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THE meeting at the Mansion House on Wednesday was truly Representative and National, and fitly and fully describes the universal feelings of faithful Freemasons and of English citizens. The outrages upon the Jewish race in Russia are a disgrace to humanity and civilization, and reflect fearful discredit on all who commit them, or who stand by, with folded arms, to see them committed, without interference and without repression. sympathies as Freemasons, and as humble believers in a common religion, kindness, toleration, and goodwill to man, must go with our Jewish brethren and sisters so shamefully persecuted and disgracefully maltreated. We trust that a stop will scon be enforced by authority to acts and cruelties which fill us all with horror, and that some compensation, if possible, may be made to the Jewish people, of all ages, sexes, and conditions, for unhallowed vindictiveness, and for all but licensed plunder. As Freemasons, we note with much gratification that Canon FARRAR struck, amid the cheers of the meeting, that keynote which dominates all Masonic teaching and all Masonic practice, namely, the Universal Fatherhood of God and the Universal Brotherhood of Man.

Our esteemed Bro. MACLEOD MOORE, who is an excellent and cultivated Freemason and the gallant Grand Prior of Canada, has recently, in a public address, endorsed Bro. E. T. CARSON's historical account of the Templar organization in this country, which we have already pointed out, is altogether based on an entirely erroneous statement of evidence, or rather positively on no evidence at all; and for fear that, resting on such high authority and such friendly "sheepwalking," other Masonic writers and students should be misled, we think it right to enter a protest once more against this unhistorical way of writing history, this uncritical dealing with professedly absolute facts. In order that there may be no mistake in the matter, we reproduce here, once again, Bro. Carson's 'original assertion as handed on by Bro. Mac-LEOD MOORE. It is as follows: "On the 29th of September, 1721, the Grand Lodge of England authorized Bro. the Rev. James Anderson, M.A., to revise and complete the history and regulations of the existing old constitutions. Freemasonry having fallen into such decay it was comparatively easy to make radical changes in its organization. It would appear that Bro. Anderson, in fulfilling the duty confided to him, went beyond his authority and made new charges quite unknown before, reorganizing the institution, which, after some amendments, wasformally approved and adopted in 1723, and became known as the New Constitutions. This subsequently gave rise to much dissatisfaction among some of the brethren, the principal cause appearing to be that the rigidly Christian character of the Fraternity had been abandoned, and a Unitarian element introduced. Consequently those members who were Churchmen, wishing to preserve its early Christian features, without severing themselves from the Craft, formed societies secretly attached to the lodges, in which the ceremonies of the obsolete order of Knights Templar was conferred upon all Masons desirous of receiving it, thus preserving that belief amongst them which had been previously taught in all the old Craft lodges, so fully expressed in the opening sentences of the old constitutions, viz.: 'The might of the Father in Heaven, with the wisdom of His glorious Son, and goodness of the Holy Spirit, three persons in one Godhead." And our Bro. MACLEON MOORE adds, "Our talented Bro. Carson gives extracts from twenty-one of the old constitutions of Freemasonry, their dates extending over more than two hundred and thirty years, down to 1723, which contain unequivocal proof of a belief in the Holy Trinity as a part of the Christian creed of the Craft." With regard to the Knights Templar, we will deal with them presently; but in respect of the Craft, we can only repeat what we have said previously, that there is not the slightest available evidence of Anderson having exceeded his powers, or of any dissatisfaction whatever among the brethren, or of any Templar formation until late in the eighteenth century. Where Bro. Carson finds the slightest trace of the facts he so confidently asserts we are at a loss to conceive, and we do not believe that any of our English Masonic

students will endorse in any measure such statements. The old Trinitarian formula is no doubt the Invocation of all the well known Guild Legends or Constitutions, but was made to give way, in 1722, to a Theistic acknowledgment only. Christian and Theistic teaching went on almost "pari passu" until 1813, when Theistic declarations became the distinguishing feature of the United English G. Lodge. Christian prayers and the symbolism and explanation of the Johannite Masons, so-called, still exist in some English Lodges, in Ireland and Scotland, but the prevailing Theistic proclamation of 1722 originally, gradually increased in favour among the English Craft, specially among the Moderns, until 1813, when our great Masonic Concordat settled the question for the Craft. There probably, as we have often said, will always be a distinct Christian school in Freemasonry, and, within due limits, it is to be fairly expected and tolerated, but it is wrong, by a "post hoc propter hoc," to make Anderson, who was a Christian minister, unfaithful to his trust, the English Masons discontented and dissatisfied with the formularies they all cheerfully accepted, and to assert the contemporary existence of Templar Masons at a time, when, as far as we know, they were not born nor

Bro. Carson, that very able M isonic writer and student, is right, no doubt, in his main contention that a Trinitarian basis, an avowal of belief in the Holy Trinity,---has always been the mark and token of Ma sonic Christian Templary. From its active promulgation by DUNKERLEY in this country, such has been the invariable dogma, the unvarying avowal it made, so much so, that none but believers in the Trinity could be properly or conscientiously members of the Order. Such an assertion has, no doubt, also, we may add, historical certainty as its characteristic and reality. When Templary first appeared in England is a very moot question. The well-known Ramsay, in France, in 1736, first threw out the idea of a knightly and crusading origin for Freemasonry, not specifically Templar; indeed, he is credited with the "Rite de Bouillon," which took its name from the famous GODEFROLDE BOULLON, the leader of the first Crusade. The Templar perpetuation theory seems to have emanated from the "Chapitre de Clermont" at Paris, and to have culminated in the "strict observance" under Vox Hund. But there was no contemporary movement in England. Some attempt has been made to identify the STUARTS with Templary in 1745, but we apprehend the evidence is very scanty and dubious on that head, almost as hazy as that of the Rose Croix Heredom at Arras, at the same date. We do not contend that these assertions are positively untrue, but only that they are very doubtful; so doubtful, as to render them, we are inclined to think, altogether apocryphal. At the same time we say this, we are open to evidence, proper evidence, on the subject. There is no trace of Templary in England as far as we are aware, strictly speaking, before 1780. It has been alleged that there are much carlier Templar Warrants; we can only say that we should like to see them, and have them exhibited to experts. We confess we do not believe that any such really exist. But then, on the other hand, Templary exists now, and it seems to us far better to deal with it as it is, than enter upon researches which lead to nothing, and indulge in discussion on archaic forms and ceremonies about which we have not a scintilla of trustworthy evidence. In all probability, Templary, like some other grades, came to England from the continent, but to prove that Masonic Templary is indigenous to England we must also certify the existence of some lingering remains of the Old Templars. But that is a Crux" which overpasses even our able Bro. Carson's admitted Masonic knowledge and power to remove or smooth over. That the Templars had a "secreta receptio," with ceremonies akin to Masonic forms, is, we think, proveable from the examinations at Paris preserved by Dupuy and others; but how Masonic Templary got to England, or was received in England, if it was received, must be left we apprehend in that mystery and obscurity in which it has long been involved. Bro. Carson's account of its existence about 1730, or thereabouts, if not earlier, in England, cannot be accepted as either historical or authentic.

Many of us know Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., and will extremely disapprove of the foolish and uncourteous cross-examination of Mr. DIGBY SEYMOUR, to which he was recently exposed. We are glad to note that the peccant Q.C. afterwards apologized. We give the report of the trial-

O.C. afterwards apologized. We give the report of the trial—
Dr. Jabez Hogg, London, said M'Mann was undoubtedly suffering from paralysis in both legs. The objective and subjective symptoms were perfectly consistent.
Mr. Seymour.—Were you nominated upon the Hospital Fund Council?
Witness.—I have been for nine years on the Council, but I recently resigned in consequence of increasing age and duties, and also in consequence of an expression of opinion that the older members should resign and make room for the younger.
His Lordship.—What is the imputation, Mr. Seymour?
Mr. Seymour.—That he had resigned at the instance of the Secretary, and in consequence of the representation of other members of the Council.

-There is not the slightest truth in it.

Witness.—There is not the slightest truth in it.

His Lordship.—These are things the doctors are prepared to say of each other when one of their body is in the box. Suggestions of this kind are made over and over again. It is too bad. (Applause in Court.)

Witness.—My reputation is well known in London.

At the conclusion of Dr. Hogg's evidence Mr. Seymour expressed his regret for putting the question he did, and apologised. (Applause in Court.)

His Lordship.—You have done quite right, Mr. Seymour.

We are glad to see that the trial has resulted in the entire acquittal of Dr. ASBRACH and Mr. M'MANN.

Our contemporary, Nature, tells us that the Chinese Government have lately been issuing a severe edict against the doctors, and as it may amuse some of our readers we reproduce it here. "They give notice that it is the duty of all physicians to use their knowledge for the benefit of the people; when people are sick they must be ready to attend upon them whenever they are sent for, without regarding the hour of the night or day or the state of the weather. When people are ill they long for the presence of the doctor as the grain of seed longs for the rains. Instead of doing this, however, the physicians now think that they possess great skill, and not only charge high fees, but insist on being paid full hire for their chair coolies, and they do not care what becomes of the patient so that they get their fees. If these were only charged to the wealthy, it would not so much matter; but the poor have to pay them also. An evil practice, the decree goes on, also exists by which doctors will not visit their patients before one o'clock in the afternoon; some will even smoke opium and drink tea until late in the evening. These are abuses, the magistrates say, which they will on no account permit. Doctors must attend their patients at all times; they must, if necessary, visit them several times daily; they must think more of them and less of their fees. Notice, therefore is given to all officials and people that a physician who does not attend when he is called must only receive half his fees and half his chair-hire" We give this extract because it seems to us worthy of preservation as a curiosity, and because it suggests such soothing reflections as regards the far happier condition of things in England.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Monday evening, at Freemasons' Hall.

There were present :-

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Excellent Comps. Samuel Rawson, Past Grand Superintendent of China, as M.E.Z.; John Anthony Rucker, P.P.G. Soj., as H.; Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, P.P.G. Soj., Grand Treas., as I.; Cel. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Montague Guest, M.P., S.N.; Robert Grey, P.S.; Rev. Ambroce W. Hall, 1st Assistant G. Sejourner; John Sampson Peirce, 2nd Assistant G. Sojourner; H. C. Levander, Sword Bearer; Magnus Ohra, D.C.; James Glaisher, P. Assist, G. Soj.; Thomas Fenn, P.G. Swd. Bearer; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P. Assist, G. Soj.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G. Swd. Bearer; W. F. Nettleship, P.G. Soj.; Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org.; J. March Case, P.G. Soj.; A. Bott Cook, C. A. Murton, P. Assist, S.j.; H. G. Buss, Assist, G.S.E., P.G. Sof. Bearer; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1936; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; William Dedd, P.Z. 104; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; E. F. Sterr, Z. 1044; Thomas Cull, J. 1565; H. E. Frances, P.Z. 472; J. E. Cussans, Z. 1360; B. Lyon, H. 1320; Orlando Lell Latrelle, J. 1200; John Dixon, Z. 139; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Previntason).

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After the formal opening of the Chapter, the minutes of the Quarterly Convocation of November were read and confirmed, and the Report of the Committee of General Purpo es, as given in the Freemason of last week, was, on motions duly made and seconded, taken as read, and received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The prayers of the following petitions were also, on motions duly made

and seconded, unanimously granted :--

18t. From Comps. William Henry Maybury, as Z.; William Lambert, as H.; Charles Michael Walsh Cropper, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Goulburn Lodge of Australia, No. 1762, Goulborn, N.S.W., to be called the Goulburn Chapter of Australia, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Goulburn, New South W.L.

Wales, 2nd. From Comps. George Septimus Phillips, as Z.; John Collins, as H.; William Treaddell, as J.; and riv others, for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502. Rugby, to be called the Chapter of Rectitude, and to meet at the Town Hall, Rugby, Warwickshire.

3rd. From Comps. William Vincent, as Z.; Henry James Johnson, as H.; John Galt Fisher, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, London, to be called the Eccleston Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From the Principals and members of the Stanhope Chapter, No. 1263, Anorley, praying for a charter of confirmation, the original charter being lost.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., then said that before the next recolution was put he asked permission to say a few words. During the recent search Grand Chapter had instituted in the muniment-room, among various books and papers he had come across an original document, supposed to be connected with this Grand Chapter. That document was no less than the original charter of compact under which this Grand Chapter was consti-tuted, and under which they were now assembled. That charter of confirmation bore date 1767, and appeared to be the result of an understanding that was come to by various Royal Arch Masons on the Modern side to form themselves into a body having regularly constituted government. They, therefore, drew up this document, which was signed by Lord Blamey and several other Masons, and under that Grand Charter of Compact this Grand Chapter existed and worked. He (Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke) therefore lost not a moment in having the charter repaired, cleaned, and suitably framed and glazed, and it now hung on the room in which Grand Chapter was assembled, and it was well worthy of the inspection of the companions. (Hear, hear,)

Grand Chapter then adopted the following recommendations of the

The Committee also recommend that the rules and regulations relative to centenary Ane commutee also recommend that the rules and regulations relative to centenary-warrants and j. wels now in force in the United Grand Lodge of England be adopted by the Supreme Grand Chapter; and that chapters who can prove their uninterrupted existence for one hundred years be granted contenary charters, with permission to wear a distinctive jewel of uniform design; and that the fees payable by chapters for such above the force incomments.

charter be five guineas.

The Grand Lodge having recently resolved that three additional offices should be rne Grand Lodge having recently resolved that three additional onless should be created therein; the Committee recommend that, in conformity with this arrangement, and as the offices in Grand Chapter have hitherto numbered somewhat less than in Grand Lodge, four additional offices be now created in Grand Chapter, to be named: 1st. Assistant Grand Director of Geremonics; 2nd, Grand Standard Bearer; 3rd, Grand Standard Bearer; 4th, Grand Standard Bearer.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNIVERSAL CHAPTER, No. 181.

"A chapter attached to the celebrated Universal Lodge, No. 181, was consecrated on the 26th ult. at Freemasons' Hall, by Comp. Thomas Fenn, P.G.S.B., who was assisted by Comps. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., as H.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, 1st G.A.S., as J.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.Z., acting Scribe E.; Robert Grey, P.G.A.S., as Director of Ceremonies; and John Read, P.Z., 720, as Organist. There were also present at the ceremony:

Comps. W. R. Norris, 1601; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B.; T. J. Hanley, 1601; W. B. Roberts; Edwin Howard, H. designate; George Powell, P.Z. 975; James Kench, P.Z. 538; John Case, P.G.D.C.; P. H. Lawrence, late of Prince of Wales Chapter; John Sampson Peirce, P.Z. 2, 2nd A.G.S.; C. W. Hudson, H. 1507; John A. Rucker, P.G. Soj.; Alfred T. Layton, P.Z. 1601; Sir Francis Burdett, G. Sup. Middx.; R. F. Gould, P.G.A.S.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.A.S.; Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G.R.; C. A. Murton, P.G.A.S.; Captain Arthur Bott Cook, G.S.B.; Major Penrose Dunbar, S.E. 684; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason).

The companions assembled in the Zetland room, which was prepared for the consecration of the Vane Chapter, that chapter meeting the same evening, having lent the furniture for the occasion. Shortly after four o'clock Comp. Fenn and the other companions opened a chapter for the purpose of con-

secrating the Universal.

Comp. Fenn addressed the companions on the object of the meeting, and stated with what pleasure he was called upon to act when a chapter was formed by such excellent Masons as the founders of this new chapter. Those companions had long ago made their mark in Masonry. They belonged to a very old and distinguished lodge, and had long regretted that it had not a chapter connected with it. They had at length set themselves work in that matter and the Grand Chapter had, on the recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes, granted the charter for which they had petitioned. He felt assured by their eminence in Masonry that they would bring the chapter to a successful issue, and make it one of the best on

the roll of Grand Chapters.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, Comp. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, delivering the following oration: Companions—We are are about to add another chapter to this grand institution, and it falls to my lot, in the capacity of Third Principal, to address you upon those duties which respectively with the foundation and become of the capacity of the foundation and become of the capacity of the foundation and become of the capacity of the capacity of the foundation and become of the capacity of th tively will rest upon the founders; and, by way of an oration (as at the consecration of a Craft lodge), to point out the responsibilities you will have to meet in the future carrying on of your work. It is well that it should be so, because impressions are always best made when the object of them is young. And here, in the infancy of your chapter, I approach with pleasure the task which devolves upon the representative of that Grand High Priest who assisted Zerubbabel to erect the second temple to the true and living God most High, the task (or rather duty) of bidding you all hail! and offering a few remarks to cheer and guide you in your future course. I have not had the same practice in putting forward the merits of this degree as I have in the Craft; I therefore undertake the office with a certain amount of diffidence, and ask your elemency if I fail to enlarge upon its excellence with as much carnestness as it deserves; for it is so good that it holds out allurements to inspire the companions to deeds of virtue such as must command veneration throughout the world, and entitle them to the respect of their fellows. It teaches you how to find wisdom and happiness; it teaches you the duties you owe to each other; it teaches you to be true to your trust. It speaks an universal language. The initiated, whether it be in the Craft, or whether it be in this great Order of the Holy Church, will find he has credentials about him that in all nations will secure him help in the hour of adversity. As you well know, companions, we represent in this Degree three Grand Lodges, presided over by men of no mean attainments. We will try and draw a lesson from what they teach, both the lodges and the men. The first was called a Holy Lodge, held at Mount Horeb; on the top of this mount grew fruit-trees, emblems of that plenty which I trust in good works may adorn your chapter. The three Principals were - the first, "Moses;" his call to work by Jehovah, is suggestive of a call to us in our Masonic duties; then, secondly, "Aholiab," an architect; and thirdly "Bazaleel," who was employed with the other two in constructing that the manufacture is the statement of the contraction. the tabernacle in the wilderness, he was well skilled and in earnest, and to you an emblem of zeal. The second lodge was called Sand Lodge, held at Mount Moriah, a mountain consecrated to brotherly love. The three great men who held it were, first, "Solomon," an emblem to us of wisdom; secondly "Hiram," King of Tyre, who helped to raise God's temple, both with material and money, and who teaches us that we should, at all times, offer unto the Most High the best that we postes; and thirdly "Hirim Abif," who from his cunning workmanship and perseverence should induce us to persevere in all good works. The third lodge called The Great or us to persevere in all good works. The third lodge, called The Grand or Royal Lodge, was held at Jerusalem, and adorned with the presence of our forrunner "Zerubbabel," a Prince, who laid the foundations of the second Temple and restored God's worship, encouraging us in all things necessary to the spiritual welfare of our companions, wherever they may be scattered. Also of "Haggai," a mighty prophet, who foretold the consequences of deviating from that straight path marked out by "Joshua," the son of Josedech, a High Priest, whom I with lowly reverence am permitted this day to personate. He (we read) when Satan stood at his right hand accusing him, was able to resist him, and his prayers brought down Jehovah, who rebuked the Devil, and he fled. And this last lesson to you is most powerful, for how often does not Satan stand at your right hand? You know it not, companions, but he is often there with temptations to lead you from the right path; and for true comfort know that He, who preserved Joshua, will keep you also if you look to Him alone. These, companions, are the lessons we may draw from the lodges we represent, and from the sacred characters of the men who ruled them. And now a word or two upon your immediate duties. Remember you who are to fill these chairs represent all that is good and true, and you are to keep your respective offices pure and unsullied, so that future "Zerubbabels," and "Haggais," and "Joshuas," in the "Universal Chapter" may recollect this day, and look back with respect and love on the memory of its three first Principals. From what I know of the Masonic qualities of these companions, I have no fear as to how they will fulfil their duty, for it is foreshadowed in their earthly walks as fathers, husbands, Masons, and as men. In future years, as time wears on, the little tree planted here to-day will grow, like the sapling oak, into a monarch of the forest, bearing such fruit, I trust, that will adorn our cause and afford protection and shelter to those who seek its influence, by deeds of charity, love, and truth; an ornament to the Royal Holy Arch Degree, a credit to the Universal Chapter, and a bright beacon-light to the weary and forlorn. You, companions, have my best and hearty wishes for

success. The world has had its bright as well as its dark ages, and your chapter, no doubt, will be also marked by lights and shadows. So order it then, that the great Jehovah may illuminate you with the true "Shekinah," the "Lights of Heaven," that like the children of Israel, in the days of Moses, you may have light in your Masonic dwelling. The "Light of Truth" raising up a fabric in your new chapter of window strength. raising up a fabric in your new chapter of wisdom, strength, and beauty. Wisdom to discern your duty to your companions. Strength to preserve the interests of your chapter. And beauty the better to observe any Masonic light that may fall upon you, with prayers to the Great Architect, that his bright beams may never be withdrawn. May the same gracious manifestation shine on you and your new society that was vouch-safed to Jacob, when benighted and weary on his journey he saw the wonderful ladder, a vision intended to increase his faith, encourage his hope, and animate his charity. And in conclusion, let your new chapter be conducted on the great principles of our order, lighting up, so to speak, virtues of Heavenly brightness above your heads, and ere the sand in your hourglass has fallen-

So live that when the sun Of your existence sinks in night, Memorials sweet of mercies done, May shrine your names in memory's light. And the best seeds you scattered bloom, A hundredfold in days to come.

The usual ceremonies were afterwards observed, and when the chapter had been formally dedicated to Royal Arch Masonry, Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., installed Comp. W. Bache Roberts as J., and afterwards as H., and Comp. Edwin Howard as J. Comp. Thomas Fenn was placed in the chair of M.E.Z. without the installation ceremony, he being already a P.Z. The other officers elected and invested were Comps. Rudolph G. Clover, P.Z., Treas.; Major Penrose Dunbar, S.E.; T. J. Hanley, S.N.;

W. R. Norris, P.S.; and Church, Janitor.
Propositions for exaltation at the next meeting were announced, and votes of thanks were passed to the Consecrating Officers, Comps. Thomas Fenn, Shadwell H. Clerke, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, and Robert Grey, who were also elected members of the chapter.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to a choice banquet. The usual teasts followed. In proposing the teast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry,"

Comp. PARKINSON said that when Dr. Johnson had his memorable interview with George III., he was asked by Mr. Boswell the next day what he said to His Majesty. He replied, "Sir, it was not for me to bandy words with my Sovereign." In like manner it was not for him to bandy words about Queen Victoria; therefore he should propose the toast without further words. The toast having been honoured,

Comp. PARKINSON, in giving the toast of 6 The Prince of Wales, Grand Z.," said that genial and kind companion, the Prince of Wales, lost no opportunity of testifying to his brother Masons the high esteem in which

he held the Craft.

Comp. PARKINSON next gave "The Pro G.Z., the Earl of Carnaryon; and the rest of the Grand Officers in the Royal Arch Degree," and enumerated the many services of Comps. Murton, Gould, Peirce, Hall, Fenn, Purkett, Shadwall Chelle, Phillipide, Duelon, Grand Malatres, with all Burdett, Shadwell Clerke, Philbrick, Rucker, Grey, and McIntyre, with all

of whom he had had a long and pleasant friendship.

Comp. .F. J. MCINTYRE, Q.C., M.P., G. Reg., in replying, said that, speaking more for the other Grand Officers than himself, all that had been said by the M.E.Z. was well merited. Although he was not present at the whole of the ceremony that evening, yet he saw the installation of one Grand Officer, the Most Excellent, in his chair, and it seemed to him perfectly (Great laughter.) He did not think the excellent brother who placed him in the chair used one single word too much. That was always a great recommendation. As they knew, brevity was the soul of wit and the soul of advocacy, and he should therefore be very brief. The other officers who had assisted in the proceedings of the evening, he was sure, ably se-conded Comp. Fenn, and he hoped emulated him in the extreme exactness of the ritual, and in taking care that there were no redunancy in the expressions they used. The Grand Officers who had come to assist on this most joyful occasion—an occasion which he hoped was predicative of great success for a chapter which was the offspring of one of the most successful lodges also hoped that the success of the evening was a great omen of prosperity for the chapter, and that it would go on increasing in numbers, in friendship, and fellowship as much as any of the Royal Arch Chapters in the country,

and would become, as its name implied, the Universal Chapter in the Craft. Comp. PARKINSON in proposing "The Consecrating Officers," said that Comp. Fenn, whatever Comp. McIntyre might think of the terseness of the diction employed in installing him (Comp. Parkinson) in the chair, did, he could assure Comp. McIntyre and the rest of the companions who were present, give a special fervour to it in an introductory address which he delivered, and for those expressions he had to thank him very much as far as they regarded himself. It would be superfluous to say that not one jot or title of the ceremony of consecration of Royal Arch Chapter was wanting on the part of Comp. Fenn or the rest of the consecrating officers, to give accuracy or dignity to the occasion. The ceremony was throughout, signalised by those qualities which the distinguished companion whose name he had montioned and Comp. Fenn had added one mean to the norm many he had mentioned; and Comp. Fenn had added one more to the very many laurels which he had gained for the very excellent Masonic work for which he was famous. It was peculiarly gratifying to him (Comp. Parkinson), that Comp. Fenn should have come forward as a very dear and old personal friend to do the ceremony. He might say the same things of Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, with whom he had been closely allied for many years in many ways. With the other consecrating officers he had also been closely and intimately connected, but in the presence of so many Grand Officers, experts in Masonic work, it would be unnecessary to dilate upon their many excellencies in Royal Arch Masonry, but he would simply beg them to accept his assurance of their gratitude of the companions of this chapter for the ability with which they had performed their work.

Comp. Thomas Fenn, in acknowledging the toast, said he could not but feel himself a little out of place taking his position at the table, as he did

comp. Homas Penn, in acknowledging the today, said the count for the feel himself a little out of place taking his position at the table, as he did that night, in precedence of so many officers who held much higher rank than himself; but on this occasion he had been invested with a little brief authority, and he supposed he must accept its responsibilities as well as its gratifications. He would ask the comps to charge their glasses while he was speaking, because this response would be the introduction to another. The comps, who had assisted in the consecration were extremely gratified at being present at the launching of a chapter which was connected with a lodge so ancient as the Universal Lodge, which bore so truly Masonic a name, and which had been distinguished many years for having among its members men of great celebrity, and which of late years he knew, from his own

experience, had been distinguished for its excellent work. There were many members of the Universal Lodge whom he met weekly at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and who had gained sufficient distinction on the public nights of that lodge in taking part in reciting the lectures. Though he had not visited the Universal lodge lately, he was sure they were making their mark there. But the companions who had assisted him this evening, as well as himself, must be particularly gratified at helping at the consecration of a chapter which was particularly gratined at helping at the consecration of a chapter which was to be presided over by the much respected and universally esteemed Comp. Parkinson. Many of them recollected how ably he performed his duties when he presided at the Prince of Wales's Lodge, and this chapter had done wisely in selecting him to preside over it during the first year of its existence. Comp. Parkinson would raise the chapter to a high position and make it at one a chapter of mark in the Order and would initiate its future. make it at once a chapter of mark in the Order, and would initiate its future prosperity and excellence. Having said that the response would be the introduction to a toast, he would now propose "The Principals of the Chapter." The two Principals connected with Comp. Parkinson would assist him to the utmost of their power in insuring the prosperity of the about or and its well conductive, and with these governments he would chapter and its well conducting, and with these expressions he would submit to the companions "The Health of Comps. Parkinson, Roberts, and Howard, and the prosperity of the Universal Chapter.

The toast having been honoured, was followed by the song, "When the heart is young," which was beautifully sung by Miss Carrie Blackwell.

Comp. Parkinson, in reply, said it was a very charming song which had-been sung by that young lady about the heart young and the heart old, and it came home to him because it was twenty years the following day since he was installed as Master of the Universal Lodge. When he heard that young lady pouring so much pathos into it he thought she was probably not born when he was installed, or, at least, was little more than in arms. Although the song raised a rather serious reflection in his mind, it was wiped out by the pleasant reflection that he was surrounded by not one, but half-adozen old friends. It was something to think of, after twenty years' experience, that they were now standing, shoulder to shoulder, to float a new barque in the same enterprise, with the same hopes. Although twenty years' wear and tear might take somewhat of the steam out of them, still, they felt some little life left in them yet, and looked forward in faith and hope, as they did some twenty years ago, to doing good service in Masonry. They would go on guiding the Universal Chapter to the same success as they had guided the Universal Lodge. At one time it was Comp. Layton, at another Comp. Lawrence, at another Comp. Roberts, whom he initiated the very night he (Comp. Parkinson) was installed, at another Comp. Glover, and they were all very much gratified that they were now here, in the first place that they were alive, and in the second that they were alive and merry, although they had to deplore many grievous losses they had sustained. Men could not go wenty years without such losses. When his friend (Comp. Roberts) asked him at an early period of the evening whether he would not like to go over it all again, he replied, "Yes," Most of them would; but they might have made greater mistakes than they had made; it would not have been so easy not to have tripped so much as they might have tripped. There were many things to be said about this. However, the consecration of this chapter having been fixed for the night twenty years after his installation in the Lodge, he was much gratified at being in the proud position of its first M.E.Z., and he thanked Comp. Fenn and the other companions for their many good wishes.

Comp. Shadwell II. Clerke was called upon by Comp. Parkinson to respond for "The Visitors," but he asserted his right to be exempted from that body as he was now a member of the chapter. Comp. Parkinson therefore called on Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., who said he cast his eyes upon either side of him as he rose to respond in order that he might have it sharply defined of whom he was about to speak. He knew that in what he said he would have the unanimous support of those for whom he had to address a few words of thanks that were due to the chapter, but he felt it was owing to a piece of the sharpest special pleading worthy of the worst days of his profession, when the public were fuled by men who split hairs, and submitted to the spirit of chicanery of the law with the respect due to an old institution. His Excellent Comp., Col. Shadwell Clerke, had availed himself of a kind of duplex condition in which he found himself in order to escape the just penalties of the distinction which was so properly his due. (Laughter.) Let him say, on behalf of the visitors, that they who were bidden there as guests on this auspicious occasion, and who could only be ersuaded that they truly represented the good fairies who were bidden to the birth, would, like the good fairies in the legend, bring them all that fairyland could wish and all that the chapter could desire-success and prosperity for the chapter that had been thus happily inaugurated. visitors, if they could not arrogate to themselves that position, could at least sincerely declare that they were their well wishers from the bottom of their hearts, and that it was with peculiar pleasure they had seen a lodge so ancient as the Universal Lodge taking upon itself that which so well became it - a chapter which bore its honoured name; and as the one was, so let the other be; and if their wishes could bear fruit it was their hearty wish that the renown of the one should pass on to the other, and that the success of the lodge should be the guerdon of the success of the chapter. Permit him now to descend to eulogies. One of the many interesting remniscences of this interesting occasion was, that the same companion who had placed the Most Excellent in the chair with that succinct formula which extracted words of approval from the Grand Registrar, had placed Comp. Parkinson, with a longer formula, in the chair of another chapter, where Comp. Fenn seemed to have the happiness of perpetual youth; but it was a pleasure to see, in addition to several other charms imputed to him, and that he was a perpetual mother. (Laughter.) And then the work that he did was followed by a very happy and prosperous year to that other chapter, as, no doubt, under Comp. Parkinson, it would be followed by in this Universal Chapter. He (Comp. Philbrick) discounted at a very heavy rate the forebodings of the Most Excellent, who seemed rather to lament that the charming songstress, to whose strains they had listened with great admiration, was not already still in arms; he dwelt on the charms of youth and infancy, and when the heart was young and the bosom high; but it might be taken in another sense: it seemed probable that the young lady might be in arms again, and that, as everything was finite here below, so a happy career might be still anticipated for her, although they might, unhappily, not live to mark it. And to these events, as philosophers (and Royal Arch Masonry was nothing if it did not teach philogenesis of the sense sophy, for which he had the very best assurance from the Grand Registrar), taught them to regard these events which happened to other people with philosophic indifference, unless they affected themselves. (Laughter.) Therefore, taking note of the flight and growth of time, he hoped to see honours accumulate on the head of the lodge, and also on the head of the chapter, and as one of the visitors he most heartily thanked the companions for the kind reception they had accorded the visitors, wishing the companions and their successors all that prosperity which this happy day seemed to foretoken, and which he trusted the Universal Chapter might

long exist to enjoy

Comp. PARKINSON, in proposing the "Health of the Officers," said he did not know whether Comp. Philbrick ever corrected proofs of his speeches, for it might be quite useful if he did, otherwise it might possibly appear to the uninitiated somewhat anomalous to be told that the essence of Royal Arch Masonry was to entertain a philosophic indifference to the sufferings of others, provided they did not affect ourselves. He would remind him that his words would be recorded for publication, and he should look, as an old and experienced Mason, with considerable interest and curiosity for the remarkably profound philosophic utterances of Comp. Philbrick when they appeared in print, as the dicta of one of the most distinguished leaders of the Craft upon the true uses, intents, and moral influences of Royal Arch Masonry. Passing from that, he took for his own part a less philosophic view of this Order, and in proposing "The Health of the Officers," he requested them not to take the playful irony of Comp. Philbrick too literally. He was disposed, as Comp. Philbrick was speaking, to feel quite sorry he was presiding over a chapter which brought up young Masons in such an extremely heretical doctrine. He had always been taught that Masoary, whatever it might mean, did not exactly mean that; and he should wish to impress upon the minds of the companions that they were not to take too literally the advice to regard with philosophic indifference the sufferings of others. He wanted sympathy himself at that moment, labouring as he was under the difficulty of having to speak after such a remarkable flight of eloquence. He had to thank Comp. Philbrick for a most amusing speech, and it was a happy circumstance that he was in such good form and bristled with epigram. The way in which he bandled the remarks of the Grand Registrar, with respect to the working of Comp. Fenn in placing him (Comp. Parkinson) in the chair, being an intellectual treat, made it a perfect charm that a man should so delight in his calling as to give his best in his play hours. should wish to impress upon the minds of the companions that they were not

best in his play hours.

Comp. Parkinson then proposed "The Health of the Officers," and trusted that the chapter would have a prosperous voyage; that they would succeed him in the chair; and that twenty years hence they might look back on their Masonic career, and be able to say with perfect simplicity and sincerity that during those twenty years they had not made an enemy or lost

Comp. W. R. NORRIS, in reply, said he trusted to fulfil the important office with which he had been entrusted with honour and credit. He and his brother officers would be most happy to obey the summons of the Most Excellent, and would assist him with their very best efforts in carrying out the business of the chapter.

The Janitor's teast was given by Comp. CHURCH, and the proceedings

terminated.

Under the direction of Comp. John Read, P.Z. 720, Miss Carrie Blackwell, Miss Maud Longhurst, R.A.M.; Mrs. A. E. Read, Bro. E. Dalzell, Westminster Abbey; Bro. A. E. Woodward, Christ's Hospital; Bro. R. de Lacy, St. Paul's Cathedral; and Mr. A. Miller gave a beautiful selection of music during the evening.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

Freemasonry has maintained its high reputation for a great number of years, and within the last decade has made unprecedented progress, but it may safely be asserted that its present position is not to be compared to that which it might occupy if Worshipful Masters universally and conscientiously carried out the engagements that they enter into when they assume the responsible position accorded to them by the suffrages of their brethren. Of the nearly two thousand members of the Craft annually installed in the chair under the English Constitution, how many can we suppose properly realise the importance of the office they undertake, and how many, even if the realities of the task are known to them, are qualified to discharge them? To such questions it would be no pleasing task to give a faithful answer; yet to reflect on the subject, might perhaps be beneficial, if by that means we could hope to effect any improvement or amendment on the condition of things which we see going on around us in Masonic life.
As it used to be said of the old Napoleonic armies, that every soldier

carried a field-marshal's baton in his knapsack, so it may be asserted that every Mason carries a gavel in his pocket; but, as in the one case few warriors are qualified to manocuvre troops or conduct a campaign, so but few brethren possess the requisite qualifications for ruling and governing a lodge. It is often said to a newly initiated candidate, when his health is proposed, that he must endeavour to render himself fit to take, in due course, the Master's chair, and the ambition to occupy that exalted position is highly laudable in every brother. Were it not for the desire to advance, and to achieve the highest honours which a lodge has in its power to bestow upon any of its members, the working of our lodges would soon come to a stand-still. It may also be admitted that an equality of excellence can no more be expected from Masters of Lodges than from men in any other position in life. Nevertheless, it is not unreasonable to look for a fair amount of knowledge, and a genuine endeavour to render himself competent, in every man

who aspires to wear the jewel of a Worshipful Master.

In the case of Masons, as with the profane, some are born to greatness, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. Thus we find brethren not infrequently placed in the chairs of lodges for the simple reason that their high social position appears to render them desirable in a prominent place, for the sake of the glory which they may shed upon the Order or the brethren associated with them. Occasionally such brethren are found to take a pleasure in the work entrusted to them, and to discharge it skilfully and faithfully. Under these circumstances all is well, and the Art prospers under their rule. At other times, and more frequently, they neglect their legitimate duty, which is left to be performed by others; they exhibit no interest in the welfare of the lodge and the Craft, and they prove a weakness rather than a strength to the Order. Masonry is happy in the possession of many brethren of the highest social rank, who shed lustre upon the craft, not so much from the fact of their being members of it, but because they take a living and active interest in its welfare, and do not hesitate to give both time and labour to promote its welfare.

Of those who achieve greatness in Masonry there are several kinds. We find the brother, for instance, whose fitness to rule is so manifest from the

outset, that the ink is scarcely dry upon his certificate before the members of his lodge have settled it in their minds that to be governed by him will be both a joy and an advantage. His natural qualifications for the position are patent to everyone, and his promotion is rapid. He enjoys a universal popularity in his lodge; he is a good ritualist; he has mastered the laws of the Order; he is proud of his lodge; he pushes his researches into the history of Masonry, and creates in the minds of the brethren with whom he comes in contact an intelligent desire to elevate their minds, and to find in their assemblies something more than merely pleasant social gatherings

Then there is the brother who, with no special fitness for the office, works himself into the chair by dint of sheer hard labour. He is amiable, perhaps, and worthy, and his brethren feel that to disappoint him by passing him over would be cruel, although they are perfectly aware, whilst giving him their votes, that they are placing in the chair one who will be no credit to their reputation as a weli-worked lodge. Perhaps he has a poor delivery and little education, and the probable result will be that neither he nor his brethren will feel his year to have been profitable or satisfactory.

But even this type of Master is preferable to a third kind—the man who will always be at the top of the tree in everything, by book or by crook; who

will always be at the top of the tree in everything, by hook or by crook; who cares nothing at all about Masonry for itself, and only sets his heart on the chair for the sole object of being able to write P.M. after his name. He does not scruple to canvass the members for their votes, and will sometimes even hold out bribes in the form of officers' collars. When once installed he is utterly carele s of his duties. He will not be at the trouble to prepare himself for the ceremonies; the attendances during his year are meagre; his candidates are disappointed; and he throws the lodge back a couple of years, at least, in its progress.

Then we sometimes find cases in which brethren are pushed forward into the chair, not because they desire or deserve it, but either because their friends desire to see them there, or for the reason that the lodge has no scope for selection. Sometimes in such cases the event justifies the action. The brother adapts himself to his unsought position, and finds a pleasure in the discharge of its duties; but more frequently he feels the whole thing a burden and a nuisance, and, having got through his year in a perfunctory manner, is glad to get out of harness and revert to his previous position of a

These are only a few of the types of men whom we see each year in our Masonic experience made rulers in the Craft; and that there are great difficulties in the way of establishing a more satisfactory condition of things, is as well known, as that the succession of ruless is not of as desirable a character as could be wished. In many men totally unqualified for the chair, but who aim for it, there seems to be a complete unconsciousness of their unfitness. This may arise either from their ignorance of the duties which devolve upon every holder of the office, or merely from a possession of that self-conceit which induces some men to think themselves competent for any position which induces some men to think themselves competent for any position that they can possibly attain to. It is quite certain that many a man who accepts the office of Worshipful Master would shrink from doing so if he thoroughly realised the duties he undertook, and the genuine importance of the responsibilities of the situation. In weak lodges, and especially in very small towns, there is often a special difficulty in obtaining a succession of suitable Masters; and the description of such lodges, once given as "warming pans for the manufacture of Past Masters," has in it a most unpalateable amount of teach. The irregular attendance, and too often online absence from lodge truth. The irregular attendance, and too often entire absence from lodge meetings of the best educated members, is a general cause of complaint, especially in the provinces; but a moment's reflection would remove any feeling of surprise at such a state of affairs, for it is unreasonable to expect men of learning and ability, even to a moderate extent, to patiently attend night after night for the purpose of listening to deliberate assaults upon the integrity of the Queen's English, a familiar ritual grossly abused, and to integrity of the Queen's Engish, a familiar ritual grossly abused, and to join at a subsequent free-and-easy where Masonic subjects seem usually to be regarded as "shop," and therefore to be seduously avoided. Unless to lodge gatherings can be imparted some element more intelligent than mere ritual, even when well delivered, it is useless to expect to enlist the genuine interest of men of talent. In these days of bustle and work at high pressure there is no time for trifling, and unless some sign of progress is visible, Masonry is but a dry morsel to the man who feels that he must, to keep up with the times, make some daily advancement in knowledge. with the times, make some daily advancement in knowledge.

Regarded from the intelligent side, the German system seems to have many advantages over ours. There the W.M. is selected for his high mental endownments and educational training, and is re-elected year after year, sometimes for a long period, whilst the other members are content to occupy the minor chairs in their turn. Of course, in one sense, this is not the way to popularise Masonry, but rather to keep it select; and, therefore, if the accession of vast numbers be the great aim and object of the Craft the German plan is not to be recommended. The question to be decided is—are mere numbers to be regarded as strength? Many of our best Masons will say not, and that in extending as rapidly as we are doing we are sowing the seeds of dissolution. It is true that we are wealthy, that our Charities are large and vigorous; but is it not possible that in advertising our good works, as we do in the public press, we are reducing ourselves to the condition of a mere benefit and mutual insurance society, and that numbers are now entering our portals for no other purpose than to share, or that their families may share, in the supposed substantial benefits of our Order.

The increase of fees has been advocated by some as a step in the right direction, or as a check upon the influx of candidates. A very much larger fee for warrants, and a doubling of the minimum initiation fee, would unquestionably have a considerable effect on the future, and would most likely ound the death knell of many lodges that ought never to have been warranted. But better than all legislative or artificial remedies is the one in the hands of the brethren themselves. If members of lodges could only be brought to realize the true dignity and high importance of Masonry, the chairs of our lodges would not so often be occupied by unsuitable brethren. If Masons had the honour and reputation of their lodges at heart they would not imperil them by entrusting them to insecure hands. And lastly, if candidates took to heart the lessons of humility and dependence which are so early inculcated, the bulk of them would hesitate before aspiring to, or at any rate, undertaking, an office for which a very moderate amount of honest reflection would satisfy them that they were utterly unfitted, or at best, very partially qualified. A better class of masters would induce a higher order of candidates, and instead of finding the more intelligent of our members contenting themselves with the payment of an annual subscription and absenting themselves from lodge meetings, we should see our Order taking a much higher stand amongst our social institutions, attractive to men of culture, and not sought after by the vain and idle man, nor regarded solely as one method of killing time or an excuse for conviviality.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The following Circular has been issued by Bro. Binckes:-"GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c., &c."

"GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

"Office: Sa, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.

"W. and Dear Sir and Brother,—"It is the continued special wish of the Grand Mark Master Mason that the intention the W. Masters and Members of every Lodge should be particularly directed to the Benevolent Fund attached to this Grand Lodge and to the means by which it

may be supported.

"The first object is to provide means for the relief of Mark Master Masons, under the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, their Widows and Children.

"It having been decided not to raise funds for this pur-

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"The expenses of the Festival, over and above the amount received for Dinner Tickets, are defrayed by a Board of Stewards, representing Provinces of Lodges, whose fee is fixed at £2 2x. cach.

"As an acknowledgment of the services of those Brethren who undertake the office of Steward, a 'Charity Jewel' is presented in Grand Lodge by the Grand Mark Master Mason to every brother who has served, or may serve, as Steward, and contribute £5 5s., or hand in a list of £10 10s., to the Fund, at the Festival which is held annually in July.

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Brethren, there are various methods open for the collection of funds, prominent amongst them being the circulation of a Charity Box at each Banquet, after the meetings of Lodges, the contents of which may be annually, wholly, or in part, devoted to the sustentation of the Fund thoreugh the medium of the Festival.

"It is also commanded that the Fund and its objects be prominently brought before the Brethren assembled at every meeting of a Provincial Grand Lodge, and that the Provincial Grand Master shall use his influence in obtaining the names of Brethren to represent the Province as Stewards with such donation by Provincial Grand Lodge as its funds will permit. as its funds will permit.

"On account of the Benevolent Fund there is now invested £1500, and on the recommendation of the General Board, unanimously adopted at the Half-Yearly Communivested £1500, and on the recommendation of the General Board, unanimously adopted at the Half-Yearly Communication of Grand Lodge on Tuesday, 3rd December, 1878, a scheme has been prepared under which one moiety of all contributions to the Fund in excess of £1000 will be carried to the credit of a Special Account, and devoted to the purpose of educating the sons of Mark Master Masons eligible for assistance, at Grammar, or other schools in the vicinity of their parents' residences. On account of this Educational Fund there is now invested £700.

"A copy of the Rules for the organisation and administration of this Fund, with the several qualifications and voting privileges accruing from Donations and Subscriptions thereto, and a list of Vice-Presidentt and Life Governors are annexed, to which your attention is specially directed.

"Five Boys are already being educated, and the General Board will gladly receive and consider further applications.

"This important extension of the objects for which the Mark Benevolent Fund' was originally constituted has been rendered feasible by the kind support extended by members of the right since its establishment in 1860, and it is hoped will provide an inducement to the old Contributors to the Fund to continue their support, and to many others to render assistance who have hitherto withheld their aid.

"Soliciting the honour of a Brother to represent your Lodge as Steward at the next Festival, or failing that, a contribution from the Lodge and the assistance of its

"I am, W. and Dear Sir and Brother,
"Yours faithfully and fraternally,
"Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary."

THE LATE BRO. PROFESSOR PRAG LIVERPOOL.

At the last usual monthly meeting of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 16th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Aronsberg, W.M., it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of the late Bro. Professor Prag, who since the foundation of the lodge had filled the office of chaplain. After the usual lodge business had been transacted, Bro. Henochsberg, I.P.M., said it was his painful duty to move the vote of condolence and sympathy to the widow and family of their deceased brother. The members of the lodge had experienced nothing but the most gentle kindness from their departed brother while he was with them, and looking forward to the prospect of ever seeing his face lost to them, the melancholy pleasure of their association with the late Jacob Prag would ever be recollected. He was one of the kindest-hearted brethren and a good Mason (hear, hear). He loved Freemasonry for its grand principles of equality, and not only loved it, but practised its principles in every respect. Although the great Architect of the Universe had called Jacob Prag away, and he would no longer be with them in the body, still the Architect of the Universe had called Jacob Prag away, and he would no longer be with them in the body, still the spirit of their revered chaplain would always remain with them so long as No. 1502 existed—enshrined in the hearts and minds of every member of the lodge (hear, hear).—Bro. Stern, in seconding the resolution, said all would agree with him that the demise of their dear and beloved chaplain, had left a, wide gap which would not easily be filled up again. He (the rev. speaker) had already given expression to the great loss which the community had sustained by Professor Prag's death, and he was sure that the memory of the deceased would always be blessed, endeared, and kept sacred (hear, hear)—Bro. Tobias, P.M., supported the motion, and in doing so said that he for one already felt the loss of their late beloved chaplain, who not only was a loss to Freemasonry, but to the who not only was a loss to Freemasonry, but to the

community generally. There was an old saying that men's virtues were written in brass, while their evils were recorded in water. The virtues of their departed friend, and they were many, would be written in the most enduring brass that could be forged. Few words, however, suffice on the present occasion, as it would be seen the subject was a delicate one when he (the speaker) mentioned that there were present in the lodge a son-in-law (Bro. Aronsberg, W.M.) and a nephew of the deceased. Bro. Ewait subsequently performed the "Dead March" in Saul on the organ with solenn effect.

MASONIC BALLS.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 88, CAMBRIDGE.

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The ball which took place last week at the Guildhall, under the auspices of the above Lodge was a great success. Upon it coming to the knowledge of Bro. E. Hills, of Ely, that there existed a strong desire for a ball, the W.M. Elect lost no time in calling together those who were favourable to the enterprise, and the result was eminently satisfactory. The following gentlemen consented to act as stewards, viz., Bro. J. Deighton, D.P.G.M., B. Chennell, P.M., A. H. Moyes, P.M., E. Hills, W.M., J. V. Pryor, S.W., B. W. Beales. F. Ellis, and Oliver Papworth, I.G. (Hon Secretary.) It is not too much to say, perhaps, that no more successful town ball has been held here, and upon this happy result the stewards and others in the matter are to be congratulated. The ball-room was very prettily decorated with flags and Masonic emblems from the two town lodges; mirrors and others appropriate upholstery by Mr. C. S. Bulstrode; the orchestra was also adorned with choice flowers and evergreens by Mr. Willers, whilst an illuminated masonic emblem (the square and compass), kindly lent by Bro. Gilbert Ainslie, added greatly to the general effect, and was very much admired. A special dispensation had been obtained for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing and jewels, and the effect was most striking in the first set of Lancers after supper, when the brethren appeared in Royal Arch insigna and each set as far as opesible was and jewels, and the effect was most striking in the first set of Lancers after supper, when the brethren appeared in Royal Arch insignia, and each set, as far as possible, was completed by Companions in R.A. clothing. Bro. Dan Godfrey's excellent quadrille band was in attendance, and an admirable programme was arranged. A first-class supper was provided, and everything, from begining to end, passed off most satisfactorily. The ball was well attended by brethren of both town lodges, by residents of the borough and immediately-adjacent districts, and brethren and friends from Newmarket, Ely, Bury St. Edmund's, Saffron Walden, and other towns, so that the party numbered in all about 250 ladies and gentlemen. party numbered in all about 250 ladies and gentlemen.

MIRFIELD LODGE, No. 1102, MIRFIELD.

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The eleventh annual ball in connection with this lodge was held in the Town Hall, on Friday, the 20th ult. There was a numerous attendance of brethren with their friends, as well as several visitors from the neighbouring towns of Heckmondwike, Dewsbury, and Huddersfield, amongst whom we noticed Bro. W. Machell, 827, Mayor of Dewsbury. The hall was beautifully decorated with Masonic and other devices, the whole of which had been designed and carried out by Bro. John Barker, P.M. Dancing commenced at nine e'clock p.m., and was briskly kept up until twelve o'clock, when an interval took place for supper, at which a few toasts were given; but everyone being desirous twelve o'clock, when an interval took place for supper, at which a few toasts were given; but everyone being desirous of returning to the dancing-room, the company were soon once more tripping the light fantastic toe, under the genial direction of Bro. Joseph Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G.R. The room presented a very brilliant appearance with the gay dresses of the ladies and the equally gay clothing of the brethren. Altogether the ball was most enjoyable, thanks more particularly to the splendid band of Bros. Horsfall and Bailey, of Huddersfield, which was conducted by Bro. Bailey.

PENGE LODGE, No. 1815, ANERLEY.

A ball was held by the above lodge on the 16th ult., at the Anerley Vestry Hall, a dispensation having been granted by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the by 11.R.11, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the brethren to appear in Masonic Craft Clothing. It was a great success, owing to the indefatigable and admirable exertions of Bro. A. J. Cox, J.W., and the rest of the brethren. The hall was very tastefully decorated by Bro. E. Williams, 72, who supplied the banners, Masonic shields, &c., gratis to the Craft. An excellent supper was provided by Bro. J. W. Lassam, W.S. 742, at which the toasts of "The Queen," "The Master, Bro. Thomas West," and "The Ladies" were duly honoured. The M.C.'s were Bros. Lloyd, 72, Harman, 1452, and Drew.

LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Hall Committee was held in the lodge room, on Friday, the 27th ult., Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.M. 241, P.P.G.R., in the chair. The minutes of the House Committee having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer, Bro. H. A. Tobias, P.M. 1502, P.G.S. of W., presented his balance-sheet, showing a balance in hand of £511 5s. 4d. Bro. R. R. Robinson was re-elected Chairman; Bro. John Pemberton, P.M. 1264, P.P.G.S. of W., was re-elected Vice-Chairman; Bro. H. A. Tobias, Treasurer (re-elected); and Bro. J. Callow, P.M. 1505, P.P.G. Treas., was re-elected Secretary. The following brethren were elected members of the House Committee for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Cotter, P.M. 1264; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; J. Houlding, P.M. 523, P.P.G.R.; H. Firth, P.M. 667; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724, P.P.G.P.; G. Broadbridge, P.M. 241; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; T. Salter, P.M. 241, P.G.D.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M. 249, P.P.G.R.; Hocken, P.M. 673; G. Morgan, P.M. 155; Bradshaw, P.M. 1325; R. Warriner, P.M. 154; T. Clark, P.M. 673, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. H. Smith, S.W. 1505; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; Dr. Bailey, P.M. 786, P.G.S.; J. Hayes, P.M. 240, P.P.G.S.B.; T. H. W. Walker, 1675; Gill, 216; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 240 (Preemason).

Bro. T. Salter, P.M. 673, were appointed Auditors. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Watterson, 1609, for the very artistic manner he had decorated the organ in the new lodge room, free of charge

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South Africa.

GRAHAMSTOWN.-St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 651) (S.C.)—The annual festival of this new lodge was held held on the 30th November last. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. W. Young, formerly S.W. of Lodge No. 347, Rutherglen.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Auditor's report was submitted and approved, showing a very healthy, and satisfactory financial and numerical condition of the bulge.

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The R.W.M. elect, Bro. Alexander Will, the W.D.M. for the past year, and also S.W. of the oldest English Craft lodge in the Eastern Province of the Cape of Good Hope, Albany Lodge, No. 389, was duly presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. P. S. Dudley, P.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 828. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. D. Sampson, P.M. and W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 828. The charges were read by Bro. J. Vialls, W.M. 389.

A Board of Masters was then formed, consisting of the R.W.M., Bro. Young; Bro. D. Sampson, P.M. 828; Bro. A. S. Dudley, P.M. 828; J. Vialls, W.M. 389; and Bro Abbott, P.M.

The R.W.M. then invested his officers as follows: W. Bro. W. Young, P.M.; Bros. C. Reid, D.M.; J. Ware, S.M.; Macfariane, W.S.W.; T. F. Hutchinson, W.J.W.; J. Hoggan, Chap.; J. O'Toole, Sec.; D. Wilson (reelected) Treas.; H. Wright, S.D.; A. G. Brown, J.D.; A. Logie, Bible Bearer; W. Walker, Standard Bearer; J. Ray and McGilwray, Stewards; G. Eaton, I.G.; and D. Paterson, Tyler.

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This finished the lodge proceedings, and it was duly closed. Immediately afterwards a banquet was held in the Lodge, presided over by the newly-installed R.W.M., Bro. Will, at which the usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given and responded to, and with song and sentiment the brethren spent a very pleasant evening.

New Tealand.

ROSS.—Totara Lodge (No. 1241).—The installation of the W.M. and appointment and investiture of officers of this lodge took place at the lodge-room on Wednesday, the 4th ult. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. C. Malfroy, who was detained by business in Hokitika, the lodge was opened at seven o'clock p.m. by Bro. Johnston, P.M.

P.M.

After the usual routine business of the lodge was concluded the following officers were installed: Bros. D. Buntin, W.M.; B. Lawn, S.W.; P. Sims, J.W.; Gurin, P.M., Treas.; Morgan, P.M., Sec.; J. Hart, S.D.; R. T. M'Gill, J.D.; H. Danker, I.G.; and Moll, Tyler. The ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. John R. Hudson, P.D.G.S.W., assisted by the D.G.S.W., Bro. Geo. Benning. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Jules Malfroy, D.G. Supt. of Wks., and King, D.G.S.B. After the installation a banquet took place at the Exchange Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drank, the proceedings being enlivened by some capital singing. Many kind wishes were expressed for the welfare of the absent D.G.M. of Westland, Bro. John Bevan, and expressions of regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Camile Malfroy, P.M.

THE LAST WOODEN SPOON.

The last successful candidate in the section of "Junior Optimes," at Cambridge University, in the examination is termed the "Wooden Spoon." To "Morley of Caius,' this time-honoured distinction this year is allotted, and as he thus becomes " Ultimus Romanorum,"-the last wooden spoon,-owing to certain changes in the academical arrangements and the annual examination for a degree, great interest attaches to this now historic personage.

Our contemporary, the Observer, thus eloquently discourses on the occasion, and some of our readers may have perused the touching lament of the Times over the last of the first Wranglers: "There was one of the largest assemblies ever known in the Senate House of the Cambridge University last Saturday, to witness the conferment of the degrees on those who had passed the late Mathematical Tripos examination, and were entitled to honours' as a Vice-Chancellor, the Rev. Dr. Porter, presided. The great interest exhibited was doubtless due to the fact of the late examination being the last under the elle externed. interest exhibited was doubtless due to the fact of the late examination being the last under the old system, and a desire to witness the degree conferred upon the last of the Senior Wranglers. Mr. Herman, of Trinity, came in for a storm of applause, and those who had distinguished themselves in athletics or in the cricket field, or on the river, were vociferously cheered. As the 'wooden spoon' will disappear with the distinction of Senior Wrangler, it was thought fit that the trophy this year should be an unusually large one. It was, with the handle, about five feet long, and was gorgeously emblazoned with the arms of the recipient, and on one side had a brilliant sun-flower, and on the other the words 'Quite too utter.' It was lowered in due form from the galleries, and accepted by the 'spoon' below in good part, his good humour eliciting loud cheers. At the conclusion of the ceremony the assembly dispersed in high good humour.''

The following verses have been sent us by a correspondent:—

while things are shifting all around,
And thrones and statesmen fail, And thrones and statesmen ran,
And ancient usages are found
Like dim lights to grow pale;
Old Cambridge alters all her rules,
Is it not much too soon?
No larger in her famous schools No longer in her famous schools Appears "The Wooden Spoon."

Hail! genial remnant of an age,
Which gave us learned men;
Farewell the old scholastic page
And mathematic ken.
"The Senior Wrangler" is no more,
We change with each changing moon,
And now we grieve for and deplore And now we grieve for and deplore
The loss of our "Wooden Spoon."

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To Correspondents.

The following reports stand over till next week:—St. Cybi Lodge, No. 507.
Repose Lodge, No. 802.
Avon Lodge, No. 1633.
Trafford Chapter, No. 1496.
Leopold Mark Lodge, No. 233.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The West London Advertiser," "The Broad Arrow,"
"The Masonic Chronicle," "The Jewish Chronicle,"
"The Citizen," "The Hull Packet," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Lifeboat," "The Masonic Herald,"
"Report Foreign Correspondence," "Masonic Token,"
"The Walsall Free Press," "The Gazette," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Daily Witness," "Isle of Wight Journal and Newport Times," "Canadian Craftsman," "The Keystone," "Australian Freemason," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Glasgow Herald," "Nassau Guardian,"
"The Nassau Times," "La Acacia."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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.]

SECRETARIES OF LODGES. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

Referring to Bro. Magnus Ohren's letter in your last, relative to the unconstitutional title of Director of Ceremonies in connection with the private lodges, permit me to point out another inaccuracy that frequently occurs in the appointment and investiture of officers. I allude to the office of Secretary, which is often magnified into tha of Honorary Secretary; and I know several lodges in which the summonses are countersigned "So-and-so, Hon. Sec." There is no such office, and the constitutional title is simply "Secretary," as may be gathered from the same clause of the "Book of Constitutions," quoted by Bro. Magnns

Fraternally yours, January 30th.

W. F. LAMONBY, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.

A BEGGING MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

In reply to a telegram respecting one John Hayes, of St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 954, Devonport, which was to the effect that he was quite unworthy of relief, I take the opportunity of cautioning almoners, &c., respecting him. He is on his way towards the south-west counties, via Portsmouth and Southampton, and probably by the time this appear in your columns he will be on the borders of Dorset and Devon, or Wilts.

I should imagine he is a professional vagrant, and it would be well if some one would obtain a conviction against him, as he would then be brought under the notice of the

Apologising for troubling you,

I am yours faithfully and fraternally, SECRETARY, So4.

24th January, 1882.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Pardon my calling your attention to the report of the installation meeting of the Sir Thomas White Lodge, No. 1820, in your number for Saturday, the 28th ult., page 54. Your esteemed reporter got a little bit "mixed." Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., so well known in Grand Lodge, is Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Essew, not Sussex, being also Recorder of Colchester; and it was in Essex, not Sussex, that I first saw the light. As regards my speech, the correction required is immaterial, but the fact of our both being "Essex calves," and our excellent Bro. Philbrick hailing from Colchester, so justly celebrated for its "native" oysters, with which, by the way, we begun our dinner, gave our worthy brother a theme, on which he dilated most humorously and effectively in his reply to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. John H. Scott, P.G.D., is the most honoured and repected Dep. Prov. Grand Master of my present province-Sussex.

My excellent friend, Bro. Binckes, showed himself, as usual, "facile princeps" in returning thanks for "The Masonic Charities;" and his clever and kindly speech deserved a better fate than to be relegated to the concluding summary of "other toasts given were 'The Visitors,' Charities,' " &c.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours, W.M. No. 1820.

Reviews.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF OHIO. By Past R.E. Grand Commander C. T. CARSON, 33. 1881.

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We are much obliged to our excellent transatlantic friend, brother student, and kind correspondent for sending us this interesting review of the foreign correspondence of that distinguished body of men, who made up the annual conclave of Knights Templar at Cincinnati on September 7th, 1881. We have read it with pleasure. We are struck with the fact of the difference of opinion and custom as tooutward appearances and public manifestations between the Canadian and American Knights Templar; and though in America there is no doubt a good deal to be said for their procedure from their own point of view, undoubtedly the English view is decidedly adverse to any such course of action. It is to us abnormal and undesirable. But then, we do not affect to set in judgment on the American Knights Templar, as they are clearly in a far better position than we are to judge of what suits their meridian best, what is the most useful and the wisest course for them to pursue. Their system would not suit our people; our's, perhaps, might not suit theirs. And so we must agree, courteously and conscientiously, and with mutual good feelings, to differ. Templary seems to be flourishing in the United States, and knowing ourselves many good men and true who form part of that chivalric organization, thorough Masons and educated gentlemen, we feel sure that there is value in it, and we wish it all prosperity and weal. value in it, and we wish it all prosperity and weal.

LIFE AND WORK OF ST. PAUL. Part 1. By Canon Farmar. Cassell, Petter and Galpin, London. This is a life of the famous Apostle by that well-known and able writer, Canon Farrar. It is sent out in that peculiar form of admirable type and elaborate illustration which characterizes that eminent publishing firm from which it emanates, and to which the serious reading public in this our day is so very greatly indebted for works, many and varied, which give a charm to the leisure hour, and offer many moments of beneficial thought for the studious and the intelligent. It is published in thirty parts, sevenpence a part, so as to place it within the reach of a large number of readers. This is the first part, and if the succeeding numbers fulfil the promise of text and illustration it will be another valuable and graceful addition to the library of the divine, the commentator, and the collector. the collector.

THE BOOK OF ODDITIES. By WM. ANDREWS, F.R.H.S. Simpkin, Marshall and Co.
This is an amusing collection of odd stories, queer characters, and curious trials, and epitaphs, and local rhymes, which will have some interest for those who like and collect such things. They serve to wile away a tedious journey, or amuse a leisure hour, and act as a refresher amid the cares of business, or the toils of brainwork. Mr. Andrews has already given the public several amusing and carefully arranged tractates. carefully arranged tractates.

AMATEUR WORK. (Illustrated.) Ward, Lock & Co.,

Salisbury Square.
This is an illustrated monthly magazine for amateur work in various departments of art and work. It

is admirably illustrated, very well printed, and full of most interesting and useful information. We commend it specially to our young readers, and all who have a taste for carpentering and the like,—a very healthy taste by the way. Unfortunately, by some mistake of the printer or binder, this number has several pages missing and duplicated. This one fact spoils a very taking serial.

CATALOGUE OF WORKS RELATING TO FREE-MASONRY IN WIGAN FREE LIBRARY. By Bro. H. T. Folkard. (Privately printed). We are favoured with the third and enlarged edition of a privately printed work, by Bro. Folkard, namely a catalogue of Masonic works in the Wigan Free Library, and which we believe are mainly the gift of Bro. the Earl of Balcarres. Some are valuable, some are courious, some are unique, and betray a good deal of careful noting, and point to a considerable amount of personal and original research. We thank Bro. Folkard much for sendidg a copy of his catalogue, which we have perused with interest and pleasure. and pleasure.

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ENTWICKELUNG'S GESCHICHTE DER FREI-MAUREREI. Dy Dr. Kuhn, Leipsie, 1864.

This is another German work on Freemasonry little known in England. The writer thinks and calls it a handbook for all bright Masons, and it certainly possesses the advantages of an interesting grouping of Masonic annals and facts, which, if they were absolutely and historically frue, would be of great value to all students. But the able and ingenious editor and compiler of this pleasant little work, well written too, as we must fairly admit, has based his annals on the commonly received tradition of Freemasonry, without much attempt of criticism or condensation, without any attempt to separate the legendary from the historical, fact from sheepwalking, and the consequence is that he gives us a Masonic "olla podrida," which, however good and savoury in itself, constitutes a serious tax on our digestive powers and historical acceptance. He divides his work into four portions. 1. A sort of careful summary of Masonic history from the Roman Building Corporation. 2. A chronological survey of the history of Freemasonry from the Roman Corporation until our time. 3. A description of the system of past and present Masonic systems, at least, some of them. 4. A list of lodges in all jurisdictions. We may observe that owing to Bro. Kühn's somewhat flowery and uncritical style of writing, it is difficult to realize what he does believe, and what he does not, as regards the alleged claims and documents of byegone Masonic traditions. He seems to accept the fact of the birth of Christian Rosenkreutz in 13% his death in 1481; and his foundation of a Rose Croix Hermetic Order in 1304, based on the model of a kinghty order caffed Knights of the Golden Stone, which he had learned of at Pez, in Murocco, and which he declares expired in 1714. This is, a point vehemently questioned

CRITICAL GREEK AND ENGLISH CONCORD-ANCE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. (Fifth Thousand.) S. Bagster and Sons, 15, Paternoster-

This handy and compact concordance of the Greek of the New Testament is, we think, destined to prove a great help to Greek Testament students, and will be truly and greatly appreciated and patronized by them. We are aware of the antiquated objections to Concordances for students, but as we never thought them tenable, so to-day we readily dismiss them, and gladly forget them. This valuable aid to New Testament study in the original has valuable aid to New Testament study in the original has a very interesting history. There are several works, as some of our readers well know, which profess to deal with the Greek Concordances of the New Testament, bu they are not all equally available. Some of our readers may have seen and studied a larger Greek Concordance; for instance, in a fuller or more condensed edition of "Schmid," just as they and studied a larger Greek Concordance; for instance, in a fuller or more condensed edition of "Schmid," just as they may have followed the various critical editions of the Greek Testament, and the collections and comparisons of Stephens, Beza, Elzevir, John Mill, Bengel, Wetstein, Matthæi, Scholz, Griesbach, Lachmann, Tregelles, Tischendorf, Scrivener, &c. And they will, we think, fully enter into the feelings of him who originally, in 1863, experienced the want of a portable Greek Concordance. He placed the work—then simply in idea—in the skilful hands of C. F. Hudson, who did not live, however, to see the result of

three years' careful and conscientious toil. is three years' careful and conscientious toil. One of the great merits of this useful and much wanted work is that it leads the English reader to the Greek original and its various readings; while at the same time "it leads the Greek scholar to the common English translation, as given both in the text and in the margin." And Mr. Hastings truly adds, "it classifies the passages where each Greek word occurs, restricted address the number of ways in which it is translation. yeals at a glance the number of ways in which it is transveals at a glance the number of ways in which it is translated in the New Testament, shows in what senses it is most frequently or more rarely used, exhibiting in their order first the primary and afterwards the several more remote senses of the different terms. It presents all the important various readings of the four best critical editions of the Greek Testament, confirmed by references to the Sinaitic MS. It combines with these peculiarities a cheapness of cost and convenience of form, which bring it within the means of the student, and enable him to have it always at his side. These recommendations are very forcible in themselves, and appeal to us all alike, and to a great extent they are true, as, without entering into a discussion as themselves, and appear to us all alike, and to a great extent they are true, as, without entering into a discussion as to which are really the "four best" editions of the Greek New Testament, we are quite content to accept the writer's words, and call the attention of all interested in such studies to them. It is a useful work in itself, and needful, we must say, for the student of the Greek Testament to be able to these the various uses of sometimes the same word, and the say, for the student of the Greek Testament to be able to trace the various uses of sometimes the same word, and the possible abstract or derivative meanings it may have. "Pantokrator," for instance, has not quite the same meaning, though nearly so, (there is a shade of difference), between its use in Rev. i., S, and Rev. xix., 6, which it is important, as with many other words to note. The word "Palingenesi," about which tomes have been written, only occurs twice in the New Testament, and one of these two uses according to the Sinaitic MS., doubtfully. "Dikaaiosis," who getter once, though no one expression has more according to the Sinaire Mist, doubtruny. "Distantists, only occurs once, though no one expression has more encouraged the labours of commentators, and the accumen, (must we not say the severity?) of controversialists. When we are studying the Greek Testament, it is absolutely needful for us to realize what are the various uses and necessary for the Greek terminology, inasmuch as many most incorrect interpretations have been founded, and many incorrect interpretations have been founded, and many most hurtful errors have been propagated, on account of this ignorance of Greek, by those whose most unscientific exeges is led them to enforce strained meaning, or to rest upon unwarranted constructions. In saying this we have, owing to our very limited space, but just glanced at the subject, touched the fringe of the question; but we have, said enough, we hope, to induce others to obtain the work and use it for themselves. We note that the proper names are placed wisely by themselves, and that there is a most arbitrable concomitant index to the English substitutes and equivalents for the Greek words. We entirely commend the idea, and above all, the execution of the work. We recommend our readers carefully to study the prefaces to the work.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

A CURIOUS SWORD.

I observe Bro. Hughau's note, and regret that in the hurry of a partial view, and misled by the remarks of the brother who called my attention to it, I mentioned York. But it will be remembered that I carefully guarded myself in what I said, as I did not feel sure about York when I wrote out my note, and am glad, therefore, that the matter is cleared up. The brother who exhibited it was under the impression that it came from York, which attracted my attention.

A MEMBER OF THE GRETA.

BOHEMIAN BROTHERHOOD.

Kühn, tells us that documents prove the existence in Bohemia of Freemasonry in 1382, under the name of "Frateria," or "Fratria Freria," which brotherhood was marked by the spirit of benevolence and doing good. Where are the evidences of this fact to be found? Some German brother can perhaps answer these questions. The name of Kühn's work is "Entwickelung's Geschichte der Freimaurgreis" M.S.

ECKERT'S MYSTERIEN DER HEIDENKIRCHE.

Can any German prother lend me a copy of this work, with the fac-simile of the Cologne Charter? By addressing it to Editor "Masonic Magazine," 16, Great Queen-street, W.C., he will confer a great favour fraternally on

THE EDITOR "MASONIC MAGAZINE." P.S.-Bobrich's work, with the same plate, would do as

FREDERICK THE GREAT.

What authority has Kuhn for his statement that in 1777 Frederick the Great wrote to his nephew, the Prince Frederick of Brunswick, giving him the title of "Grand Prior," in a letter of which he professes to give him a position? Were not Frederick the Great's letters on Masonry in French? If this statement be true, Frederick the Great seems to recognise the Strict Observance.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE STRASBURGH LODGE.

Kühn talks of a meeting at Basle in 1563, when the supremacy of the lodge,—the Lodge of Strasburgh—was admitted by practically all German brethren. He also says that until 1805 the Strasburgh Lodge settled all disputes in the building trade by authority of the magistrates, and that they issued their order under the name "Hutton Briefe,"—Lodge Letters. What is the historical worth of these stratements. M. S. these statements?

THE MASTER MASON'S DEGREE.

In the general regulations 1721-23, under the heading of "Forms of Constituting a New Lodge," I find the following: "The lodge being opened and the candidates or the new Master and Wardens being then among the Fellow Crafts, the Grand Master shall ask the deputy, &c." Also in the "Masonic Muse," published about the same time, I find the Master's Song, the Warden's Song, the Fellow Craft's Song, and the Entered Apprentice Song. As "Master Mason" is not mentioned in either of the above, it would seem that the Third Degree was not worked in regular lodges at that date. lodges at that date.

MANCUNIUM.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. Britton, W.M., presiding, all the officers being at their posts, and supported by a full attendance of brethren, together with many visitors, among whom were Bros. Braine, 5; Ayres, 95; G. T. Turner, 183; Spencer, Tyler 263; H. A. Jacobs, 206; Sir John Bennett; H. T. Birdseye, 715; Alexander Crawford, 738; W. C. Greene; W. Finet, 1365; J. B. Hannay, 1821; Fitzgerald, 1364; Alfred Cumner, 1426; and E. C. Massey

The confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting and other routine business having been disposed of, the ceremony of initiation was performed, the initiate being Mr. J. R. Taylor. The chief business of the occasion—the installation of Bro. John Harper—was then proceeded with. Bro. Harper, S.W., was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Storr, P.M., and duly installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was admirably performed by the late Master, Bro. Britton, who also delivered the customary orations very effectively. The investiture of the officers for the year was then proceeded with, the appointments being as

very effectively. The investiture of the officers for the year was then proceeded with, the appointments being as follows: Bros. Britton, I.P.M.; Slater, S.W.; Povey, J.W.: Wilcox, Treas.; Storr, P.M., Sec.; Coulcher, S.D.; Cook, J.D.; Corbett, I.G.; Collins, D.C.; and Parkinson, Tyler.

The newly-installed W.M. then rose, and said (aiddressing Bro. Britton) that he was very happy to find that the first duty he had to perform was to present a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M.—a jewel which had been awarded by the unanimous vote of the brethren. He (the speaker) knew the trouble that Bro. Britton had taken, not only in conducting the affairs of the lodge during his year of office. conducting the affairs of the lodge during his year of office, but also in preparing bimself for the important ceremony he had just so successfully performed. In attaching on his breast the Past Master's jewel, he would content himself with the expression of a hope that he would be spared for

many years to wear it.

Bro. Britton, in replying, said: Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I am sure I could respond better on almost any other subject than my own performances as Ma ter and the re-

subject than my own performances as Ma ter and the reward with which you have just honoured me, and for which
I tender my heartfelt thanks. I own I have endeavoured
to do my best; none can do more; and I trust I may remain
long with the Neptune Lodge, and render what further services I can to the satisfaction of the brethren.

After the banquet, which followed the closing of the lodge,
at which the newly-installed W.M. presided, the customary
loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and the intervals
between toast and reply were enlivened by some very good
songs, conspicuous among the vocalists being Bros. Tyler,
Hubbard, and Taylor, the initiate.

In proposing the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"
—the W.M. said: We care little what is said of us by the
uninstructed world, for we know that there is no community
in the realm more loyal than the Masonic Craft. We highly
appreciate our noise Queen; we are deeply grateful to Her
Majesty and the three Princes, her sons, who are members
of the Craft. As our constitutional head Her Majesty is
all that can be desired, and in private life she has set an
example for which she will be honoured for all time.

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The Chairman then said the next toast, brethren, is "The M.W G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." There are certain rolles in certain productions that are said to "play themselves," meaning that the subject matter of them is so good as to ensure their being received well with a large amount of applause. I think the Prince of Wales' toat is of this category. I was reading a book lately called "The Land of the Midnight Sun," in which the author describes his visit to the king's palace, which he author describes his visit to the king's palace, which he entered without opposition, and after traversing two or three long passages, at last came upon a personage who introduced him to the king, who was very unassuming and affable. On the visitor expressing his surprise at the absence of the soldiers, the king replied, "My soldiers are for my country, not for me." Now I think that is precisely the state of things with the Prince of Wales; I am sure that the protectors of the Prince of Wales; are the affectionate hearts of his British and foreign subjects. Brethren, the toast of the Prince of Wales.

The next toast was "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The W.M. said it was a long and comprehensive, but a most interesting toast. All the Grand Officers had their merits so freely commented on in assemblies of that kind that there was nothing new to be said. They knew that the multifarious duties connected with

They knew that the multifarious duties connected with Grand Lodge were, and always had been, very ably performed, and he asked the brethren to be upstanding when

drinking the toast.

The Chairman: Brethren, the next toast is that of "The City of London." As a freeman of the City of London. City of London." As a freeman of the City of London, I have much interest in introducing the toast. I do not

I have much interest in introducing the toast. I do not forget that many of its members are Masons, and, therefore, I think I may be excused for introducing this toast into our list. With this toast I shall couple the name of our Bro. Sir John Bennett.

Sir John Bennett, in replying, said that he knew that outside the lodge this toast was received universally with respect and honour, and would have been surprised indeed, if it were thought worthy to be given at all, that it would not be received with honour within the circle of that agreeable lodge.

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Bro. Britton, I.P.M.: said I hold it an honour that the Bro. Britton, I.P.M.: said I hold it an honour that the first thing I have to do in a public shape before you as a Past Master is to propose "The Health of our excellent Worshipful Master." I assure you he is one in whom I have the greatest confidence, and one to whom you may look not with anxiety, but from whom you may look not with anxiety, but from whom you may look for efficiency, and I am sure your expectations will be more than fully realized. We have known him now most intimately for some long time and can testify to many good traits in his character. It is sufficient for me to say that he will more than realize your expectations; and I ask you now most enthusiastically to drink his health in bumpers. The Chairman: Brethren, we are told that upon their own merits modest men are dumb, and I would rather leave it for the future to show how I shall conduct the lodge during my year of office. I trust I shall be found proficient

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in the beautiful ritual of the Craft. I need not say any more than that I thank you for the kind reception of me this evening. The next toast is the toast of "The Initiate." this evening. The next toast is the toast of "The Initiate." I am particularly pleased to welcome him here this evening,

I am particularly pleased to welcome him here this evening, as he with the rest of us has had an opportunity of seeing the delightful way in which Bro. Britton conducted the ecremony of installation. Brother initiate we are very pleased to see you here to night.

The initiate, Bro. J. R. Taylor, replied, and said: Worshipful Master and brethren. To say that I am equally pleased is a mild term. I hardly know how to express my feelings for the great kindness you have shown me. I never knew that I had a brother hefore. I have longed for one, but my fraternal yearnings have not been answered. Pardon my shortcomings; my infancy must be my excuse. I hope that we shall meet together for many years to come, and that you will know me to be a proper and a worthy brother.

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In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the Chairman stated that he had hoped for the company of Bro. Toole on this occasion, but that genial brother was prevented by a professional engagement at a distance. Bro. Toole had, however, written, regretting his inability to be present, and had also telegraphed to the same effect, and hoping that they would have a happy evening.

Several other toasts were given, including that of "The Immediate Past Master," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Queen and Prosperity to the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast. The new W.M. proved himself an excellent President at the hanquet table, and the brethren of the lodge have reason to congratulate themselves upon the promise of a successful year, which themselves upon the promise of a successful year, which the election of Bro. Harper secures.

PRUDENT BRETHREN LODGE (No. 145).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tursday, the 24th ult. There were present Bros. Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, W.M.; Win. Robinson Ester, I.P.M.; Charles A. Woods, S.W. and W.M. elect; Albert Daw Kerrell, J.W.; Thomas Bull, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Past G.S.B. Middx., Sec.; John Reid, J.D.; Herhert C. Brock, I.G.; Geo-Banks, D.C.; William F. Masters, W.S.; John Bathie Lambe, A.W.S.; Reinhardt, Tyler; David Haslett, P.M.; John Henry Leggott, P.M.; George Spencer States, P.M., P.G.S.; George Brown, John Chinnery, William Nickels Sawyer, John Kennard, David Frost, Henry Brook, Hy. Deares, William Walker, Thomas Doyle, Counclins Vincent Smith; and the following visitors: Charles A. Cottebrane, P.G.P.; Dr. George Mickley, P.P.G.W.; Affied H. Tattershall, P.M.; W. Smailpiere, P.M.; E. Farwig, P.M.; John Green, P.M.; F. Morgan, W.M.; J. Blundell, W.M.; George Wight, J.W.; J. E. Humphrey, J.W.; H. M. Appleton, Herbert Santer, Joseph Smith, J. C. Whiddington, Joseph Banks, J. Sothcott, Theodore Distin, and A. Lester.

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The minutes of the previous meeting having been con-The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and the Auditors' report accepted as read, the W.M. proceeded with the acremony of installing Bro. C. A. Woods, S.W., as W.M., which was performed in so masterly a manner as to elicit warm approval by those present. With impressive remarks to cach, the newly-installed W.M. invested as officers: Bros. Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, I.P.M.; A. Daw Kerrell, S.W.; J. Reid, J.W.; T. Bull, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Sec.; H. C. Brock, S.D.; G. Banks, J.D.; W. F. Masters, I.G.; J. B. Lambe, D.C.; Joseph Detraz, W.S. (in absentio); and Reinhardt, Tyler.

The W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., as a token of esteem from the lodge, and it may be mentioned, en passant, that it was almost unique in pattern, being of locket form, substantial, and most chaste in character; the interior contains two spaces for portraits, the P.M.'s emblems being superbly delineated and mounted with Brazilian diamonds of the purest water. The design seemed most happily calculated to either decorate a P.M.'s breast, or adorn, inspiringly, a Mason's wife's shoulders—somewhat a step forward to progress as regards. The lodge was closed and the brethern adjacent to

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The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After grace had been sung the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic tonsts, which were received with

due honour.

In proposing that of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. was glad to see Bro. Cottebrune present, as it was that worthy brother, in conjunction with the late Bros. Boyd and Adam, who had assisted him to qualify himself for the proud position he now occupied. The toast was received most warmly.

In the course of his reply, Bro. Cottebrune said it was In the course of his reply, Bro. Cottebrune said it was over twenty-five years since he first visited the lodge of Prudent Brethren; he was also present at its centenary festival in 1870, which was a great event; he was, however, very pleased now to see his old friend, Bro. Woods, installed, and wished him a successful year of office.

Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, L.P.M., gave the the toast of "The W.M.," in most fluent and eulogistic terms, which was responded to most orthus instically.

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Bro. Woods replied that he would always endeavour to carry out his duty to the best of his ability. He owed his rapidly-acquired honoured position to the excellent advice received, on becoming a Master Mason, which was to forthwith qualify himself for any office that might be accidently or otherwise vacant; and, as it happened, through the lamentable demise of a brother, and the retirement of two officers, he had thus advanced quickly to the ment of two officers, he had thus advanced quickly to the chair, for which he had, however, long been quite prepared to occupy. He, therefore, urg cd the young officers to likewise exert and qualify themselves for their next office

as soon as possible.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. was pleased to see so many familiar faces around him, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves, as it always afforded the lodge of Prudent Brethren the greatest satisfaction to welcome visitors. He would ask Bros. Farwig and Smallpiece to respond, than whom there were not two more worthy brethren. Bro. Smallpiece was looking after their grammar, and seeing that all superfluous knobs were knocked off from their quotations, whilst Bro. Farwig tenaciously kept to the old lines as far as possible.

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Bro. Farwig, in reply, said he was pleased to see his old friend the W.M. installed. He would prove an excellent Master, as having known him some years he knew the extent of his Masonic abilities.

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Lodge of Improvement, of which he had been Secretary for six years, and that adopted by the Lodge of Prudent Brethren. A good point he had learned in his Masonic career was "to bear and forbear," and he felt sure there would be little difficulty in arriving at one system of working if every lodge of instruction was carried on on the same principle.

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When replying for the P.M.'s toast, Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson said he felt very much gratified to have reached his present position. The P.M.'s were like books of reference, and when occasion arose they could be taken down from their shelves and consulted. He was glad to see such a goodly number of P.M.'s present. He was fortunate, as the proposer, in marking his year of office by the establishment of the "Lodge's Benevolent Fund" by which the lodge would yearly become possessed of more votes, and considered to be eventually of considerable weight and importance. The W.M. paid a well deserved compliment to the Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. Bull, who had been directed by his physician to leave early, through a slight indisposition. In proposing "The Health of the Secretary," the W.M. said every one who knew Bro. Thiellay, would acknowledge the perfect accuracy and precision of his work, which were most essential points in the Secretaryship of a rather numerous lodge. He hoped that he might be spared for many years to give them his valuable aid.

The Secretary replied on behalf of the Treasurer, and said the lodge, he was sure, would regret his early exit that evening, as it seemed so unusual not to see Bro. Bull's radiant physiognomy at his accustomed place—it was like a day without sunshine. On his own behalf, Bro. Thiellay replied that one of his duties was to adhere to the laws, and if any brother trespassed upon them he was bound to be down upon him. The duties of Secretary, when fully carried out, were somewhat multifarious, but he performed them cheerfully.

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Bro. H. Daw Kerrell, in reply to the toast of "The Officers," thanked the W.M. for the appointment, pledged himself to the careful attention of his duties, and was delighted to be officer under the Mastership of Bro. Woods,

highted to be officer under the Mastership of Bro. Woods, because the excellent working so justly anticipated from the chair would greatly enlighten and guide him for the fulfilment of higher responsibilities when called upon.

Bro. J. Read, J.W., replied, and said that he was thankful to the W.M. for appointing him to office, which enabled him to attend Grand Lodge. His attendance would, as of old, be punctual and regular, and he may say that, by attending lodges of instruction, he had acquired the practical knowledge of his duties, which he hoped to carry out faithfully.

Similar acknowledgments were expressed by the junior officers, and the Tyler's toast concluded another harmonious evening in the Lodge of Prudent Brethren.

Bro. Theodore Distin had the management of the musical

entertainment, and was assisted by Miss L. Distin, Miss L. Augarde, and Bro. Alfred Lester, which gave perfect satisfaction to the brethren.

INDUSTRY LODGE (No. 187). The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, and was attended by a large number of members and visitors, among whom were Bros. Binckes, P.G.S.; E. A. Head, W.M. 1619; J. C. Fisher, W.M. 1624; D. Rose, P.M. 13; H. W. Ruff, P.M. 95; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; J. Ion Cantle, P.M. 1257; J. W. Stretton, P.M. 1056; J. Wyer, P.M. 1314; S. Carrington, P.M. 1314; S. Jones, P.M. 1624; W. Vincent, P.M. 1624, J. C. Flattely, P.M. 1624, and others.

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The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last regular and of the energency meetings read and confirmed, the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the W.M. elect, Bro. H. J. Johnson, P.M. 1701, being presented by Bro. W. Mann, P.M., and the duties of Installing Master being performed by Bro. W. Philp, the outgoing W.M., in a remarkably able and efficient manner. The Board of Installed Masters numbered twenty-three. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. W. W. Philp, L.P.M.; J. Taffs, S.W.; J. G. Horsey, L.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; J. Seex, P.M. See.; W. H. Hook, S.D.; T. Page, J.D.; J. Creaton, L.G.; J. Allison, P.M., D.C.; and S. Earl, W.S.

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After several notices of motion had been given and other necessary busines attended to, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren (more than sixty in number) adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent dinner was provided, at the conclusion of which, grace having been sung, the W.M. proceeded to give the teasts.

"The Queen and the Craft' baving been duly honoured, the W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Grand Master," remarking that Masons all owe a deep debt of gratitude to H.R.H. for accepting that office. This toast was received with enthusiasm, and "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand officers" having been honoured in a like manner,

Bro. Philp, in flattering terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M., wishing him a year of happiness, and remarking that it would also be a happy year for the Lodge of Industry with such a Master in the chair.

The W.M., in response, said that it was with a great deal of pride that he held the position of W.M. of his mother lodge. He heartily re-echoed the sentiments of the I.P.M., and trusted they all should be happy; there would be no effort on his part wanting to make the brethren so. He hoped they were all so; if some were not, he would endeavour before his year was out to convert them.

The W.M. next gave "The Initiate," observing that unless fit and proper men were introduced into the Order Masonry would soon become a dead letter, and that he was certain that the initiate to-night was one of the right sort. Bro. Powell, the initiate, replied in a very graceful and

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Bro. Powell, the initiate, replied in a very graceful and appropriate manner, concluding with the remark that if they (the brethren) found in after years they could not teach him to be a great Mason, they had at least that evening taught him gratitude for the heartiness of his reception.

The W.M. then proposed "The Healths of the Visitors," according them they would always meet with a hearty con-

The W.M. then proposed "The Healths of the Visitors," assuring them they would always meet with a hearty reception from the Industry Lodge, to which Bro. Fisher, W.M. 1624, responded, thanking them for their hearty welcome and the Installing Master for the very able manner in which he performed that ceremony.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of Bro. Philp, I.P.M., Installing Master," and said that he had carried on the work of the lodge during his year of office in an eminently satisfactory manner, and the addresses that

evening had been delivered in a masterly style. He concluded by presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel as a small recognition by the brethren of his successful working.

Bro. Philp, in replying, said he thanked them most cordially, and could assure them it was the happiest moment.

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of his life, even a happier one than when he went into the chair.

The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," which was ably responded to by Bro. Noehmur, P.M.

The W.M. next gave "The Masonic Institutions," remarking that he could not call them charities; they were institutions which every Mason should support. He also informed the brethren that he intended to stand as Steward for the Boys' School and trusted to receive their hearty support. Bro. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., in an eloquent speech, said that he trusted he should soon hear of every Mason subscribing to either of the three institutions, and not only as at present a certain number of brethren doing so. He pointed out the large amount of money required to maintain each of the institutions, and mentioned that his institution intended, if possible, to erect a preparatory school for nearly 150 more sons of Masons. He was glad their W.M. intended to go up as Steward, and trusted the brethren would send him (the W.M.) up with a good list.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was well given and heartily received by the brethren, and Bro. Taffs, S.W., replied in a neat speech for his brother officers and himself.

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The proceedings were brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, the brethren separating after a most enjoyable evening. An excellent selection of music was given during the evening by Miss Beatrice Wade, Miss Grace Godoplhin, Mr. Albert James, and Bro. J. Kift, under the direction of Bro. J. Ion Cantle, P.M. 1357, many deserving encores

EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. Peter Henry Recknell, the W.M. of the past year. The lodge having been formally opened, the W.M. initiated Messrs. J. Golby and G. Wallduck into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Stean, P.M., then installed Bro. Charles Droscher as W.M. for the ensuing year, and in due course that brother appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Glasse, S.W.; Martin, J.W.; May, P.M., Treas.; Coverley, P.M., Sec.; Cooper, S.D.; Millett, J.D.; Sergenberger, I.G.; Rushton, P.M., Stwd.; and Marsh, Tyler.

Lodge was then closed and the brethren sat down to banquet. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Some excellent songs, and a really first-rate ventriloquial entertainment by Bro. Sinclair (an old P.M. of the lodge, but on this occasion a visitor), enlivened the proceedings. EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).—The annual

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Besides those already mentioned, there were present,
Bros. Bannister, P.M.; Franks, P.M.; Cutler, P.M.;
Carter, P.M.; Halsey, P.M.; Bassett, P.S.W.; Moss,
Gopson, Levy, Wagstaff, Medcalf, Benabo, and a goodly
attendance of visitors.

nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on the 18th uit., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, Bro. E. B. Hobson, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. J. Graham, P.M.; E. Bowles, P.M.; J. Wilkins, I.P.M.; G. Beaver, S.W.; J. H. Roberts, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M. and Treas.; C. Norman, P.M. and Sec.; T. Ovenden, S.D.; W. Ross, J.D.; and H. Bidgood, Org. Visitors: Bros. R. Hodgkinson, P.M. 13; H. S. Syer, W.M. 13; W. Turton, 13; G. W. King, 77; G. Goode, 1789; and C. Jolly, 013 (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting passed, the ballot was taken for Mr. James McGregor Robertson, and the result being unanimous, he was initiated into Freemasonry with the usual formalities. Bro. Turton, 13, who leaves England for Malta shortly, was then passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Middleton to the Third Degree. The whole of the work was admirably performed, and impressed the visitors with its tone and linish.

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toasts.
"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Wilkins, and drank heartily; and the W.M. returned thanks briefly.

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The toast of "The Past Masters" was associated with the name of Bro. Rowland, P.M., who, as the "father" of the lodge, was received with enthusiasm; and his reply was eloquent with good feeling.

The Initiate, in returning thanks for the toast of his health, said: Sailorlike, I will do my duty to the lodge, and further its interests by every means in my power. (Cheers.)

Bro. Goode responded for "The Visitors," and said that this was the first time for ten years that he had been inside the Notion Lodge, and he was exceedingly gratified to find it

this was the first time for ten years that he had been inside the Nelson Lodge, and he was exceedingly gratified to find it now, as it was then, one of the best he had ever seen for good working. The manner in which the W.M. had worked the Three Degrees that night was marvellous; and he congratulated the lodge upon its Master and officers, and them upon such a lodge. (Applause.)

The speeches were interspersed with some excellent harmony; and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings,

MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1017).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, under the presidency of Bio. S. V. Abraham, W.M. There were also present Bros. M. Levy, S.W.; John Syer, J.W.; L. Jacobs, Treas.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P. Sec.; W. Mann, S.D.; W. H. Benjamin, J.D.; D. M. Davis, Org.; Maurice H. Leviton, I.G.; N. P. Vallentine, Steward; L. J. Salomons, I.P.M.; J. Lazarus, P.M.; J. Grunebaum, P.M.; S. Pollitzer, P.M.; A. Blumenthal, P.M.; and a numerous attendance of members and visitors.

Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the ballot was brought into requisition, Messrs. J. Manger

the ballot was brought into requisition, Messrs. J. Manger and buigh Ricci offering themselves as candidates for initiation. The voting being themselves as candidates for initiation. The voting being in their favour they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Myers was raised to the Degree of Master Mason. A proposition was then brought forward by the W.M., that the sum of five guineas be voted from the lodge towards the fund being raised for the

relief of the Russian Jews, and being seconded by Bro. Syer, the W.M. cleet, it was put to the lodge and carried unanimously. The same brethren also proposed that a like amount should be voted to the Jewish Board of Guardians, and this proposition was also carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was then presented to the lodge, obligated and installed into the chair, afterwards appointing the following brethren as officers, viz.: Bros. Mann, S.W.; Benjamin, J.W.; Jacobs, Treas.; Albert, Sec.; Vallentine, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Davis, Org.; Gulliford, I.G.; L. J. Salemons, P.M., D.C.; and A. Solomons, Steward.

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Lodge was then closed and the brethren proceeded to the banquet-room, where banquet was served under the direction of Bro. M. Silver. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M proceeded with the usual toasts. After those of "The Queen" and "The M.W. the Grand Master," had been duly honoured,

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Pro G.M., &c.," referred to the presence that evening of Bros. Martyn, Thomas, and Clarke, all distinguished officers of Grand Lodge, and, so far as the Monteliore Lodge was concerned, of an even more distinguished brother, in Bro. Albert.

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Bro. Martyn tendered his sincere thanks. Of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnaryon it was not necessary for him to say much. His ability in Freemasonry was too well-known to need recapitulation on the present occasion. He well and worthily presided over Grand Lodge whenever he was present—as he often was. The name of the Earl of Lathom was also honoured throughout the Craft, was indeed a household word in Masonry. With two such noblemen at the head of the Craft Masons might justly be proud. Speaking personally, Bro. Martyn considered it a great compliment to be called upon to respond to the toast, more particularly, as being present at the installation ceremony last year, such a compliment convinced him that he did not disgrace himself there. He could but say a word in praise of the manner in which the work had tonight been carried out. Personally, he was acquainted with every word of the ecremonies the LP.M. had worked that evening, and he felt justified in saying that Bro. Abraham had acquitted himself most efficiently. He did not approve of the system adopted by some brethren to praise indiscriminately, but he felt that where praise was due—as it was in the case of their LP.M.—it should be bestowed. He was pleased to see that the lodge was in admirable working order, and well manned, and trusted it would ever go on advancing further and further on the course of excellence it had enjoyed in the past.

The LP.M. having assumed the gavel, in appropriate terms proposed "The Health of the Master

that anyone fresh to the office could know the working. He knew that the present Master of the lodge entered upon his office with the full intention of doing all in his power to advance the interests of the lodge, and if anyone could prove the exception to the rule it was he; his known ability in the Craft led them to hope that he would retain the lodge in the position which it had occupied in the past. He sincerely hoped that at the end of his year of office he would feel that he had received as much assistance at the hands of the hysthren as hy the regarded had arising during of the brethren as he (the speaker) had enjoyed during

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The W.M. tendered his sincere thanks. He did not like to make promises, as he always felt, as regarded others, that he should like to see them after they had an opportunity of fulfilling what they promised. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Initiates." Every Master was only too glad to propose this toast, for when he passed night after night without it, it showed there must be something wrong either with the ladge or with its Master. The thing wrong either with the lodge or with its Master. The lodge had received during the past year more initiates than during any other year since he had been connected with it, and he felt he had a very hard task before him to maintain the belief in that respect. and he felt he had a very hard task before him to maintain the lodge in that respect. To the initiates themselves, he would say that they had joined an Order which could hardly be aught but good to them. They might have thought that Freemasonry was a mere idle form, but when they came to know more of it, they would find it was something to belong to which meant advantage in many ways. It was a well-known maxim that a man could not be a good Mason and at the same time a bad man; indeed, he considered it almost impossible for a man after once becoming a Mason to decenerate into a bad man.

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Each of the initiates having replied, the Master gave the toast of "The I.P.M." He felt the toast was one which would be acceptable to all. It was the custom among Masons to present to the outgoing Master some little testimonial—if he might be allowed to use the word—to show the appreciation of the brethren for the way in which their ruler had endeavoured to advance the interests of the lodge; and he had great pleasure in presenting such to Bro. Abraham. To give him a jewel might be considered somewhat out of place, as he was so well provided in that respect already, therefore, the brethren had decided to make him a present which he could use on other than Masonic occasions, and had accordingly selected a biscuit box, which they hoped would be acceptable.

The box, which was very neat, was suitably engraved; the following being the wording of the inscription: "Presented to Bro. Samuel Victor Abraham, P.M., by his brethren of the Montesiore Lodge, 1017. He was one of its founders, and twice served the office of Worshipful Master. January, 1882."

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That inscription expressed, the Master said, better than any words of his could possibly do, the sentiments and feeling of the members. In presenting it, they one and all offered it as a very small token of the respect which they all felt for their I.P.M. Although he had ceased to be Master of the lodge he would never cease to be one of its brightest ornaments.

Bro. Abraham replied: He had had the pleasure on many previous occasions to address the lodge, and without being egotistical, he thought he had been able to speak to been unable to be with them, and, feeling that that sympathy was genuine, he considered it his duty to acknow-

The Master then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," to which several of the guests responded.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and "All poor and Distressed Brethren."

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A very good musical selection was provided under the direction of Bro. Lindsay Sloper, the artisles being Miss Isabella Stone, and Mr. J. W. Thompson. Bro. Charles Braham also favoured the company with a song.

Among the visitors were Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Clarke, G.P.; Thomas C. Corpe, I.P.M. 1839; A. Clifford Eskell, P.M.; L. Etheridge, P.M. 829; F. Croaker, W.M. 185; W. Webb, P.M. 382; S. Barnett, S.D. 185; Alexander Pyke, F. J. Foakes-Jackson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; W. B. Braham, 946; L. Norden, P.M. 205; W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; G. Chivers, 901; William Ffennell, 829; S. Vallentine, P.M. 9; Lewis Solomon, J.W. 1732; W. Gwyer, J.D. 1288; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; and W.S. Lover, W.M. 1668.

HEMMING LODGE (No. 1512).—This very prosperous lodge held a meeting on the 19th ult. at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Hiscox, S.W.; Moody, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Jessett, acting I.P.M.; Davey, J.D.; Bartlett, I.G.; F. Honeywell, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; S. J. Crofto, W.S.; J. Jackson, A.W.S.; Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. Bro. Briggs, P.M. Metropolitan, &c., was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Mr. Henry Wheatley, and it proving to be unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The ballot was also satisfactorily taken upon behalf of Bro. C. II. Woodley, 181, as a joining member. Bro. T. W.

ballot was also satisfactorily taken upon behalf of Bro. C. II. Woodley, 181, as a joining member. Bro. T. W. Ockenden, I.P.M., P.G.S. Middx., was elected to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Boys' School. Previously to the lodge being closed, communications, apologising for non-attendance, were read from Bros. the R.W. P.G.M., Col. Sir Francis Burdett; J. Hammond, P.P. G.D. Middx., P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, I.P.M.; and others.

The members then adjourned to an excellent repast. The

customary toasts followed.

W. Bro. W. Hammond responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and then proposed "The

W.M."

Bro. Walls having replied, then gave "The Initiate."

The toast having been warmly drank, Bro. Wheatley, in his reply, expressed himself highly gratified with the whole proceedings, both in and out of the lodge.

"The Visitor" followed, and, in his response to the toast, Bro. Briggs passed some very flattering encomiums upon the "working" of the lodge and its subsequent hospitality.

"The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. Jessett, who responded.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" came next, and drew excellent replies from W. Bros. Hopwood and W. Hammond.

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"The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Hiscox, Moody, Honeywell, Davey, and Bartlett, brought the pro-ceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, to a close.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The members of this lodge celebrated their seventh anniversary on Thursday, the 26th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., when lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. Brasted. He was supported by the following officers: Bros. Neville Green, P.M.; E. Dignam, S.W.; C. Lorkin, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Smyth, S.D.; J. L. Payne, J.D.; R. Polatt, D.C.; Arthur Ferrar, I.G.; Robert George Steward; and a large attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; T. G. Harris, 1278; E. J. Spencer, 1366; Harry Waynforth, 1766; W. S. Darnell, 192; Henry Potter, 1541; J. W. Wardell, W.M. 95; F. M. Wenbern.; Fred. Trindler, D.C. 704; W. F. Rogers, DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE

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The customary formalities having been observed, and Bro. Hart passed to the Degree of F.C., the W.M. elect was then presented, and according to ancient custom installed into the chair of K.S. After receiving the salutations of the brethren, he appointed the following as the officers for the year: Bros. C. Lorkin, S.W.; C. W. Smyth, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; J. L. Payne, S.D.; A. Ferrar, J.D.; R. Polatt, I.G.; F. Bonner, D.C.; G. Ferrar and W. J. Watkins, Stewards; W. Simpson, Org.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler.

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nve guneas was voted from the funds for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the joint list of the Treasurer and W.M., who are acting as Stewards for the next anniversary festival of that Institution.

At the conclusion of the business of the evening, the brethren adjourned to banquet, where, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, a most enjoyable evening was spent. The customary loyal toasts having been given from the chair.

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Bro. Brasted, I.P.M., proposed that of "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He considered it the toast of the evening. If there was one thing which could gladden the heart of a Master after he had been unanimously elected to the chair, it was the prospect of a bright future being before him. The speaker considered he might describe the lodge as being in a prosperous condition. He did not mean as regarded its financial position only, although in that respect they were to the front—they had a balance in hand, and had supported the Charities by a donation to the Masonic Benevolent Institution—but also as regarded the Masonic Benevolent Institution—but also as regarded its social position. There was a good feeling, and an amount of good fellowship existing among the members, which was an essential qualification in every lodge. He hoped that the Master would enjoy a pleasant year of office, as he had

worked hard for some time past to acquire a knowledge of the duties, and had qualified himself for the position.

The W.M. replied: He appreciated the kindness of the members. He had been anxious to attain the position of Master for some time past, and he begged to thank the brethren generally for having elected him to the position so unanimously. Soon after his initiation he had felt a desire to attain the rank appertaining to the chair, and was now very pleased to say he had reached that distinction. As long as he was in the chair he should do the best he could for the lodge, and endeavour in every way to uphold its dignity.

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The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Installing Master." The members of the lodge had had the opportunity of seeing his working for some time past, and were in a position to judge of the efficiency with which he carried out the duties of the chair. He was one of the worthiest Past Masters the lodge had had. The W.M. considered that a very pleasing duty devolved upon him—the presenting to his predecessor of the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the lodge. He must not value it for its intrinsic value only, but for the kind feelings which accompanied the gift.

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Bro. Brasted tendered his thanks. Twelve months since Bro. Brasted tendered his thanks. Twelve months since he first had the opportunity of addressing the lodge as its W.M. He then said he would endeavour to carry out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all. He had done all that lay in his power to fulfil his promise, and he hoped he had acted in a manner that had won the approval of the members. It had been a very pleasant year of office to him for two or three particular reasons. The Past Masters had been ready and willing to render assistance at all times. He had been blessed with a good staff of officers, and more particularly he had had the co-operation of the brethren. He felt that however good his intentions may have been they would have been of very little avail without the support of the members. He felt he must have given some satisfaction, or the members would not have presented him with the handsone jewel he had just received at the hands of the W.M.

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The Master next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," to which Bros. Wallington and Fieldwick replied, availing themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of dilating on the merits of the respective lodges of instruction with which they are connected.

The toast of "The Charities" was given from the chair, coupled with the name of Bro. Brand, Treas., who is joint Steward with the W.M. for the Royal Masonie Institution for Girls. The W.M., in proposing it, referred to the past services of the lodge in the direction of Masonic benevolence, and urged the brethren to do all in their power to maintain the good name the lodge had already attained.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Past Masters," whom he designated a most useful body of men. They had

whom he designated a most useful body of men. They had each done well during the time they ruled the lodge, and since that time had given their assistance in every way that lay in their power. He referred more particularly to the working of each, and the part they took in the conduct of the lodge.

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Bro. Chapman replied. He felt that no Master of the lodge would ever require assistance from the Past Masters —so far as they were able to give it—which would not be given with the greatest cordiality.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given from the chair. The W.M. considered the two brethren whose health they were about to drink were really the hardest worked members of the lodge. The Treasurer had a great task to accomplish in collecting the several accounts due to the lodge, while the Secretary, whose duties were to keep up the correspondence of the lodge, had little, if any, less to devote his attention to. They fulfilled the duties of their respective offices most efficiently, and the members could not thank them for their services.

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Bro. Brand, the Treasurer, was the first to reply. He thanked the Master and the brethren for their reception of the toast. The W.M. had said that the duties of the Treasurer were somewhat onerous. Although there might be some labour attached to the office, he might say he looked upon it as a labour of love; more especially when it was carried out in connection with the Duke of Connaught

Bro. Lee followed. He had been associated with the lodge since its consecration, which took place at Dalston, seven years since. There were but three or four of the founders now left, and as one of them, he thought the brethren who had established the lodge could show in its present position some little proof of care and attention during the carlier years of its existence. Like all other institutions, it had experienced some of the drawbacks and had suffered from some of the ills of infancy, but it was now, he thought, in a most satisfactory condition. He felt it was not so much a monetary balance that was required to prove the efficiency of a lodge, but rather the existence of a good feeling among the brethren associated with it, who should act in a way towards each other likely to prove them regular practitioners of all that was taught in the ritual of the Bro. Lee followed. He had been associated with the practitioners of all that was taught in the ritual of the

The toast of "The Officers" was heartily received, and was acknowledged by the two Wardens, after which the Tyler was summoned, and he brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623). The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 19th ult. Present: Bros. W. Malthouse, C.C., W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. McButt, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; G. H. Stephens, S.D.; J. J. Howes, J.D.; W. Snow, I.G.; Brickdale, acting Org.; J. Howes, P.M., Treas.; E. Mallett, P.M., Sec.; W. Pennefather, I.P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; Sec.; W. Pennefather, I.P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; J. F. Rumball, C. J. Smith, H. K. Clisby, P. H. Clisby, R. Gaggot, S. Renaut, R. Titcombe, A. Silver, J. King, W. Worrell, W. C. Smith, W. G. Brasher, N. Mackay, W. H. Milton, C. Corke, H. C. Rumball, A. Sutton, F. Free-man, J. Gayner, J. F. Gaudin, and others. Visitors: Bro. W. Eagle, P.M. Roman Eagle Lodge. Lodge was opened, and six gentlemen were balloted for eating the circle.

Lodge was opened, and six gentlemen were balloted for satisfactorily, and the following were duly admitted into Freemasonry: Messrs. F. Freeman, J. Gayner, S. H. C. Rumball, J. F. Gaudin, A. Sutton, and J. Francom. Subsequently Bro. Worrell was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bros. H. K. Clisby, C. H. Clisby, C. J. Smith, and J. F. Rumball were raised to the Sublime Degree.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Holborn Restaurant,

the post-prandial proceedings being of the usual character, and diversified by some good singing.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE This lodge met for the dispatch of business on the

1745).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on the aoth ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. H. J. Lardner, W.M.; J. Strugnell, S.W.; Young, acting I.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Williams; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., 'Sec.; Goodenough, S.D.; T. Simpson, J.D.; H. B. Marshall, V.P. of the Three Masonic Institutions, I.G.; and Richards, D.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Almond, Ablett, and Cross were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken upon behalf of Mr. Louis Lardner, and it proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The ceremonies were performed most excellently by the W.M. Several communications from absent members having been read, the hodge was closed according to ancient form and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).—This select little lodge met on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., at the Grosvenor and West End Terminus Hotel, Victoria the Grosvenor and West End Terminus Hotel, Victoria Terminus, Pimlico, but, owing to the unfortunate illness of Bro. William Carlton Hall, W.M., he was unable to attend. In his absence, the chair was occupied by Bro. Louis Hirsch, P.M., and the following brethren also attended: Bros. G. E. Goodinge, S.W.; Lewis Evans, J.W.; William Worrell, P.M., Sec.; Howard Smith, S.D.; A. Smith, D.C.; Henry J. Thorn, I.G.; Arthur Turner, William Watson, jun., J. S. Edmeston, and W. J. Sperring. Visitors: F. Standford Gierett, 1360; James Bromwich, late 1671; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (Freemaxon).

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After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. W. J. Sperring, 780, was elected a joining member. Bro. Louis Hirsch next raised Bros. William Watson, jun., and Arthur Turner to the Third Degree, performing the whole ceremony in splendid style, including the traditional history and the tracing board.

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The brethren subsequently sat down to a choice banquet, supplied by the hotel *chef*, in the elegant and delicate style for which this hotel is so celebrated. The usual toasts followed, and Bro. Hirsch, who presided, made all his speeches of the shortest description, occupying only a few seconds for each of them.

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"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the Secretary, Bro. Wm. Worrell, who deplored the illness of the W.M., Bro. Hale, which had necessitated his place being filled by a substitute. A substitute, however, was not at all difficult to find. Bro. Hale, only a few hours before the lodge met, wrote to Bro. Louis Hirsch, asking him to occupy the position of W.M. The brethren would all agree that a more able and efficient brother could not have been called upon. Those present who had the pleasure of being Past the position of W.M. The brethren would all agree that a more able and efficient brother could not have been called upon. Those present who had the pleasure of being Past Masters, and had gone through the work of an ordinary lodge knew the difficulty there was, when a brother was not doing the work week after week in lodges of instruction, of going through the ceremonies correctly. Bro. Hirsch had not done the work for three months, and yet he was as fluent with it as when he was W.M. of the lodge. For what he had done he was deserving of the highest praise and commendation. In honouring this toast the brethren would reiterate the wish which he (Bro. Worrell) expressed and felt, that Bro. Hale, who was unfortunately absent on account of illness, might very speedily be restored to health.

Bro. Louis Hirsh, in replying, said a smart proposition of a toast required a smart response. Bro. Worrell had been kind enough to compliment him on the way in which he had done the work that evening. Well, he had done the best he could under the circumstances. It was, as Bro. Worrell had said, very easy when one got out of the chair to forget the work, especially when a P.M. did not expect to be called upon to do it. That was the case with him. He had not practiced the Third Degree for some time, and he was afraid he had not performed it so well as he ought. However, he hoped the brethren would criticise him as leniently as possible, and torgive any little errors he had made.

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Bro. Hirsch next proposed "The Visitors." In the words of Shakespeare "all our friends are welcome," and words of Shake-peare "all our friends are welcome," and surely none more welcome than those who had done the lodge the honour of visiting it that evening. Bro. Massey had been at the consecration of the lodge nearly three years ago, but had not been since, some others engagements preventing him. He was, however, like the prodigal son, and had at last returned to his old friends. Bros. Gierett and Bronwich he also thanked as having come as distortional.

had at last returned to his old friends. Bros. Gierett and Bromwich he also thanked as having come as visitors, and gave them all and hearty welcome.

Bro. Massey expressed his pleasure at visiting this lodge again, and apologised for being unable to attend when Bro. Hall invited him a short time ago. That worthy brother had again invited him, and he was exceedingly sorry to hear that the W.M. was taken suddenly ill and was not able to attend. He reiterated Bro. Worrell's wish that Bro. Hall would specify recover and resume his duties in the chair of the lodge. With respect to Bro. Hirsch's apologies for his work that evening, no such apologies were necessary, for the brethren could not but admit that the long, difficult, and intricate ceremony of raising had been performed by a master hand. Even preceptors of lodges of instruction occasionally hesitated, but a moment's reflection caused them, as it did Bro. Hirsch, immediately to put themselves right. The lodge and the visitors could not but compliment Bro. Hirsch on his working, especially when they knew he had been out of practice for cone time. and the visitors could not but complument Bro. Hirsch on his working, especially when they knew he had been out of practice for some time. Bro. Massey then paid a well deserved compliment to the admirable repast placed before the brethren, which no other hotel could excel.

Bro. Gierett was anxious to adopt everything that had been said by his predecessor, and hoped he might on a future occasion have an opportunity of testing the total of

been said by his predecessor, and hoped he might on a future occasion have an opportunity of testing the style of banquet set before the brethren by the Grosvenor Hotel.

Bro. Bromwich would willingly have said more than either of the other two visitors, but could not occupy much time after the W.M. had set such an excellent example of making short speeches. He quite agreed that the working had been all that could have been desired, and as to the banquet—well, they had been told that this was only an off night; but if this was a specimen of off nights, he could scarcely conceive what the other banquets were like. It was certainly a great credit to the hotel, and a high testimony to the acknowledged hospitality of the brethren of the mony to the acknowledged hospitality of the brethren of the Clapham Lodge.

Bro. Hirsch next gave "The Officers," complimenting each one on the ability he had displayed during the ceremonies of the evening. All those brethren, with the excep-

tion of Bro. Goodinge, had been initiated in the ledge, and it could easily be conceived what pleasure it would give him to see each one of them, in turn, occupying the chair of W.M. of the lodge. The lodge not being yet three years old, they were all young Masons, and the ability they had displayed was therefore all the more to their credit.

Bros. Worrell and Goodinge replied; the latter thanking the W.M. in the chair for the great assistance he afforded the brethren in learning the duties of their respective offices. He promised that all the officers would try to do their duties perfectly. tion of Bro. Goodinge, had been initiated in the ledge, and

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings, which had been made additionally pleasant by some excellent music and singing, were brought to a close.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge. (No. 88).—
The brethren of this lodge met at their lodge-room at the Lion Hotel, on the 9th ult., for the installation of Bro. Edward Hills, of Fly, as W.M. for the year. Previous to the principal business, Messrs.]. L. Rutter and W. Sindall were initiated. The impressive installation ceremony was then performed by Bro. J. Neale York, P.M., assisted by Bro. J. Deighton, D.P.G.M. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. Hunnybun, I.P.M.; I. V. Pryor, S.W.; A. Thompson, J.W.; C. F. Jarrold, P.M., Chap.; W. H. Jarrold, Treas.; T. Nicholls, Sec.; W. I. Pashler, J.D.; Oliver Papworth, I.G.; A. H. Moyes, P.M., D.C.; W. Davidson, P.M., Steward; W. Purchas, Organist, Subsequently there was a grand banquet, to which upwards of fifty brethren and visiting brethren sat down, under the presidency of Pro. E. Hills; and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony. CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge. true Masonic harmony.

SCARBOROUGH .- Old Globe Lodge (No 200).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall Londesborough Rooms, on the 18th ult. The W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Dippie, was duly installed by W. H. Smyth, P.G.M. Lincolnshire. Afterwards the W.M. appointed the following as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. John R. Dippie, I.P.M.; E. Cooper, S.W.; Chas. J. Roberts, J.W.; J. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; J. W. Woodall, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; J. Wanless, Sec.; B. Hume, D.C.; Watts, S.D.; J.W. Rines, J.D.; W. C. Everley Taylor, I.G.; B. Shaw, Org.; J. S. Kitching and J. H. Moody, Stwds.; J. Verity and G. Simpson, Tylers. The banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. presiding. A very large number of brethren were present, and numerous visitors from the other lodges took part in the proceedings. 200).-The annual installation meeting of this lodge took part in the proceedings.

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge. (No. 312).—On the 16th ult., Bro. W. E. Wolsey was installed as W.M. of the above lodge. The installation ceremony was ably and impressively performed by Bro. J. Stevenson, P.M. The officers appointed were as follows: Bros. M. Smith, S.W.; H. Walker, J.W.; J. B. Dale, Sec.; J. N. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; J. Brooks, S.D.; T. Tate, J.D.; J. T. Stewart, I.G.; W. H. Attlay, Org.; T. Atkinson, jun. M.C.; T. H. Truman, Tyler; R. Gray and R. W. White, Stewards. At the close of the lodge the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. being in the chair, and the S.W. in the vice. The usual Masonic toasts and sentiments were given, and the toast list was interspersed with songs and recitations.

PORTSMOUTH.-Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 342).—On Wednesday, the 19th ult., the installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Landport, when Bro. J. 342).—On Wednesday, the 19th ult., the installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Landport, when Bro. J. Brickwood was installed, the ceremony being performed by W. Bro. Willmott, P.M. There were present: Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. P.G.M.; W. Hickman, R.W. D.P.G.M.; Dr. J. O'Connor, P.G. I.W.; Rev. G. H. De Fraine, P.G. Chap.; A. J. Miller, P.G. Sec.; Lashmore, P.G.D.C.; G. Arnold, P.G.A.D.; E. Goble, P.G. Reg.; V. Brown, P.G. Purs.; C. B. Whitcombe, P.G. S.D.; A. Barfield, P.G. J.D.; J. Willmott, P.G. Std. Bearer; Croisdale, P.G. Swd. Bearer; J. R. Hayman, W.M. 309; Palsgrave, W.M. 487; Elveston, W.M. 804; Powell, W.M. 903; Wendover, W.M. 1069; Williams, W.M. 1776; Mason, W.M. 1834; T. Good, P.M.; J. Ogburn, P.M.; S. R. Ellis, P.M.; J. T. Craven, sen., P.M.; R. J. Turney, P.M.; H. J. Guy, P.M.; R. Barnes, P.M.; Dr. C. Knott, P.M.; C. W. Rand, Sec.; J. E. Buck, S.W.; H. Croucher, J.W.; W. Gunnell, H. Adams, G. Barnes, H. H. Hudson, G. Silvester, T. Baily, sen., G. Peters, W. Miles, J. L. Edwards, and others. At the close of the ceremony, the W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Dr. C. Knott, P.M.; J. E. Buck, S.W.; H. Croucher, J.W.; J. T. Craven, sen., Treas.; C. W. Rand, Hon. Sec.; J. S. Dyer, D.C.; F. Saunders, S.D.; J. Green, J.D.; T. Larcom, L.G.; J. M. Wilkinson, and G. King, Stewards. J. Green, J.D.; T. Larcom, I.G.; J. M. Wilkinson, and G. King, Stewards.

The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were duly hon-

oured.

The W.M., in complimentary terms proposed the health of "The Grand Master of the Province."

In responding to the toast, Bro. Beach said it was always a pleasure to a Provincial Grand Master to visit the lodges under his jurisdiction, as it afforded him a opportunity of observing the progress which they were making. He congratulated the Royal Sussex Lodge upon the efficiency with which it was conducted, and expressed a hope that he should have an opportunity of visiting it again at no distant period. It was the duty of a P.G.M., on such an occasion as this, not only to impress on the brethren the value and high importance of the principles of Freemasonry, but also to direct their attention to those injunctions which from time to time emanated from those high in authority as to fime to time emanated from those high in authority as to the duties which they owed to the Craft. One thing he particularly urged upon them, and that was to be exceedingly careful who they recommended for admission to the order. In some parts of England there had been too anuch anxiety to increase their numbers, and he, therefore, enjoined on the brethren in the prevince under his rule the necessity of careful inquiry into the antecedents, moral character, and qualifications of those whom they proposed for admission. In this way they would be doing more to promote the best interests of Freemasonry than in any other. There was also another important duty inculcated on them, and that was to impress on those newly admitted to the Order the necessity of rigidly adhering to its ancient landmarks. There was no greater evil than to introduce a class

of men into Freemasonry who thought they could improve on this and that—depend upon it, any such innovations would sap the very root and foundation of the Order. Slight variations might be made from time to time in nonsap the very root and foundation of the Order. Slight variations might be made from time to time in non-essentials, but their essential principles and pra-tices must be rigidly adhered to if Freemasonry was to continue to exercise the power it did in the world. Let them reflect for a moment on what had happened in France. Only a few years ago French Masons were united by the most Fraternal bonds to their brethren in this country, but they had recently made such changes in the fabric of the Order that we could no longer recognise them as Masons at all, and it was a matter of great grief to the brethren owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England to find that those with whom they had been intimately associated for so many years had abandoned those principles which were at the very foundation of their existence as a Craft. What had happened in France showed the necessity of their clinging very tenaciously to those ancient landmarks by which their brethren had been guided in past generations. So long as they preserved those sacred and inviolate, so long Freemasonry would flourish. Happily there was little fear of such an event happening in England, for English Freemasons were more tenacious of those principles which had been handed down to them by their predecessors. had been handed down to them by their predecessors. They stood very high in the estimation of their American They stood very high in the estimation of their American brethren for this very reason. Without going further afield let them look at the careless manner in which the rites of Freemasonry were administered in Scotland, and see what an impression must be produced thereby in the minds of candidates. If such a system obtained in their country they would have but little hope of seeing their neophytes grow into good and useful Masons. In conclusion, the P.G.M. warmly congratulated the W.M. on the distinction he had attained, and thanked the brethren for the very kind reception which he always met with at their the very kind reception which he always met with at their hands whenever he visited Portsmouth.

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," was responded to by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman), who congratulated the brethren on the prosperous condition of Freemasonry in the province of Hampshire, and said it was a satisfactory sign that with their increasing material prosperity their charities were not

neglected.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Craven, P.M., and and responded to by Bro. Ellis, P.M., the representative of the Lodge on the Charities Committee.

Bro. Dr. Knott, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in complimentary terms, and Bro. Brickwood suitably responded.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, who spoke very eulogistically of the manner in which Bro. Willmott had performed his dutios. neglected.

"The Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges," "The P.M's of the Lodge," "The Visitors," and "The Officers," were the remaining toasts.

During the evening some capital songs were sung by Brs. Sylvester (who also very ably presided at the piano), P.M. Ogburn, H. H. Hudson, and other brethren.

MALTON.—Camalodunum Lodge (No. 660).—
The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 17th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Yorkersgate, and the ceremony was witnessed by a good number of the brethren. The Worshipful Master elect was Bro. W. Constable, and the installing officer was Bro. Samuel King, P.P. J. G.W., and P.M., who performed the ceremony with due formality. Afterwards the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the coming year, viz.: Bros. J. W. Marshall, I.P.M.; R. J. Smithson, S.W.; J. D. Dodsworth, J.W.; R. H. Bower, Treas.; R. G. Fish, Chap.; F. Walton, Sec.; J. B. Nichols, S.D.; W. Newby, J.D.; T. C. Walker, D.C.; W. Heckley, Org.; W. Clarkson, I.G.; W. R. Metcalfe and R. G. Lucas, Stewards; Kirton Waudby, Tyler.
The usual banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Fitchett's, the Tallot Hotel, the W.M. presiding. Visitors from other lodges took part in the fraternal proceedings. MALTON.—Camalodunum Lodge (No. 660),

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LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at six p.m. There were present Bros. H. Gordon, W.M.; Henry Trevitt, P.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Vaughan, P.M.; R. Crisp, P.M.; G. Becken, P.M.; James Pendleton, S.W.; Jacob Comins, J.W.; Robert Cain, P.M., Treas.; John Humphreys, Sec.; D. Davies, S.D.; H. Ellis, I.G.; E. R. Hoblyn, J. Ramsey, T. Cretney, D. McFarland, R. Crispin, Jos. Sharples, W. Watson, Edward Ellis, H. Dutton, Robert Wilson, John Blenkinson, David Stones, and John A. Hale.
Visitors: Bro. Soldat, 1547; Thos. Hatton, W.M. 203; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.G.S., P.M. 785; R. Foot, W.M. 1505; D. Keisp, 203; J. R. Roberts, 594; A. Herman, 1547; W. Lewis, 203; J. Kellett, 1576; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (Freemason).

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot LIVERPOOL .- Derby Lodge (No. 724) .-

previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Alexander J. Hannah and Charles Jenkinson, who were declared duly elected. Bro. Robert Wilson, 1035, was also elected a joining member. Mr. Hannah, being in atterdance, as was also Mr. John Davis, who was elected at a previous meeting, were prepared and initiated by the W.M. in a very creditable manner. Bro. T. Cretney was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. J. W. Ballard, P.M., P.P.G.P., in his usual im-

ressive manner.
The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very pleasant evening was spent, Bros. T. Hatton, H. Ellis, W. Lewis, J. Humphreys, J. Sharples, contributing to the harmony of the evening by singing a capital selection of songs.

STAFFORD.-Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 18th ult., at the North-Western Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. Wood, P.G.R., W.M.; J. Senior, S.W.; J. Baker, J.W.; Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., Chap.; F. Woolley, Sec.; J. Mottram, S.D.; E. J. Mousley, J.D.; J. Bervon, Org.; J. Wooddridge, I.G.; T. Rigby, Stud.; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; T. E. Fowke, I.P.M.; J. Badenham, P.M.; W. P. Duncalfe, F. Espley, W. Brown, G. Griffiths, J. Nevill, C. A. Ash, I. B. Mottram, P. Bottrill, W. D. Batkin, A. Jones; and Visitor, Bro. J. W. C. Warmington, 1284.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. C. A. Ash, W. Brown, and F. Espley, were raised to the Degree of M.M., the first named by the W.M., the two last by Bro. T. E. Fowke, I.P.M. Previous to the lodge being closed, Bro. Senior gave notice that Bro. Storer, P.M., would propose at the next general meeting that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W.M. out of the funds of the of the lodge for the very commendable way in which he had performed the onerous duties of the chair for the last two

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 19th ult., Bro. J. B. Sargent, W.M., presiding, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Charles W. Duke, S.W., P.P.G.J.D., P.M.; A. D. Womersley, J.D.; C. R. Chandler, Sec., P.P.G. Steward, D.C.; H. G., T. Wells, Hon. Treas. P.M.; J. Fielding, Org.; J. A. Middlemas, acting S.D.; Henry Kimm, acting J.D. (Freemason). There were also present Bros. Benjamin H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; Charles Martin, B. Cullwick, and J. Foord. Visitors: Bros. T. Pierce, S.W. 40; J. W. Puttick, Chap. 40; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and duly signed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. J. Walden, and proved unanimous. After which Bro. Sargent, W.M., proceeded to initiate Mr. J. B. Foster into the mysteries of the Craft. The ceremony was gone through in a truly Masonic manner. All business being done the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren afterwards assembled at the social board. BATTLE .- Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).- The usual

done the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren afterwards assembled at the social board. The preliminary Royal and Craft toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed and duly acknowledged; that of the "Visitors" followed, and was responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Puttick; "The Health of the Initiate" was warmly received and acknowledged. The brethren separated shortly before cleven, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

BOURNE.-Hereward Lodge (No. 1232).annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th ult. There was a numerous attendance of

the brethren and a goodly array of visitors.

Bro. Woodrow, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. (of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469), installed Bro. Archibald Bott as the W.M., while Bro. Barrell, P.M. 409, P.P.G.A.D.C., made the proclamations, delivered the charges to the officers and

the proclamations, delivered the charges to the officers and brethren, presented the working tools, and officiated as D.C. throughout the proceedings.

A sumptuous banquet followed, which was provided by the venerable Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. Bott, of the Angel Hotel, and father of the W.M. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were drunk and duly acknowledged. Bro. Woodrow, P.M., P.G. J.D., in response to the toast of "The P.G.M. and his Officers," delighted the brethren by one of the most earnest and cloquent speeches on the aim and objects of Freemasonry that could be conceived. The W.M. expressed his satisfaction at so numerous a gathering, and Bro. Dr. Bott made a speech full of excellent and kindly sentiments. kindly sentiments.

After an evening of enjoyment and harmony, the brethren departed, well pleased with the transactions of the "auspicious solemnity.

SHOEBURYNESS. -- St. Andrew's Ledge SHOEBURYNESS. — St. Andrew's Ledge (No. 1817).—The regular meeting of this comparatively young but flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Cambridge Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. G. M. Farr, the popular W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. G. W. Glasscock, I.P.M., P.G. Swd. Br.; Floyd, S.W.; H. Church, J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Jno. Taylor, jun., J.D.; Ayling, I.G.; and Peters, Tyler. Bro. C. J. Harris, P.M. 1000 and P.P.G.D.C., is the esteemed Secretary; and Bro. E. Bacon, P.D.G.J.W. of Gibraltar, acted as Organist. The lodge was honoured by a large number of visiting brethren, amongst whom was Bro. C. Lucking, P.G.D.C., who may almost be said to be ubiquitous with regard to Freemasonry in this province, so alive is he to the interests of the Cratt in his particuler line of duty. line of duty.

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The lodge was opened in due and ancient form, and Bros. Ogden, Rogan, Roden, Spalding, and Lightowler were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. Farr for the manner in which he had worked up this beautiful Degree; and this, his first effort, may be said to be quite a success. The musical accompaniments, which in this lodge are novel, were arranged and given with beautiful effect.

The brethren then retired to the refreshment-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening the W.M, was frequently congratulated on the excellence of his working and upon the flourishing state of his lodge.

SHANKLIN.—Chine Lodge (No. 1884).—Bro. Francis Newman, P.M. of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, P.P.G.S.W., Hants and Isle of Wight, was on the 20th ult., installed as the Worshipful Master of this lodge, in succession to Dr. G. H. R. Dabbs. The ceremony of installation was most impressively carried out by Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, of Bembridge, P.M. 698, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight. After the ceremony, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Dabbs, I.P.M.; George Humby, S.W.; Stephen Shilling, J.W.; F. Cooper, Treas.; A. Greenham, Sec.; W. Ouickfall, S.D.; J. Bailey, J.D.; A. H. Brown, D.C.; W. Judd, I.G.; and F. Grant, Tyler.

After the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, and partook of a splendid banquet The usual loyal and Masonid toasts were honoured. The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Coleman, 32°, 242, United States, and Bro. H. Seymour Blaydes, W.M. 877, and P.G.S.D. Jersey. The musical efforts of the brethren were greatly assisted by Bro. T. H. J. Petherick, W.M. 551.

The following were present, in addition to those already named: Bros. Sir Mitchel Clayton, W.M. 698; Latimer Saunders, S.W. 698; R. Dampier Child, S.W. 1869; Francis Trueman, 809; Mark Lindfield, P.M.; John Bunt, jun., J.W. 1809; Edwin Groves, P.M. 487, P.P. G.D.C.; Ernest Groves, W.M. 175; James Lowe, P.M. 175; Henry Durrant, I.G. 175; Frank Carter, P.M. 175; Samuel Woods. J.D. 175; M. Gabell, 175; J. W. Gantlow, Alexander Thompson, J. B. Middleton, F. Raynor, C. H. Moorman, and John Buckell, 1884. SHANKLIN .- Chine Lodge (No. 1884) .- Bro.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the North Pole, Oxford-street, on the 27th ult. Present: Bros. Marx, W.M.; Deckenson, S.W.; Blum, J.W.; Blundell, S.D.; Batson, J.D.; T. D. Harvey, I.G.; Cuff, Candy, Latreille, Richardson, Green, and Baker, Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the Eccond Degree, and the First Section of that lecture worked by Bro. Baker. The ceremony of installation was then worked by Bro. Latreille, after which the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Deckenson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).—The last regular meeting of this lodge (which now meets at the Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark-lane, E.C.) took place on the 23rd ult. Bro. Cant, the Hon. Scc., occupied the chair. Bros. W. Fraser, was S.W.; J. S. Fraser, J.W.; T. Brown, J.D.; Sackett, I.G.; and others. After due formalities lodge was opened, and the ceremonics of initiation was worked, Bro. March. candidate. Ledge was closed, and a meeting of the Masonic Charitable Association was held. Three Life Governorships were declared and balloted for. It is a pleasant fact that in connection with this young association that thirty-two Life Governors have already been paid to the Masonic Charities, a result which must be highly gratifying to the Committee. gratifying to the Committee.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—The first winter dinner of this lodge of instruction took place on the 24th ult., at the Champion Hotel, 15, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Lodge was opened as usual at 7 p.m. (Bro. J. Hick, W.M.) in the presence of a good attendance of brethren and visitors, who afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Host Chillingworth's well known style. Bro. A. G. Dod-on, P.M., President of the lodge, occupied the chair.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Hicks gave "The Health of the President, Bro. Dodson, P.M.," commenting upon his strenuous efferts to raise the lodge to commenting upon his strenuous energs to raise the longe to the highest pinnacle, and also on the great efficiency of his working as displayed in the lodge. Bro. Dodson replied, and afterwards proposed "The Mother Lodge Joppa, No. 188," which was received with great pleasure, and replied to by Bro. Wall. Several other toasts followed, and the evening was further enlivened by some capital songs, very ably rendered by Bros. Dodson, Hughes, McKinley, and

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The regular meeting of the above lodge took place on the 318t ult., at Bro. A. Walker's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Bro. J. H. Pringle, was W.M., also present Bros. J. Taylor, S.W.; Shingfield, J.W.; Stephens, S.D.; Tyler, J.D.; Walter, I.G.; Past Masters, T. J. Barnes, Preceptor, J. Andrews. J. Hood, and Bros. Harvey, Ayres, C. H. Ford, and others. After usual formalities the ceremony of raising was very carefully worked, Bro. Ellingford candidate. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Ford an American brother visitor gave the lodge an exposition of the manner in which the ritual is carried out by American brethren, more especially as regards the examination of visitors to a lodge for passing to the Second Degree. A highly interesting discussion ensued, and lodge was resumed, and Bro. Stephens worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed down in ancient form, and Bros. J. H. Pringle, I.G. 781, and W. Ayres, S.D. 05, were duly admitted members. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The services of Bros. J. H. Pringle, as W.M., and C. H. Ford, St John's Lodge, Virginia, United States of America, were warmly acknowledged and votes of thanks ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. Lodge was then closed. Brethren paying this lodge a visit will find the be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. Lodge was then close-l. Brethren paying this lodge a visit will find the teaching thorough, and likely to make them regular

ST. JAMES LODGE (No. 765).—The brethren of the above old lodge passed a very pleasant evening at Bro. Meacock's, the Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, on the 27th ult. The occasion was the working of the Fifteen Sections, under the presidency of Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M., who was assisted by Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.G.S.W. Kent, J.W.; J. Davison, P.M., Preceptor; G. Perkins, Sec.; G. H. Stephens, Deacon; Donaher, I.G.; and a good attendance of the brethren.

After due formalities the Fifteen Sections were worked. The usual vote of thanks to the W.M. for his able working in the chair, and to the brethren for assisting, were duly accorded, Bro. Lardner also brought forward a proposition to present Bro. J. Davison, P.M., the esteemed Preceptor of the lodge, with a testimonial, and the following Committee was formed to carry out the same: Bros. Lardner, Penney, Jackson, Kent, Martin, and G. Perkins, Sec. Lodge was then closed. ST. JAMES LODGE (No. 765).—The brethren

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., on the 25th ult. Bro. Harvey was W.M., and had the support of the following brethren: Bros. Lax, S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; Bull, Deacon; Turquand, P.M., Preceptor; Breden, P.M., Sec.; Scherboom, P.M.; Daniells, P.M.; Knowles, Money, Wyness, Gregory, Stephens, and others. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes read. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was very carefully rendered, Bro. Wyness being candidate. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Lax was chosen W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—The

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Thos. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., Present: Bros. Thos. Clark, W.M.; Darnell, S.W.; Wardell, J.W.; Catling, S.D.; Christian, J.D.; Larter, I.C.; F. Carr, Ilon. Sec.; Wallington, P.M., Preceptor; Bristed, Robinson, Baker, Smyth, Edwards, Cushing, Dignam, Coble, and C. Lorkin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Edwards offered himself as a candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Edwards being passed to the Degree of a

Fellow Craft. The same brother was a candidate for rising, was interrogated and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Edwards was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the W.M. giving the traditional history. The W.M. worked the First Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. F. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).-THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—
The annual supper of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., when about forty brethren sat down, under the presidency of Bro. Charles Taylor, W.M. of the mother lodge. He was supported by Bros. Saul, Preceptor; White, S.W.; J. Room, J.W.; Henry Wright, J.D.; J. Goodenough, Sec.; W. Sibley, Baber, Wedgwood, and others.

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A very pleasant evening was spent after the closing of the lodge, in which Bro. Blackie had worked the initiating the lodge, in which Bro. Blackie had worked the initiating ceremony. A letter was read from Bro. Stevens, P.M. 146 and P.Z., offering to deliver his lecture explanatory of the ceremonies of the First Degree, and on the motion of Bro. Wright, seconded by Bro. Baber, his offer was accepted with thanks. It is expected there will be a large gathering of the Craft on the occasion. Much regret has been felt in the lodge at the sudden death of Bro. Rush, who, a few weeks ago, was elected Master for the ensuing week, and died a few days after of inflammation, brought on suddenly. Several of the brethren attended our brother's funeral. Several of the brethren attended our brother's funeral.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445). PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—At the last regular meeting of the above lodge the Fifteen Sections were worked, under the able presidency of Bro. W. 11. Myers, P.M., and the Preceptor of the lodge. Despite the thick fog, which rendered locomotion extremely difficult, Bro. Myers was supported by nearly thirty brethren. Among those were Bros. Macdonald, J.W. 1445, as S.W.; Walters, P.M. 1598, J.W.; W. Musto, P.M. 1349, I.P.M.; Seymour Clarke, Hon. Sec.; Koch, P.M. 820; Fenwick and Wrightson, 820, and others.

The Fifteen Sections were worked, and subsequently Bros. Fenwick and Wrightson, 820, were elected members, and the usual complimentary votes of thanks were passed and acknowledged. Bro. Myers, P.M., is to be congratulated upon having secured such a numerous attendance of the brethren, and having had so successful a meeting under such disadvantageous weather.

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CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1667).-The above lodge met on the 26th ult., at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, when there were present Bros. R. D. Cummings, W.M.; J. Simpson, S.W.; J. Rothschild, J.W.: T. Pingston, S.D. J. S. Fletcher, I.G.; G. H. Gilham, Preceptor; H. Halliday, Hon. Sec., and others

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Tillett offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and having as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the acremony of raising with traditional history, excellently worked by Bro. Cummings, who is Preceptor of this lodge. The lodge was then called off. The lodge being called on was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, when it was unanimously voted that Bro. Simpson be W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect appointed officers in rotation. It was proposed by Bro. Artnur Millward, and seconded by Bro. Cummings, that Bro. Paget become a member of this lodge, which was carried with acclamation. This ending the duties of the evening, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on the 20th ult. at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street,

Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., the offices being filled as follows: Bros. Tanqueray, W.M.; Maude, S.W.; Hallowes, J.W.; Vyse, S.D.; Marshall, J.D.; Buć, t.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; and Shaw, acting Secretary. There were also present Bros. Duret, Morriss, Gaze, Bartholomew, Steingraber, and others.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First, when Bro. Gaze, acting as candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions; after which the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. Gaze being passed to the Degree of F.C. After a "call off," the lodge resumed in the Third Degree, Bro. Sudlow, Preceptor, working the Second and Third Sections of the Third Lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the lodge closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Bué having been unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing meeting, the officers in rotation, the work appointed being the Third Ceremony and the First and Sixth Sections of the First Lecture, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

PATTISON CHAPTER (No. 913).—The quarterly convocation of the above chapter was held at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, on Thursday, the 19th ult., Ex. Comp. T. D. Hayes, M.E.Z., presiding, supported by the following officers and companions: Comps. W. B. Lloyd, H.; Capt. Eugene Sweny, J.; C. Coupland, P.Z. and Treas., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z., and P.P.G. 1st. Asst. S. Kent; W. Musto, P.Z.; H. Pryce, Scribe E.; H. Mason, Scribe N.; R. Edmunds, 1st Asst. S.; T. R. Richardson, W. Busbridge, C. J. Clapham, G. Frost, W. Rees, D. C. Capon, J. H. Roberts, J. F. Randall, D. Campbell, J. Scott-Mutch, J. 13; G. Kennedy, P.S. 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

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On the companions being admitted, the minutes and accounts were passed after which Bro. C. Ellis, 913, was exalted to the Supreme Degree with the full ceremonial, Comp. Richardson presiding at the harmonium. The ritual was most ample, and the intense interest with which the "Histories" and lectures were listened to, showed how deeply their eloquent and powerful delivery by the Three Principals touched the feelings of the exaltee and companions present. Nor must we omit to mention the admirable deeply their eloquent and powerful delivery by the Three Principals touched the feelings of the exaltee and companions present. Nor must we omit to mention the admirable manner in which Comp. Edmunds carried out the important | LIVERPOOL.—Chapter of Friendship (No. 241).—The installation meeting of this old and flourish—

and onerous duty of P.S.; and, in fact, the whole ceremony was most impressive, and a grand display of Freemasonic erudition.

Comp. Lloyd then announced himself as a Steward at Comp. Lloyd then amounced limsel as a Steward at the forthcoming festival for the Aged Freemasons' Benevo-lent Institution, and his ample list was afterwards supple-mented by five guineas from the charity-box, upwards of three pounds of which were collected shortly after at the festive board.

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At the banquet, which followed, the M.E.Z. called on the companiens to drink to "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," and the other toests special to such occasions.

Comp. Penfold, in replying for "The Grand Officers of the Province of Kent," said he would adopt the tactics of their most "Excellent," and he very brief in his remarks. For the last two years he had had to return thanks for the toest, and found it a most difficult toest to find anything new to say in the matter. There was really nothing to talk about, except simply to thank them for their kind wishes. He must say, however, that their Grand Superintendent, Lord Holmesdale, did all in his power to keep up the good feeling which existed in the chapters in the province, and selected his officers with such care that the result gave general satisfaction. He thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers, and was proud of the position he held among them. among them.

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Comps. Coupland and Butter also returned thanks.

Comps. Butter, I.P.Z., then proposed "The Health of
the M.E.Z.," expressing great personal respect and admiration for Comp. Hayes, both in his position as head of the
chapter and also as a Past Master of their old lodge. In
his position as their M.E.Z. he was so perfect in his parts
that he wanted no assistance, and so it was when he was
Master of the lodge.

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Comp. Mutch, in reply, said it was the first time he had had the pleasure of being a visitor at the Pattison Chapter, but would cordially promise that it should not be the last. The grand working he had seen that night was a treat to him, although he must confess that it was different to what he had been accustomed to in the Union Waterloo Chapter. Yet it cortainly was an improvement, and would not be Yet it certainly was an improvement, and would not be forgotten by him when he arrived at the apex of the tri-

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The M.E.Z. said, with reference to the remarks of Comps. Mutch and Kennedy, he could inferm them that they, the Pattison Chapter, were working like their companions of the Union Water'oo Chapter, in accordance with the old lights of Royal Arch Masonry, but upon improved lines laid down by Most Excellent Comp. Robinson, a Past Principal Grand 11. of the Province of Kent, and upon his authority—a great authority in all matters of Masonry, especially Royal Arch Freemasonry. While they desired to keep up the ancient landmarks of the Order, they did not wish to retrograde, and surely it was better to do the work correctly than to go on year after year working at a ritual full of anomalies and incongruities. The ritual was a sublime one, but as the English language had improved with ages, so had it advanced with the language and improved with it. It was like the leaves in the forest, and had mutations like them—green and fresh in the spring time of its existence; lovely in its summer beauty; but grand in the autumn of its life; and such, he trusted, it would ever be in his chapter, not altered from its original landmarks, but improved and heautified, and brought up to the standard of the time they lived and worked in.

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"The Second and Third Principals" were then toasted, and returned thanks. Comp. Ellis briefly replied to a warm reception of his name as "The Exaltee," and trusted to be worthy of the honour done him. The toasts of "The Officers" and Janitor concluded the proceedings.

MANCHESTER .- Caledonian Chapter (No.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 19th ult., when the following were present: Comps. R. L. Messayer, acting Z.; John Roberts, H.; N Dumville, J.; R. Hattley, Treas.; S. H. Needham, S.E.; A. B. Whittaker, S.N.; W. W. Dawson, P.S.; Wm. Byway, 1st Asst. Soj.; John C. Hind, P.Z.; J. F. Sutton, P.Z.; Ino. Rogers, P.Z.; E. Clay, P.Z.; S. Mamelok, R. Barlow, S. Naphtali, Benj. Taylor, Wm. Faulden, T. Lever, W. Willis, Jos. Potts, Jas. Kelly, A. B. Bennett, P.Z.; Chas. J. Schofield, John Worrell, A. Goodwin, P. Jackson, J. M. Percival, P. McLean, W. Barnes Russell, H. R. Sutton; and visitors, Comps. Frank A. Huet, Humphrey Chetham; Wm. (Bagnall, 277; J. Hall, P.P. 1st Asst. Soj.; and R. R. Lissenden, 317 (Freemason).

The chapter was opened shortly before six o'clock in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Comp. Andrew reported on the annual balance sheet, and moved its adoption, which was seconded and carried. The Three Principals elect, Comps. John Roberts, Z.; N. Dumville, H.; and W. W. Dawson, J.; were installed into their respective chairs by Comp. James Hall, and were afterwards saluted by the companions in the usual manner. The M.E.Z. then appointed his officers, and they were severally invested and addressed by Comp. James Hall, and were afterwards saluted by the companions in the usual manner. The M.E.Z. then appointed his officers, and they were severally invested and addressed by Comp. James Hall, as follows: Comps. S. H. Needham, S.E.; Wm. Byway, S.N.; A. B. Whittaker, P.S.; Ishmae; Davies, 1st Asst. Soj. (by proxy); Wm. Paulden, 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. Hartley, Treas.; C. J. Scholield, Org.; T. J. Hooper, D. of C.; and J. Sly, Janitor. The addresses were also delivered by Comp. Hall, and the chapter was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock.

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The ceremony throughout was conducted by Comp. Jas. Hall, unassisted, and there is doubtless a large amount of credit due to him, considering his advanced age, and, further, that he was called upon to perform this office at a very short notice, owing to the illness of Comp. George F. East, who was to have officiated.

The companions afterwards sat down to supper, which

to, amongst them being "The Newly-Installed Principals," "The Installing Master," "The Newly-Invested Officers," &c., &c., and after spending an enjoyable even-

ing chapter was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall. A large number of companions were pre-

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and con The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was afterwards taken for Bro. J. N. Borthwick, 1813, and Bro. J. F. McDonnell, 1013, which proved to be unanimous. The installation of the Three Principals—Comps. Thos. Salter, Z.; J. R. Rowan, H.; and Dr. Hill, J.—was most ably and impressively carried out by Comp. Dr. Samuels, the I.P.Z., after which Bro. McDonnell was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree.

The newly-exalted M.E.Z., in the name of the companions of the chapter, presented the I.P.Z., Comp. Dr. Samuels, with a Past Principal's jewel. In doing this, the M.E.Z. dwelt upon the brilliant services rendered by Comp. Dr. Samuels during the tenure of the chair in the Chapter

Dr. Samuels during the tenure of the chair in the Chapter of Friendship, and expressed the hope that for many years the companions would have the pleasure and advantage of

his company.

Comp. Samuels replied in suitable terms, and said that he should always look back upon his year of office with pleasure and satisfaction, feeling that he had enjoyed the confidence of the companions, which it would always be his

endeavour to deserve.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent supper, presided over by Comp. Salter, M.E.Z., at which the usual toasts were duly honoured, and several songs and recitations were well given by Comps. Ramage, Longbottom, Humphries, Winsor, Brotherton, and others. A very pleasant evening was spent.

BOSTON.-St. Botolph's Chapter (No. 272 The annual installation meeting of this chapter took place on Thursday, the 19th ult., when M.E. Comp. the Rev. G. W. Lowe installed Comp. Geo. F. Barrell, as Z. Jacobson, being appointed H.; and Comp. R. Thorpe, as J. The subordinate officers having been invested, the newly-installed Z. presented the chapter with a very hand-some set of sceptres, to replace the unseemly ones hitherto

At the conclusion of the ceremony the companions adjourned to the Peacock Hotel, where a most recherche banquet was provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the companions separated after a most enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).—
The annual installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The companions assembled at four o'clock p.m., under the presidency of Comps. J. H. Bradshaw, Z.; D. A. Davis, H.; and R. B. Burgess, J.; supported by the following companions: Comps. John Pemberton, P.Z., P.P. G.S.B.; Richard Washington, P.Z., P.G.R.; Hugh Williams, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; p. MacMuldrow, P.Z., P.P. G.S.N.; J. B. Robinson, P.Z.; Richard R. Martin, P.Z.; Thos. Shaw, P.Z.; R. C. Yelland, P.Z.; T. Schonstadt, S.E.; H. A. Tobias, S.N.; M. Robertson, P.S.; Jno. Cook, A.S.; W. Parker, Henry Dutton, F. E. Boustead, W. Davis, Robt. Upton, Saml. Gordon, W. R. Reeve, P. S. Johnson, Ripley, Joseph Wood, and F. Mason. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 1387; T. R. Williams, P.Z. 152; Thos. H. Tanner, 337; Maurice Hart, Z. 1502; Alexander Levy, S.E. 1502; Thos. Roberts, P.Z. 673; F. J. Bailey, J. 680; A. Levy, 1502; D. Gabrielson, 1502; and Henry Madsell, 823.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and con-LIVERPOOL.—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was then taken for Comp. M. J. Pattinson, 1325, and declared duly elected. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with and very ably rendered by Comp. Pemberton. The following companions were then installed and invested: Comps. D. A. Davis, M.E.Z.; R. B. Burgess, H.; M. Robertson, J.; Jno. Pemberton, P.Z. Treast; H. A. Tohias, S.E.; J. Holme (by proxy), S.N.; S. Schonstadt, P.S.; Peter Ball was re-elected Jamior.

Comp. Pattinson being in attendance was admitted and exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M., in a manner that reflected great credit upon the M.E.Z. and the newly annointed officer.

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It was proposed and unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of our late Comp. Wm. Cottrell, P.Z., upon the loss they have sustained.

Comp. Pemberton, then, in the name of the chapter presented a P.Z.'s jewel to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp.

Bradshaw.

After "Hearty good Wishes" from many visiting companions and other formal business, the chapter was closed in regular form, and the companions adjourned to refreshments, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Comps. Hart, Levy, Washington and others sang some excellent songs, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

INSTRUCTION.

DORIC CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 933).—The companions of this chapter of improvement ment on Monday last at the Duke's Head, White-chapel-road, E. Comp. W. H. Myers, P.Z., as M.E.Z., was supported by Comps. Macdonald, H.; Chitson, N.; Macgregor, Clarke, G. T. Holdom, and others. Comp. Shepherd, P.M., a visitor, from Devon. The ceremony of exaltation was worked, Comp. Clarke being candidate. A hearty welcome is offered to companions seeking instruction, which they may rely upon obtaining at this chapter of improvement every Monday evening.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IM-PROVEMENT (No. 975).—This eminent school of instruction for Royal Arch Masons seeking to profit by the teaching here to be obtained, meets regularly every Tuesday evening, at half-past six, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and all its meetings are attended by some of the most eminent members of Royal Arch Masonry, where, under the able preceptorship of Comp. F. Brown, the pure citual of this Supreme Degree can be obtained. At the meeting on Tuesday evening last the ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed. Comps. Crowder presided as Z.; J. Payne, II.; Rowe, I.;

Crowder presided as Z.; J. Payne, H.; Rowe, J.; Darcey, S.N.; and Frazer, P.S.

There were several Arch Masons present, amongst whom were Comps. W. Frazer, H. Thompson, M.E.Z. 619; Edwards, Metropolitan, and several others. The exaltance components was well performed, but the particular

excellence of the working of Comp. Payne, as H., is deserving of special notice, as one of the constant attendants at this chapter, and who has well profited by the instruction which is in this chapter to be obtained.

Mark Masonry.

appointed as follows: Bros. W. C. Lukis, I.P.M.; C. G. Padel, S.W.; W. H. Gainforth, J.W.; W. Valentine, P.M., Chap.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; M. Millington, M.O.; J. T. Seller, S.O.; A. T. B. Turner, J.O.; J. T. Wilkinson, Reg. of M.; T. Humphries, S.D.; W. B. Dyson, J.D.; G. Balmford, Org.; E. J. De Salis, D.C.; F. Smith, I.G.; S. Walker and J. E. Wilkinson, Stwds.; and Pearson, Tyler.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA .-- Adams Lodge (No. 6),—The members of this lodge met at the Victoria Hall Buildings on Tuesday, the 24th ult., to assist at the instalof Bro. Michael James Sullivan, S.W. and W.M. The attendance was small on this occasion, owing

elect. The attendance was small on this occasion, owing to the majority of the brethren being away on business. The members present were Bros. A. Spears, as W.M., P.G.I.D., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., P.P.G.A.S.; W. T. Carpenter, P.P.G.S.B.; H. A. Johnson, P.P.G. I.W.; M. J. Sullivan, P.P.G.D.C.; R. J. E. Brown, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. T. Green, P.P.G.M.O.; T. H. Smith, S.O.; J. Gardner, M. Pierson, and J. H. Watson. Among the visitors was Bro. T. S. Warrie, P.P.G.S.W. Kent,

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Bro. A. Spears acted as Installing Master, and in an impressive manner performed the beautiful ceremony of installing Bro. M. J. Sullivan W.M. for the ensuing year into the chair of A. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hancock, I.P.M. (by proxy); H. A. Johnson, S.W.; G. T. Green, J.W.; R. J. E. Brown, M.O.; T. H. Smith, S.O.; W. T. Carpenter, J.O.; A. Spears, Treas.; J. Bagshaw, Sec.; R. H. Plattin, S.D. (by proxy); T. G. Redman, J.D. (by proxy); E. J. Pesing, D.C. (by proxy); and J. Akhurst, Tyler.

The ceremony being completed, Bro. J. Bagshaw proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. A. Spears for the very able and efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of instal-

lation.

The resolution having been passed unanimously, Bro. A. Spears thanked them in suitable terms, and expressed his regret at not seeing the Grand Secretary present, who was unable to be there through other important engagements.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards assemat the Britannia Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent

dinner, and spent a very pleasant evening.

NEWBURY. — Porchester Lodge (No. 27).—
The above lodge met at the Temperance Hall on the 20th ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. Bance, P.G.M.O. The principal business was the installation of the S.W., Bro. G. M. Knight, P.G.J.O., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Oxon, and S.D. of the Grand Mark Lodge of England for the current year, and at its conclusion the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. H. Lvon, S.W.; G. J. Cosburn, P.G. Std. Br., J.W.; W. B. Wilson, M.O.; E. P. Plenty, S.O.; S. Knight, J.O.; E. Head, Treas.; F. H. Marychurch, Sec.; G. Boyer, Reg. of Marks; C. Chapman, S.D.; Montagu Palmer, J.D.; W. T. Toms, I.G.; Tegg, Stwd.; and H. Dodd, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's iewel was presented to Bro. Bance, Bro. Pulley referring to the valuable assistance which Bro. Bance rendered in connection with the resuscitation of the Porindered in connection with the resuscitation of the Porchester Lodge.

Bro. Bance thanked the brethren in suitable terms for this expression of their good feeling towards him, and the pleasure he realised in knowing that the efforts he had made to promote the interests of Mark Masonry in general, and

to promote the interests of Mark Masonry in general, and the Porchester Lodge in particular, had been appreciated. In the evening the brethren partook of a banquet at the Chequers Hotel. The W.M. presided, and the toast of "The Oucen and Mark Masonry" having been honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and feelingly alluded to the Past G. Master, Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, who was unfortunately abroad through ill-health. Coupled with the toast was the name of Bro. Pulley, one of the Grand Deacons of England. Bro. Pulley responded, remarking that as one of the Grand Deacons it was his pleasing duty to assist at the installation of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany as Past G. Master—an event which was likely to give a great impetus to Mark Masonry.

Bro. W. B. Wilson proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Master (Lord Jersey), the Deputy G. Master (Bro. C. Stephens), and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," for whom Bro. Cosburn returned thanks.

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Bro, Bance, in complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who suitably replied.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was also honoured, and having been appropriately acknowledged, "The Health of the Installing Master" was proposed and responded to.

"Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Wardens, Overseers, and other Officers of the Porchester Lodge," and other toasts were duly honoured, some excellent songs were sung, and under the genial presidency of the W.M. one and all spent a very pleasant evening. pleasant evening

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BURNLEY .-- Plains of Mamre Preceptory Darcey, S.N.; and Frazer, P.S.

There were several Arch Masons present, amongst whom were Comps. W. Frazer, H. Thompson, M.E.Z. 619; Edwards, Metropolitan, and several others. The exaltation ceremony was well performed, but the particular late, P.P.G.P.; Tom Bradshaw, P.E.C., P.G.C.L.; John

Rollard, E.C. elect; Wm. B. Mossop, 1st Capt.; B. Whitaker, J. Sutcliffe, W. G. Gregory, L. H. Brown, John Harrison, Robert Harrison, A. S. Dean, Wm. Marsden, and Geo. Bell. The visitors were Sir Knights J. Mason, E.C.; W. Varley, C.L., and J. B. Carey, of Plains of Tabor Encampment, Colne.

The minutes of the previous convocation were then read and confirmed. Sir Knight John Bollard was presented by Sir Knight J. S. Veevers and installed into the chair by Sir Knight R. W. Waterson. The E.C. invested Sir Knights R. W. Waterson, P.E.C.; Wm. Mossop, 1st Capt.; B. Whitaker, 2nd Capt.; J. Sutcliffe, Expert; John Harrison, C. of L.; Tom Bradshaw, Almoner; L. H. Brown, Registrar; H. H. Robinson, Prelate; James Grims'aw and W. G. Gregery, Heralds; and Geo. Bell, Equerry.

The encampment having been closed, the Sir Knights adjourned to a banquet, when the usual toasts followed. The toast of "The E.C." was proposed, and responded to by him. "The Health of the P.E.C." followed, and Sir Knight Robinson by him. "The Health of the P.E.C." followed, and Sir Knight Watersen briefly replied. Sir Knight Robinson proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Sir Knights Mason and Carey. The Equerry's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close

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COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36). COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. There were present: Em. Sir Knights P. de E. Collins, M.P.S.; T. Bird, V.E.; Crowther Murton, P.S.; W. F. Lamonby, P.S.; E. Tyson, P.S.; T. Mandle, P.S.; H. Peacock, S.G.; G. Dalrymple, J.G.; D. Bell, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas., Rec., and Org.; R. Baxter, Prep.; J. Ashworth, H.; J. Abbott, W. Holloway, J. Mills, T. Atkinson, and J. F. Kirkconel.

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The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. J. Dodd, P.M. 1300, which being favourable he was admitted, installed, and proclaimed a Knight of the Order, by Em. Sir Knight E. Tyson, in his well known style. The other officers performed their duties with a smartness and precision never before seen in this conclave, although it was a joint assembly since the enthronement festival; and, without being invidious, special mention ought to be made of Sir Knight D. Bells' admirable delivery of the historical oration. Hitherto it has been the rule to organise a scratch team of officers for installation work; but we are glad to find that a time for the better has set in, whilst it is crec'itable to the majority of the officers to know that they are the youngest Sir Knights. A resolution, expressive of loss to the conclave through the death of Em. Sir Knight Dr. E. W. Henry, P.S., was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The best wishes of the Sir Knights were also cordially tendered to Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, P.S., on his approaching departure for Australia, and that frater in acknowledging the compliment, intimated his wish to continue a subscribing member of the conclave. After passing a vote of thanks to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the Lodgs No. 110, for the use of their hall, the conclave was solemnly closed, one of the heartiest and most successful assemblies since the constitution of No. 36, being thus brought to a conclusion. It is anticipated that there will be two or three distinguished candidates for installation at the next assembly of the conclave. conclave.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly convocation of this college was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 12th ult. The chair was taken by the Supreme Magus, Frater W. R. Woodman, the vice-chair by the Secretary-General, Frater C. E. Peek, and amongst those present were Fratres W. J. Ferguson and D. M. Dewar, Antients; G. A. Rooks, R. Roy, G. Mickley, J. Mason, W. Wynn, Westcott, M.B.; W. Dodd, and J. Gilbert, Acolyte. The accounts, which had been duly audited the day before at a High Council meeting convened for that purpose, were duly passed, showing a handsome balance on the right side. The High Council accounts had been also audited and passed at the previous meeting (January 11th). The Supreme Magus read a paper on the "Rosicrucian Certificates and the Seal of the Order," for which a vote of thanks was proposed by Frater Ferguson, seconded by Frater Mason, and carried. The convocation was then closed, and the fratres adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over as in the convocation of the college. The next convocation will be held on the second Thursday in April, and will be the obligatory meeting. METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly

EAST LONDON MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of this association, in connection with the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, was held on the 25th ult., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett Road. E., Bros. Daniells, P.M., Pres.; Turquand, P.M., Treas.; Breden, P.M., Sec.; and a good attendance of the members. Subscriptions coming in well, the Treasurer had the pleasure of announcing that three Life Governorships would be balloted for, and these in due course fell to Bros. Moore, Green and Gregory, and we learn each of these brethren have kindly placed the £10 tos. upon the list of Bro. F. Robinson, who represents the Merchant Navy Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The audit of the accounts for the past year having been performed by Bro. Stephens was subvolent Institution. The audit of the accounts for the past year having been performed by Bro. Stephens was submitted to the hrethren. From this it appears that the total receipts for the year 1881, was £ 100 16s, enabling the Committee to declare nine Life Governorships, leaving a small balance, a little over £2. Bro. Turquand was paid a well-deserved compliment for the capital way in which the accounts are kept, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Geo. Stephens for his services as Auditor, and to Bros. Turquand and Breden for their kind services as Treas, and Sec., were unanimously passed.

The Theatres.

To a great extent we are creatures of custom To a great extent we are creatures of custom, and do what others do. Just now it is the ordinary small talk "Have you seen Mrs. Langtry on the stage?" and we suppose, for the next few months, the Haymarket will be crowded with people going to see Mrs. Langtry, because it is the fashion to go. They certainly will not find their time wasted who spend an evening at this theatre. We ourselves were, perhaps, if anything, a little prejudiced, for we do not altogether care for so-called "professional heauties:" therefore we were not biassed in favour of this lady whose name is so well known. But, say what one will, if one were, petuages, a anytographical way of the stage, wherefore we were not biassed in favour of this lady whose name is so well known. But, say what one will, if one tells the truth, and Masons must do that, there is no denying it, Mrs. Langtry will make her mark on the stage. We are now dealing with her only in her capacity as an actress, and, considering that lately she was an amateur, every one must admire the talent she displays. We do not like to be on with the new love before we are off with the old, and we must place Mrs. Langtry after Mrs. Bancroft. Of course the latter has been at it for many years. We are forced to agree, whether we will or not, with the leading daily ournals and most of our contemporaries, that it is well such talent should not lie hidden. After several attempts we succeeded in getting a seat, owing to the kindness of the Bancroft's courteous and genial business manager, Mr. C. Walter. We secured the last seat, the next applicant was told all the seats were booked for ten days. We wonder Bro. Bancroft does not insist on evening dress being worn in the best parts of his house, now the theatre is so handsome and takes its place second to none. Mr. Robertson's "Ours" is being played just now for the last time under the direction of the Bancrofts. Blanche Haye is a young lady in love with a young oliteer, Angus McAlister, but her guardians, Sir A. and Lady Shendryn wish her to marry a very rich but old Russian, Prince Perunsky. Mr. Chaleot has asked her, but had a refusal, which he afterwards thinks a lucky escape. He is a rich brewer, who has never done a stroke of work in his life, having had all left by an uncle and other relations. He is a kind-hearted sort of man, such as one often meets, who wishes he could do some good in the world, but fritters away life, though not in vice, in fact in doing nothing. Having held a commission in the militia he is told by Mary Notley, Miss Haye's friend, he had better volunteer for active service, which he does not be not break and the losting and to name is so well known. But, say what one will, if one tells the truth, and Masons must do that, there is no deny love. Much amusement is caused to the audience by the two young ladies playing at soldiers; both want to be officers, and give the words of command. "Who's to obey?" May asks; "Neither," says Blanche. Sir A. Shendryn and Hugh, who have been in the front of the battle of Sebastopol, enter the hut. Sir Alexander and his lady are reconciled, by a misunderstanding on her part being cleared up satisfactorily. Blanche declares her love to Hugh and reconciled, by a misunderstanding on her part being cleared up satisfactorily. Blanche declares her love to High and her hatred of the old Russian Prince, and Chalcot and Miss Netley proclaims their betrothal. Pressure on our space prevents our doing real justice to "Ours." It is admirably played. What is so charming is not only the fine scenery respecially the first act in the wood—but the careful attention given to every detail throughout. Mrs. Langtry, who plays Blanche Haye, we have already spoken of; we can only say of her now, that in spite of everything, she must become one of the leading actresses of the day. Of Mrs. Bancroft, Mary Netley, no words of ours could add to her popularity. It has been sustained for many years, and we popularity. It has been sustained for many years, and we hope for many more to come. She makes her part appear far more important than any one else would do. Mr. Pinero, as Sir Alexander, is excellent. Bro. Bancroft, as Hugh Chalcot, is another of our brother's successes. Mr. Arthur Cecil, the Prince, Mr. Brookfield, Serjeant Jones, and Mr. Conway, Angus McAlister, deserve all the praise we can give them. Even such an aristocratic audience as the Haymarket gave vent to audible applause at the close in the second act. We noticed the Earl of Dudley and his

beautiful Countess amongst the audience.

Slocum," which was so successful last spring at the Royalty, and is now being played in the provinces. Miss Telbin's Slocum," which was so successful last spring at the Royalty, and is now being played in the provinces. Miss Telbin's Arcthusa, is almost superior to that of Miss Kate Lawler, and the Onesimus Epps, Member of Parliament for Slocum, of Mr. Irish, is better played than we have seen it by any one else. Mr. Irish makes his part shine in the comedy, introducing many happy phrases and gestures. This farcical comedy is preceded by "Ten minutes for Refreshment." in which Miss Harriet Coveney and Mr. D. Somers play well. We hope theatre goers will not forget the Olympic, because it is not quite in the Strand. We think Miss Telbin deserves support, but no doubt the house must always suffer on account of its being placed a little back from the main thoroughfare, and there being so many counter attractions at the various new theatres. The Olympic once was a paying house, may it be so again.

After being played for over 450 times, "Olivette" will be withdrawn from the Strand to-day (Saturday). The house will be re-opened on Saturday next, the 11th inst., with a new opera adapted from "La Jour et la Nuit," entitled "Manilo," as announced in our columns some months ago. Bro. Swanborough has engaged the services of Miss Irene Verona. Our readers will remember our very favourable criticism of this talented young lady in our issue of the *Freemason* a few weeks since, in the character of *Serpolette*, in "Les Cloches de Corneville." She has since Christmas been playing *Dick Whittington*, in the pantonime at Liverpool. Bro. Swanborough must be of our way of thinking regarding her, having bought her off her engagement to bring her to London. We ventured at the time to say it would not be long before she was seen in London again. We are sure "Manilo" will be popular, even before we have seen it. After being played for over 450 times, "Oli-

Bro. Agustus Harris and Mr. Pettet are already engaged in writing a new drama to be produced at Drury Lane in the autumn. In consequence of the success of the pantomime, it will be kept running until the opera season commences, there being no need to change it for "Youth," as originally intended. Some people are making money as theatrical lessees.

M. Marius and Miss St. John will open the new Avenue Theatre in March, with "Madame Favart," Miss St. John resuming her old character as played by her at the Strand for more than a year.

It is proposed to establish a School of Dramatic Art, in which a complete dramatic training in all its branches may be obtained at a moderate cost by those wishing to adopt the stage as a profession. The stage is rapidly becoming one of the recognised professions for those who have talent. As Lord Houghton said lately, "We put our sons and daughters into the profession;" and at the Haymarker there are now playing the daughter of a those who have falent. As Lord Houghton said lately, "We put our sons and daughters into the profession;" and at the Haymarket there are now playing the daughter of a dean, the son of a canon, and the son of another clergyman, and three others born of good families, and it continually is to be found that many graduates of the universities become actors. It is felt that there is in England an increasing necessity for an institution as a dramatic school. An influential committee has been formed to take the necessary steps for its establishment. The committee includes Bro, the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master of Scottish Freemasons, Bro, the Earl of Wharneliffe, the Earl of Lytton, Sir Coutts Lindsay, the Hon Lewis Wingfield, Bro, Henry Irving, Mr. Carl Rosa, Mr. G. A. Sala, Mr. Alfred Tennyson, Bro, the Earl of Lathom, Bro, J. L. Toole, Lord Rowton, Bro, the Earl of Lathom, Bro, J. L. Toole, Lord Rowton, Bro, the Earl of Lathom, Bro, J. L. Adies committee has also been formed, consisting of the Countess Duice, Lady Theodore Martin, Miss Fanny Kemble, Lady Shelley, Miss Anna Swanwick, Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. Stirling, and Mrs. W. H. Kendal. Many talented members of the profession have promised their co-operation in the scheme. It is proposed to raise £5000 to carry on the institution for four years, after which time it is expected to become self-supporting. Unless the money is raised the school will not be started. Considering the prominent position the stage has taken up during the last fifteen years, we think it right to have its own training college as other professions and occupations. It will also be of the position the stage has taken up turing the last fifteen years, we think it right to have its own training college as other professions and occupations. It will also be open to persons wishing to learn the art of speaking and reading in public. All information can be obtained from Mr. Cecil Raleigh, 35, York-street, Portman-square.

Music.

The principal fact to be recorded in connection with Her Majesty's Theatre is the production last Saturday of Balfe's "Moro; or the Painter of Antwerp," an adaptation of that composer's "Pittore of Duca," which was performed at Trieste, in 1836. The English adaptation is by Mr. W. A. Barrett, who has fulfilled his task well and appropriately, while the music is of a somewhat more ambitious character than is usually to be met with in Mr. Balfe's operas. The verdict of the authence which enjoyed on Saturday the privilege of hearing the first presentation in England of the new work was, in all respects, favourable, and justifies one in believing that its place in the repertory of English opera is firmly established. The performance, which was conducted by Bro. Carl Rosa in person, was from first to last successful, and nothing could have been better than the manner in which it was placed upon the stage. The part of Moro was played by Bro. Barton McGuckin, with Madame Alwina Valleria as O.iva Campana, and Mr. Crotty as the Dake of Alva; Vargas the Duke's secretary, Orsini, the Italian Ambassador, and Donna Inez, the The principal fact to be recorded in connection with Ossini, the Italian Ambassador, and Donna Inco, the Lady Superior of the Nunnery, were entrusted to Mr. Dudley Thomas, Mr. Herbert D'Egville, and Miss Giulia Warwick. All the artistes put forth their best exertions, and in a manner the most engage full as my always the most engage full as my always as the most engage full as the most engage The Olympic has recently been re-opened, and we hope fertune will come to its new lessee, Miss L. Telbin. It may be recollected a country gentleman had arranged to open it, and had obtained the services of a manager and got together a company, but on the eve of producing the new piece, the gentleman died of heart disease, supposed to have been brought on by excitement. Miss Telbin has now become the adventuress, and for a short while will place before the public Bro. G. R. Sims' "Member for and in a manner the most successful, as was abundantly

chorus and orchestra contributed their share to the general success of the evening.

Two other events deserve to be noticed-Mr. B. Two other events deserve to be noticed—Mr. B. Davies, a promising young tenor, and till recently a pupil of the Royal Academy of Music, made a most successful first appearance in the part of *Thaddens* in "The Bohemian Girl," on Wednesday; and the evening following Miss La Rue achieved a great triumph as *Carmen*, in the opera bearing that name, her performance exhibiting an unusual degree of merit, while her singing was marked by great intelligence, Mr. F. C. Packard played *Don Yose* for the first time in London, and Miss Julia Gaylord repeated her delightful impersonation of *Micaela*.

Vesterday (Friday) the opera of " Mignon" was to be repeated, and to-day (Saturday) will be given, at the morning performance, Wagner's "Flying Dutchman," and at the evening "Maritana." \$ 0 **\$**

That distinguished operatic artist, M. Faure, has had the decoration of the Legion of Honour conferred upon him.

Next week there will be several musical attractions. On Monday Mr. Hamilton, who is considered the first representative of Scottish song of the present day, will appear for the first time for a short season of three weeks at the Steinway Hall, under the patronage of the Royal Highland Society of London. Bro. Sims Reeves's second concert is fixed for Tuesday, at Sp.m., at St. James's Hall. On Wednesday there will be a performance at the Royal Albert Hall, by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, of Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," and Rossini's "Stabat Mater;" and on Thi rsday will take place, at St. James's, the Philharmonic Society's first concert of the season, when Beethoven's "Choral Symphony" will be given. will be given.

Bro. Herr Müller, of Hull, Professor of Music, Bro. Herr Müller, of Hull, Professor of Music, has just composed an effective piece of drawing-room music for the pianoforte. It is admirably adapted for that use, and will take its rank with the best compositions of its class. It is also exceedingly well suited for the entertainment of brethren in the Fourth Degree. On these grounds, we anticipate it will soon achieve a high place among popular favourites. The title of the piece is a "Souvenir de Niagara," and it is dedicated to the President of the United States. de Niagara," and it is dedicated to the President of the United States. There is abundant scope for the display of the attractive features of the work—general brilliancy, with an underlying melody in a pleasing variety of expression. Bro. Müller has done himself much credit in this effort, and has shown that he is possessed of the special talents of the composer to a very high degree. We feel sure that a "Souvenir de Niagara" will be welcomed as warmly by the general public as it has been by Bro. Müller's musical friends. The publishers are Messrs. Chappell and Co., 50, New Bond-street. New Bond-street.

Three new works possessing some pretensions to Three new works possessing some pretensions to importance were introduced to the public at the concert given on Monday evening by Mr. E. H. Thorne, in the concert-room of the Royal Academy of Music. A trio in C. minor for pianoforte, violin, and violoncello, by Mr. Thorne himself, headed the list, and showing, as it did, that the composer possesses undoubted merits, was extremely well received. The executants were Mr. Thorne, Mr. H. Holmes, and a violoncellist acting as substitute for Signor Pezze. Later in the evening another novelty was given, in the shape of a sonata in D. major for pianoforte and violin, the author being a Mr. Algernon Ashtoa, formerly a chorister at Durham Cathedral, and lately a pupil at the Conservatoire, at Leipsic. Mr. Ashton, at the piano, and Mr. Holmes (violin) were the interpreters, and they acquitted themselves extremely well. The sonata elicited loud and well-merited applause from the audience, the composition being admirable and well worthy of encouragement.

Science and Art.

Further progress is being made with the Electric Light Exhibition at the Crystal Palace. The corridors and Laght Exhibition at the Crystal Palace. The corridors and stairs leading from the Lower Level Railway Station to the refreshment room in the South Transept are now lighted by the Hammond Company with forty-seven large arc lights of 2000 candle power each, and Mr. Strode has illuminated his portion of the nave with four MrKenzie arc lights, each of over the same power. A display of torpedoes and other electric gear, sent by the War Department, is also on exhibition.

The final report of the committee of the recent International and Sanitary Exhibition was presented on Saturday to the Executive at the Parkes' Museum by Mr. Judge, the Secretary, and showed a most satisfactory linancial result; the profit to the Museum from the exhibition being £1120. It was determined to take steps in connection with University College for building an addition to the north wing of the College, for the purposes of the Museum and other matters in connection with its maintenance and management. management.

A Society for Providing Sanitary and Humane Methods of Killing Animals for Food has been established, and Bro. Dr. R. W. Richardson has been appointed its President. The aim of the Society is to establish public slaughter-houses, with a view to abolishing the rude and spiritual place of claughtering at present in yours. painful plan of slaughtering at present in vogue.

A meeting of the members of the Royal Scottish Academy was held in Edinburgh, on Monday, under the presidency of Mr. Dick Peddie, R.S.A., M.P., when Mr. Wm. Fettes Douglas, R.S.A., was appointed President in succession to the late Sir Daniel Macnee.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King at Arms. accompanies the Earl of Fife's Mission to Dresden to invest the King of Saxony with the Order of the Garter.

Bro, the Duke of Abercorn and the Duchess of Abercorn, who have been staying for some time at Baron's Court, with a large family party, are coming over for the opening of Parliament, and will then go to Biarritz, where they intend to remain till Easter.

Bro, the Earl of Zetland is building a range of training stables at Enning, near Newmarket, at a cost of

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will hold levees on behalf of the Queen, at St. James's Palace, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., and on Thursday, March 7th.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by his Sword and Mace-bearer and the City marshal, opened a new mission-hall and Sunday-school on Monday last, situated at the end of Giffard-street, Caledonian-road. The new building is in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Thornhill-square, and will accommodate about 600 persons.

A grand ball, given by the 1st Manchester (6th Lancashire) Volunteers, took place at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 27th ult., at which some 400 ladies, volunteers, and civilians were present. The band of the regiment played twenty-four dances, and dancing was carried on until between four and five o'clock in the morning. The affair proved a brilliant success.

At a convocation of the Resurrection Chapter. Malta, held on the 23rd ult., Bros. Alfred O. Giles, Robert York, and Charles Flint, all of the Wayfarers Lodge, No. 1926, were exalted, and several well-known companions were proposed as joining members.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa, who was seized with a evere paralytic fit on Sunday atternoon last is, we are glad to learn, somewhat better.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 4677, the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, by Bro. G. H. Gilham, P.M. 1623. The lodge will be opened at the usual time, viz., nine o'clock

Bro. Francis Newman, P.M. of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, was installed as W.M. of the Chine Lodge, No. 1834, Isle of Wight, on Thursday, the 26th ult.

A liveryman of the Loriners' Company, who

A inveryment of the Loriners' Company, who desires to remain ineg., has written to the court enclosing a cheque for £ 10, to be awarded by them in prizes of £20, £15, and £5 respectively, for the three best specimens of hits ensuring the greatest amount of ease and comfort to the horse. The above are supplemental to Sir Frederick the horse. The above are supplemental to Sir Frederick Perkins' offer made in November last for the same purpose

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Sohosquate, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending January the 28th,

The Earl of Carnaryon Chapter of Improvement. No. 1642, met at the Ladbroke Hall on Tue-day evening last, under the able Preceptorship of Comp. Davis, J. 185. This new chapter of improvement should be a great hoon to companious generally, their place of meeting being conveniently situated directly opposite the Ladbroke-grove Station, Metropolitan Railway, where they meet every alternate Tuesday evening, at eight o'clock.

Bro. W. Williams was, on Wednesday last, installed W.M. of the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 643, at Manchester. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The brethren of the Pattison Lodge of Instruction (No. 913), held at the Royal Mortar, Woodwich, have invited the brethren of the Deric Lodge of Instruction (No. 933) to work the Fifteen Sections on Thursday next, the 9th inst. Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 913, will preside, and the following is a list of the workers for that occasion, when the bake will be opened at six o'clock p.m. prompt: Bros. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.D.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 850, 1445, J.W.; W. Mesto, P.M. 1349, I.P.M. First Lecture: First Section, Bro. W. I. Musto, 1349; Second Section, Bro. Myers, P.M. 1445; Third Section, Bro. Moss, S.D. 1275; Sixth Section, Bro. Loane, D.C. 1421; Fourth Section, Bro. McDonald, J.W. 1445. Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. McDonald, J.W. 1445. Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. Hopkins, 749; Second Section, Bro. Eschwege, 1349; Third Section, Bro. Cundick, P.M. 1421; Fourth Section, Bro. Mosto, P.M. 139; Fifth Section, Bro. Stevens, S.D. 1623. Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. Lecture, P.M. 205; Second Section, Bro. Job, W.M. 1076; Third Section, Bro. Da Silva, W.M. 205.

Bro. Charles Droscher was on Wednesday, the The brethren of the Pattison Lodge of Instruction

Bro. Charles Droscher was on Wednesday, the 25th ult,, installed as W.M. of the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, at the Masons' Hall Tayern, Basinghall-street.

We have seen it stated in several of our contemporaries that a "Calico Ball" at Manchester has been a poraries that a "Canco Bill" at Manchester has been a great success, and as we are always interested in the welfare of trade and the innocent socialities of life, we insert the account here, as it may please some of our younger readers at any rate. The ball took place in the Manchester Town Hall, on the 25th ult., having been promoted by members of the calico-printing trade. The special feature of the ball was the rale made by the committee that all the of the ball was the rule made by the committee that all the of the ball was the rule made by the committee that all the ladies who atte ded could only do so on the consideration that they were dresses of English calico, printed either at Manchester or Glasgow. One object of this was to show the beautiful designs and materials which calico to show the headitud designs and materials which canco printers can turn out, and another was to give an impetus to the calico-printing trade. In consequence of this rule all ladies present appeared in radico dresses, all of different patterns, and fully justified the opinion expressed before-hand, that dresses of calico will look quite as well and be quite as serviceable as those of more costly material. In all about one thousand three hundred ladies and gen-tlemen were present, and some of the ladies dresses were the manager one mousand three numered liddles and gen-tlemen were present, and some of the ladies dresses were quite unique. We understand that the profits, amounting to nearly £200, will be handed over to the Warehousemen and Clerk's Orphan School.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany. has promised to preside at the annual festival, to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, on the 23rd inst. H.R.H. took the chair at the last dinner at the Scottish Corporation, a similar institution. It is hoped that gentlemen will come forward as Stewards, and as many as possible attend the dinner in uniform or Highland dress,

In consequence of the regular meeting of the mother lodge, the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, 1625, will not meet on Monday next at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road.

The Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, 733, Charitable Association has collected £200, and paid it in to the several Masonic Charities. The above amount has been collected by the Hon. Sec. of the above Association at 1s. per week from its members, which has been in existence since March 1880 contra since March, 1880, only.

Bro. Child has been appointed trustee, with a committee of inspection, of the estate of Messrs. Lewinger and Mansfield, commission merchants, of Hart-street, Mark-lane. The statement of affairs showed total unsecured debts £32,525, and assets £6502.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, held at the Moorthe St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., at eight o'clock. Bro. Alfred Withers, P.M. of the mother lodge, will be the Installing Master.

Bro. F. S. Hobson will be installed W.M. of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, at the Cannon-street Hotel this day (Saturday).

Sir N. de Rothschild, Bart., M.P., has given £200 towards a fund being raised in connection with the amalgamation of the Widows' Home and Hand-in-Hand amaigamation of the Widows' Home and Handsin-Hand Asylums; Sir Julian Goldsmid, Bart., £80; Baron de Stern, £50; Mr. F. D. Mocatta, £50; Lady Jessel, £25; Mr. L. Cohen, £25; Mr. S. Montague, £25; Mr. Morris Harris, £5 55.; and Mr. M. Montehore, £5.

Bro. G. R. Sims's comedy, "The Half-Way House," reached its hundredth Vaudeville Theatre last week.

Bro. Baron II. de Worms, M.P., will on Tuesday next speak at a special meeting of the Manchester auxiliary of the Anglo-Jewish Association.

Bro, Alderman Hadley presided on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the ordinary general meeting of the Standard Bank of London, held at the Cannon-street Hotel. The report stated that the result of the business during the period of eleven months, ended December 31st. last, had been a surplus of expenses over gross profits, but the directors pointed out that the difficulties and expense of establishing a new banking business were always una voidably large during the first year or two of its existence

Bro. John Lloyd Griffith, P.M., was installed W.M. of the Lodge of St. Cybi, No. 597, at Holyhead, on uesday, the 31st ult.

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Bro. Dr. W. Mason, P.M. 78 Mark, and P.J.
G.W. Cornwall, has been installed as W.M. of the St. Austell,
Lodge, 275, St. Austell, by the R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan,
Past Grand Warden of England, the retiring W.M. being
W. Bro. C. Truscatt, jun., P. Prov. G.W. of Cornwall,
who was the first to preside over the new lodge. At the
banquet which followed, at Bro. Lukes', White Hart
Hotel, a very satisfactory report was announced, the Marl:
lodge being a great success. The W. Bro. W. J. Johns,
P.M. 78, the obliging Prov. Grand Secretary, represented
the Prov. G.M.M.M., Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart.,
and expressed the lope that at the next meeting of the
Prov. Grand Lodge there would be a procession of Mark
Master Mason; to church, as with the Craft, a suggestion
which was heartily applauded. which was heartily applauded.

Bro. J. G. Yolland was last week installed as W.M. of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.

W.M. of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.

A meeting of the Stafford-shire Masonic Charitable Association was held at Wolverhampton, on Friday, the 27th ult., when a very satisfactory report of the Committee was presented. The subscription to the "A" Fund for transmission to the Royal Masonic Institutions amounted to £331-1683, and to the "B" Fund for assisting locally in the education of the children of deceased brethren, £83-1783, being the largest amount subscribed in any previous year. The brethren of Staffordshire are to be congratulated on the result of their carnest efforts.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., was one of the speakers at a great meeting held at Manchester, in support of the abolition of the opium traffic.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., will preside at the festival dinner of the Cab-drivers' Benevo Association, at Willis's Rooms, on Saturday, 12th inst.

A curious discovery has recently been made at, A curious discovery has recently been made at, or rather in connection with the Crystal Palace, in respect of the telephone. It seems Major Flood Page, the secretary of the company, has had telephonic communication established between the Palace organ loft and his private residence, distant about three-quarters of a mile. At the same time a line of wire has been laid from the Palace to the house of Colorel Gourond, the English representative of Edison's electric light system, the distance between the two points being a mile and a half. It turns out that during the organ performance it was found an easy matter to carry on a conversation along the single line without in the least diminishing the musical effect. This is very remarkable, and will, in all probability, add to still further developments of the telephonic system.

Bro. the Hon. C. A. Robartes, M.P., of Tanfield-

Bro. the Hon. C. A. Robartes, M.P., of Tanfieldcourt, Temple, has written expressing his willingness to aid in passing a Sunday Closing Bill for Cornwall.

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A public dinner in aid of the building fund of the Richmond Hospital will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge in the chair. The dinner stewards include the Dulte of Teck and the Lord Mayor.

Bro. Lord Rosebery proposes to spread the building of his new palace at Knightsbridge over six or seven years. He will thus be able to pay for his building operations out of income. The site of the new house is a large space between the Knightsbridge-road and Hyde Park, lying just behind the French Embassy, and it is now being along the built. being cleared for building.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "Our Next Reform Bill" to the Chiswick, Turnham-green, and Gunnersbury Liberal Association, in the Vestry Hall on Wed-

The Prince and Princess of Wales have consented to be present at the Irish ballad concert to be held at the Royal Victoria Hall, Waterloo-road, on Wednesday, the 6th inst, to be given by Mr. C. Hoey.

The clever writer of the papers from "Behind the Clock" (in the Metropolitan) says: "That was a graceful act, the vote to Mr. Lawley on his retirement; and 1 am glad to see that Mr. De Keyser and others are following it up, by getting together a fitting testimonial for presentation to this deserving public servant. As long as I can recollect public life I have known William Lawley's name and his voice ever in the cause of honest work, and particularly as a Corporator and Common Councilman of Farringdon ward is he deserving of the support of the inhabitants.

At Christ's Hospital, Newgate-street, there was shown on Wednesday last to the public, for the first time, a bust of the late Major Sir P. Louis Cavagnari, an old scholar of the institution. The inscription on the pedestal is as follows: "Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Pierre Louis Napoleon Cavagnari, K.C.B., C.S.L., British Envoy, Cabul, where, after a distinguished career in his country's service, and the fell while callently goodling the attack or the Fullantic goodling the stark of the Fullantic goodling the stark of the fell while callently goodling the attack or the Fullantic goodling the stark of the fullantic goodling the stark of the full stark or the full stark of the stark where, after a distinguished career in his country's service, he fell while gallantly repelling the attack on the Embassy, on the 3rd September, 1879, aged thirty-eight years. This memorial was erected by several governors and Old Blues to perpetuate within the walls of Christ's Hospital the name of a hero who for five years (1851-56) was a scholar of the house. 'Dulce et Decorum est pro Patri Morià,' 'The formal unveiling of the memorial took place privately on Wednesday, the ceremony being performed by the Duke of Cambridge, President of the Hospital.

In consequence of the Prince of Wales having appointed an earlier date than was anticipated for the regimental ball of the Honburable Artillery Company, the ball proposed to be given by the members of No. 5 company on Wednesday, February 1st, has been postponed.

Bro. James Stevens repeated his reading, explanatory of the entire ceremonies of the First Degree, at the meeting of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday last.

The Scottish festival, given at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, by the Mohawk Minstrels, in honour of the poet Burns, was a great success, the audience being an unusually full one, and the ballads and choruses being admirably rendered.

Mr. Alma Tadema has nearly completed a life-sized portrait of Mr. Whichcord, past President of the Institute of Architects.

Afternoon and evening performances marked, as Atternoon and evening performances marked, as usual, the seventeentheelebration of Mr. F. Burgess's annual benefit, on Tuesday, in the St. James's Great Hall, an excellent musical and dramatic programme being furnished for the occasion, and very generally appreciated by the numerous audiences that througed the hall to overflowing. Among the members of the theatrical profession who gave their services were Miss E. Farren, Miss Constance Loseby, Bro. J. Ryder, Bro. Lionel Brough, &c.

Bro, the Lord Mayor has, says the Jewish Chronicle, within the last few days conferred with severa eminent members of the Jewish community on the subject of the emigration of oppressed Hebrews,

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—"Stepney stira-

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—"Stepney surra-bout" had lost none of its attractions for the starving children of eastern London on Wednesday last, as was sufficiently proved by the hundreds of shivering little mortals crowding round the doors of the Temporary Home of the London Cottage Mission, and waiting for the welcome weekly distribution of hot Irish stew—the Stepney stirabout. To see each hundred and fifty, all the present strabout. To see each hundred and lifty, all the present home will accommodate at once, seated before their smoking basins, plates and platters, and fishing for the "Limehouse lumps of delight," with which they were filled, was a sight to be remembered, whilst with wonderful patient endurance the hundreds biding their turn stamped their poor little toes in the biting east wind outside. But all were fed at last, as well as many too ill to venture out, who had supplies sent to their own homes. This good and Christian work has now been carried on for some years, in spite of many difficulties, and at this moment funds are more tian work has now been carried on for some years, in spite of many difficulties, and at this moment funds are more urgently needed than ever, for not only have the weekly dinners to be provided, but the new hall, now in course of erection, requires that the builder shall be provided with the covenanted cash. We know that every exertion is being made to meet these demands, and we trust that our readers will gladly lend a helping hand, by sending their donations and subscriptions at their earliest convenience, either to the Lady Superintendent, Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limchouse, E., or to Mr. Walter Austin, at Einsburgersquart E. C., who will meet themfolly.

Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., or to Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., who will most thankfully receive and gratefully acknowledge them.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Saturday, February 11, 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, FEBRUARY 4.

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Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-st. Hot.
, 1550, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
, 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
, 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
Chap. 173, Phemia, F.M.H.
Rose Croix Chap. 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
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, Marc-st., Hackney, at 7.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6. Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 120, Leaden-

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25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
60, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav.,
Aldersgate-st.
144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
256, Unions, F.M.H.
1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell,
1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-ter., Strand.
1853, Caxton, F.M.H.
Chap. 1106, Urban, F.M.H.
1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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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.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermonsdey, at 8.

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United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, Marquizof 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.
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

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Colonial Board, at 4
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
9, Albion, F.M.H.
18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hot.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
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175, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bge.
1765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bge.
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1776, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bge.
1780, Buke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope,
1780, Tav. E.
1791, Honder, Thicket Hot., Air-st., W.
1792, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington1871, St., No.
1872, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwlch,
1872, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwlch,
1873, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwlch,
1874, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwlch,
1875, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
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Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex. Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
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 Bdgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Batter-sea Park, at 8.

Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersca Park, at S.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at S.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at S.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at S.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horus Tav., Kennington, 7,30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at S.
Mount Edgeumbe, 10, Jermyn-st., St. Jannes's, at S.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at S.
New Finshury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at S.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd. at S.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7,30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at S.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at S.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Fown, at 7,3e.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnaryon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at S.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY S.

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Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.

11, Enoch, F.M.H.

12, Lif, Enoch, F.M.H.

13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.

15, Kent, F.M.H.

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160, John Hervey, F.M.H.

1700, St John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.

1718, Tancis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

1718, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.

1718, Centurion, Regent M.H., Air-st.

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Mark Old Kent, Ship and Tuttle, Leadenhall-st.

Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.

Lodges of Instruction.

Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.

New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.

Mt. Lehanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.

Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.

Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., 8.

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.

Dukeof Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.

Vinited 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, Isla-st., E., at 7, 30.

Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.

Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.

Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7, 30

Creaton, Pince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.

Panmure, Balkam Hot. Balbam, 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.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.

91, Regularity, F.M.H.

100, Princedanall-st.

Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7,30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 0.
Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
91, Regularity, F.M.H.
9206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
9238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
9263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
9514, Polish National, F.M.H.
9657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
960, Dalhousic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
970, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
1070, Capper, Guildhall Tav.
11070, Capper, Guildhall Tav.
1110, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.
1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
1508, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
1509, Skelmer-sdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
1709, Tucaton, F.M.H.
1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, Mark 80, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
K.T. Precept. 117, New Temple, luner Temple.
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 3.
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.
Salishury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Surgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6,30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St., John's Wood.
Vitravian, White Hart, Belwedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st, Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., at 7,30.

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 Tax., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

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Board of Stewards Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.

,, 134, Caledosian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

,, 157, Bedford, F.M.H.

,, 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

,, 1201, Eelectic, F.M.H.

Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.

Belgrave, Hard Tay., Jermyn-st., W., at 8. 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 I 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 Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.

William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. Earl of Carnaryon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at S. Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich. St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at S. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.3c. Clapton, White Hast Tav., Clapton, at 7.3c. St. John's, Mother, Red Cap, Camden Town, at S. Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 13.28, Granite, F.M.H. 14.20, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot. 14.46, Mount Edgeumbe, Bridge House Hot. 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew-bdg. 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct. 1839, Duke of Conwall, F.M.H.

Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green. Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., F'cet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, February 11, 1882.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge S9, Unamity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.

, 104, St. Johns, Ashton Hot., Stockport.

, 113, Unamimity, Bull Hot., Preston.

, 1245, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.

, 1204, Neptune, T.H., Liverpool.

, 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 1496, Trafford, Mexandra Hot., Manchester.

Everton L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Lodge 203, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.

, 905, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
Chap. 203, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.

, 201, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.

Merchant's L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

Bootle L. of L. 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

Mark Lodge 101, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBREARY 8.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaum, Lancaster.

, 323, Concord, Florist Hall, Stockport.

, 430, Fidelity, Oueen's Arms, Dukinfield.

, 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.

, 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.

, 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.R., Liverpool.

, 1498, Baldwin, Castle, Daltonin-Furness,

, 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Orm kirk.

, 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.

, 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-overSands.

Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.

Mork Ladder R. Rose, V. Thiele, M.H. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Sands.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 158, Rose & Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9.
Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot, Liverpool.

333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot, Preston.

477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.

786, Croxteth, United Service, Liverpool.

1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale, H., Liverpool.

1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.

1212, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.

1334, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

Mark Lodge 208, Lathom, Southport,

Ancient Union L. of L, M.H., Liverpool.

Mariners L. of L, M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.

1280, Rock, M.R., Birkenhead.

Hamer L. of L, M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the week ending Saturday, February 11, 1882.

All meetings take place at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, except where otherwise stated.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6,

Chap. 143, Dublin.

K. T. Precep. 245, Dublin.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7,

Female Orphan School Bd. | Lodge 227, Dublin.

Chap. 141, Dublin.

Prince Masons Chap. 5,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 8,

Lodge 12c, Hiram.

143, Shakespeare.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9,

Lodge 27, Abercorn.

Knights K.H. 30°. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 27, Abercorn. | Knights K.II. 30°. Grand Lodge of Instruction at 8.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Grand Master's Lodge. | Lodge 250, Dublin. | K. T. Precep. 93, Abercorn.

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NOTES.

- (a) Robert Burns, the celebrated Scottish poet, was initiated into Freemasonry in the St. John Lodge, Tarbolton, Ayrshire, in 1711. He afterwards filled the office of Depute Master of the Tarbolton "at. David"
- (b) Francis Rawdon, Baron Rawdon, Earl Moira, and subsequently Marquis of Hastings, was one of the most distinguished Hastings, was one of the most distinguished members our Fraternity has been able to boast of. He was a distinguished soldier, and during the whole of the Grand Mastership of did good service to his sovereign during the American War of Independence and in the Low Countries under H.R.H. the Duke of York. He was equally distinguished as a statesman, more especially as Governor-General of India, which office he held for a period of eight years. He died at Malta, of which, at the time, he was Governor and Commander-in-chief, in 1826, having been horn in 1754. He was Acting Grand Master George, Prince of Wales-that is, from 1760 to 1812. On receiving his appointment as Governor-General of India he was, previous to his departure from England, entertained at a grand banquet at Freemasons' Hall, the chair being taken by the Duke of Sussex, and their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York, Clarence, Kent, Cumberland, and Gloucester, being likewise present. On this occasion he was presented with a magnificent jewel, value £1000. The Moira Lodge, No. 02, of which he was the patron, was named after him. His most important services to the Craft were rendered in connection with the Union, 1813, in bringing about which he took a leading part. members our Fraternity has been able to which he took a leading part.
- (c) Charles XIII. of Sweden, the founder of the Masonic Order which bears his name, was initiated into Freemasonry in 1802, when Duke Charles of Sudermania, by Bro. C. A. Boheman. In 1809 he ascended the throne as Charles XIII., and in 1813 founded the above-mentioned Order, which, by the Statutes, was to be conferred only on Freemasons. The insignia are worn openly. openly.
- (d) George, Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., was elected Grand Master of England (Moderns) in 1700, on the death of his uncle the Duke of Cumberthe death of his uncle the Duke of Cumherland. In 1813, having resigned that office, he graciously accepted, at the special request of Grand Lodge, the title of Grand Patron of the Order, and so remained till his death, in 1830. His connection with the Fruternity is commemorated by the "Prince of Wales" Lodge, now No. 250 on the roll of Grand Lodge, which was warranted in the year of his initiation, by the Duke of Cumberland, M.W.G.M., and of which he filled the chair of W. Master from the year of its constitution till his accession to the throne in 1820.
- (e) Duke of Cumberland, a brother of George III., will always be remembered of George III., will always be remembered in Masonic history as the first Prince of the reigning house of Hanover who was elected Grand Master of our Society. That auspi-cious event took place in 1782, and His Royal Highness was annually re-elected to that high office until his death in 1700. He and the Duchess of Cumberland took a deep interest in the establishment of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which, at the outset. Institution for Girls, which, at the outset, was known as the Royal Cumberland School for the Daughters of Freemasons. One of

HISTORICAL CALENDAR. FEB.

- Wed. Bro. Robert Burns (a) admitted a member of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2, Grand Roll of Scotland, 1787.
- 2 Thur. Lodge "La Parfaite Union des Etrangers" installed at Lausanne, 1730.
 Grand Lodge of Scotland forbids lodges offering bounties and freedom of Masonry to recruits, 1778.
 New regulations sanctioned by Grand Lodge Scotland, 1801.
- Fri, Inquisitor Mabille surrounds Mother Lodge of the county of Avignon, and 3 carries off furniture, papers, charters, &c., 1775.
- Committee, consisting of Lord Moira (b) and others, appointed to bring about reconciliation between Ancients and Moderns, 1802.
- Sun. Charles XIII. of Sweden (c), died, 1818.
- George, Prince of Wales (d), made a Mason at an "Occasional" Lodge at Star and Garter, Pall Mall, by Duke of Cumberland, 1787. Grand Lodge voted address to George III., 1793. Mon.
- Privilege of voting as individuals allowed to Grand Stewards, 1770. Tu.
- Wed. Queen of Naples intervenes on behalf of Freemasonry, which is accordingly tolerated, 1777. tolerated, 1777.
- 9 Thur. Duke of Cumberland (e) initiated at an "Occasional" Lodge at the Thatched House, St. James's-street, Col. John Salter presiding as G.M., 1767.
 Grand Lodge "Moderns" orders exclusion of "Ancient" brethren from its lodges, 1803.
- Grand Lodge votes annual subscription of £25 to Girls' School, 1790. Apollo University Lodge, No. 357 (f), opened, 1819. Bro. Kloss (g), Masonic historian, died, 1854. 10 Fri.
- 11 Sat. Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens to be fined for non-attendance on públic meetings, 1784. De Witt Clinton (h), celebrated American Mason and statesman, died, 1828.
- "Lodge of the Crowned Column," now "Charles of the Crowned Column, 12 Sun. founded at Brunswick, 17,14.
 Bro. Roettiers de Montaleau als, installed as representative of Grand Master,
- 13 Mon. A Grand Council of 32 established at Valenciennes, 1812.
- Tu. Foundation of Lodge Kilwinning Scots Arms, 1720.

 Past Grand Officers permitted to wear gold jewel indicative of the office they had held, 1776.

 Funeral lodge in memory of William Sinclair (i), first G.M. Scotland, 1778.
- 15 Wed. First Masonic convocation, summoned by the Philalethes, opened in Paris
- 16 Thur. Duke of Gloucester initiated by Lord Blaney at Horn Tavern, Westminster, and Duke of York at Thatched House Tavern, St. James's-street, 1765.
- 17 : Fri. Grand Lodge of Hanover dissolved by Cabinet Order of King of Prussia, 1867 Funeral lodge by Lodge "Amalia," Weimar, in memory of Wieland, 1813. 18 | Sat.
- 19 Sun. Union between Mother Lodge of the Philosophic Scotch Rite and the Grand Lodge (Eelectic system), Frankfort-on-Maine, 1813.
- Mon. Bro. Von Bernhardi appointed Prov. G.M., under Grand Lodge England, of Upper and Lower Rhine and the circle of Franconia, 1789.
- Tu. Ordinance of Grand Crient of France against unauthorised publishing, 1777.
- 22 Wed. Hall Committee resolve to raise £ 5000 by Tontine, 1775. Grand Lodge of Arkansas founded, 1832.
- 23 Thur. Grand Lodge of Minnesota founded, 1853.
 Prince Leopold (j) installed P.G. Master Oxfordshire, by Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. England, 1876.
- New Masonic Hall, Edinburgh, consecrated by Duke of Athole, G.M., 1859. University Masonic Hall, Oxford, consecrated by Lieut.-Col. Bowyer, P.G.M. Oxfordshire, 1865. 24 Fri.
- 25 Sat. Grand Orient of Belgium founded, 1833.
- 26 Sun. Prince Lucien Murat (k) installed Grand Master of France, 1852.
- 27 Mon. Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, constituted, 1722-3. Grand Orient for Poland and Lithuania founded, 1784.
- Tu. Privilege of voting in Grand Lodge extended to Past Deputy G.M.s, 1726.

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the latest events of his reign was the healing of the schism which for ten years had prevailed between the Grand Lodge and the Lodge of Antiquity.

- (f) The Apollo University Lodge is one of the most numerous and influential lodges in England. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, has served the office of Worshipful Master, and among its members are many of our most distinguished brethren who either first saw Masonic light within its walls or joined its ranks. The most conspicuous of these are the Earl of Carnaryon, Pro G. Master, and the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.
- (g) Bro. Kloss, born 1787, died 1854 was initiated into Freemasonry in 1805, and thenceforward till his death devoted himself to Masonic literature, and deservedly ranks among the foremost and most trustworthy of Masonic historians and bibliographers.
- (h) Bro. Dr. Witt Clinton was initiated in 1703. In 1806 and following years he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. At the time of the great Morgan excitement, in 1826, Bro. Clinton was Governor of the State of New York, and incurred, unjustly, much odium on account of his supposed Masonic sympathics.
- (i) William Sinclair, first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was, at the time of his election, the representative of the family of Sinclairs of Roslin, in whom the office of Patron of Scottish Masons had long previously been made hereditary. Having no children, however, and being anxious that the Fraternity in Scotland should elect a chief of their own, this William Sinclair, formally and in writing, renounced, for himself and his heirs, the rights and privileges conferred on his ancestors and their heirs as "patrons, protectors, judges, and masters" of the Masons of Scotland. This deed of resignation, bearing date 24th November, 1730, was read at the great meeting of the Scotch lodges held at Edinburgh, on St. Andrew's day in the same year, whereon the brethren present, in recognition of his zeal and good wishes for the Craft, there and then unanimously elected him to the high office of Grand Master Mason of Scotland. (i) William Sinclair, first Grand
- (i) Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, the youngest son of Her Majesty, was born 7th April, 1853. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1874, and two years later was appointed and installed Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire. He is the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of the same province, a Past Grand Junior Warden of England, having filled that office in 1878, a Past Grand Mark Master Mason, and an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, 33°. (i) Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany,
- (i) Prince Lucien Murat, second son of the celebrated Joachim Murat, brother-inof the celebrated Joachim Murat, brother-in-law of the great Napoleon, was born in 1803. Next to nothing is known of his early Masonic career, but in 1852 he was nominated and elected Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France, but the latter part of his reign, which closed in 1861, was the reverse of pros-perous; the number of Lodges diminished one half, and the Grand Orient was deeply in debt.

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