was passed with acclamation by the brethren present, and ordered to be entered on the lodge minutes. The officers selected to serve for the ensuing year were as follows: Bros. Chesterton, S.W.; Adams, J.W.; Croisdale, P.M., P.G.S.B. as Treasurer; Douglas, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. as Secretary; Williams, S.D.; Robertson, J.D.; Harris, I.G.; and Hill, Tyler.

The first duty the W.M. performed was presenting the I.P.M., Bro. R. Croisdale, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, collar, and collar badge, which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge; and Bro. Croisdale, in reply, expressed his cordial thanks for the honour they had paid him. A jewel was also presented to Bro. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., for his valuable services as Treasurer to the lodge during the past eight years, which Bro. Richardson suitably acknowledged, stating that, although he was leaving the station, he should continue a member of the lodge, and take the deepest possible interest in its progress and welfare. The balance sheet, which showed the lodge to have made good progress during the past year, and to be financially in a most satisfactory state, was then duly read and passed; and after the usual annual drawing for a Life Subscribership to the Masonic Charities had taken place, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Imperial Hotel.

The W.M. said he proposed "The Health of the Queen" with pleasure, for he knew that it would be received and responded to most loyally. The next toast was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of English Masonry," which was suitably proposed, and met with the hearty reception it deserved. Bro. Lewis then gave "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The next toast was "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Beach," whose name the W.M. said was a household word amongst them, and who was distinguished not only for his kind and genial qualities, but also for the deep interest he had always taken in the Masonic affairs of the province, which it was needless to add were much appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Lewis then gave "The Health of the D. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Hickman, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." Bro. Douglas, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., in the course of his reply, said the Prov. Grand Officers were always ready to do all that lay in their power to advance the best and truest interests of Masonry. It was to be regretted that the Prov. Grand Master was not present to witness the very efficient manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed that day. On behalf of himself and the Present and Past Grand Officers he had to return them their hearty thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast of their health had been received. Bro. Croisdale, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said many of them knew from experience, and all of them would have realised by observation, that the popularity, the welfare, and the efficiency of a lodge was to a very large extent in the hands of its Master, and he was quite sure Bro. Lewis fully realised the responsibilities which would now fall upon him, and would carry out his duties in a way which would gain for him additional honour and the appreciation of his brethren. He forcibly impressed upon the brethren the necessity of great caution in proposing candidates for initiation, and he earnestly hoped those whom they were convinced would prove worthy Masons and a credit to the Craft only would be introduced and accepted. Bro. Lewis, W.M., replied in suitable terms, in the course of which he stated it was his earnest wish to terminate his year of office with credit to himself and satisfaction to them all. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," which was acknowledged by the I.P.M., Bro. Croisdale. "The Masonic Charities" was next proposed by Bro. Eve, P.M., P.P.S.V., in a very able and telling speech, in the course of which he gave an interesting account of the rise and progress of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and strongly urged their claims. He complimented the lodge upon the work done in the past, and especially upon that performed by Bro. Croisdale, and, as regarded the newly-installed Master, he felt that the lodge under his Mastership would continue to flourish and to maintain its high character for efficiency. The toast of "The W. Master and Past Masters of Neighbouring Lodges and the Visitors" was then proposed, and responded to by Bros. Cook, 278; Hornblower, W.M. 1604; Harris, 295 (I.C.); and Pomeroy, P.M. 723; all of whom expressed their great gratification at being present at the installation of Bro. Lewis by the I.P.M., Bro. Croisdale, which was a great Masonic treat, and also for their cordial welcome at the banquet. After the toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast had been given, this most enjoyable Masonic evening was brought to a close about 10 p.m. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by sundry songs and recitations, which were very effectively rendered by several of the brethren present.

LIVERPOOL.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).—On Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst., an interesting Masonic meeting in connection with the Craft in the neighbourhood of Liverpool took place at Derby Hall, Tuebrook, when the members of the above lodge celebrated their annual festival. This was the sixth anniversary, and, although the lodge started with an unusually heavy expenditure, it is now placed on a sound financial footing. There was a good attendance. Bro. Dr. Henry Pitts presided, supported by his officers. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Winsor, P.M. 203 and 211; Richard Bennett, P.M. 1299; Walter C. Erwin, W.M. 1593; Councillor Jos. Ball, W.M. 673; John Latta, W.M. 241; W. Ladyman, W.M. 1547; R. Bottomley, P.M. 1575; and others. The W.M. elect (Bro. John Henderson, S.W.), was then presented by Bros. Winsor and W. Ladyman and regularly installed. After the usual Masonic honours, the following officers were invested: Bros. Dr. Henry Pitts, I.P.M.; P. C. Asbury, S.W.; T. Delamere, J.W.; Luke Bagnall, Treas. (re-elected); Richard Armitage, Sec.; Robert Selkirk, S.D.; Dr. O. Limrick, J.D.; R. Stirzaker, I.G.; G. H. Hargreaves, S.S.; and Robert Bennion, J.S. Bro. R.

Neville was re-elected Tyler, and Bro. W. Veale, Organist (by proxy).

The brethren afterwards dined together in the concert-room. During the evening a P.M. jewel was presented to the I.P.M., accompanied by a valuable diamond ring for Mrs. Pitts.

URMSTON.—Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The annual installation meeting and Festival of St. John were celebrated at the Lord Nelson Hotel, on Monday, the 16th inst. The progress which this young lodge has made since its consecration in 1878 is very satisfactory, mainly owing to the unanimity, which is one of its characteristics, and to the exceptional ability which Bro. Goodacre, who was one of the founders, has from time to time displayed in the working of any ceremony connected with the Craft. To hear Bro. Goodacre perform a ceremony is to experience a treat indeed for all lovers of our beautiful ritual; and not even the most cynical could, in our opinion, find fault with his style, whilst his great gift of memory makes it almost impossible for him to hesitate or stumble over the least sentence. The members of the lodge should be, and doubtless are, very proud of him, and we only hope he may long be spared to gratify the ears of those brethren who are fortunate enough to listen to him.

The following brethren were present: Bros. the Rev. E. Harwood Cooke, W.M.; J. Buckley Seel, S.W.; Dr. Fiddes, J.W.; T. Royle Higginson, Treas.; A. H. Sansom, S.D.; E. I. Littler, J.D.; P. Heaton, I.G.; W. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G.P. Cheshire; J. R. England, I.P.M.; E. Gittins, T. L. Browne, G. Bate, James Ridehalgh, H. Galloway, P.P.G. Reg. East Lanc.; G. Myers, John Slyman, and H. Chessyre, Tyler.

Visitors: Bros. T. Hassall, W.M. 1213; J. C. Mather, W.M. 1345; J. B. Andrew, W.M. 1588; G. Barber, P.M. 1730 and 1588; Ellis Jones, P.M. 1147, P.P.G.T.; Rev. E. B. Bagot, W.M. 1357; H. Marshall, W.M. 1387; Julius Arensberg, P.M. 1161 and 1798, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Hawkins, 216; W. Bowden, P.M. 1213 and 1814, P.P.S.B.; T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147; T. A. Crampton, P.M. 1588; J. Andrew, P.M. 268 and 1213; J. H. Heap, J.W. 1735 (South Africa); J. Goss, 481; J. E. Boden, S.W. 1588; and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 4.30 and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the Installing Master, Bro. W. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G. Puts., took the chair, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Buckley Seel, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers, and they were invested by Bro. J. R. England, P.M., as follows: Bros. Dr. Fiddes, S.W. (by proxy); A. H. Sansom, J.W.; Thos. Royle Higginson, Treas.; W. Goodacre, P.M., Sec.; E. Littler, S.D.; P. Heaton, J.D.; William Cole, Org. (by proxy); John Slyman, I.G.; W. Chessyre, Tyler; and Bros. Goss, Dobson, and Rylands, Stewards; Bro. England, in investing Bro. Goodacre with the collar and jewel of his office, said he felt it a great honour to invest such a distinguished member of the Craft, whom he could scarcely congratulate upon his advancement, seeing that he was descending the ladder again, and he should, therefore reverse the order of things, and congratulate the W.M. on being so fortunate as to secure such an able officer for his Secretary. Bro. England's remarks were received with applause by the brethren. The Installing Master afterwards delivered the three addresses, and the ceremony was concluded. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.15.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a most excellent banquet, produced in Mrs. Holliday's best style, and which left nothing to be desired from the hands of this experienced hostess. When the banquet was concluded the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G.T., responded on behalf of "The Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," and, in doing so, said he had been in the Pro Grand Master's presence several times, and could say he was a most practical and useful Mason, as well as ornamental, and he (Bro. Goodacre) had also the pleasure some ten or twelve years ago of seeing him install the present Provincial Grand Master of their sister Province of East Lancashire into office, and could, consequently, vouch for his ability to perform the duties that devolved upon him in a satisfactory manner. Bro. J. R. England proposed "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master's Health," and "The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers," and Bros. Ellis Jones, P.P.G. Treasurer East Lancashire, and W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B. West Lancashire, responded. "The Healths of the Visiting Brethren" were proposed by Bro. the Rev. Harwood Cooke, I.P.M., in eulogistic terms, and Bro. the Rev. Bigue Bagot responded in his usual forcible and brilliant style. Bro. the Rev. Harwood Cooke, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. J. Buckley Seel responded in suitable terms. The toasts of "The I.P.M.," "The Installing Master," and "The Masonic Charities" were also proposed and duly acknowledged, and a very successful and enjoyable evening was brought to a close shortly after eleven o'clock.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Excise Tavern, Old Broad-street, F.C., the officers being Bros. J. Johnson, W.M.; G. H. Stephens, S.W.; Morris, J.W.; H. G. Gush, Preceptor; and C. J. Fox, Hon. Sec. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Johnson, W.M., worked the First Section of the Lecture, Bro. Stevens, S.W., the Second, and Bro. Fox the Third Section, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed in the Third Degree. Bro. Gush worked the Second Section of the Lecture. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. G. H. Stephens was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. The attendance was greatly lessened by the absence of many brethren attending their own lodges. A much larger gathering is expected next Monday, the 23rd inst., when the installation ceremony will be worked by Bro. Larchin, W.M. of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—At the last meeting of this lodge, at Bro. P. M. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., Bros. Job, W. Master 1076, was

W.M.; T. Loane, S.W.; A. Abrahams, J.W.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; P. Robinson, J.D.; J. H. Pringle, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; W. Yettin, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec.; also Past Masters T. W. Jones, T. J. Barnes, and Bros. Dix, Moss, Taylor, Fowler, Turbfield, Norton, Musto, jun., Wright, Isaacs, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. M. Isaacs was questioned for being raised to the Third Degree, and being a Fellow Craft, retired. Bro. W. J. Musto, as the candidate, also answered the questions, and lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was worked. Lodge was resumed to admit Bro. Isaacs, and Bro. D. Moss worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Loane, S.W., was elected W.M. for ensuing lodge meeting. Bros. D. Moss, J. R. Shingfield, and J. H. Pringle were elected to audit the lodge accounts, and other business having been satisfactorily disposed of, lodge was closed and adjourned.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—A very successful meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney. Bro. G. H. Stephens was W.M., and had the support of the following brethren: Bros. A. Wood, S.W.; W. Hawes, J.W.; Tyler, Deacon; Harvey, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor; J. Andrews, P.M.; W. Cross, Sec.; J. R. Shingfield, J. Taylor, J. L. Anderson, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Shingfield answered the necessary questions, and the ceremony of raising was worked. The W.M. next worked the whole of the Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Wood was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening. Lodge was closed, a highly instructive and enjoyable evening having been passed.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. There were present Bros. Dignam, W.M.; Edwards, S.W.; Wardell, J.W.; Smyth, S.D.; Christian, J.D.; Thos. Clark, I.G.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; Walington, P.M., Preceptor; Brasted, Baker, Glass, Floyd, Darnell, Robinson, Allen, Jones, C. Lorkin, and Bunker.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baker being a candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Baker was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and then resumed in the Second. Bro. Wardell rehearsed for the first time the ceremony of installation, in a most excellent manner installing Bro. Dignam into the chair of K.S.; the W.M. then investing his officers. The lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. Wardell worked the ceremony of installation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. J. Clayton's, Duke's Head, 70, Whitechapel-road, on the 6th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. T. Loane, who was ably supported by Bros. R. Hirst, S.W.; Bardoulean, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; J. West, Deacon; J. Darley, I.G.; A. Benabo, J. Clayton, Macgregor, and others.

Lodge was opened with due observations, and minutes were submitted and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked in a finished manner, Bro. A. Benabo being the candidate. Bro. Loane worked the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hirst, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and the lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 3rd inst., a highly instructive evening having been spent.

FRIARS LODGE (No. 1349).—At the last regular meeting of the above lodge on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Bro. J. H. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E. Bro. B. C. Rawe, W.M., 781, was W.M., and was supported by Bros. Pavitt, S.W.; C. Winterton, J.W.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; Watkins, Deacon; M. George, I.G.; W. J. Smith, W.M. 860; Day, Willoughby, Stephens, and others.

After due formalities, Bro. Willoughby was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was ably worked, Bro. Willoughby being the candidate. Lodge was closed down, and after some very genial discussion it was decided to hold the annual banquet upon the first Tuesday in February, Bro. J. H. Pavitt, the worthy host, being requested to form himself into a committee to carry out the necessary arrangements. Bro. Pavitt, S.W., was elected W.M. for the 17th inst., and lodge was closed, a most harmonious evening having been passed.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).—The second meeting of this lodge since the Christmas recess was held on the 14th inst., at Bro. Richardson's, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney. Bro. Stephen Crane was W.M., and was assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Gray, S.W.; Pope, J.W.; E. Wright, P.M., Sec.; W. Fieldwick, P.M., Preceptor; Chamberlain, S.D.; R. A. Wright, P.M., I.G.; Stephens, and others.

After due formalities, the ceremony of passing was ably rendered, Bro. Stephens being the candidate. Bro. Stephens worked the First Section of the Lecture, and lodge was closed in the Second Degree. For the benefit of the Wards present the ceremonies of opening and closing the lodge in the several Degrees was carefully rehearsed, after which Bro. Gray was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 1475).—The brethren of the above lodge assembled in their lodge room, at the Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, on the evening of Wednesday week. Bro. Cowley having been voted

to the chair as W.M., and Bros. T. D. Hilton, S.W.; Stone, J.W.; Page, S.D.; and J. J. Brinton, I.G., the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which the Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Preceptor Rose, P.M., and Bro. F. Hilton, who were ably assisted by the brethren throughout. The lodge was then closed in due form, after which a large amount of business appertaining to the Masonic Charities was forwarded. Bro. J. T. Scotts, the esteemed landlord, intimated that as he had on that day reached the 56th anniversary of his natal day, if the brethren assented it would afford him great pleasure to take wine with them. This considerate proposition was assented to, Bro. Preceptor Rose taking the chair, who in feeling and graceful terms proposed "The Health of Bro. Scotts," who had for a long series of years been associated with that lodge, and who, moreover, had striven to do all in his power to make them comfortable. The room in which they were then gathered together was one proof thereof. Without wishing to be considered as implying flattery, he could assert that Bro. Scotts was respected by all who knew him for his moral and social excellencies and sterling worth. They one and all wished him many happy returns of the day, and moreover that the Great Architect of the Universe would shed His benign influences around him and all those near and dear to him likewise. The toast having been heartily pledged, Bro. Scotts acknowledged the compliment in concise, but exceedingly appropriate, terms. He assured the brethren that he reciprocated their kindness of heart and fraternal esteem; and on all occasions would endeavour to promote their comforts and the interest of the lodge. Bro. Rose, Preceptor, then informed the brethren that Bro. Bracegirdle was about sailing for China once more, and, therefore, he would call on them to drink to his good health, coupling therewith their hearty good wishes for his welfare whilst absent. Many years would elapse ere he once more returned to his native country; and, therefore, in the midst of those who knew but little or nothing about their Order, he hoped he would prove to them in all his daily dealings that Freemasonry was something more than a mere name. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and responded to in the same manner. Bro. Bracegirdle made a feeling speech in reply. Bro. W. Page and other brethren vocalised excellent songs; the harmony being maintained for some time, the genial fraternisation not being allowed to flag for a moment.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there was again a good attendance of the brethren. Bros. Sudlow, Preceptor, and J. D. Langton, Sec., being unavoidably absent, their places were filled by Bros. Duret and J. T. Tanqueray, who kindly undertook their respective duties, and the offices were filled as follows: Bros. Johnston, W.M.; Shaw, S.W.; Barnett, J.W.; Maude, S.D.; Hallows, J.D.; Bailey, I.G.; Duret, acting Preceptor; and J. T. Tanqueray, acting Sec.; and amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Gaze, Morris, Rosenthal, Alhausen, and Clarkson.

The lodge opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge then opened in the Second and Third, and resumed in the Second Degree, when Bro. Clarkson, acting as candidate, answered the usual questions, and the lodge resumed in the Third Degree, Bro. Clarkson being raised to the Degree of M.M. After a "call off," the lodge closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and the Second Section of the First Lecture was ably worked by Bro. Duret and the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Shaw was elected W.M. for Thursday, the 19th inst., the work appointed being the Fourth Section of the First Lecture, and the First Section of the Third Lecture. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—The meetings of this lodge were renewed at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, the 12th inst., at nine p.m. Present: Bros. F. S. Rothschild, W.M.; J. W. Hunter, S.W.; J. Rothschild, J.W.; J. W. Tillet, S.D.; C. G. Payn, J.D.; J. Speller, I.G.; R. D. Cummings, Preceptor; Harold Halliday, Hon. Sec.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Halliday being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cummings was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Pingston raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in the same excellent manner in which the two former Degrees were worked by Bro. F. S. Rothschild, who, as W.M. of the mother lodge, never loses an opportunity of giving the lodge of instruction the benefit of his impressive working, and to his honour be it said it is always appreciated. The lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Hunter was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect appointed officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed and adjourned.

After the closing of the lodge a ballot was held for two life subscriptions to the Masonic Charities, the fortunate winners being Bros. Horne and Speller. This ballot association has been started among the members to enable them to become Life Subscribers and Life Governors of either of the Masonic Charities, by the well-known system of subscribing 1s. per week each share. As soon as £5 5s. is collected a ballot takes place, and its success in this instance may be gathered from the fact that since Nov. 3rd last two ballots have taken place. It is earnestly hoped the members of the lodge who have not already joined will take an early opportunity of placing their names on the list, and thus avail themselves of furthering the interests of our most excellent Charities.

Royal Arch.

BATH.—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).—A regular meeting was summoned for 7.30 on Tuesday, the 10th inst., and a quarter of an hour later the chapter was opened by the Principals, Ex. Comps. Loder, Z.; Davis, H.; Becket, J.; supported by Ex. Comps. Watts, P.Z.; Reeves, P.Z.; Dutton, P.Z.; Dr. Hopkins, P.Z., 328, 587, 710; Moutrie, P.Z. 41; E. L. Hill, P.Z. 41; Howes, Z. 41. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. expressed his regret that of the four names on the circular for exaltation, none of

the companions were present, and that there was only one for whom it would be desirable to ballot on this evening. This was done, and being favourable Comp. Penly will be exalted at the next meeting. The Treasurer's accounts having been duly audited were read and confirmed. The next business was the installation of the Principals, which was performed by Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, who placed in their respective chairs E. Comps. Davis, Z.; Becket, H.; and Reeves, J. The following were afterwards invested officers for the year. Comps. B. H. Watts, Scribe E.; Phillips, Scribe N.; J. J. Dutton, P. Soj.; Bigwood, Janitor. The chapter was closed at nine p.m.

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, W.M., P.P.G. Org., presiding. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the revised ritual was rehearsed. On the proclamations being put, Bro. W. T. Lamonby, P.M., presented the lodge with a frame mount of the Masons' marks found in Carlisle Cathedral by Bro. Creed, G., and which were reprinted in the "Masonic Magazine" last September from the "Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Archaeological Society." A vote of thanks having been accorded to the donor, the lodge was closed in form.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

SLOPER.—On the 16th inst., at the Ferns, Norwood-road, Herne-hill, the wife of Mr. Charles Sidney Sloper, of a son.

WARD.—On the 15th inst., the wife of the Rev. T. W. Ward, Bramley, Guildford, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

PONSFORD—EVERETT.—On the 12th inst., at St. Mark's, Kennington, by the Rev. H. H. Montgomery, vicar, James Bayley Ponsford, to Madeline Mary, eldest daughter of George Everett, of Clapham-road. No cards.

DEATH.

MALINS.—On the 15th inst., the Right Hon. Sir Richard Malins, of 57, Lowndes-square, and the Canon Hill, Berks, in his 79th year.

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The Theatres.

Bro. Richard Douglass deserves all the praise bestowed upon him for the beautiful and elaborate pantomime he has produced at the Standard, for the delight and entertainment of the people of the East. In this he has been assisted by Bro. John Douglass. "Sinbad the Sailor" is a story ever welcome to the young, and we venture to add, judging from the large proportion of adults on the occasion of our visit, also by those who have come to years of discretion. No expense seems to have been spared, and it may be well to say with the pantomimes of the more aristocratic West. The spirit of the piece is well sustained throughout, but nowhere more than in the scene "The Ensigns of the Deep" and "The Valley of Jewels." In the former we have the deck of a man-of-war covered with sailors, waving "the flag that has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze," and after the lungs of the audience are nearly exhausted in their endeavours to show their appreciation, the stars and stripes of America takes the place of the Union Jack, and then comes clapping, stamping, and shouting. "The Valley of Jewels" is so pretty and so elaborate as almost not to bear description. The grand moving panorama speaks of itself of Bro. R. Douglass's talent as a painter. "Sinbad" is acted by Miss Milly Howes, who fulfils all one might expect, and a great deal more; for not only is she *au fait* as a step-dancer, but sings very pretty songs, and has an equally pretty face. Miss Rose Lee, who, by the way is married to a member of the Craft, plays *Polly*, "Sinbad's" young woman. Her songs are some of the pleasantest in the performance, specially the duets she sings with Miss Howes and Miss Goward, "Mrs. Spanker," and a solo from "Princess Toto," "The bark does roll." Mr. Glover, *Captain Spanker*, was suffering from a cold when we were there, and, therefore, his part suffered too, but Mr. John Barnum, as *Copperstick*, quite made up for it with his drollery. The concluding portion—the clown and pantaloon—was the same as in all pantomimes, though a novelty is introduced in the shape of a comic shadow pantomime, in itself very simple, yet affording great laughter. A sheet is stretched across the stage, between the audience and the actors, and by the figures coming close to it they seem giants, and when receding diminutives. We shall conclude by using Miss Howe's own words, "Is 'Sinbad' a success?" We should certainly say "Yes."

At the Adelphi, "Taken from Life" is well framed. Our contemporaries seem to be all of one mind as to its being another Adelphi triumph. We must join in the congratulations to Mr. Pettitt, the author. It is sensational certainly, but not repulsive. The hero is *Walter Lee*, an artist, a good man (Charles Warner), who, whilst on a visit to an acquaintance, *John Denby* (Mr. Edward Price), falls in love with his sister *Kate* (Miss Gerard), and marries her, without the knowledge of *John Denby*. The latter, being of bad temper and in great financial difficulties, they are afraid just at first to tell him; having mortgaged his estate to *Polly* (Mr. Beveridge), a thorough scoundrel, he invites him down to stay. This man falls in love with *Kate*, but is given the cold shoulder by her, for, besides his character, he is intensely vulgar. He offers *Denby* if he will give him his sister to wipe off the mortgage, and when he asks that *Lee* may be sent away from the house, as he sees in him a rival, *Denby* speaks to *Lee* in the presence of *Kate* and of *Radley*, and *Lee* and *Kate* proclaim they are man and wife. *Radley* swears a vow he will yet bring him low and have *Kate*. *Lee* and his wife are thereupon driven from the brother's house. *Lee* falls ill and undergoes what many an artist and born gentleman does—poverty. Yet, for all this, they cling to one another even more. *Denby* evicts a tenant (whose wife is dying) for non-payment of rent, and this man (*Maguire*) swears if she dies he will have life for life, but *Kate* had been good to his wife, and he tells her he hopes he may be able some day to repay her kindness. The woman does die. *Maguire* (Mr. E. H. Brooke) turns a socialist, goes to London and becomes a leader in wicked plots. In the House of Detention is a Nihilist awaiting his trial. *Maguire* conceives a scheme for blowing up the prison, and goes to *Lee*, not knowing him, to draw some plans, but when *Lee* finds there is a mystery in it, he declines to have anything to do with him. *Radley* has now found out *Lee*, who by this time is a father, and calls on the wife and urges her to leave this "place of poverty," but she, of course, nobly refuses. She is preparing the dinner when he comes in. He picks up a potato, and says, "I see you doing this." She calmly answers, "A gentleman wouldn't have noticed it," a remark which fairly brings down the house. Whilst she is out, at another time, he has the child carried off, hoping thereby to induce her to go to him, when he tells her where the child is. *Denby* comes to see *Lee*, and reproaches him for taking away his sister, and points to the disgrace he has brought her to, but *Lee* replies there is no disgrace in poverty, another remark well applauded. A struggle takes place between the two men, on account of *Denby's* trying a horsewhipping, when in comes *Maguire* to see *Lee*, but recognising *Denby*, he remembers his old vow, and stabs him to the heart, the bad *Radley* looking in at the door, and then swearing he saw *Lee* do it. *Lee* is placed in the House of Detention. *Maguire* meeting *Kate*, recognises her, and seeing her troubles, offers now to repay her kindness, and tells her at a given signal her husband can escape, for they are about blowing down the prison walls. Knowing he is innocent, *Kate* on going to see him, tells him of this, and he feels justified in making use of this method of escape. The explosion comes, the innocent man *Lee* gets free, but the Nihilist does not escape after all. *Lee* now seeks for work, and is taken on by an order to clean the harness. In the stable-yard is a boy who is more fond of drawing on a slate than cleaning the boots and looking after the yard. It is almost unnecessary to say that the lad turns out to be *Lee's* son, and that their employer is *Radley*. *Radley* has again urged *Mrs. Lee* to marry him, trying to persuade her her husband is dead, but she will not believe it. He offers to show her her boy. Of course, like a mother, she comes to his house for that purpose. She meets her husband, but *Radley* has also recognised him, and at once sets the police on him, but it is too late. He hides for a few hours. A party is given by *Radley* in the evening. Amongst his so-called friends is *Titus Knott* (Mr. Fred. Thorne), who has been used by *Radley* for all sorts of purposes, and has not been over scrupulous, but

as *Radley* has become less liberal to him, he decides to show him up, and gets a warrant for his arrest on the charge of forging the deeds of settlement of *Denby's* estate. During the party *Lee* creeps in to see his wife, but is discovered by *Radley*. He then confronts the company, and a police officer is introduced. *Radley* hands *Lee* a document, imagining it is a warrant for *Lee's* arrest as the murderer of *Denby*, but *Lee*, after reading it, hands it back to *Radley*, who sees in it he is charged with forging the deeds of *Denby's* estate; that it lawfully belongs to *Lee's* son; and that *Maguire* confessed on his death bed that he killed *Denby*, and *Lee* had nothing to do with it. So the curtain drops. "Be sure your sin will find you out" might have been a good title for the drama, but still it is really "taken from life." We cannot help feeling it is too real; there is nothing impossible in the whole story. Of course there are comic characters—particularly *Titus Knott*—in it. We have only dwelt on the sad side. It is impossible to speak too highly of Mr. C. Warner's and Miss Gerard's acting. Mr. Beveridge, who has a very disagreeable piece, plays admirably, though he receives nothing but hisses; but they are not personal to himself, but to the character he is made to represent. We are glad to find the lower classes of England have as yet no sympathy with these diabolical movements, such as Socialism and Nihilism. Every good moral was applauded, every vulgarity and wicked plot was equally hissed. These movements may be called fraternal, but there is no true brotherhood in them as in our Craft, they might better be called devilry; their aim is only to uproot law, order and civilization, and for what? That a few scoundrels—who consider themselves aggrieved—may live on the spoils. Instead of helping a brother as Christianity and Freemasonry do, Socialism and Communism really means every one for himself. We hope many good lessons may be learned from "Taken from Life."

Music.

The principal event to be recorded this week is the opening, on Saturday last, at Her Majesty's Theatre, of the Carl Rosa Opera Company's season. Our remarks of last Saturday as to the success which had attended Bro. Carl Rosa in his efforts to secure a strong and effective company have been more than justified. The performances that have been given nightly up to the time of our going to press have been most satisfactory; the applause with which each was greeted by an audience that was numerous, and more than usually appreciative, being most encouraging. The opera set down for Saturday last was Wagner's "Lohengrin," which was produced in English last season by this same company, so that its selection for the opening night of the present may be regarded as most appropriate. The cast was one of very considerable merit, as the reader will judge when he is told that the character of the hero *Lohengrin* was interpreted by Herr Anton Schott, whose embodiment of the part was well-considered and expressive. His pronunciation of our language, though showing an improvement since last year, leaves something still to be desired; and the same remark applies with even greater force to several other artists. To Miss Julia Gayford was assigned the heroine *Elisa*, and it is almost needless to say that in her hands the character lost none of its interest. She sang and acted well from first to last, and was deservedly applauded. Equally successful was Miss Josephine Yorke, in the ungracious character of *Ortrud*, whose singing, especially in the duet with *Telramund*, was excellent, while her acting, though quiet and unobtrusive, was on that account all the more effective. Herr Ludwig was a highly-finished, and at the same time forcible representative of *Telramund*; while the *Herald* of Mr. Leslie Crotie, and the *King* of Mr. Pope were both of them highly meritorious performances. The orchestra and chorus sustained their respective parts effectively; nor must we pass over the claims to recognition of Herr Randeegger, to whom is entrusted the baton of conductor, and who fulfilled his task to the satisfaction of the whole house.

On Monday, another of Wagner's operas, "The Flying Dutchman," was performed with even greater success. The part of the heroine, *Senta*, was played by Mdlle. Alwina Valleria, with a full appreciation of the music, and in a manner that won for her the warm sympathies of a house that was crowded in every part. This was Mdlle. Valleria's first appearance with the Carl Rosa troupe, and, indeed, on the English stage; and with such an accession of strength there ought to be no doubt of the success of the present season. Herr Ludwig enacted the rôle of the Dutchman with the same marked success which has distinguished his previous performances, and Mr. Turner created a very favourable impression by his rendering of the famous Steersman's song. Mr. Herbert d'Egville, who has a fine bass voice, and is also new to the company, impersonated *Da and*; Mr. Packard was *Eric*, and Miss Josephine Yorke completed the cast as *Mary*. The new scenery and appointments were in consonance with the general performance; and on Saturday the chorus and orchestra very well supported Herr Randeegger in his able interpretation of Wagner's music.

On Tuesday, Vincent Wallace's opera of "Mariana" was played, with Miss Georgina Burns as *Mariana*, Mr. Turner as *Don Cesar de Bazan*, Mr. Leslie Crotie as *Don José*, Mr. Snazelle as *Charles II.*, Mr. Brooklyn as the *Marquis*, Miss Josephine Yorke as the *Marchioness*, and a *débutante*, Miss Lilian La Rue, in the character of *Lazarillo*; Mr. John Pew being the conductor. As on the previous nights, the performance was a great success, Miss Burns and Mr. Turner being excellent in the characters respectively assigned to them. On Wednesday, "Lohengrin" was repeated, and on Thursday "The Flying Dutchman." Thomas's "Mignon" being set down for last night (Friday), and Balfie's "Bohemian Girl" for to-night (Saturday), with an afternoon performance of "Lohengrin," at 2 p.m. Altogether the season has opened most auspiciously, and we trust the energy and enterprise of Bro. Rosa will have their full reward. One gratifying fact is noticeable, to wit, the audience have had the good sense to reserve their applause till the fall of the curtain at the end of the several acts, the consequence being that it is possible to form a more correct appreciation of the merits of each performance.

The outcome of the grand concert at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, is eminently satisfactory. The receipts are said to have realised about £850, while the expenses—chiefly for advertising—were some £300, leaving an amount for distribution between the Vienna and some English charity of £550.

An afternoon concert, to be held, by the kind permission of the Marchioness of Downshire, in Downshire House, Belgrave-square, is announced for Wednesday, the 8th February, at 3 p.m., in aid of the St. Thomas's Mission, 14, Golden-square, W. The list of patronesses is very strong, among them being H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, the Duchesses of Richmond and Hamilton, the Marchionesses of Exeter, Hertford, Abergavenny, &c., &c. Among the ladies and gentlemen who have promised to take part in it are Mrs. L. Moncrieff, Lady Florence Duncombe, Miss Wakefield, Lady Charlotte Legge, Lady Octavia Legge, Mr. Charles Wade, Mr. Marzials, Capt. Barrington Foote, and Mr. Morton. The mission is doing most useful work among the poor in the neighbourhood, and is in every way worthy of the support of the charitable.

Mr. Charles Hallé's series of pianoforte recitals will be given this season at the Grosvenor Gallery, instead of at St. James's Hall, and in the evening instead of the afternoon.

It will be good news for those who delight in good choral music that Mr. Henry Leslie has decided on re-establishing his celebrated choir, and that at least one concert will be given during the season. The dispersion of so efficient a body of vocalists was deeply regretted at the time, but that feeling will now pass away.

Mdlle. Marie Krebs, who has been the pianist at the last two Monday "Pops," is announced as one of the executants for the one to be held on Monday next, when Spohr's pian-forte trio in G. minor, Beethoven's Sonata in C. minor, for pianoforte and violin, and Mendelssohn's "Lied ohne Worte" will be given. She will likewise take a part in to-day's (Saturday) "Pop," when the programme will include works by Bennett, Beethoven and Schumann.

We must remind our readers that the first of Mr. Sims Reeves's series of concerts will take place at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, at St. James's Hall. Among the artists will be Madame Maria Reze, Miss Spencer Jones, Mr. Herbert Reeves, and the great tenor himself, whose contributions will include "My Pretty Jane," and "The Bay of Biscay."

Science.

At the meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, held on Monday evening under the presidency of Lord Aberdare, Sir John Kirk, H.B.M.'s Consul at Zanzibar, read a highly interesting paper, by Mr. Joseph Thompson, entitled "Notes on the Basin of the River Roruna." We gather from Mr. Thompson's account that a large trade is carried on surreptitiously at Mikindany, the place whence Livingstone started on his last journey; and also that the reported existence of coal in the neighbourhood of the Lujindi river was without foundation. At Kwambianza there was a very fine cataract; and, on his homeward journey, Mr. Thomas ascended the isolated mountain of Limpumbula, which proved to be a compact mass of granite, rising like a huge broken column from the surrounding plain to a height of 1805 feet above the sea level, and 905 feet above that of the plain. He described the Makonde people, through whose country he travelled, as being remarkably ugly, and tattooed in a most inartistic fashion. The women, it seems, wear in the upper lip a piece of circular wood, variously carved, and of about two inches in diameter, which suggests the idea of a duck's bill. The slave trade still exists, but in an altered form, the slaves being more valuable, and taken greater care of on that account. The most industrious people in East Africa are the Wakyas, and next to them the Makuas. Mr. Thompson's paper was followed by one on "Makua-land, between the Rivers Roruna and Luli," by the Rev. Chauncy Maples, M.A., and was read by the Rev. W. H. Penney. Votes of thanks to the authors of the papers and the Chairman for presiding, brought the proceedings to a close.

Farther progress has been made with the arrangements for the Electric Lighting Exhibition at the Crystal Palace, Mr. Edison's section having been most successfully inaugurated on Tuesday evening, in the Concert-room. A magnificent lustre, decked with incandescent lamps, has been suspended from the roof, with a chain of lamps extended round the galleries, ornamental candelabra with globes of great brilliancy and power occurring at intervals. The result must have been very gratifying, those present when the room was illuminated cheering most heartily. Mr. Edison's apparatus, with the exception of the motive power, is original in all its parts, his lamps, like those of other inventors, being exhausted of the air and so offering a certain security against fire, while the completeness of the control over and sub-division of the electric current was shown by the ease with which separate sections of the chain of lights were turned off and on without affecting the rest. The motive power was an ordinary steam-engine of twenty-five horse power, yet the amount, steadiness, and brilliancy of the light was most remarkable.

The Roman and Mediæval Court, as well as a portion of the North Nave, are lighted by the Electric Light and Power Generator Company, to which we referred in our issue of last week, and it is expected the Exhibition will be sufficiently advanced to allow of the appointed deputations and delegates visiting it on and after to-day (Saturday).

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will present the medals awarded to the exhibitors at the recent International Wool Exchange, on the evening of Tuesday, the 31st inst.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Right Hon. the Lord Mayor was on Monday last installed W.M. of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, at Freemasons' Hall, and Bro. Richard Hervé Giraud was at the same time invested as Treasurer of the lodge for the fiftieth time.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, will take the chair on Wednesday, April 19th, at the twenty-first festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Royal Medical Benevolent College, to be held at the Langham Hotel, Portland-place.

Bro. George A. Cuny was on Monday installed W.M. of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

The usual weekly meeting of the Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction will not be held on Saturday, the 21st inst., as the monthly meeting of the mother lodge falls on that day.

Bro. Col. E. King-Harman, P.G.M., Meath, was present at an Orange Demonstration at Blackpool, on Tuesday.

Bro. L. F. Littell, I.P.M. 1827, and Secretary and P.M. 860, was presented by the latter lodge on Thursday, at Anderson's Hotel, with a handsome silver tea service, weighing over 44 oz. On each piece of plate the following was engraved: "Presented to Bro. L. F. Littell, P.M., by the brethren of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 160, as a mark of their appreciation of his uniform courtesy and ability in the discharge of his duties as Secretary. January 12th, 1882."

The visit which Bro. the Duke of Albany was announced to pay to Sutton, in Surrey, to lay the foundation-stone of St. Barnabas' Church, will not, it now appears, take place, circumstances having made the promised visit impracticable. The foundation-stone will be laid next week, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Egmont will preside, and Sir H. W. Peck, M.P., Sir Trevor Lawrence, M.P., and other members of Parliament will be present.

Bro. Holland, J.L.P., presided at the annual banquet of the last Grand Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows on Monday, at the Pavilion, Brighton.

Bro. Malthouse C.C., has sent a letter to Mr. Gladstone, in which he contends that one Corporation for the whole of London is impossible, and that separate municipalities should be created. Bro. Malthouse has received a reply from the Premier's private Secretary.

Bro. Jas. McLean was installed W.M. of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, on Friday, the 13th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Amongst those present at Bro. the Lord Mayor's ball on Friday last, were Bros. Shadwell H. Clarke, G.S., Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, W. Bancroft, Hare, Kendall, E. Swanborough, Lord Chelmsford, Sir F. Perkins, E. Terry, T. Thorne, A. Swanborough, F. G. Faithfull, J. D. Allcroft, J. P. Knight, Edmund Yates, and H. J. Waterlow.

We recently furnished particulars of the formation of the Upton Masonic Association, formed in connection with the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., one of those useful associations which are doing so much good in the metropolis, and are gratified to be informed that, although so newly established, has in a few weeks from its commencement been able to devote the sum of £10 10s. to a ballot for a Life Governorship of either of the three Masonic Institutions. Bro. F. Dupree was the fortunate member. As the list of members is not yet quite filled up, brethren who are desirous of joining can apply to Bro. D. Moss, the Hon. Sec., on the fourth Thursday in the month, who will be glad to add a few more names to his list of members.

R.W. Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M. of Auckland, New Zealand, assisted by R.W. Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M. (I.C.), and R.W. Bro. Hon. F. Whittaker, P.G.M. (S.C.), consecrated and dedicated a new Masonic Hall in Prince's-street, Auckland, on Tuesday, December 6th, 1881.

Comp. Thomas Fenn, assisted by Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, and other Grand Officers, will consecrate the Universal Chapter, No. 181, on Thursday, the 26th inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

Bro. Arthur Cohen, Q.C., M.P., on Sunday presided over the distribution of prizes to the children of the Borough Jewish Schools, which took place at the Lecture Hall, Carter-street, Walworth.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, LL.D., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, has written to the Senatus of Aberdeen University, stating that he will give £10,000 to found and endow a chair of pathological anatomy in that institution. The principal of the University (the Rev. Dr. Pirie), and Dr. William Pirie, Professor of the surgery, have been appointed to make the necessary arrangements in connection with the foundation of the chair. It is understood the gift has been prompted by the representations of Professor Pirie, whose efforts to raise the Aberdeen Medical School are well-known. Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, though not a graduate of Aberdeen, has northern connections, and some time ago received the degree of LL.D. from the University.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., has been invited by the Committee of the Aborigines' Protection Society to give them some account of his recent visit to South Africa, and the ex-King Cetewayo.

The Montreal brethren celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist by holding a church service in the Anglican Cathedral. The sacred edifice was filled with a large congregation, and the brethren of the Craft, in full regalia, presented a grand appearance.

On Saturday, after a long illness, the widow of Bro. E. A. Sothern, the celebrated comedian, died at Coliseum-terrace, Regent's-park. She has not survived her husband long. She leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn her loss. Miss Eva Sothern is engaged in the "Colonel," at the Prince of Wales', the two eldest sons are both on the stage, Lytton already having made a mark, the youngest is still at school. Mrs. Sothern will be buried at Brompton Cemetery.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany has, through Captain Waller, R.E., Enquiry-in-Waiting, sent a letter to Mr. G. R. King, expressing His Royal Highness's admiration of Mr. King's new song just published by King and Co., entitled "My own ador'd Love."

The Lathom Rose Croix Chapter was consecrated at Wanganui North, New Zealand, by Ill. Bro. Edward Anchor, P.M.W.S. 30°, under warrant of dispensation from the Supreme Council, 33°.

Comp. the Rev. C. J. Ridgway, will be installed M.E.Z. of the Bayard Chapter, No. 1615, on Monday, February 6th, at the Mas mic Hall, 33, Golden-square.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Bro. Sheriff Ogg will attend a banquet in aid of the French Hospital, at Willis's Rooms, on Saturday, February 4th. The French Ambassador is to preside.

Bro. the Lord Mayor opened a fancy fair and bazaar, at the Collyer Memorial Hall, High-street, Peckham, on Tuesday, in aid of the permanent organ fund of St. Luke's, Camberwell.

A new Masonic Hall, at Plymouth, Ind., said to embrace as fine a suite of rooms as can be found in Indiana, was dedicated on Tuesday evening, December 27, M. W. Daniel McDonald, P.G.M., officiating as Grand Master.

Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, M.P. P.G.M., Worcestershire, presided at a meeting summoned by the Central Executive Committee of the St. John Ambulance Association on Monday afternoon, at St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, to consider the desirability of placing those metropolitan police-stations where the Order of St. John litters are established in telegraphic communication with the various hospitals, and further, to consider the best description of wheeled transport available for London use.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Monday, the 23rd inst., in the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, at the Excise Tavern, 48 and 49, Old Broad-street, by Bro. Larchin, W.M. Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, at seven o'clock punctually.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott was presented at the last meeting of the Haberdashers' Company with a richly-embazoned address on vellum, in testimony of the appreciation of the Court of the efficiency with which he discharged the duties of Chief Magistrate during his mayoralty.

Bro. T. Isley, P.M. 1500, P.P.S.D. of C., of the Norwich Postal Telegraph Department, lately delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture to a large audience on "The Telegraph; its history, uses, and applications," which was highly appreciated.

We are requested to announce that the future meeting of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, which has removed from Norton Folgate, will be held at the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road. It has also been decided to hold the lodge in future upon Thursday evenings, instead of Wednesday as heretofore, commencing at 8 p.m.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., will be present and address a meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Anglo-Jewish Association, to be held on the 2nd proximo.

Bro. Oliver James Russley, 1319, better known as Bro. Harry Cox, expired suddenly on Tuesday morning, the 10th inst., and was buried on Saturday last, at the Fulham-fields Cemetery. The funeral cortege left No. 3, Berfield-street, Hammersmith, punctually at a quarter to eleven. The Rector of St. Clement Danes (the Rev. J. Lindsay) officiated at the grave, around which many of the deceased's late colleagues, including Bros. Lionel Brough, J. G. Taylor, E. Swanborough, M. Barrett, and Mr. McLean were gathered.

Bro. T. Meekham, the chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, presided at the half-yearly general court of the governors, held at the institution, Old Kent-road, on Monday.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has consented to preside at the annual dinner of the Civil Service Rifles, and will, with the Princess of Wales, honour the ball on the 15th of February with his company to be given by the Honourable Artillery Company at their headquarters, Finsbury. His Royal Highness is Captain General of the corps and Honorary Colonel of the Civil Service Rifles.

Bro. T. J. Hamp presided at the annual general meeting of the Holborn Restaurant United Friendly Association, on Friday, the 13th inst. The object of the association is the relief or maintenance of the members during sickness or other infirmity, and in old age, for insuring money, to be paid on the death of a member, or for the funeral expenses of the husband or wife of a member (females as well as males being eligible for the benefits of the society, the membership of which is confined to the employees at the Holborn Restaurant, but they do not necessarily cease to be members after they have left.)

We have to congratulate Mr. Austin on the results of his grand bazaar on behalf of the London Cottage Mission, and sincerely trust that his efforts have added to the funds of this most deserving charity. For three days Myddelton Hall, Islington, has seen such a host of talent as is rarely to be witnessed so far north. On Wednesday and Thursday in last week, under the kind superintendence of Bro. Robert Soutar, all the ladies and gentlemen who had so generously given their services, assembled. Miss E. Farren, whose *City Arab*, was excellently *apropos*, and Bros. Maclean, Royce, Terry, Crauford, and Dallas were present on both days, Bro. Meyer Lutz presiding at the piano, lent for the occasion by Messrs. John Brinsmead and Sons. On Friday Bro. Lionel Brough saw to everything; his "Muddle Puddle Porter" and "X 24" making "merry Islington" merrier than ever, whilst Bro. Henry Bracey and Monsieur and Madame Gaillard were encored again and again. Last, not least, was Miss Violet Cameron. It would be difficult to say which was best, "For ever and ever," or "Never again," unless you heard "Comin' thro' the Rye," your only regret being that these encores were over. Pending Mr. Austin's arrangements for the future, which will be duly announced, all who would aid in helping the starving children of Eastern London can send their subscriptions or donations either to Miss Nampton, the Lady Superintendent, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., or to Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C.

We think it necessary to correct the statement made in a contemporary that the Lord Mayor will preside at the anniversary festival of the Girls' School in May next. Our readers will remember that we announced some time since the fact that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had consented to occupy the chair on that occasion. It is true that the Lord Mayor will preside at the "Boys" festival in June, and this has probably led our contemporary into the error.

The letter from Bro. Hughan, relative to the Montreal Lodges joining the Grands Lodge of Quebec, or otherwise, was printed in the *Freemason* for December 10th, and was republished in *The Gazette*, Montreal, on December 28th, arriving in this country before the issue of the *Freemason* of last Saturday. Our leaders on the subject and correspondence have been at once reprinted in Quebec, so that after a few days' interval the Craft in that province are aware of the English views on the question, and Masonically they are noted monthly in the *Canadian Craftsman*.

Bro. John Bevan, District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, who is at present sojourning in Jersey, was a guest at the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 958, St. Aubin's, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., and at the Mechanics' Lodge, No. 245, installation and banquet on the 19th inst.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients for the week ending Jan. 14th was 951.

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction will meet in future at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. The next meeting will be held there on Monday, the 23rd inst., when a notice of motion as to the propriety of altering the time of meeting from seven to eight p.m. will be discussed.

Bro. Charles Taylor, W.M. 1426, will preside at the annual supper of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, on Thursday, the 26th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street.

Bro. J. Da Silva will be installed W.M. of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, on Tuesday next, at the Cannon-street Hotel.

Bro. John Syer will be installed W.M. of the Montmore Lodge, No. 1017, at the Regent Masonic Hall, An-street, Regent-street, on Wednesday next.

On Wednesday evening an entertainment of music and elocution was given at the Tower of London to the soldiers stationed there, under the auspices of the National Temperance League. Mr. Miller occupied the chair, and the entertainers were members of the Southwark Temperance Glee Union. Several of the men signed the pledge at the close of the entertainment.

Mr. Alderman McArthur, M.P., who has been travelling in Egypt since the cessation of his duties at the Mansion House, has arrived at Malta en route for England, and intends arriving home in time to resume his parliamentary duties early in the forthcoming session.

Bro. Courtenay Boyle was on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., duly installed as W.M. of Lodge Union, No. 52, Norwich.

Messrs. Passmore and Alabaster have recently become the proprietors of *Golden House*, which is edited by Bro. the Rev. J. J. Jackson Wray.

Bro. W. P. Treloar, C.C., has issued invitations for a dinner at the Albion on Tuesday evening next.

Ill. Bro. Robert Ramsay, Provincial Grand Master of Ontario for the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, has been elected an honorary member of the Supreme Grand Council General of the United States of America, M. Ill. Bro. W. B. Lord, 90°, 95°, of Utica, N. Y., being M. Ill. Grand Sovereign General of the Order.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., has declined the rectory of Gotham, Notts, which had been offered to him by the Duke of Portland and Earl Howe. The value of the living, when agricultural prospects allowed of tithes being paid in full, was £1000.

Bro. Wordley, of Cannon-street, is thoroughly renovating the clock of St. Swithun's Church, Cannon-street, which is undergoing needful repairs and cleaning.

Bro. J. W. Crossley was, on Tuesday, installed W.M. of the United Mariners' Lodge, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has fixed Wednesday, February 15th, for the dinner on behalf of the Royal Association in aid of the Deaf and Dumb, Oxford-street, which will take place at Freemasons' Tavern.

Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey have left left England in the Sunbeam for Gibraltar. Bro. Sir Thomas will return in time for the opening of Parliament.

With a view of giving greater interest to the awards of the recent Woollen Exhibition, the presentation of the medals to the successful exhibitors at the Crystal Palace has been postponed until the Electric Exhibition is in working order. It has been arranged that these medals shall be presented by Bro. the Lord Mayor on Tuesday evening, the 31st inst. The whole of the Palace, from the Brighton railway station to the tropical end, will be by that time completely lighted by the various systems of electric lighting.—*City Press*.

The *Pictorial World* is about to be increased in price to sixpence per week, and permanently enlarged. The first number in its new form will be issued on Saturday, February 4th.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will preside at the annual festival of the Hospital for Sick Children, at Willis's Rooms on March 8th next.

Bro. Emma Holmes having now entered upon his duties as Collector of Customs in Bainsdale has already been invited, and has agreed to assist at an entertainment to be given on Monday next under the auspices of the Debating Society, on which occasion he will read a pathetic story of the days of the Covenanters called "Jamie Douglas," and a short humorous selection from "David Copperfield."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, January 28, 1882.

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, JANUARY 21.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1556, Addiscombe, M.H., Harewood House, Croydon.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1767, Kensington, South Kensington Hot., Queen's Gate-terrace.
 " 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
 Chap. 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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, JANUARY 23.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
 " 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rms., St. James's.
 " 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
 " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 925, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
 " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
 " 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-rd., W.
 Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
 " 183, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Mark 5, Mallet & Chisel, Bridge House H., London Bdg.
 Red Cross Con. 2, Plantagenet, M.H., 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Ship Tav., Hart Street, Mark Lane, 7.30.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Fredegar, 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, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 7.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
 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 K. at Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24.

- Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
 " 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
 " 195, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
 " 205, Ideal, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 1138, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot., Lon Bdg.
 " 1343, Ebury, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
 " 1444, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
 Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Lower Clapton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 Yarrowburgh, 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 Bdg., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, 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
 Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
 " 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
 " 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
 " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
 " 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.
 " 1820, Sir Thomas White, Ho born Viaduct Hot.
 Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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.
 Creation, 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, JANUARY 26.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Consecration Universal Chapter, F.M.H.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 69, Grenada, F.M.H.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.
 " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, The Phœnix, 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-ert., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 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, Marsion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27.

- Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.
 " 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
 " 569, FitzRoy, Hd.-Qrtrs. Hon. Artlry. Co., City-rd.
 " 1001, Ravensbourne, Bd. of Wks. Office, Catford Bg.
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
 K.T. Precept 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

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), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Unite 1 Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
 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, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 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, JANUARY 28.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1079, Henry Muggersidge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
 " 1871, Gosling Murray, Town Hall, Hoanslow.
 Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-
CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, January 28, 1882.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23.

- Lodge 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24.

- Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
 " 1750, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Alpass Encamp., M.H., Liverpool.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1305, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27.

- Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Hauner L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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